



The Clackamas track team hosted a number of events on April 17 at the CCC Open. Between the men's and women's teams, Clackamas was able to win eight individual events as well as two relays. This Friday, the Clackamas runners will participate in the Western Twilight in Monmouth.



Kauffman, Sprauer shine at Cougar Invitational

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Clackamas athletes won eight individual events and two relays last weekend at the Cougar Invitational held at the Clackamas track.

Kasey Kauffman uncorked a throw of 218-07 in the men's hammer, a personal best and the best throw in the NWAACC this season. It is also one of the best throws in the nation for junior college athletes, according to Head Coach Jack Kegg.

Other highlights of the meet included John Butkey winning the men's 1500 with a time of 4:10.42; the men's 4x100 relay team shaving two seconds off of their season-best time, finishing second to Lane CC; the men's 4x400 relay team winning

their race, while the Clackamas "B" team finishing second and Troy Sexton and Brian Bernard finishing 1-2 in the 110 hurdles, each with personal record times: Sexton in 14.93 and Bernard in 15.33.

"Kauffman's throw was unreal; it was definitely the highlight of the day for the men. Casey also ran two strong relay legs, with our fastest split time in the 4x400 (49.8)," said Kegg. "The men's 4x100 ran their best race of the year, putting pressure on a strong Lane team. If they keep improving, the regionals may get interesting."

On the women's side, Nicole Sprauer threw the hammer 157-05, getting within three inches of the school record. Jenna Byrd improved three seconds over last week in the

400 hurdles, winning the event with a time of 1:05.84. Kerby Bouchee qualified for the NWAACCs with a throw of 36-11.5 in the women's put and Bouchee also threw a son's-best in the hammer, tossing iron 121-09.

"The women competed real well. Nicole [Sprauer] had a great day herself; her personal record in hammer, throwing it 11 feet farther than she ever had before," said Kegg. "Kerby [Bouchee] also had her best fine day, qualifying for NWAACCs in the shot and throw the hammer exceptionally well."

The Cougar track teams will compete in the Western Twilight meet in Monmouth, Ore. on Friday and travel to Eugene on Saturday to compete in the Oregon Invitational.



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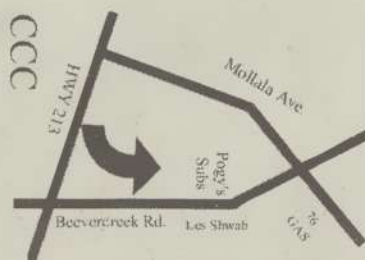
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