

Soccer advances to semi-finals

Women's soccer has clinched the Southern Region championships, but can they take it all the way to win the NWAACC championships?

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Combining talent and effort, the Clackamas soccer team sets out for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College (NWAACC) championships.

After finishing 16-0-1 in the league, the team placed first in the region. Now they look toward the NWAACC and a possible title.

Coach Tracy Nelson feels that the season so far has been a complete success.

"We ... finished first in the Southern Region division, which gave us a first-round bye in the playoffs," Nelson said. "We finished up our last season game on Saturday by beating Olympic College 9-0."

Nelson, the 2004 and 2005 coach of the year, has seen the Cougars win two previous titles and feels that this year could surpass past seasons.

"This is one of our most talented teams," she said. "We have a lot of speed and athleticism. We have the potential to win the NWAACC title."

The team will travel to Tukwila, Wash., Nov. 17 and 18 for the final four championships. They will meet Walla Walla Community College, Lane Community College, Clark College and Southwestern Community College.

"Our biggest threat will be Walla Walla," Nelson said, "which we would meet in final if we continue to win."

"It has been a combined effort amongst the team," she added. "We have several players with 10-plus goals, and we have over 10 shutouts for the season."

According to Nelson, the team will be at their best in their upcoming games.

"(We are) ... a combination of tenacious defense with an unstoppable scoring threat," she said.



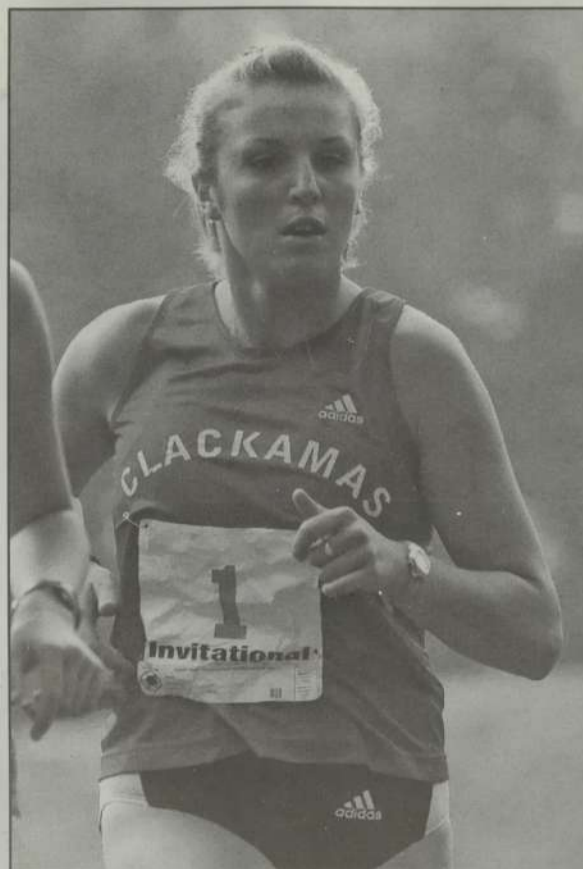
LEFT: Freshman Caitlin Mandeville successfully completed a penalty kick during the shoot-out period against Columbian Community College. The Clackamas soccer program has only existed for two years. In that time, they won the NWAACC championships in 2004 and 2005. They have been Southern Region Champions in 2005 and 2007.



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ABOVE LEFT: The team gathered around Kelly Lewis, number 18, after she scored the winning penalty kick that advanced the team. Lewis is a freshman this year and came to Clackamas from Estacada High School. ABOVE RIGHT: Head Coach Tracy Nelson, left, and Assistant Coach Megan Diebel watch from the sidelines.

Cross country runs to NWAACC, falls short of first place



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FAR LEFT: Brandon Snook took ninth place overall in the individual men's competition. He ran a 00:26:44. The men's team took seventh place overall.

LEFT: Allison Body took 10th in the overall women's competition. The Clackamas women's team was listed as incomplete. ABOVE: A cross country member warms up during practice.