

Track teams leap into 3rd at NWAACC Championships



Tiffany Richeson of CCC, left, and Brittany Dugger of Spokane Falls Community College, right, race in the 100-meter hurdle qualifying heat last Monday, May 19.

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Last week the Clackamas Cougars' track season came to a close with the NWAACC Championships at Spokane Falls Community College, where both the men's and women's team finished third.

It's the 11th time in the past 10 years the men's or women's team finished in the top three in the league championships, and the

fifth time in the past three years. The usual stars for the Cougars shone at the championships. For the men, it was Seth Buck, Thomas Sutherland, Justin Cornejo, Dillon Hoecker and Zach Rial. For the women, it was Jordyn Searle, D'Nara Jones, Emma Hill and Elizabeth Venzon. Tiffany Richeson was one of the Cougars' stars and looked good in the preliminaries, placing third in the 100-meter hurdles. However, she was disqualified in the finals after

falling while in first place.

The men's team had 16 top three finishers in 13 different events. Buck finished second in the decathlon, Sutherland finished second in the 100-meter dash and was on two first-place relay teams, Cornejo finished third in the 100- and 200-meter dash as well as being on the first-place 4x100 relay team. Hoecker finished third in the 110- and 400-meter hurdles and also was on the first-place 4x100 relay team. Rial finished second

in the 200-meter dash and first in the 400-meter dash and ran with Sutherland on both first-place relay teams.

The women's teams had 11 top three finishers in 10 different events. Searle finished third in the triple jump and 100-meter dash and first in the long jump and ran on the second-place 4x100 relay team. Jones finished second in the 200-meter dash and ran on the second-place 4x100 relay team and the third-place 4x400 relay team.

Hill finished second in the triple jump and also was on the second-place 4x100 relay team. Venzon finished second in the high jump and first in the heptathlon as well as being on the third-place 4x400 relay team.

Next season the men's team will look to return several athletes from this year's team since 26 are only freshman, including Cornejo. The women's team has 31 freshman on this year's team including Hill, Richeson, Searle and Venzon.



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