

Baseball team mixes luck

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The Cougar baseball team "got off to a good start," according to Coach Gene Peterson, as they defeated Blue Mountain Community College in their first league double-header Thursday. But they dropped their season record to 2-2, falling to Linn-Benton Community College Saturday.

In the first game, Larry Jones pitched a three-hitter with one earned run. Cougar runs were scored by Jamie Johnly and Bob Theist aiding in an 8-3 victory.

The second game victory of 17-9 was pitched by Ken Bugvaughen with relief from Brad Roberts.

Outstanding Cougar hitters included Craig Volinies hitting four for six, Keil Erwin at four for seven, Gary Smelsing, three for six, and Mike Gardner, four for six.

"The Cougar team hit the ball quite well, played a good defense and had good pit-

ching," said Coach Peterson. "If they keep playing like they did, they could be pretty tough."

But in their game against Linn-Benton they "didn't quite capitalize," said Peterson. They were defeated 3-0 and 5-4, with pitching from Jerry Schelling and Victor Boughn.

The Cougars were rained out of their game Monday with Pacific University, but are expected to make road trips to Judson Baptist College today and Mt. Hood Community College Saturday. Game time is 1 p.m.



Staff photo by Sue Hanneman

GETTING INTO HIS WORK--David Buckley demonstrating technique, has a different approach to coaching than most players are used to.

Buckley's not a Vince Lombardi

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"When the opportunity arose, I took it," stated David Buckley, student programs specialist, who is now the head

men's tennis coach, after Rich Taylor left the position vacant last summer.

"I don't coach like Vince Lombardi," stated Buckley. "Winning isn't everything." Every time an athlete makes

a mistake, and knows he has, it stays with him and causes more mistakes. It can even be a problem when an athlete does something the way he wants, and keeps trying to do the exact same thing all the time. In his coaching techniques, Buckley tried to get the "inner person" out and "get rid of the inner dialogue," stated Buckley.

The inner dialogue is that which tells a person that he's made a mistake, and that he's got to do better.

Buckley feels, "Everyone has potential and has to strive to reach a high potential."

In helping all the men who play for the Cougars reach as high a potential as possible in tennis, "I try to give individual attention to each player," stated Buckley.

"Some of my techniques are different than what most of the players were used to in high school," stated Buckley. Only one player, Charlie Martell, has competed in tennis on the college level before this season.

From his extensive background in coaching, Buckley seems extremely qualified to coach at the College.

Buckley coached tennis and football at Aragon High School in California, and has given tennis lessons in the Redland Park recreation program, and to kids at the YMCA, and was head of recreation at the Special Job Corps in Estacada, although there was really no tennis team there.

Last Saturday, Coach Buckley led his troops through two victories against Umpqua CC, and four losses.

Mark Sanford won his match, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, as did Rusty Harris, 6-2, 7-5. Clackamas losses went to Martell, 3-6, 3-7, and Allan Cloud, 5-7, 2-6.

In doubles it was Martell and Harris losing, 4-6, 6-1, 4-6, and Cloud and Sanford, 4-6, 2-6.

Patton drowned while canoeing

This year's Cougar wrestling season ended in sadness when Clackamas Community College's 167 lbs. wrestler, Michael W. Patton, was the drowning victim of a canoeing accident during a team barbecue March 12.

Born in Portland Dec. 11, 1961, Patton grew up atten-

ding Portland schools. He wrestled four years at Madison High School, two of which were varsity. As a junior he captured third place in district and went on competing at state his senior year.

"Mike was a very well liked kid at Madison," said Ron Dexter, former Madison wrestling

coach. "He created a sense of humor among the wrestling team and kept our spirits high with his humorous personality."

Patton also competed in football and track at Madison. "He was a hard working athlete in practice and always in top physical condition," said Dexter.

Graduating in 1980, Patton began studying law enforcement at CCC last fall. "He got pretty good grades; average," commented one of his friends.

When wrestling season began, he worked hard and never missed practice. "Mike was one of the hardest workers we've had here in the past few years," said Coach Norm Berney. "He was very coachable. He always made practice and wanted to do his best, he gave 100 percent. He was a positive asset to the team and had a good attitude."

By his peers, Patton was spoken of highly as a student, athlete and friend. "Mike was a fun guy to be around," commented one friend, and a teammate said, "he always worked hard at practice. He was always there doing more than the others."

Away from school and off the mats, Patton enjoyed playing Asteroids, pool, various sports including intramural volleyball on campus and dancing. "He was a happy, likable guy, he never got mad," said one of Patton's good friends.



Mike Patton

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