



Staff photo by Mike Cato

UP AT BAT, Cougar batter, Jerry Smelling participates during last Friday's game against Linn-Benton. Clackamas lost both games 6-0 and 19-1.

Tennis season looks bright for this year's men's squad

By Rick Obritschkewitsch
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After a couple weeks of waiting for the rain to end, the College men's tennis team has finally been able to play some matches to gain a record of 0-1-1.

Although tennis Coach Dave Buckley's squad has competed with two teams, Monday's match with Mt. Hood was played indoors. The day did not go too well, as far as the Cougars defeating their opponent. The team came away with a 7-2 loss.

Even though the Mt. Hood competition was a loss for the Cougars as far as records go, Buckley was pleased with his team's performance. "We did real well against Mt. Hood," Buckley said. "They are one of the best teams in the state, and it was a fairly close match up, although the final score does not indicate that," Buckley said.

Oddys Trillo and Mike Wofford were the only two Cougar victors, with scores of 6-4, 6-4, and 6-4, 6-0, respectively.

The Cougars also played Blue Mountain to a 4-4 tie. Mike Doane and Robb Anderson teamed to give the Cougars a 6-4, 6-3 doubles victory.

Two other Cougars who gave the Clackamas squad a doubles victory were Ruddy Martinez and Ben Campbell, who faltered in the first set losing 3-6, but came through

when it counted to win the next two games and the match 6-1, 6-3.

Oregon spring rain has held the Cougars from too much more competition, although they did travel to California during the term break to gain experience. Buckley said, "California's caliber of play is well above anything found here." Although the men's tennis squad did not win any matches in California, Buckley felt it was a good experience for his team.

The tennis squad includes Mike Doane, who was sixth in state while playing for Oregon City High School last year, Mike Wofford, who did well in the high school AAA doubles tourney at state last season while playing for Milwaukie High School.

Referring to Wofford, a victim of cerebral palsy, Buckley said, "He plays remarkably well for the handicap he has."

Martinez has never seriously competed before this year, and Buckley is amazed at how well he plays. Playing behind Martinez is the Cougars' only returning player, Oddys Trillo.

Ben Campbell played doubles for West Linn High School last year, as Rob Anderson did for Milwaukie. Ken Lindhorst was a high school teammate of Anerson last year, as he played singles for West Linn. Rounding out the eight member tennis squad is a former Franklin High School singles player, Rob

Alseth.

Buckley feels his team has a good chance of going to regionals this year, with possibly a fourth in state. Buckley said the toughest competition for the Cougars will be the defending Regional Champions Treasure Valley.

The Cougar squad has depth this season, which is something that was missing from last year's team. "If our number one and two players are playing weak, four, five, and six should still be able to score points for us," Buckley said.

The Cougars are having to resort to playing in the gym since the weather is not cooperating too well. Buckley feels it is tougher to play indoors since it demands quicker reactions, "but it is better than nothing."



COACH DAVE BUCKLEY

Baseballers suffer early season slump

By Tracy Sumner
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The College baseball team suffered through weak pitching, non-existent hitting, and a four-game losing streak last week as the team stumbled to a 2-4 start in league play.

A pair of fourth-inning home runs by Linn-Benton CC helped them to a 6-0 victory and the Cougars to their second straight loss (the first was to Blue Mountain CC) in the first game of the double-header here last Friday. Clackamas hitters were held to two hits for the game.

In the second game, Linn-Benton rolled up 17 hits on Clackamas pitchers as the Cougars were bombed 19-1. The Clackamas defense appeared helpless in the sixth inning when Linn-Benton shelled the Cougs for 13 runs on 10

hits.

Clackamas hitting was equally impotent for the game. Nine Cougar hitters struck out and the team managed only four hits.

In the first half of a twin-bill here last Saturday, Mt. Hood used a seven-run fourth-inning as the deciding factor in the team's 9-2 win over Clackamas. The Cougars continued a team batting slump with a pathetic four-hit game.

Clay Baggerly pitched a two-hitter and Leonard Shelley led a balanced Cougar offense with a home run in the fourth inning as Clackamas rebounded for a 5-2 win in the second game.

The double-header scheduled for yesterday with Chemeketa was rained out. The men's next action is with Umpqua CC in Roseburg next Saturday at 1 p.m.

Lady tracksters wind up second

By Gary Wagner
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The Clackamas Community College women's track team finished second to host Linn-Benton in OCCAA track and field action last Saturday in Albany.

The meet included teams from Clackamas, Linn-Benton CC and Central Oregon CC. When all events were over, Linn-Benton owned 84 points, Clackamas 51, and Central Oregon 7.

"We could have done better," said Coach Marilyn Wynia. She explained that the team didn't perform up to its potential.

Even though the team finished second, there were some definite bright spots. Cyd McCormick won two field events. She edged out Sandy Bean of Linn-Benton in the

shot-put with a toss of 32'3" and she outclassed her competition in the discus by heaving the plate 111-9 1/2. The second place throw was over 30 feet short of McCormick's mark.

Other winners included Debbie Simon who won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:23.6, and Alice Huinger who came away with the 3,000 meter win clocking a time of 11:06.8.

Coach Wynia feels that the meet might have been closer if the team would have had a mile relay entrant. Marie Freedman, who managed third in the 400 meter, was not able to compete in the relay, because of an injury, leaving the Linn-Benton relay team unchallenged in that race.

The Cougar women will compete next at the Mt. Hood relays this Saturday.



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