

Sports

Five game winning streak for Ladies

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The lady Cougars handed Green River, the number one team in the league, their two only losses.

Those were part of a five game winning streak that ended in a double header where Tacoma stole the second game 12-2. The earlier game against Tacoma was the one inning game that the Lady Cougars snatched a one run win from them.

"Since the winning streak we haven't been consistent," said Coach Paul Fiskum. "We have had one good and one bad game for each double header."

According to Fiskum some of the inconsistency come from the traveling. "It is hard to travel for three hours on a van and then want to play softball." The average traveling distance from games is approximately three hours with Spokane being the farthest by another three to four

hours.

"If we can improve our defense we have a chance to be a good play of team," said Fiskum. Part of being a good team is having good pitchers.

"Two of the best pitchers in the league" play on the Lady Cougars team. Both Niki Biser and Wendy Morton "throw harder than anyone else in the conference."

With the goal of having a good defense there has been some position changes such as Kim Stewart moving in the short stop from center field. Fiskum felt "we needed to get more quickness up the middle and she offers the greatest range." As for consistency "Stewart has been our most consistent player over the course of the year," said Fiskum.

With "trying to put the best team on the field" other moves have been with Morton at center

when she is not pitching and Jackie Butsch at center from left field when Morton pitches. Biser has "helped us a lot" by being able to play a lot of positions well.

The top batters are Michelle Day with .326 BA, Stewart close behind with a .321 and Morton following at .297.

So far the Lady Cougars haven't come up with any home runs but they have had several triples. Biser leads the triples with three followed by Morton with two and Stewart, Butsch and Sherri Levi each have one.

Sue Richardson leads the Lady Cougars in field average (FA) with 1000, with Stewart at 977 followed by Kim Beeson at 966, and catcher Petrece Kraft bring up the bottom at 914.

The Lady Cougars play here next week on Tuesday and Wednesday and they play at Canby field Friday at 3 p.m. against Shoreline.



Photo by Beth Coffey

"Mad" Bret Hodgert takes a wild swing at intramural game.

Scholar plays baseball

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A future law enforcement officer is batting .375 this season.

Scott Brown is following up last seasons great playing with even better odds.

Brown is batting at lead this season. "My job is to get on base, not to hit," said Brown. Though his hitting is still superb his other offenses "have gone up."

He was not just looking for baseball but for schooling when he came here to Clackamas. Clackamas has one of the best law enforcement departments in Oregon.

"I like Jr. College because you don't sit for two years learning the ropes but you play for four years," said Brown. Brown is planning to transfer to Warner Pacific where he will continue to

major in Law Enforcement and play baseball.

"I just hope I can continue to be as good as I am here," said Brown. "But some of my best years are yet to come."

Brown has been playing baseball since he was five or six years old in Little League. From there he played on up the ranks and continued through high school, Centennial in Gresham where he played football and wrestled to stay in shape for baseball.

Brown's dad also played baseball. He had signed with the Dodgers but injured his shoulder that first faithful summer.

All in all Brown is a pretty impressive athlete and scholar with a GPA of 3.34. Not bad for last year's Most Valuable Offensive Player, who also learns a little of something from everyone.

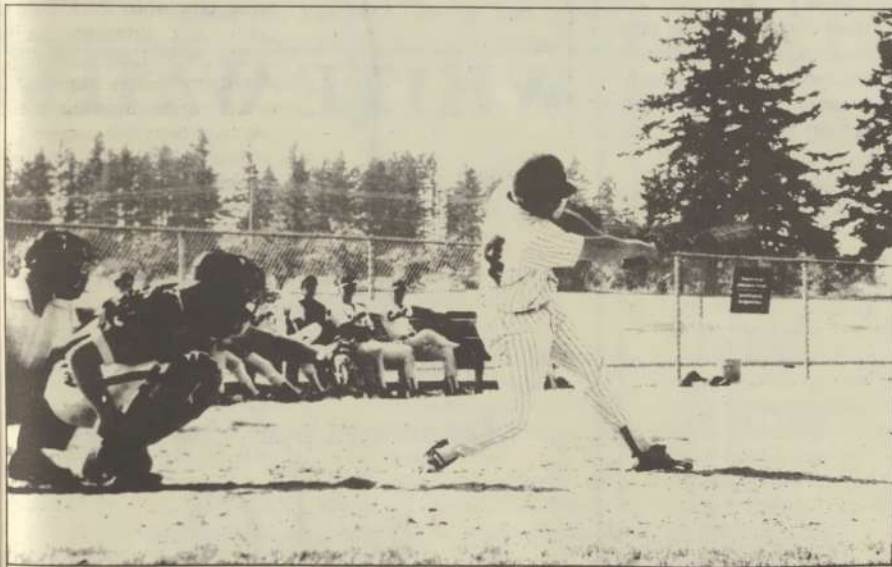


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Cougar player wonders if he hit the ball.

The scores of yesterdays games in Eugene are

Clackamas -vs- Lane

CCC 14	Lane 4
OCC 3	Lane 4

Off season vollyball for team

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It may be off season for volleyball but the returning Clackamas players are starting to work out.

They are playing volleyball in a required class that has been out in the courtyard playing during the great weather Oregon has been having.

"The class is to give the girls hands on playing time so there is not such a ball in playing time," said Kathy Woods, volleyball coach.

"Mostly they are just scrimmaging to get their heads back into volleyball and to get them back into shape for the start of the season at the end of August," commented Woods.

The number of returning players has been "disappointing." Out of the eight possible returning players only two are playing next season. Both Cynthia Otis and Nicki Biser are coming back.

Otis has "very much improved" since the beginning of last season according to Woods. Otis brings a great leaping ability and is very fast. Hopefully she is going to be a great offensive threat to other teams.

Biser is "a great all-around player." She should be a dominant leader for the team. Also she will be a dominating player in the league.

As for the other possibilities, such as Kim Stewart, are moving on to a four year college or playing other sports as in the case of Cami White, who is turning out for basketball.

"The recruiting has gone well so far," said Woods. There have been six letters of intent signed. Though Woods is still looking for a middle blocker and one good setter.

Her signed letters of intent include Marti Petri, 5'10", out of North Clackamas Christian who is a good hitter and has all league honors. Also 5'10" is

Melanie Walker of Tigard, hitter, and Cheryl Marthaller, out of Rex Putnum, also with all league honors is a middle blocker.

Both Tammy Hatcher and Chris McAllister come from Oregon City and are primarily setters. Canby offers Yvonne Johnson, an all-around player.

There has been some other students that are freshman here this year that are trying out and those are Eldonna Schnell from North Clackamas Christian, Cherie Davis, Debby Weser, of Colton, who has shown a lot of promise as a hitter and Kim Stardig.

Woods said "I will take people till the very first practice." She does have open gym for interested people who would like to play starting July 21 and every Tuesday there after until the season starts at the end of August.

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