# **Sports**



## **Curran's Corner**

by Christopher Curran

# tried and tried, but

I used to go to my family's cabin on the Puget Sound in Olympia, Washington during the summer. As I looked on the water I could see water skiers. I would watch in awe as they sped past me.

Not to say I didn't get my turn. I yelled "hit it" and the boat took off. This time I was going to get up. I had been trying to water ski for about six years. But I hadn't succeeded.

As I describe it now, I tell people that I just bent my elbows and my knees, at the same time. The is something I hadn't done before.

This time was different. As the rope from the boat tightened and pulled me out of the water, I thought positive thoughts; "I'm going to get up, I'm going to get up." This time

The whole water skiing business started about eight years ago. My uncle would bring his boat to our family's cabin or to one of a few favorite spots on the Columbia river where I would join in with my cousins (experienced and skilled skiers) and try my hand at the

The first time I tried to ski, I was scared, after all, this was my first time. Compared to my cousins, who at that time had been skiing for over 10 years. each, I was an amateur.

Both cousins, Ken and Paul, could easily get up out of the water on one ski. During this particular effort to walk on water, literally, I sat nervously, with two skis wondering how I had gotten myself into this mess. Little did I know it would take more than 10 actual series of tries to get up out of the

One of the reasons why it took so long was because of the frequency in which I saw my uncle, who resides in Boise, Idaho. Therefore, I had to turn the lower quantity time into higher quality time. This I failed to do.

When I did see my relatives, it

was inevitable that I would hear stories about how Ken and Paul showed up some beginning skier of another skier just a step lower in ability than themselves.

Time after time, during this whole process I would give it a try, fait, and my error would be explained in full to me. On the next try I would correct that error but forget another aspect of learning how to ski.

It didn't matter how many times I tried, something just didn't click. On the Puget Sound I failed, on the Columbia River near Hermiston, Oregon, I failed, and even one time on the Willamette River, I failed. It was getting very frustrating.

A little less than two years ago my mother took a trip to see her parents in Mississippi. During that time, I went to Boise and stayed with my aunt and uncle for a week. In that time, I got the chance I was hoping for.

It was a Friday in July. We drove to a small lake about 45 minutes from Boise. The first step was putting the boat into the water. We accomplished this and quickly found a place to have lunch (how can anyone ski on an empty stomach?).

After lunch we decided that I would be the first one of the three of us (my aunt, uncle, and I) to show this particular lake what I could do.

On my first try I signaled to start too early. My second and third attempts were just as unsuccessful. In these few moments between the third try and fourth try, I gathered all of the input of these last six years and put it into motion.

We started dragging through the water just like an airplane being taxied down a runway. I motioned to start and I took off. Up, up and out of the water I went. Something happened this time that was different than any other time I had tried to get up. This time I stayed up.

I had defeated the lake. It was such a great feeling to finally be on top of the water instead of under it. As we cruised by, could see everything. And, as I was riding the lake, I couldn't help thinking that somewhere out there on the shore was a kid five or six years younger than I, watching in awe as one of those skiers sped past him.

# gars win one out of two

by Sherri Michaels Staff Writer

The Lady Cougars stole the first game of a double-header from Grays Harbor, 4-3.

Coach Paul Fiskum had been "concerned about the pitching." Wendy Morton's arm held up for the game, allowing only three runs in the sixth inning.

Grays Harbor had a rough time holding back the Lady Cougars. Their pitcher hit Kim Stewart the first batter for the Cougars, sending her to first base on a walk. Stewart took advantage of that walk by striding in to home for the first

Michelle Day also grabbed a run off Grays Harbor the first inning giving Clackamas a leading edge, 2-0.

Kim Beeson and Stewart also had one run each in the sixth inning. Stewart started that run with a single from a bunt.

Niki Biser was 3 for 3 with all singles but she also enjoyed two

Team errors for both teams were three. Most were made on bad throws.

Clackamas is in fourth place in the league standings, just missing third place by one game. The third place team also played Monday, giving the Cougars a chance for those elusive play-offs.

The Lady Cougars took the leading edge in the bottom of the third inning with two runs in the second game of the double-

Both Stewart and Sue Richardson scored. For Stewart this was her third score of the day. Richardson, who had sat out the first game, ran home off a hit from Day.

Pitcher Wendy Morton allowed only three hits, which were all singles, handed out four stroke outs and creamed Grays Harbors pitcher to smooth in the left rib," according to the scorekeeper for Clackamas.

"Morton is the best pitcher in the league," according to Coach Fiskum. He also cited that the team plays good defense by good players.

It is not known as yet if the Lady Cougars have made the playoffs. The deciding factor is if the third place team lost one or both of their games on Monday.

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