

Cougars drop three, fall to fourth

The Clackamas Community College baseball team didn't have much to cheer about this past week as the Cougars dropped three of four games to Umpqua and Lane. With the losses, the Cougars fell to fourth place, two and a half games behind first place Linn-Benton.

The Cougars began the week by traveling to Roseburg to take on Umpqua in a crucial battle for second place. The Cougars lost the two games 8-2 and 4-3.

In the second game, Umpqua led 3-0 going into the last of the seventh inning when Tim Wach unloaded on a two-strike pitch for a three-run homer to tie the score at three and send it into extra innings.

With one out in the ninth inning an Umpqua hitter lashed a long drive down the left field line that appeared to be going foul. However, Clackamas' Marty Lane, in an attempt to catch the ball, reached out and touched the ball resulting in the umpire ruling the ball fair and giving the Umpqua batter a triple.

Two batters later, the run scored and Umpqua won the game 4-0.

The Cougars tried Saturday to get back in the race as they took on tough Lane Community College in a twinbill.

The Cougars could only manage a split as Wayne Snoderly and Dave Killens collected two RBI's apiece to back Gary Fiorante's four-hitter as they won the contest 4-3.

In the first game, the Cougars could only manage four hits as Bob Tollefson lost his second straight game, 4-3.

A highlight for the Cougars was Bob Simril's no-hitter against the Linfield College J.V.'s last Sunday.

Tim Wach provided all the support Simril needed with his fifth homer of the season in the fifth inning as the Cougars won 5-0. Simril walked four.

Gals take fourth

Without capturing a single victory in any event, the Clackamas Community College women's track team managed to pull off a fourth place finish in the first annual Portland State University Women's Invitational Track Meet. Nineteen colleges, including such powers as University of Washington, Flathead Valley Community College of Montana, and Oregon College of Education competed in the meet held at Lewis and Clark College.

Tami Wulf scored a personal best in the javelin which she threw 133-6, good enough to qualify her for national competition. Her toss earned her a third place at the meet.

The 440 yard relay squad of Cindy Peterson, Barbara Johnson, Verna Simon and Amanda Eggleston reset their old school mark to 50.4 with their second place in the race. The mark also qualifies the contingent for regional competition.

Next meet for the gals will be the two-day Southern Area Meet held at Mt. Hood Community College on May 6 and 7 beginning at noon on Friday at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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Pitcher Gary Fiorante intently watches recent baseball action as Coach Peterson encourages encouragement. The Cougars lost their last three of four games to fall into fourth place in the region. Linn-Benton CC is the current leader, two and one-half games ahead of Clackamas.

Netters run string to eight

Grabbing their eighth win in a row, the Clackamas Community College men's tennis team have improved their season's record to 9-5. The team has only two remaining league encounters before ending their season in tournament action May 13 through 17.

Led by the top singles player Mike Maynard, the men's tennis team edged out Lane CC with a 5-4 decision, Wednesday, April 27.

Dave Lemons and Dan Bauer also scored singles victories over Lane and the doubles teams of Lemons and Buddy Patnode, Steve Williams and Randy Doris provided the other team points.

In their most recent victory, Clackamas won several come-from-behind matches defeating Blue Mt. CC 6-3.

Tonight, the CCC men's team will have a league encounter against Judson Baptist College.

New gridder coach signed

Dale McGriff resigned as Clackamas Community College's head football coach and Gerry Gehrman, head coach at Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Washington, will succeed him.

Gehrman, who is a graduate of Washington State University, has coached at Evergreen since 1969.

The 37-year-old Gehrman has had previous coaching experience with St. Helens High School, two years as an assistant; Stanwood, Wash., High School, where he was head coach for one year; and the Port-

land Storm, where he worked with Bob Braun on the defense line in 1975.

Gehrman's position at Clackamas will be part-time one limited to football coaching for fall term only.

McGriff's plans for the future are indefinite but he plans to remain in coaching.

McGriff stepped down as football coach for personal reasons. McGriff, 33, coached at Clackamas for three years as offensive coordinator and three years as head coach. During the last four years Clackamas had only one losing season.

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