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Wilson league's leading batter

By Randy Frank
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It seemed to be a typical situation for Mickey Wilson, Clackamas Community College baseball star, two out in the last of the fifth inning and the score tied at three in

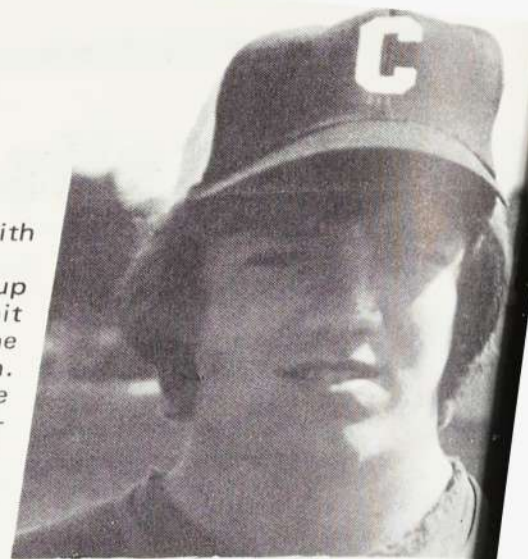
the second game of the double header with Concordia.

Clackamas had a runner on base and up stepped Mickey Wilson, who promptly hit a two-run homer to give Clackamas its one hold on first place in the 1977 season.

This "clutch" hitting is something the Cougars have learned to expect from Wilson, who is perhaps the greatest hitter to put on a CCC uniform.

Cougar Coach Gene Peterson shares this opinion. "He's simply the best hitter I've ever seen from here and he goes about it in such a professional manner that I honestly feel that he could hit up with any Triple-A ball player right now."

Wilson's 1977 season may also go down as one of the best in the school's history. He was voted to the Oregon Community College Athletic Association first team all-star as a third baseman and designated hitter. His .429 batting average and his 48 hits tied school records, while his 38 RBI's established a new school record.



Mickey Wilson
...league leader with .429 average

By the time he entered Tigard School in 1970, he was ready for any of pitching, the more challenging pitcher. He had four good years at Tigard year hitting .450.

After graduating from Tigard in 1974, Wilson was approached by CCC on the possibility of playing for the Cougars on a partial scholarship basis.

Wilson enjoyed a good freshman campaign for the Cougars in 1975 as he hit on 32 hits, with one homer and 12 RBIs. At one point he had 19 hits in 23 at bats.

After missing the 1976 year to rest and to heal his injured knee, he returned in 1977 to attempt to achieve his goal of leading the league in hitting. From the first game, Wilson simply "burned" the league and by the time Clackamas played Linn-Benton on April 12, Wilson was hitting a torrid .417.

Starting with the second game at Linn-Benton, Wilson proceeded to go on an 11-game hitting streak which was climaxed by a three game streak (April 23 and 24) getting nine straight hits. When this streak ended on April 26, Wilson had raised his average an even 100 points, and was hitting .517, getting 30 hits in 58 at bats. By the time the season ended, Wilson was the league batting champion, and the best hitter in the nation.

For all his hitting success, there must be some explanation. Wilson says, "I think most of it is due to my natural hitting ability. As a result I have very little difficulty in doing the basics; watching the ball and making contact without trying too hard. Also I think the fact that I played baseball time as a kid, and had hitting classes, were helpful in my success as a hitter."

As for the future, Wilson said that he would like to play college ball for either Oregon State or University of Portland with the hope of playing pro-ball someday. Somehow it doesn't seem too unrealistic a dream for a hitter as good as Mickey Wilson.

Board argues softball deal

By Randy Frank

"It seemed like a pretty good deal at the time and it still does," said Bill Hargadine in explanation of a deal he made with the North Clackamas Softball Association on the construction of two new softball fields on the Clackamas Community College campus.

Hargadine said, "The whole thing began sometime during the first part of April when the NCSA contacted Clackamas' Recreation Supervisor Tim Hundley about the possibility of constructing two fields to play on."

"They said they would do all the major construction, plus they would take all the responsibility concerning the fields in return for preferred scheduling for their league games," said Hargadine. "They would also use all three fields (two new ones plus the existing field) for three nights a week (usually Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) and for any scheduled make-up games on Monday nights."

Hargadine said that he took the issue to CCC President Hakanson and Athletic Director Chuck Hudson and others and after looking into possible problems, we decided to go ahead under conditions and understandings.

Hargadine felt that matters were settled

until the board meeting, "where we immediately ran into problems, mainly one Ralph Groener."

Groener felt that "this agreement was establishing a dangerous precedent whereby other groups could construct facilities on campus and that they would be used by the constructor to the exclusion of others."

Larry Wright had much the same opinion as he said that, "public relations would be negative as other athletic teams in other parts of the college district who needed playing fields would feel they had not been given a fair opportunity to request scheduling time."

The board also questioned the legality of the agreement in that the scheduling seemed to favor one group, and that this group would have indefinite preference in its scheduling.

As for Hargadine's explanation, he said, "People ask for the use of the fields only occasionally - usually on a two or three night per week, summer - long schedule."

He further said, "I admit that this agreement does eliminate some of the other leagues and teams from using the fields because of the scheduling, for certainly other teams would use the fields if we didn't. The fields and scheduling still belong to the college and all the responsibility for the fields is on their shoulders not ours."

"Besides," he said, "the board is discussing the possibility of two additional fields."

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