

Cougars still hot, winners of seven games in a row

by Staci Beard
Staff Writer

The Cougar softball team completed a successful week of action against two of the league's best teams.

Tuesday the team swept visiting Olympic 5-3 and 11-1.

In the first game Yvonne Johnson raised her record to 5-0, while striking out ten.

Offensively Kristi Northcutt

and Johnson each led the way with two for three days. Coach Paul Fiskum felt they could have generated more runs.

"We had a runner's interference call and a couple of other bad breaks that could have been scoring opportunities," stated Fiskum.

The team must have thought so too. The next game they came out with bats blazing.

In the first inning the Cou-

gars scored ten runs on eleven hits, six of them consecutive. Patty Abell, Merry Ferguson and Dionne Madigan each produced two hits in the first inning.

"That was the biggest inning we have had since I have been here. It was just great," Fiskum enthusiastically declared.

Heather McCorkle helped the cause by holding the Olympic offense to one run and only four hits.

"Heather had good velocity. Her fastball was really coming around. She was in a couple of tight situations with runners at

the corners and she came up with great pitches in those situations," explained Fiskum.

Friday's games against league rival and last year's league champion Green River also included a dash of the dramatic.

In the bottom of the seventh in the first game and behind by a run, Ferguson, with two outs and two strikes, singled home Abell to tie the game at three. Dionne Madigan then came to the plate and singled to left to score Tracy Wilbern (who had replaced Ferguson as a runner.)

Members of the team felt they

would have to go out and play even tougher for the second game to win. But no last-second heroics were needed as the Cougars went out and claimed a solid 5-1 victory.

LeAnna Helvig provided some excitement with a three run homer. Helvig's blast came in the fifth inning to strengthen the Cougars' lead.

Clackamas finished the week on Saturday by beating Clark College 3-0 in a non-league game.

The Cougars have now won seven games in a row and will play at Grays Harbor this Friday.

Baseball team struggling

by Mark A. Borrelli
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League power Linn-Benton's powerful hitting attack proved to be too much for the Cougars as Clackamas dropped their third league game of the season- 12-9.

Clackamas starter Mike Houck (1-2), got hit hard and often by Roadrunner batters. Houck went 3 innings-giving up 6 runs, and three home runs.

"They really liked Houck; they hit him hard," said Coach Paul Roeder.

Tim Arendell came in to put out the fire but, wasn't able to hold down the Linn-Benton bats. Arendell pitched three innings, giving up 3 runs, and one home run. John Inman pitched the seventh in relief of Arendell and was

shelled. Inman pitched one inning and gave up three runs. Steve Huffaker was the only Clackamas pitcher able to shut down Linn-Benton as he came pitched the eight inning and retired the Road Runners in order.

"Our hitting is our strong point. We are not strong defensively," said Roeder.

Sophomore Kevin Kvarnstrom led the hitting attack for the Cougars. Kvarnstrom, the Cougars' only bright spot of the day, had three hits-5 RBI's and a titanic home run to center field.

Clackamas is now 2-3 in league play and is tied for third place with Chemeketa and Clark. They will play Eastern Oregon in a non-league game tomorrow, and will battle Chemeketa Saturday in a double header starting at 1 p.m.

Fiskum still going strong after 12 years

by Staci Beard
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Softball coach Paul Fiskum has been at Clackamas for 12 years and would love to remain until he retires.

"Clackamas is a great place with outstanding faculty and great administration. I feel good talking to high school students about coming here because we have the people to help them meet their educational goals," stated Fiskum.

Fiskum has been here for 12 years as the community recreation director and part-time instructor. This year, however, he became a full-time teacher in health and P.E. classes.

Fiskum started out his coaching at Clackamas in football and nine years as an assistant to the men's basketball team.

"One of the highlights of my career was when the basketball team won the NWAAC championship," explained Fiskum.

It was not until three years ago that Fiskum picked up the reigns of the softball team.

"I enjoyed the experience of basketball, but I had to give it up to give the time that I needed to the softball program and my teaching. I miss working with Royce



photo by Julie Church

Clackamas softball Coach Paul Fiskum prepares his team for battle with another strenuous practice.

Track teams compete at relays

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The track teams of CCC consistently broke personal records and kept producing 'seasonal bests' throughout Saturday's Mt. Hood relays.

For the men, Jim Allen broke two personal records by throwing the discus 148'10", which also served as first place for this event; and heaving the shotput 47'5" which placed him second in this event.

The relay proved to be a strong suit for the men's team as they took home the first and second place ribbons for the 400m and 1600m relays. Both times are also seasonal bests.

Sanders, Hess, Golden and Gibson, the 400m Relay team, jetted into first with the time of 42.7 seconds. Second place was achieved with the time of 3:23.03 for the Men's 1600m Relay by Gibson, Hess, Nichol and Golden.

Other Men's team members that should not be left out are Nate Golden's jump of 6'6", which earned him second place in the high jump, and second place spot in the Long Jump with 23'1"; the Men's 800m Relay team of Sanders, Nichol, Golden and Gibson who tied for second with the popular time of 1:30.07; and Greg Hess' third place tie in the Pole Vaulting event reaching 14'6".

The Women's Team could only muster up 38 total points through 13 events. Enough to place them in fifth, even though MHCC came in fourth with 61 points.

Outstanding performances by the women's team include Chris

Nylen's 140'2" second place throw in the Javelin event; the third place time of 13:23.04 in the 4000m Distance Medley by Wright, Bates, McElheny and Merritt; and 1:49.01 was enough to place Robarge, Chandler, Neiman and Bates in third for the 800m Relay.

Total points for the top five finishing schools at the Mt. Hood meet were as follows:

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