



Angie Baker hurls another pitch at the batter. Baker leads the NWAACC in ERA with a .95.

Photo by Lane Scheideman

Baker picks up pitching where she left off

by Mark A. Borrelli
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Once again the Clackamas softball team is enjoying a great season. The key to success in softball is pitching, as great pitching has led to great seasons for the Cougars. This year the Cougars are hopeful riding the arm of their Freshman phenomenon Angie Baker back to the NWAACC Tournament.

Baker, who graduated in 1988 from West Linn High School, is not your ordinary Freshman. After a banner career at West Linn, which saw her claim first team all-league honors in softball her Sophomore, Junior, and Senior year, she was also a member of north south all-star team.

Baker, then decided to hang up the spikes and focus on her academic career. She went to Lewis and Clark fall term last year, but after seeing her friend Lisa Williamson play, she couldn't stay away anymore.

"I went to LC first term last year, but I watched Lisa play and talked to Paul. I really like this school, so I decided that I wanted to play softball again, so here I am," said Baker.

No one could be more happy about her decision than Coach Paul Fiskum, or the rest of Baker's teammates, as she has been nothing short of brilliant this year.

With a 10-1 record, and a minuscule era of 0.55, tops in the NWAACC, Baker has been a very valuable commodity. Her winning attitude and competitiveness also fuel the fire that she hopes will bring this year's Cougar team as much success as last year's squad.

That one loss was obviously enough for Baker.

"The hitters can hit a lot better in college. That one loss was enough for me," said Baker.

"I'd really like to make it to the regional tournament again, and earn some respect. We have a lot of talent, just as much as last year," said Baker.

Hard work is something that Baker accustomed herself to, as

being a successful softball pitcher requires a lot of hard work.

"You need to be strong, work on a variety of pitches, have more jump, more move, and be able to work with a variety of catchers," said Baker.

Baker, who is currently undecided about her major, or career, is only sure about one thing that will be in her future.

"I'll play summer softball for the rest of my life! I love softball. I really don't know what I want to do, but I do know that no matter what, I want to coach my own team."

Cougars split pair of double headers

by Staci Beard
Sports Editor

Splitting double headers has become a habit for the Clackamas softball team, but this week they did it in a different fashion.

This week they flipped the trend around of winning the first and losing the second. Showing instead the ability to stick with it and come out on top.

For the first game against Lower Columbia, the Cougars were shut out on the scoreboard 0-3. They were able to make contact for five hits but none in the same inning.

One Cougar didn't have a problem with the pitching; Molly Bremmer went 2-3 for the game. That was the start of a strong week for Bremmer who went 8-14 with 7 RBIs.

A 5-1 victory was in store for Clackamas as Heather McCorkle pitched a one run, three hit game. Bremmer again carried a big part of the offense going 2-3 with 4 RBIs.

"It was a good sign though to come back in the second game. We kept our heads in the whole way," explained Coach Paul Fiskum.

It was harder for Green River to give the Cougars a loss as Clackamas pushed them into nine innings before losing 6-7.

They needed the best rally of the season in the top of the seventh to force the extra innings. Down 2-6, Bremmer singled then Jenny Wimberley, Tricia Soli, and Jacque Romine all followed with triples. Romine scored the final run on a wild pitch.

Again the Cougars proved they could come back in the second game. Behind McCorkle's one hit, two run performance, Clackamas came away with a 7-2 victory.

Bremmer went 3-4 with 3 RBIs. Also with strong offensive day, Wimberly went 3-4 with one RBI and Lisa Williamson went 2-3.

"We are coming back tough and not beating ourselves. We are cutting down on our errors. It is going to be a dog fight down to the last day of the season," stated Fiskum.

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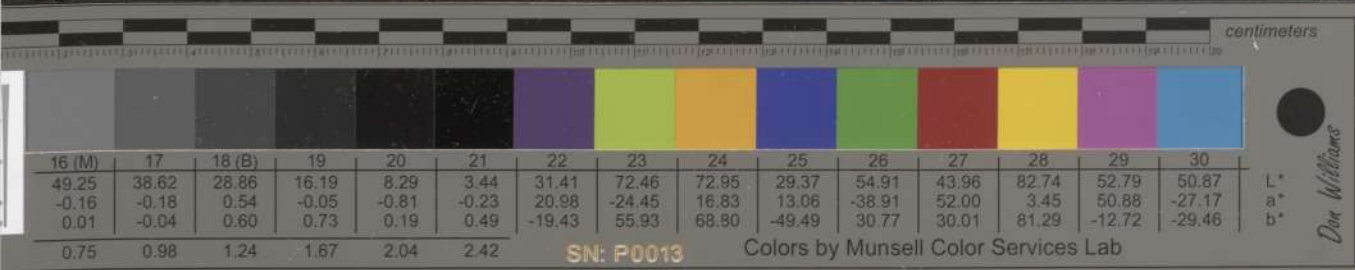
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