

Lady Cougars continue to bat away offenders

by Lane Scheidman
Staff Writer

The weather has proven to be the toughest opponent for the Clackamas Cougar softball team.

Last Friday the Cougars were to meet the softball team from Green River CC, who should be one of the toughest teams Clackamas meets this year, according to Coach Paul Fiskum.

"It was really unfortunate that we weren't able to play them," said Fiskum.

The next scheduled date against Green River is May 10 on Green River's home field.

The 23-1 Cougars picked up two more of these wins last Saturday against Olympic College in a double-header at home.

The Cougars won by the score of 3-2 in the first game and 7-2 in the second game.

"We didn't have our best game in the first game," commented

Fiskum.

The Cougars committed five errors which resulted in Olympic's two runs in the third inning. These two runs tied the score up at two, and that's where the score stayed until the sixth inning.

"In the sixth, Christy Tuma scored the winning run single-handedly," commented Fiskum.

Tuma got on base with a single; she then stole second and after reading the defense, she made her own decision to steal third. She made a good decision and made it safely to third. She finally reached home after scoring on a wild pitch.

Linda Gross pitched for her tenth win and did not give up an earned run.

In game two the Cougars got behind on the scoreboard early, but were able to get back in the game.

"We had to battle back to win this one," said Fiskum.

The Cougars got within one run in the third inning when Corie Peck drove in Launa Meck. They then took over the lead in the fourth inning when Tricia Soli knocked in Julie Braman and Tuma scored on a wild pitch after hitting a double.

The fifth inning showed the Cougars' bats awake in dramatic fashion with Kenna Skinner, Denise Miner, Jacque Romine, and Peck getting singles, and Braman hit for a double.

"In the game every player had one hit and seven different people scored runs," said Fiskum.

Dawn Seastrom pitched for her sixth win on the season and didn't face more than four batters in an inning, after the second inning.

The next game will be played at home Saturday at 2 p.m. against Grays Harbor CC and is a must-see for all sports fans.



Photo by Lane Scheidman

Sophomore catcher Jacque Romine awaits a pitch during practice. "Romine has directed most of the team's no-hitters this year and is an important part of our team," said coach Paul Fiskum.

Pole vault and 10,000 records shattered . . .

Spikers set new records, prepare for CCC Invitational



Photo by Greg Hesse

Freshman Alicia Smith fights for distance in the long jump during last weekend's Oregon Open in Eugene. Several Cougars competed, improving their personal records in event specialties.

by Brenda Hodgen
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The Cougar track members put out some excellent performances last weekend in Eugene at the Oregon Open Invitational.

The non-scoring meet gave the members an opportunity to compete against some strong contenders from the state schools and other community colleges on an individual basis, while perfecting their specialty events. Several of Clackamas' participants did exactly that.

"We had some real outstanding performances," stated Coach Mike Hodges.

"Two highlights," as Hodges expresses, were new school records set by Greg Hess in the pole vault and Kristy Blair in the 10,000m.

Hess broke the record of 15'6" that he set in 1989 with a jump of 15' 7 3/4", and Blair broke the record of 40:16 set by Angie Wright, also in 1989, with a time of 40:01.3.

Other hot finishes in the

daylight hours were Gene Branderhorst in the 5,000m with a personal record (PR) of 15:14.2, which leaves him with the leading time in the Northwest for this event this spring. Pam Raade came through in 2nd place in the 200m with a PR of 25.7. The men's 400m relay team, made up of Tim Grady, Dean Jolley, Tony Brown, and Dwayne Arnold, also took 2nd place with a season's best time of 42.8 seconds, while the women's team of Jenny Gay, Kathie Muck, Raade, and Alicia Smith finished 4th with a season's best of 51.6.

Also in the 10,000m was Sonia Schmuland with a PR of 41:16.9, leaving Schmuland and Blair with "the two fastest times in the Northwest," according to Hodges.

Ryan Parshall shined in the hammer throw, where he improved his PR by 15' landing 126'8", as well as giving the discus a good toss hitting 134'8".

Two 1st place rankings went to Jolley in the long jump who leaped 22' 2 1/2" and Arnold in the

110m hurdles where he finished in 14.6 seconds. Finally, competing for the Cougar Club-after using up his two years of eligibility-was Todd Gibson, who came in 3rd in the 200m with 22.1 and 6th in the 400m in 49.4.

Later in the Twilight meet, where the level of competition was higher, three Cougars again landed well.

Arnold hit 6th in the 110m hurdles finishing at 14.6 again and 4th in the 400m hurdles with 52.8, both times matching his previous PRs. Also, Richie Taylor jumped a season's best distance in the triple jump reaching 46'5" for 4th place, and Kyle Riggs took 5th in the long jump with a jump of 22' 10 1/2".

The team achieved all they had hoped for last weekend by improving PRs and school records alike. This weekend the Cougars will host 10-12 other community college programs at the Clackamas Invitational beginning Saturday at 11 a.m.

Cougar baseball team struggles over league leader MHCC

by Frank Jordan
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The Clackamas men's baseball team continued on the rough road last week, losing three out of four games at home.

Tuesday, the Cougars took on Chemeketa Community College on the home diamond, and lost both ends of a doubleheader, 16-13 and 11-6.

"We hit the cover off the ball again, and played some good defense," commented Coach Robbie Robinson, "but our pitching staff failed to show up again."

After the less-than-great showing on the field Tuesday, Robinson and his staff had a serious heart-to-heart talk with the team, basically to "reinforce the fact that in order to accomplish

what we want to do, we just have got to play better from start to finish," according to Robinson.

Following practice on Wednesday, Coach Robinson had another talk with his team like the one the day before. On Saturday, the Cougars hosted league leader Mt. Hood Community College in a double-header, and took those words to heart, splitting the twinbill with a 9-4 win, followed by a 5-0 loss.

"Bill Beck pitched a great eight innings, and we scored a lot of runs early," said Robinson. "We had a little bit of a different mental approach to the game, probably because we led the entire game."

"My staff and I were real proud of the way the kids responded," commented Robinson. "We were

so mentally tough, and it helped our confidence quite a bit. We realized that we can play with anyone in this league [by beating the league leader]."

"We still need to work with our pitchers quite a bit, but our hitting and defense are carrying us right now," said Robinson. "We need to take two from Lane [C.C.] this week, before taking on Clark and Linfield this weekend."

The next action for Clackamas will be Saturday, with a double-header with Clark College. The action begins at noon on the Cougar diamond. Then the Cougars swing back into action on Sunday, with a single game with Linfield College, again beginning at noon on the CCC field.



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