

Holum and Hefflinger combined for four wins last week

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The Clackamas softball team extended its record by four wins last weekend over Green River and Olympic.

In the first game against Green River, Clackamas battled back from a 2-1 deficit to win 3-2 in eight innings.

Green River only had two hits in the game and they both contributed to Green River's runs.

"We never doubted our ability to win the game," said Coach Paul Fiskum.

In the eighth, Brandy Toivonen scored the winning run after Kenna Skinner and Kristin Freitas bunted her to third. Corie Peck got the RBI off a sharp single through the infield.

Corie Peck led the team with three hits in five at-bats along with two RBI. Skinner was 2-2 at the plate and Toivonen was 2-4.

Kim Holum allowed only two hits and one walk while striking out nine.

"She was dominating against a very good hitting team," said Fiskum.

In the second game, Clackamas' bats came alive to score eight runs on eight hits. Jenny Hefflinger was credited with a shutout after allowing only three hits and striking out seven.

In the third inning, with Skinner and Freitas on base, Peck hit her first career home run.

Freitas, Peck, and Topham all



Kim Holum watches her release to home plate during her win last Saturday.

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had two hits on the day while Holly Rahn and Peck each had three RBI.

"We had a great showing from top to bottom in both games," said Fiskum. "Our defense was outstanding, giving up only one error on the day."

On Saturday, Clackamas took on Olympic CC and took both games

of the doubleheader by the scores of 6-1 and 5-2.

The first game saw Peck hit her second home run in two days, only to have it ruled as a ground-rule double.

Peck was later knocked in by Lisa DeMers.

The fourth inning was a big

one for the Cougars, who got four runs to put the game away.

Peck was 3-4 at the plate with an unofficial home run.

Seven players had one hit each for a good balanced attack.

Holum allowed five hits and struck out six in the process.

Clackamas was involved in a tighter battle during the second game. CCC was up 3-1 after Olympic's half of the third, then Jenny Topham hit a stand-up home run to make the score 4-1.

In the away half of the seventh, Olympic scored a run to close within three runs. Olympic then loaded the bases with only one out. Hefflinger then went to work and

struck out the number three batter and got the number four batter to ground out.

Defense was a key for the Cougars during the weekend.

"Skinner was possibly one of the best in the field," commented Fiskum. "In the second game on Friday, she caught a deep fly ball and fired a strike to home plate to throw out the base runner."

"This was a great play during a crucial game."

The team had a game yesterday but results were unavailable for press time. Their next home game is this Saturday against Grays Harbor.



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A Cougar softballer connects with a pitch to aid her team to the win.

Lesch strikes out 12 in 6-4 win over Linn-Benton CC

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The Cougars finished a long week with a 2-4 record, dropping three of four to Linn-Benton and then splitting a doubleheader with Mt. Hood.

The first doubleheader with Linn Benton ended with two tough losses.

Linn-Benton 9, Clackamas 4.

In the first game Matt Avery got tagged with 9 runs on 10 hits in 6 2/3 innings. Two first inning walks which led to runs set the stage for a long afternoon for the Cougar hurler.

The offense managed eight hits with most of the damage coming in the late innings with their backs against the wall. Cody Nelson went 2-3 with two singles to lead the Cougars.

Linn-Benton 2, Clackamas 1.

In the nightcap, J.R. Lesch pitched a solid game, giving up only two runs on four hits but it wasn't enough to overcome Mt. Hood's pitcher, who effectively shut down the Cougar's bats.

Lesch overpowered Linn-Benton with 12 strikeouts in eight innings and pitched good enough to pick up the win but the run support wasn't there.

The Cougar offense outthrew their counterparts 6-4 but couldn't produce enough runs. Jim Robertson went 2-3 and scored the Cougars sole run of the game in the third inning.

Eric Nielson reached base three times with a double and two walks to give the Cougars some hope. The meat of the lineup couldn't

bring him around and combined for one hit, a single by Mike Christman to lead off the eighth.

The Cougars hosted another twin bill with Linn-Benton last Thursday and managed a split thanks to an exciting come-from-behind win in the first game.

Clackamas 9, Linn-Benton 6.

A seven-run explosion in the sixth behind a triple by Brandon Bittner, which cleared the bases, paved the way to the victory.

Down 6-2 in the inning the Cougars got jump started by John Bramlett and Cody Nelson who led off the inning with back-to-back singles. Tim Ensley and Jon Nichols followed with walks and Robertson reached on an error by the shortstop to set the table for Bittner's game-winning RBI's.

Greg Grace picked up the win in relief, going four innings and giving up no runs on three hits. Bukowski picked up the save, striking out three of the nine batters he faced.

Bittner finished the game 2-4 with three RBI and scored twice, leading an overall balanced attack in which eight of the nine starters managed at least one hit.

Linn-Benton 9, Clackamas 0.

Linn-Benton's starting pitcher pitched a complete game shutout, scattering five hits in the seven inning contest.

Scott Timms was saddled with the loss, giving up eleven hits with most of the damage coming in the fourth and fifth when Linn-Benton scored seven of their nine runs.

The Cougars tried to get an offense established in the fifth behind consecutive singles from Robertson and Bittner. The two runners were stranded, ending the Cougars most productive inning of the game.

The Cougars faced Mt. Hood last Saturday in a doubleheader contest and split with their Southern Division rivals.

Clackamas 9, Mt. Hood 6.

Eric Nielson reached base all five times he came to the plate, going two for three with two walks and a stolen base to lead the offensive charge.

Nielson and Marlon Peguese scored three runs apiece to give the first two slots in the lineup six of the nine runs.

A three-run eighth featuring five walks by Mt. Hood's pitcher provided enough runs to seal the

win.

Lesch picked up the win going six innings and giving up three runs on eight hits. Grace came on in middle relief for an inning and gave up two runs on two walks in the eighth.

Bukowski picked up the save, getting the last two outs of the eighth and getting the last three batters of the game after giving up a leadoff homer to start the ninth.

Mt. Hood 5, Clackamas 1.

The Cougar offense couldn't

continue their offensive momentum from the first game and managed only four hits in seven innings.

Bukowski picked up half of the team's hits, going two for three. Only six Cougars managed to reach base, five of which were stranded. Nelson drove in the Cougar's only run with a single, scoring Nielson in the sixth inning.

Avery gave up five runs in six innings, striking out seven and suffering the loss.



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