

CCC softballers regular season champions

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The Clackamas Cougar softball team won three games over the weekend to bring their undefeated league record to 13-0.

Friday, Clackamas played up at Green River CC and won the first game, 5-0, before the second was canceled because of rain.

Saturday saw the Cougars win both games of a twinbill over second place Olympic CC. These two wins put the Cougars five games ahead of Olympic with three games left to play.

"Friday was an ugly day in Tacoma," commented Coach Paul Fiskum. "The first game was delayed one hour because of rain and standing water on the field."

Launa Meck made her return to the team after suffering a neck injury ten games ago.

She took over her usual lead-off spot and hit a single in her first at-bat. Meck then scored after two wild pitches and a sacrifice by Corie Peck.

Clackamas went on to score four more runs to beat the host Gators 5-0.

Kim Holum was the pitcher of record and only allowed four hits, all of which didn't get out of the infield, and only two runners reached scoring position.

"Because of the wet ball, control was difficult for Holum," said Fiskum.

Holum walked two and struck out three.

Meck and Kristin Freitas each scored two Clackamas runs, while Kenna Skinner had two sacrifice RBI.

"Skinner has one of the hottest bats on the team right now," said Fiskum. "Over the last three weeks her batting average is over .400."



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Julie Braman slides for home shortly after the Grays Harbor catcher receives the ball for a force out with the umpire recoiling for his call in the background.

"She's doing a great job with her slap hits and driving in the runs."

On Saturday, Clackamas won convincingly over Olympic by the scores of 9-1 and 6-2.

Meck again was a key player in the first game of the Olympic doubleheader. She went 4-4 at the plate, including a triple and a home run, and scored three of the nine runs, and stole three bases.

"Meck's triple would have been a home run, but the outfield fence stopped the ball for the outfielder," said Fiskum.

Peck also had a great day, going 2-4 with a single and a triple.

On Peck's triple, she slid hard into third and suffered a knee injury. "She should be back in the lineup soon," said Fiskum.

Six different players scored for Clackamas in the first game.

Jenny Hefflinger had another good day pitching for Clackamas, allowing one run on two hits.

"The umpire had a very small strike zone and was forcing Jenny to throw her pitches down the middle," commented Fiskum.

Hefflinger struck out three while walking five.

"Jenny hasn't had a bad day yet and her 11-0 record speaks for itself," said Fiskum.

The second game against Olympic was a close battle through the third inning.

Entering the fourth, the score was knotted at two. Clackamas' runs coming in the first and Olympic's in the third.

Clackamas' bats came alive in the fourth and allowed four more Clackamas runners to cross the plate, while Holum had didn't allow any Olympic batters to reach base from the third inning on.

Cindy Vance, the NWAACC leader in doubles, added one more in the fifth with two outs to knock in two runners.

"Cindy has had great RBI production over the last few weeks," said Fiskum.

Injuries continue to plague the Cougars. After Meck and Brandy Toivonen return from injuries, Peck and Lisa DeMers have to sit out some games.

Results from yesterday's games against South Puget Sound were not available at press time.

Local wheelchair basketball team battles Criminal Justice Department

Last Thursday the Rip City Rockets, a wheelchair basketball team, took on the Criminal Justice Department in a rematch of last year's one-point Rocket victory.

Both teams were following the official wheelchair basketball rules, which put the Criminal Justice Department, led by Jim Brouillette, at the disadvantage.

Paul Tucker, Bill Morrow, Brian McKinney, Carl Backstrom, Chris Miller, and Captain Jeff Gates had a strong start for the Rockets bounding to a 32-2 lead after the first half.

Brouillette's team, the Blue Knights, were struggling during the first half, but after a spirited halftime lecture from Brouillette, they came back with a vengeance.

Despite the Blue Knight's valiant effort to get back in the game they lost to the dominating Rockets by a score of 48-16.

The Rockets are now looking forward to their game against the McLoughlin Cattle Company staff to be played in June.

One goal of the Aabled-Disabled Club, sponsor of the game, is to help disabled students become more active in recreational activities and interact with able-bodied people.

SOFTBALL

BATTING

Name	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Corie Peck	.470	117	30	55	3	3	2	24
Cindy Vance	.425	73	20	31	9	1	0	22
Jenny Topham	.423	78	26	33	0	4	1	17
Julie Stickel	.393	61	9	24	0	1	0	11
Lisa DeMers	.388	103	30	40	6	5	0	25
Launa Meck	.386	70	26	27	1	2	1	3
Holly Rahn	.359	78	13	28	1	3	0	18
Kristin Freitas	.320	100	22	32	1	1	0	16
Julie Braman	.316	79	16	25	0	0	0	18
TEAM	.365	907	209	331	22	22	4	181

PITCHING

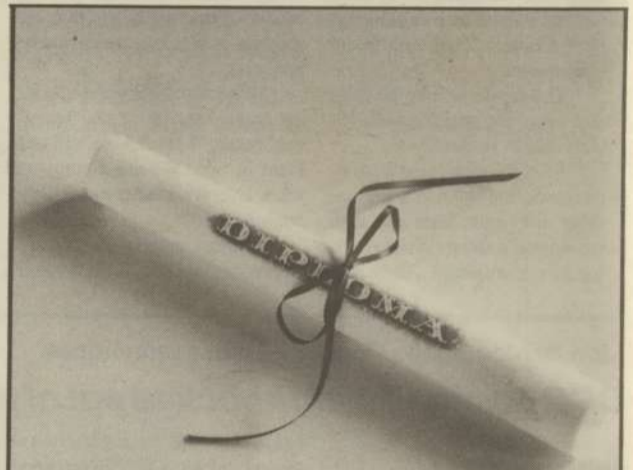
Name	ERA	W-L	IP	R	ER
Kim Holum	0.64	9-2	93.1	23	12
Jenny Hefflinger	0.88	10-0	80.0	14	14
TEAM	1.07	23-2	211.0	61	45

BASEBALL

Baseball Stats as of 4/28/92.

	AVG.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
Tim Ensley	.347	75	13	26	8	2	2	26	0
Cody Nelson	.342	73	13	25	4	0	4	14	0
Eric Nielson	.338	77	27	26	4	2	1	15	14
Mike Christman	.277	47	6	13	1	0	1	10	5
Brandon Bittner	.242	66	13	16	0	1	0	6	6
Team	.269	729	133	196	24	8	9	115	65

	ERA	W	L	SVS	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Greg Grace	2.32	3	0	1	31	15	8	25	20	20
Jon Bukowski	2.91	1	1	2	21	8	7	14	8	16
JR Lesch	3.07	3	2	0	41	17	14	31	17	47
Matt Avery	4.94	3	2	1	31	27	17	38	21	24
Bill Beck	6.28	2	1	0	28	23	20	34	11	21
Team	4.21	12	14	5	203	135	95	193	112	151



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