

Cougar softball team to play for NWAACC championship Spokane and Wenatchee to be challenge for CCC

by Lane Scheideman
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The Clackamas Community College softball team won two more games last week against South Puget Sound CC to finish the regular season with a 15-0 league record.

The Cougars finished first in the Southern Division, ahead of second place Olympic CC, who finished 8-8.

CCC will be competing in the NWAACC Championships this Friday and Saturday at Franklin Park in Spokane, Wa.

Their first game will be Friday at 10 a.m. against Shoreline CC, who finished 12-12 in the Northern Division.

"We don't know much about their team," said Coach Paul Fiskum. "We do know their pitcher has some really good stats.

"They also had a really good defensive team last year."

Wenatchee Valley CC and Spokane CC tied for first in the Northern Division with records of 20-4 in league play.

"This is the toughest field of teams to play in the tournament in the last three or four years," commented Fiskum.

In the last two games of the season the Cougars played the team from South Puget Sound.

The Cougars had to play without Corie Peck and Lisa DeMers, who are recovering from injuries, and Jenny Hefflinger, who was ill.

In the first game, Clackamas had a relatively easy time, winning 10-0 in five innings. The game was shortened because the Cougars were ahead by ten runs



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Jenny Topham swings for a pitch en route to the division championship.

after five innings.

The third and fourth innings were the keys for the Cougar offense, which generated five runs in the third and four runs in the fourth.

A triple by Cindy Vance, a double by Launa Meck and singles from Holly Rahn, Julie Braman, and Kenna Skinner scored the runs in the third inning.

Five singles in the fourth brought in the runs in the fourth inning.

"It was nice to have the short first game," commented Fiskum. "Since Hefflinger was out sick, Kim Holum had to pitch both games."

Holum didn't allow any runs and only four hits. Holum didn't have any strikeouts or walks throughout the game.

"Every ball that was hit stayed in the infield. Our outfielders didn't have to make any plays," said Fiskum.

The second game was a different story, however.

The first inning saw the Cougars down 2-0 after two batters were walked and one error committed. Then in the fourth inning South Puget had two singles

and the Cougars had two more errors charged against them to allow two more runs.

This marked the first time that any team in league play scored more than two runs against Clackamas in a single game.

Clackamas got two runs back in their half of the fourth when Meck and Rahn scored to make the score 4-2.

Skinner crossed the plate in the fifth inning when Meck hit a deep fly ball. Brandy Toivonen attempted to score on the same play but was thrown out at the plate.

In the bottom of the sixth, Rahn hit for a triple and was knocked in on a sacrifice bunt by Jenny Topham to tie the score at four.

The seventh inning belonged to the Cougars. Skinner reached base on a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Toivonen.

Because of an error by South Puget, Toivonen stayed at first.

Kelly McGowne was intentionally walked with two outs to load the bases, and try for a possible double play. Unfortunately for South Puget Sound, they had to face Meck, who had a regular season batting average of .438.

Meck came up to bat and ripped a deep fly to left field to score Skinner from third with the game-winner.

Meck was 3-4 at the plate with two singles, one double, two RBI, and one run scored.

Holum, pitching her second game, had a rough start but finished with seven strikeouts and only three walks.

The Cougars finished with a 28-2 overall record and undefeated in league play.

The team will be leaving today for the tournament in Spokane.

Softball-regular season stats

BATTING										
Name	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI		
C. Peck	.463	123	31	57	3	4	2	25		
L. Meck	.438	89	35	39	3	3	7	8		
J. Topham	.414	87	29	36	0	4	1	19		
J. Stickel	.393	61	9	24	0	1	0	11		
L. DeMers	.391	110	30	43	7	5	0	27		
C. Vance	.386	88	22	34	10	2	0	26		
H. Rahn	.344	93	17	32	1	4	0	19		
K. Freitas	.339	115	27	39	1	1	0	20		
B. Toivonen	.313	64	6	20	0	0	0	11		
J. Braman	.302	96	21	29	0	0	0	20		
K. McGowne	.300	10	1	3	0	0	0	2		
K. Skinner	.250	84	14	21	1	1	0	17		
Team	.368	1036	244	381	26	26	5	208		

PITCHING										
Name	ERA	W	L	IP	R	ER	H	SO	BB	
K. Holum	0.63	13	2	119.1	29	15	66	115	33	
J. Hefflinger	0.86	11	0	87.0	15	15	56	65	46	

CCC team falls to Ivy League foe

by Daphne Hartt
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Last Friday night, May 15, the CCC men's intramural basketball team competed against Yale University at Lewis and Clark College. This game was a continuation of the Chrysler Corporation Half-Court Three-on-Three Invitational Intramural Basketball Tournament. The CCC team, consisting of Curt Arrayan, Cliff Toney, Kyle Riggs, and Troy Merrill, played three twenty-minute games against Yale.

Although most of the rules were the same as collegiate basketball, some crucial rules were quite different. For instance, a basket was only worth one point instead of the usual two points. Also, three-pointers were only worth two points. The foul situation differentiated from the norm as well. If a player fouled another player while the player was dribbling or posting up, it was not considered a foul. Therefore, the clock kept running and players could foul as much as they pleased. However, if the foul occurred during the act of shooting, it was considered a foul. But instead of the fouled player shooting only one shot and it counting for one point, the free-throw would count as two points.

In the first game, CCC beat Yale 16-14. According to Arrayan, their shooting "was 'on' in the first game."

The second game brought Yale a 29-28 victory. The game would have normally gone into overtime, but instead the referees informed the players that there had to be a free-throw shootout to determine the winner of the game.

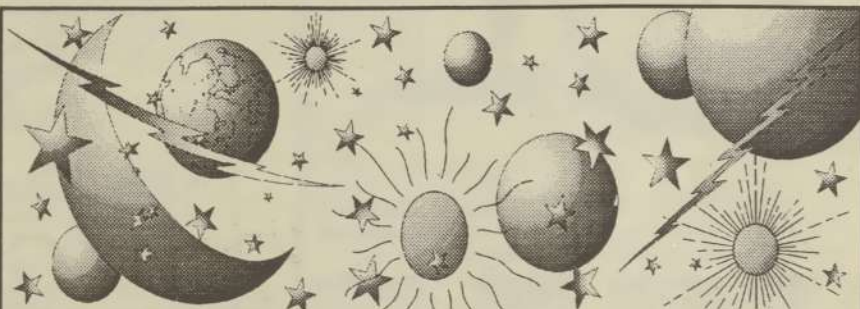
Yale pulled off another win in the third game with consistent shooting. Although this 18-15 loss was disappointing to the CCC four-man team, they felt good about their overall performance.

Arrayan comments, "It was tough. We were so close. We wanted it so bad, and we almost had it in the second game."

Kathie Woods, intramural director, was very pleased with the men's performance. "They played their hearts out. They were very intense. They definitely didn't lose because of lack of desire. When the score is that close, it comes down to who makes fewer mistakes and how costly those mistakes are."

The women's tournament also took place Friday night. Lane Community College faced Yale University after the men's team was finished with their first game.

Yale took the first game with a 17-15 win. But then Lane turned it around in the second game and came away with a crushing 20-10 win. They continued their domination in the third game and won 20-12.



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