

Cougar pitching offers hopeful outlook

by Daphne Hartt
Sports Editor

With 12 rained-out games and a 1-2 league record, the baseball team, despite the unfortunate weather, continues to practice and prepare for upcoming games.

Even though the weather has been affecting their season, the Cougars have managed to obtain an overall 8-7 record.

Head Coach Robin Robinson said that he is anticipating the games that will be rescheduled and feels that his team will come on strong.

The Cougars faced Warner Pacific (non-league) on April 14. Although Robinson said that his team "played well," the Cougars couldn't pull it off, and thus suffered a close 3-1 loss.

The Cougars played their first league double-header at Mt. Hood Community College against the Saints, April 19.

Clackamas player, Mike Clark, a left-handed pitcher originally from Estacada, displayed his talent on the mound by striking out seven Saints, walking five, allowing six hits and only giving up two runs.

Robinson was pleased with the team's pitching in the nine-inning game.

"We had great pitching, especially for a nine-inning game, but we just didn't score the runs we needed," he said.

Regardless of the Cougars' impressive day on the mound, they lost 2-0.

In the second game, Tucker Hodgen struck out four Mt. Hood players, while only walking four and giving up seven hits.



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A Clackamas player takes a swing while practicing in the Randall Gym. The baseball team plays at home Thursday at 1 p.m.

"Tucker really pitched a good ball game," Robinson said.

Freshman Josh Parker was hot at the plate as he came through with a big double in the fourth inning.

Terry Phillips, also a freshman and first baseman for the Cougars, had an RBI single.

Again, though, Robinson said

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that his team wasn't scoring the runs when they were most needed, which left them defeated 4-2.

"We didn't have timely hitting, but we played a tremendous ball game," he said.

In their next outing, the Cougars overwhelmed Linn-Benton Community College with their strong hitting and smart

play.

Sophomore center fielder John Bukowski went 5 for 5 at the plate, including two RBI.

Phillips added to the Cougars' batting streak, with a three-run homer, making him 3 for 5 in the game.

Parker also knocked it out of the field in his 3 for 4 performance.

"We had some crucial key hits, and only committed two errors in the game," Robinson said.

The Cougars had 15 hits and scored 16 runs by the end of the game. Linn-Benton bit the dust and lost 16-6.

The second game lasted only four innings due to the rain, of course. The game was tied at four when it was called off.

Robinson feels confident about his team as a whole. They have pitched 11 complete games which is "great" according to Robinson.

"We have five pitchers that are doing really well and 11 players that are working hard," he said.

He also mentioned that the team is really working together as a whole. Everyone plays an important role on the team.

Thursday, if the weather permits, the Cougars will host Chemeketa Community College. Play begins at 1 p.m.

Saturday, the Cougars will play host again. They will face the Saints out on the field at 1 p.m.

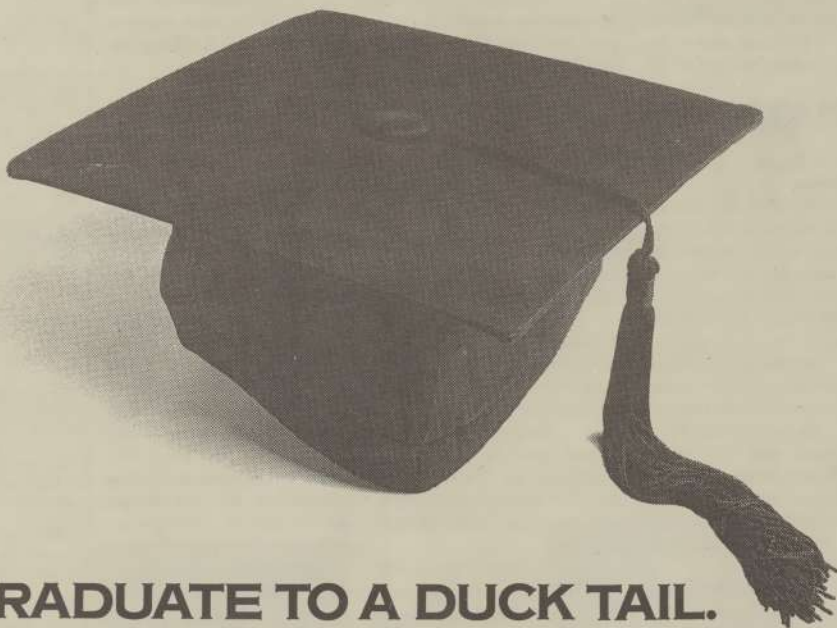
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The pitching staff continues to shine. Jennifer Hefflinger picked up three wins last week and has allowed no earned runs in the last three weeks. On Sunday against Edmunds CC, Hefflinger struck out a career-high 10 batters, while allowing only six hits and two walks. Diana Clift also picked up three wins last week, and according to the coach, "is pitching very well. She had some good performances in the Crossover and has been a rock all year." Becky Cordill only pitched one game last week, the big win against Spokane Falls CC.

The Lady Cougars host Green River CC for a doubleheader this Friday, starting at 3 p.m., and Olympic CC for another doubleheader on Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. Next Tuesday, Clackamas travels to Longview, Wash., for a rematch with Lower Columbia CC. The CCC-LCCC doubleheader begins at 3 p.m.

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