

Cougars having 'helluva year'

by Frank Jordan
The Print Staff

The CCC softball team suffered through a large amount of innings last week to post a 5-2 record, including two big wins over Lower Columbia and a 2-1 showing in the NWAACC Crossover Tournament.

Last Tuesday, the Cougars hosted Lower Columbia in a doubleheader for the Southern Division lead, and Clackamas hung tough for a 5-4 win in 10 innings, followed by a 2-0 shutout in the nightcap.

The team came out aggressive against LCCC in the first game, getting a run in the second, a run in the fourth and 2 more in the fifth for a 4-0 lead.

The Lady Devils came back and strung together four base hits, a walk and a "mental" error, and suddenly it was a whole new ball game, tied at 4.

The Cougars won the game in the bottom of the 10th with an RBI single by Michelle Kolbo.

"We came right out of the blocks against a pitcher that was 27-2 last year and we pounded the ball," said Head Coach Paul Fiskum. "We did an excellent job in the field and at the plate, so this was a good win."

Becky Cordill threw a 2-hit shutout through 6 innings before the wheels came off. She was replaced by Jennifer Hinman, who tossed four solid innings to pick up the victory.

Hinman came back in the second game to throw a 2-hit shutout to pace Clackamas in the 2-0 win. For the doubleheader, the Cougars had 21 hits on a very good pitcher, and committed no recorded errors. Fiskum described the effort by his team as "one of the better doubleheader sweeps that I have ever coached. Just a real gutsy effort by this team."

CCC played two mid-week scrimmages against Concordia College and Willamette University, and the review was kind of mixed. The women hit the ball well against Concordia, but the Cougars came out on the short end of a 4-3 score. Diana Clift saw her first significant action of the season on the mound, giving up four runs on nine hits in nine innings of work. She did "a very good job," according to Fiskum.

Against Willamette, the Cougars regained some of the fire that was missing against Concordia and parlayed it into a 6-2 win. Hinman pitched five innings and gave up a run on two hits, while Cordill pitched four innings and gave up a run on one hit. Danielle Fitzgerald went 3-4 at the plate, scoring 3 runs and stealing 3 bases. Brandi Kamrath went 2-5, scoring 3 runs and driving in 4. The day saw "overall a good performance by our team," according to the coach.

On Saturday, the Cougars hosted the annual NWAACC Crossover Tourney, and CCC opened up with Shoreline CC and pasted their opponent to the tune of a 17-1 score.

This was actually a ball game, until the Lady Cougars finally figured out the opposing pitcher and proceeded to tattoo her for 15 runs on 12 base hits in the bottom of the 6th inning.

"Their (Shoreline) pitcher threw a deceptively slow ball and we had trouble getting the timing down against her," said Fiskum. "But once we did, the game was over."

Fitzgerald went 4-4 at the plate, while Bridget Jones, Korinne Wellin, Emily Routson and Cordill all got 2 hits apiece, with Cordill driving in 4 runs and Wellin knocking in 2.

Clift got her first official win of the year, scattering five hits and giving up only one run. She walked no one and struck out three.

In the second game of the day, CCC ran into a buzzsaw of a Spokane Falls CC team that pounded the Cougars into submission, 10-3.

"The best hitting team we have faced all season, they just killed us," commented Coach Fiskum. "Although the morning game (the 17-1 rout over Shoreline) did not help our attitude, as we weren't as up for the game as we should have been, they just took it to us from the outset."

Jones provided the offensive fireworks for Clackamas, hitting a bases-loaded double in the fifth that made the score 5-3 in favor of SFCC, but SFCC put together five runs in the sixth to put the game away.

In the last game of the day, Clackamas shook off the dis-

appointing performance against Spokane and took it out on Yakima Valley, beating their opponent from central Washington, 8-0 in five innings.

Cordill pitched a two-hit shutout, and seven CCC players had two or more base hits in a solid effort, led by the 3-4 showing of Kris Strouhal and the 2 hits and 2 RBI of Kolbo. Clackamas had no errors defensively as CCC closed out a productive day.

"Right now, I am a little concerned about fatigue and injuries, as we played a lot of innings last week. Maja Wirkkala pulled a muscle against Yakima, Danielle Madigan did not play at all on Saturday because of poison oak and we have a lot of sore arms," said Fiskum. "We have to go to Lower Columbia on Thursday for the rematch, and we need to have everyone ready and rarin' to go."

We have had a helluva year so far, a lot of great performances by our players," Fiskum continued. "We need to shore up our defense, get it more consistent for the stretch run to the NWAACC championships. If we continue to hit well, and work on the little things, this team could do great things."

Cougar Calendar



Cougar Baseball

4/30 Mt. Hood 1 p.m.
Gresham

5/3 Linn Benton 1 p.m.
Home

Cougar Softball

4/27 Lewis & Clark 3 p.m.
Home

4/30 Peirce 2 p.m. Home

Cougar Track & Field

5/2 - 5/3
NWAACC Heptathlon/
Decathlon

Sports phenomena

by Jeff Adams
The Print Staff

Friday April 15- Knappa High School's varsity baseball team defeated Catlin Gable 46-6 in a 2A Northwest league game. The Loggers scored an unbelievable 33 runs in the second inning, 29 of the runs came with two outs. The Loggers pounded out 21 hits including six home runs in the inning. The 33 run inning is the second highest total ever, according to the National High School record books. The record is 36 by a team in Kentucky.

Wednesday April 20- Milwaukee Brewers Class A pitcher Kelly Wunsch struck out five batters in one inning. He is only the third person ever to do it, and the first in 42 years.

Thursday April 21- Jerry Pettibone announced that sophomore Don Shanklin will be Oregon State's starting quarterback

for the 1994 season.

Friday April 22- Michael Moorer won a majority decision over Evander Holyfield to win the Heavyweight Championship of the World.

Sunday April 24- The Cincinnati Bengals selected Ohio State's Dan Wilkinson with the number one pick in the 1994 N.F.L. draft. The second pick was Marshall Faulk, and the third was Heath Shuler. The top three picks were underclassmen, making it the first time ever that the top two picks or more were not seniors.

Sunday April 24- San Antonio's David Robinson scored an N.B.A. season high 71 points vs. Los Angeles Clippers. The 71 points in one game is the fifth best ever in N.B.A. history.

Wednesday April 27- Birthdays: Rogers Hornsby 1896, George Gervin 1952.

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