

Coyle, Stroup silence opponents

by Jeff Adams
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The Clackamas baseball team enjoyed a .500 week last week winning three out of six games, all games were part of doubleheaders.

On May 3, the Cougars hosted Linn Benton in a doubleheader. The Cougars split the doubleheader in a steady drizzle. They won the first game 8-5 as Eric Filla picked up the win improving to four wins two losses on the year. The offense was led by Kyle Misener who hit a home run to start off a good hitting week for him. But in the second game the Cougars were on the short end of the stick, losing 8-6.

On May 7, the Cougars traveled to Salem to battle Chemeketa in another doubleheader. The Cougars again split the doubleheader winning a close one, and losing a close one. In the first game, the Cougars picked up the win 7-6 behind the arm of Allan

Coyle. But in the second game, Coyle didn't have enough left as Clackamas fell 6-5. Misener continued his hot hitting blasting another home run, Willie Cole also contributed a round tripper for Clackamas.

Clackamas finished up the week on Sunday playing Linfield J.V. in a non-league doubleheader. Both games were one run affairs, with Clackamas again earning a split. In the first game, the Cougars were ahead 6-5 in the ninth inning, needing only three outs for the win. The Cougars pitcher then walked the bases loaded with no outs. Linfield took advantage of the situation and scored two runs to go ahead. The Cougars couldn't plate anyone in their half of the ninth and lost 7-6. Kyle Misener again homered for the Cougars giving him three HR's in the last three doubleheaders. In the second game, it was the Cougars turn to play the hero. The game was tied at zero through six

innings. Linfield scored one run in the top of the seventh to go ahead. In the bottom of the seventh it was all Clackamas. Jesse Robinson led off with a pinch-hit double, Brian Itami then singled to put runners on first and third with no outs. Derek Pierson came up to sacrifice bunt but ended up with a bunt single to load the bases. Adam Stroup then became the hero with a game winning double plating two runs. The Cougars had four consecutive hits to win the game 2-1.

The Cougars are still in first place in the Southern Division with an 8-4 record (18-11 overall). They have a one game lead over the second place team, and six games remaining. Robinson felt that they hit the ball really well last week, and that the pitching has been good the last two weeks. This gives the Cougars reason to believe. But Robinson is quick to note, "We need to decide if we want it bad enough to win it."

Cougars expand division lead to four

■ The Cougars win big over Pierce College and George Fox

by Frank Jordan
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Clackamas used great pitching and solid defense last Tuesday to sweep a doubleheader from Pierce College and received a forfeit on Friday against Grays Harbor CC to stretch their NWAACCSouthern Division lead to four games in softball action last week.

In the first game against Pierce, Danielle Madigan went 3-3, while Michelle Kolbo and Kris Strouhal had 2 RBIs apiece in support of Becky Cordill's 2-hit shutout in a 9-0 win.

Clackamas spread out the scoring in a solid performance from top to bottom in running their league record to 15-0. Strouhal's two-run double in the first got the Cougars rolling, while Kolbo's two-run triple in the second continued the roll. Cordill had great command of her pitches throughout and was never threatened in running her record on the year to 9-0.

In the second game, Clackamas used a six-run sixth

inning to break a scoreless tie, with the big blow coming on a three-run homer by Keri Gunderson, her second of the year. Brandi Kafnrath chipped in with a two-run single in the inning and Maja Wirkkala drove in the sixth run of the stanza with a single. The Cougars picked up an insurance run in the seventh for a 7-0 final score.

Diana Clift had perhaps her finest performance of the season on the mound in running her record to 4-0. Clift only gave up singles in the fourth and sixth innings as she was in complete control the entire game.

"Diana's pitching is really coming around," commented Head Coach Paul Fiskum. "So much so, that she will be a tremendous asset once the NWAACC tournament rolls around. She is getting stronger with each outing, which gives her more and more confidence."

On Wednesday, the Cougars played a non-counting scrimmage against George Fox College. The Cougars dominated the

Boxers early and often in the 9-2 victory. What made the victory more impressive is that George Fox would leave Oregon City and this past weekend win the NAlA District 2 championship.

Cordill and Clift combined for a three-hitter in the ten-inning exhibition, while Strouhal drove in four runs and Gunderson knocked in two with a triple in the second.

Last Friday's doubleheader with Grays Harbor was forfeited because Grays Harbor is no longer fielding a softball team, and Saturday's twinbill with Green River CC was postponed by order of the NWAACC office, because Green River had all three of their pitchers hurt and unable to play. To give Green River a chance to recuperate, the doubleheader will be played this coming Sunday at the Clackamas diamond.

Clackamas will also face Olympic CC in a doubleheader on the CCC diamond this Saturday, with the first game beginning at 2 p.m.



Back on track

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The Clackamas track and field teams continued to do what they do best, rolling over their opponents.

In winning, the men collected 176 points followed by Bellevue (105) and the community colleges of Spokane (66). The women also won, scoring 249.5 points, followed by Highline (140), community colleges of Spokane (103.5) and Bellevue (69).

Head Coach Mike Hodges explained that the focus during the meet for his team was to "get good marks" rather than worry about the team scores. He was pleased, however, despite the decreased intensity to score points.

Toby Anselmo won the 100 meters in a time of 11.32 seconds, which qualified him for the NWAACC meet at the end of the month. "That was a nice win for him," Hodges said. Chris Snow qualified for the conference meet with a second-place finish in the 200 in a time of 22.58. Brian Buckingham won the 1500 meters in a PR time of 3 minutes, 59.5 seconds. Hodges said that this was his first year that there have been three Clackamas runners under four minutes in the 1500 in one year.

The men's 4 X 100-meter team ran its fastest race time in the year in a winning time of 43.18. The men's 4 X 400 team also ran a season's best and moved up to the tenth-fastest time in Clackamas history with a first-place time of 3:22.37.

Evan Vuksich collected a double-win in taking the long jump and triple jump with leaps

of 20' 4 1/4" and 42' 11 3/4, respectively. Kris Long also won two events, throwing the shot put 48' 2 1/4" and PR hammer throw of 166' 4". Dave Harnsberger qualified for the conference meet in the hammer with a toss of 132' 8", good enough for fourth place.

Kami Sisk led the women's team with three individual wins in the 100 meters, 200 meters and the 100-meter hurdles. Jessie Richter had a season's best and a first-place finish in the 1500 with a time of 5:11.99. "Jessie looked very good," Hodges said. Annie Boitano qualified for the conference meet by placing fourth in the 3000 with a time of 11:21.92.

The women's 4 X 400 team had a season's best with a second-place time of 4:23.57. Vickie Robbins broke the school record in the triple jump with a second-place of 36' 4". She also had a PR and took second place in the long jump with 16' 8.25". Meredith Case took first in the shot put and discus with throws of 37' 6" and 107' 3", respectively.

It's coming down to crunch time for Hodges and his Cougars. With Clackamas hosting the Southern Regional Meet coming up this weekend, Hodges will have to gear up his teams for what looks to be a close and exciting event. Hodges expects the favorites to be the teams from Clark, but he won't count out his group in a hunt for the titles. The Clackamas men will be going for their fifth straight win at the Regionals while the women will try to revenge a close second-place finish to Mt. Hood last year. The meet starts at 1 p.m. on Friday and noon on Saturday.

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