

Beard pitches perfect game as Cougars roll through competition

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Clackamas Softball pitcher Dawn Beard pitched a perfect game last Friday against Southwestern Oregon, the first in 10 years at Clackamas.

Beard pitched the no hitter in the second game of a home doubleheader in which the Cougars won 10-0 in five innings.

The Cougars collected seven wins and suffered one loss last week, including two victories over the GHCC Chokers on Sunday in Aberdeen, Washington.

Clackamas won the first game, 13-1, in six innings behind strong pitching by Brenda Ruppel. The Cougars got 13 runs on 14 hits. Alicia Scott had three base hits, including two singles, a triple and four RBIs. Megan Thompson went three for four with four RBI's.

The Cougars won the second game 2-1. Clackamas pitcher Candee Stanley won her fourth consecutive league victory with a strong outing on the mound. The leading hitters were Korrine Wellin, Scott and Holly Lorenz. Wellin went two for two with one RBI and knocked in the first run. Scott collected the second RBI in the fifth inning. Lorenz went two for two for the day as well.

Clackamas was scheduled to play a doubleheader at home against Olympic CC on Saturday, but because of the wet field, the coaches decided to play the game in Hood River.

The Cougars lost the game 1-0 despite out-hitting the Rangers seven to three. Alicia Scott went three for four with three singles.

Clackamas won the second game in six innings, 11-2. Stanley pitched a fine game and the Cougars had an excellent day at bat. Danielle Madigan went three for four with two singles and a triple.

Last Friday, the Cougars played at home against Southwestern Oregon CC, winning the first game, 9-1. Ruppel got the win, allowing only three hits. Lorenz went two for three with 2 RBIs.

Beard then pitched her perfect game in the second matchup. Wellin capped the second game with a grand slam in left-center field in the bottom of the fifth.

On April 25, the Cougars took both home games from Grays Har-



Photo by Patrick Lundstrom

A Cougar softball player rounds third and heads for home against Grays Harbor CC.

bor CC by identical 10-1 scores. Beard pitched the first game and picked up the win. Lorenz went two for four, including a home run and 3 RBIs.

The Cougars won the second game with Beard hitting three for four and scoring three times. Ruppel collected the win on the mound. Lorenz went three for three, contributing two RBI's.

Clackamas has an overall league record of 15-3, good enough for second place. Fiskum is really pleased with the outcome so far and hopes to have it continue the rest of the season.

The Cougars will play two doubleheaders at home this week. On Friday, Clackamas will play South Puget Sound CC and on Sunday they will take on Pierce CC. Both begin at 3 p.m.

Cougars meet challenge at Western Oregon Open

by Jesse Sowa
Sports Editor

Clackamas Track Coach Mike Hodges liked what he saw at the Western Oregon Open in Monmouth on Saturday.

The Cougar Track team rose to the occasion and performed at a high level against strong competition. The meet was not scored, but Clackamas would have done well had points been kept. The meet was loaded with outstanding athletes from such schools as the University of Oregon, Lewis and Clark, Willamette and Western Oregon.

On the men's team, Corey Brizendine won the javelin with a throw of 197-0 and remained undefeated in that event this year. Brent Roeger won the 10,000-meter race and qualified for the regional meet with a time of 33:38.

Craig Connors took fourth in the pole vault at 15-4. The men's 400-meter relay team placed third in 43.50. At 5000 meters, Dean Rowell took third in 16:01 and Jon Cox placed fifth in the same race in 16:08.

Leo Sanders took seventh in a tough 1500-meter race in 3:56.42 which is his second best time ever. "He really responded well to that kind of competition," Hodges said.

For the women's team, Jaime Fairchild won at 5000-

meters in 18:53 and Rebecca Graham took third in the same race in 19:03. Both women had personal records and have the fastest times so far this year in the Northwest.

Heidi Babcock won the 10,000-meter event in 46:51. The women's 400-meter relay team took first in a time of 50.55. Wendy Johnson placed sixth in the 1500-meter race with a season's best of 4:58.3.

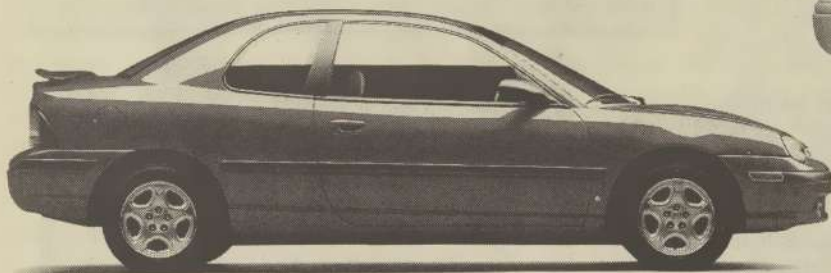
"Overall, I thought we competed very well," said Hodges. "I was pleased."

Clackamas will host the 10-team Clackamas Invitational this Saturday beginning at 12 p.m.

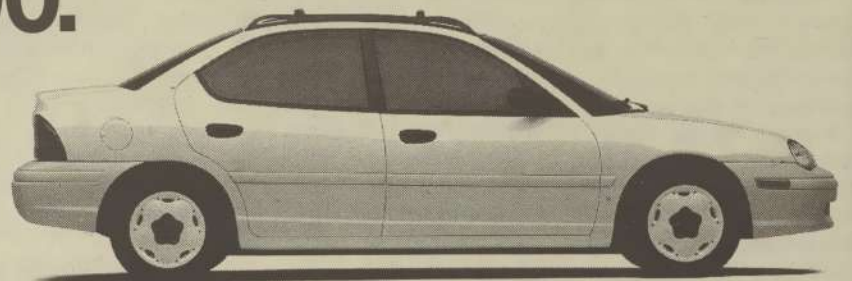
Women's qualifiers for regional meet on May 12-13:

Kami Sisk-100,100hh
Melissa Abramson-200, 100hh, 400ih, heptathlon
Marea Crowe-200,400
Kathy Shuey-400
Wendy Johnson-1500
Jaime Fairchild-1500,3000,5000,
Annie Boitano-3000,5000,
Rebecca Graham-5000
400 Relay(Christie Wells, Abramson, Sisk, Crowe) 1600
Relay(Shuey, Fairchild, April Lohrey, Crowe)
Casey Easlick and Misty Forgey-high jump

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