

Baseball takes three of four from Linn-Benton CC

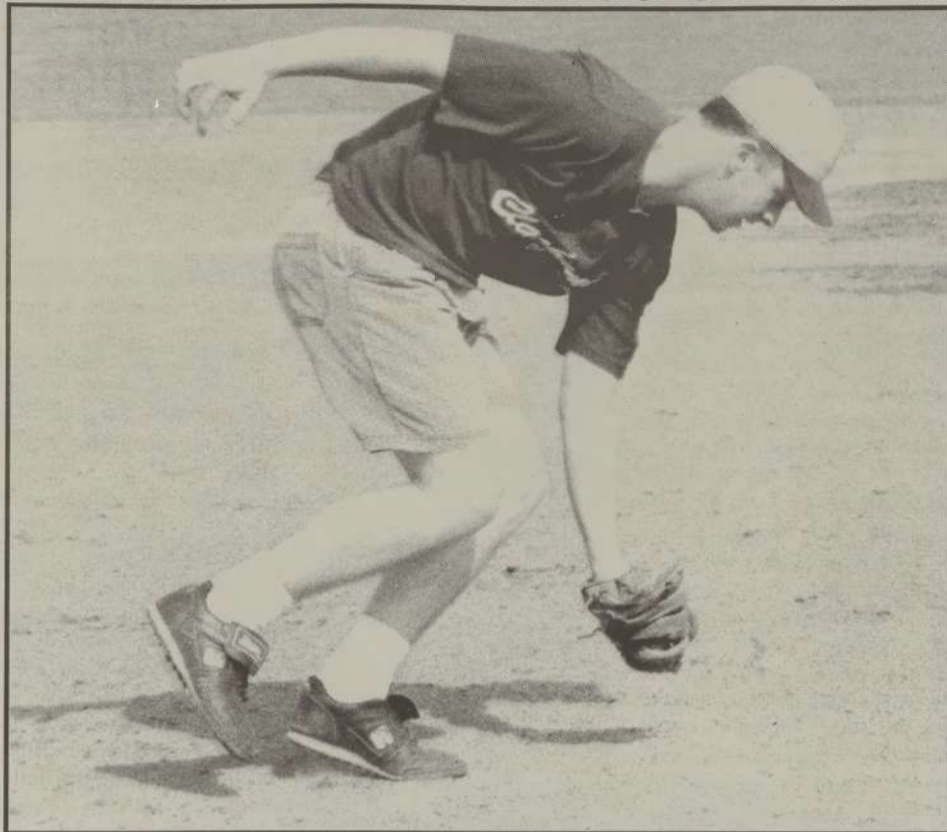


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Practice has paid off for the Cougar baseball team lately as they won four and lost two over the past week. Clackamas will take on Chemeketa at home in a doubleheader on Saturday at 1 p.m.

by **Brendon Neal**
Staff Writer

The Clackamas Baseball team went 3-1 against Linn-Benton Community College over the weekend in taking sole possession of second place in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Southern Division (NWAACC).

The Cougars split two home games with the Roadrunners on Sunday, winning the first game 4-3, and losing the second game, 8-6 in extra innings.

A squeeze bunt attempt in the bottom of the ninth inning won the first game for Clackamas. George Dearborn pitched seven strong innings and Allan Coyle came in during the final innings and picked up the win.

Steve Geiszler, Brian Itami and Justin Henderson each had two hits in the win.

Itami hit a bases-loaded triple in the second game that scored three, but the Cougars still went down to defeat. Tyson Vermillion led Clackamas with three hits and Geizler added two singles.

On Saturday, Clackamas swept Linn-Benton in Albany, 11-5 and 7-3.

In the first game, Jeremy Palki and Coyle combined for the win on the mound. Geiszler went four and five and Henderson three for three. Steve Fournier scored three runs in the winning effort.

Pitcher Jayson Obermiller picked up the win in the second game with Coyle coming in to get the save. Geiszler went two for three to finish the day at six for eight.

The Cougars defeated Linfield's junior varsity team last Thursday, 2-0, on a two-run home run by Boone McGuckin. McGuckin went three for three at the plate for the day.

On May 3, Clackamas lost to Chemeketa at home, 7-5. The Chiefs out-hit the Cougars ten to three.

The Cougars played at Lane CC in Eugene on Tuesday, and will play Chemeketa at home in a doubleheader on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Clackamas will travel to Gresham next Tuesday to take on Mount Hood CC at 3 p.m. The Cougars will play at Southwestern Oregon CC on May 18.

Clackamas softball looks strong near end of season, prepares for regional tourney

By **Lora Wahrgren**
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The Cougar Softball team swept a doubleheader at home against Pierce Community College on Sunday, winning the first game 8-0 and taking the second matchup 3-0. Clackamas improved their record to 19-3 in going 4-0 last week.

Brenda Ruppel threw a three-hit shutout and collected the win in the first game.

The Cougars scored two runs in the first inning and one run in the second inning.

Michelle Kolbo led Clackamas in hitting in going two for three with three RBIs. Rachel Kidder went two for four, with three runs, and two bases stolen. Third baseman Danielle Madigan went two for three with one RBI. Madigan has been hitting well in the past few weeks.

In the second game, Candee Stanley had a one-hit shutout in

leading Clackamas to the victory in her sixth consecutive league appearance. Brandi Kamrath scored on a wild pitch and Michelle Kolbo hit a two-run single. Catcher Tracey Scharer got a rare start behind the plate for the Cougars, drawing praise from Cougar coach Paul Fiskum.

On May 2, due to wet conditions and an earlier rainout at home, Clackamas played a doubleheader against Green River Community College in Hood River. The Cougars defeated the Gators, 13-1 and 11-2. Both games went five innings.

Ruppel threw four solid innings in the first game and gave up only two hits. Alicia Scott, also known as Pee-Wee to her teammates, went two for four with one single, a double and one run scored. Maja Wirkkila went one for three. She scored two runs and had two RBIs. Korrine Wellin

went one for three with two RBIs, with one double in the first inning knocking in two runs. Eight of the nine starters had a base hit.

Stanley threw two innings in the second game. Dawn Beard finished up the game on the mound for Clackamas. Scharer led the Cougars in hitting, going two for three, scoring two runs and one RBI. Holly Lorenz went one for three with two RBIs. Fiskum was pleased with the hitting of the day and the excellent defense the Cougars showed.

Clackamas will travel to Longview today to play Lower Columbia College at 3 p.m. The Cougars will also be on the road Friday when they head to Coos Bay to take on Southwestern Oregon CC in a 1 p.m. matchup.

The Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Tournament will be held at Portland's Irv Lind Park on May 19-20.



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