

Early losses earn baseball team quick tournament exit

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The Clackamas baseball team lost its first two games in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Tournament and was quickly eliminated.

Despite playing well in the second game against Edmonds CC, Clackamas found itself out of the tournament and thinking about next year.

The Cougars went 8-2 at the end of the season to take second place in the Southern Region and reach the NWAACC Tournament.

"The tournament was a great experience for our players and a great landmark for our program," said Head Coach Robin Robinson. "The appearance in the tournament allowed our players to be seen and many were recruited by four-year colleges."

The Cougars played Lower Columbia College in the tourna-

ment opener. Jeremy Palki and Pete Valentine gave up a combined seven unearned runs as Clackamas lost, 8-1. The Red Devils went on to win the tournament with a win over Southern Region Champion Mount Hood CC in the championship game on Monday.

George Dearborn and Coyle pitched the second game against Edmonds CC, which Clackamas lost, 6-5. Justin Henderson got three hits, with J.D. Bigalow, Jason Mann and Jayson Obermiller all got two hits in the loss. The game was tied 5-5 going into the eighth inning, but Coyle walked a player and a Clackamas infielder fumbled a catch to give Edmonds the win.

Clackamas stranded nine players on base, which added to everything else that went wrong for the Cougars.

"A great game," Robinson said. "We just didn't get the hits

when we needed them, and they (Tritons) did. It was a great experience to learn from."

Tyson Vermillion was a first team all-NWAACC selection, while Allen Coyle and Palki were both second team picks.

Pitchers Palki and Coyle, received first team honors in the Southern region.

Vermillion, outfielder and Jason Mann, third baseman. Brian Itami, first base, and Jason Henderson, second base all received second team all-Southern Region honors.

"We will be back to the tournament next year, and we'll be back to win, now that the players know what the tournament is like and what it's about," Robinson said

Five of this year's key players will be returning next year, which will give Clackamas a reasonable chance to return to the NWAACC championships.

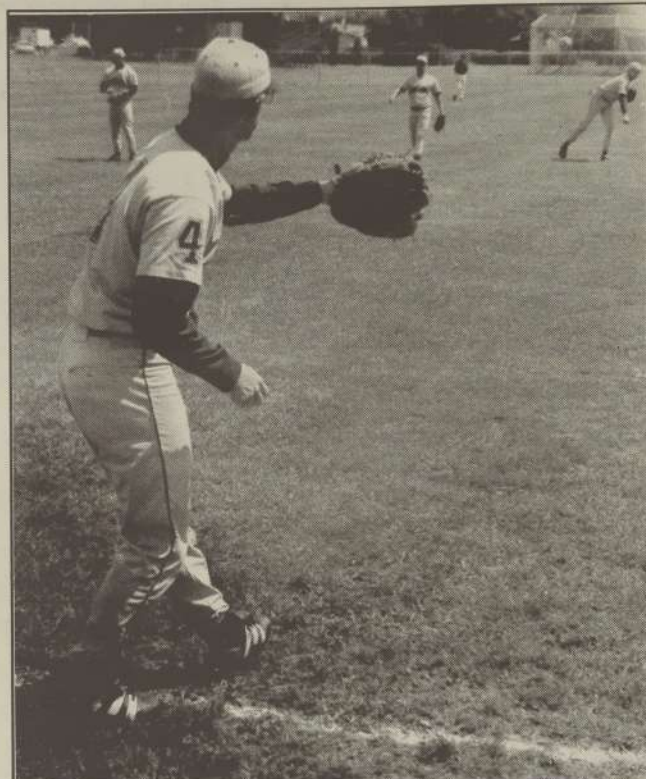


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The Clackamas baseball team lost both of its games in the NWAACC tournament last week. The Cougars were defeated by eventual champion Lower Columbia College, 8-1, and Edmonds Community College, 6-5.

Sanders, Fairchild lead track teams in Spokane as men take third, women fourth at NWAACC Meet

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The Clackamas Track and Field Teams came up with another round of gutsy performances last Thursday and Friday at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Meet in Spokane, Wash.

The men's team finished third and the women's team fifth in the last meet of the year deciding the regional champion. Only a lack of depth kept the Cougars from challenging for the NWAACC titles.

The Clark CC men's team won the meet with 194.5 points followed by Lane CC (121), Clackamas CC (96), Spokane CC (82), Highline CC (80.5), Mt.

Hood CC (25), Bellevue CC (14), Grays Harbor CC (10), Chemeketa CC (8), Linn-Benton CC (6), Umpqua CC (6), Lower Columbia College (4) and Southwestern Oregon CC (4).

The men were led by middle distance standout Leo Sanders, who finished first in the 1500-meter race in 3:57.61 and second at 800 meters in a personal record time of 1:52.74.

Brent Roeger placed second in the 3000-meter steeplechase in 9:35.97. Dean Rowell was third at 5000 meters in 15:55.16. Scott Bills crossed the finish line in third place at 1500 meters in a personal record time of 4:07.53.

Quinton Robinson had a season's best time of 49.34 at 400 meters in taking fourth. Jim

Miller placed in all three of the throwing events. Miller took fourth in the discus (140-1), fifth in the shot put (45-3.75) and sixth in the hammer (146-3). Quinton Moffitt (44-11) and Jamie Jansen

placed third. Jim Hagemann was sixth in the javelin at 184-1, which is his personal record.

The men's 400-meter relay team of Robinson, Jansen, Thompson and Connors placed fourth with a season's best time of 42.73.

The Lane CC women's team won the meet with 171 points followed by Mt. Hood (133), Clark CC (75) Clackamas CC (49), Bellevue CC (44), Lower Columbia College (40), Spokane CC (32), Chemeketa CC (20), Linn-Benton CC (13), and Southwestern Oregon CC (12).

Jaime Fairchild won the 10,000-meter race by more than a minute in a personal record time of 40:48.89. Fairchild also placed second at 5000-meters in 19:06.99.

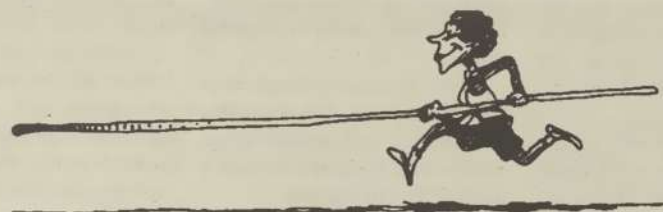
"That was a very sound per-

formance for a freshman," said Hodges of Fairchild's 10,000-meter finish. "She just ran away from everybody."

Annie Boitano placed third at 10,000 meters in 42:12.19 and sixth in the 5000-meter race. Rebecca Graham was third at 5000 meters in 19:24.6.

Kami Sisk was fifth at 100 meters (12.94) and sixth in the 100-meter high hurdles (15.74). Kathy Shuey was fifth in the 400-meter dash in 60.65. The 400-meter relay team of Sisk, Shuey, Christie Wells, and Marea Crowe was fourth in 50.54. The 1600-meter relay team of Wendy Johnson, Shuey, April Lohrey, and Fairchild took third in 4:07.78.

Hodges believes the keys to success for next year's squad will be to fill some gaps in the lineup and get strong commitments from the returning freshmen. Hodges expects the teams to be strong next year with several quality people returning.



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