

CCC softball on winning streak with 9-1 record

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After a week of road games, the Clackamas Women's Softball team is at the top of their division with a 9 and 1 standing.

Saturday's doubleheader against Olympic City College in Bremerton, Wash. was one of their best showings according to Coach Paul Fiskum.

"We've played and beat Olympic four times. But they're a well-coached group of players. We always enjoy playing against them because good players always increase our awareness," says Fiskum.

A right-before-the-game decision pitted Clackamas' Brenda Ruppel against OCC. Ruppel recovering from an injured elbow (suffered while sliding into third during Tuesday's game against South Puget Sound) allowed only one run on one base hit in the five inning game. She struckout four batters and walked only one to bring her record to 6 and 1.

The spirited bats of Clackamas worked their magic. "Every player in the line-up scored a run and two runs were scored in each inning," boasted Fiskum.

Leading batters included Holly Lorenz who went 3 for 3, making three singles, 1 RBI and one run scored. Cori Menzia also went 3 for 3, with 1 single, 2 doubles and 2 RBI's. Lisa Gander went 1 for 2 and scored 2 RBI's.

By the fifth inning the Cougars were 10 runs ahead. Olympic got a runner on base by a walk. The next batter brought her

home on a triple, scoring their only run. Final score 10 to 1, Clackamas.

The second game netted the Cougars a 5 to 1 victory. "It was a close game most of the way," said Fiskum.

The score was 1 to 0 in the first inning. It was tied up in the third. Olympic then took a 2 to 1 lead in the fifth. Clackamas scored two runs in the sixth and came back with 1 in the 7th for the win.

Robin Lisak pitched a full game, allowing only one run on six base hits. The single run, scored on an error, marred what would have been a shutout by Robin.

"Putting an exclamation point on the day we had was the home run by Holly Lorenz," boasted the Cougars coach.

The over the fence hit "left the park in a hurry, it was a shot. It was the farthest hit we've seen," he said. The ball left the park at the 200 foot mark over a 20 foot high fence.

Lorenz was 2 and 4 and scored two runs. Lisa Gander scored one run, brought one batter in and was 2 for 3. Robin Voil had 2 base hits and also scored one run.

"Overall we're real happy with the way we're playing. Each team member is contributing on every play. Pitching is great, hitting is good and we have a pretty good defense," expressed the softball coach.

Tuesday's games against South Puget Sound netted pitcher Brenda Ruppel another shutout.



photo by Chad Patteson

Standout hitter Holly Lorenz had the farthest hit on Saturday against Olympic.

According to the coach, the women's team gave Puget a sound beating in the 9 and 0 win in the first game.

Double hitters included Denise Haselwood going 2 for 2 with 2 RBI's, Cori Menzia went 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's and Joell Whitton going 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's.

"We had a nice, solid performance that we're coming to expect," said Fiskum.

Despite their solid performance, the team was kind of shocked when Puget beat them 2 to 1 in the second game.

"We were disappointed initially. We played well, hit hard, but hit the ball right to them. Their shortstop made three outstanding plays. Hats off to her," declared the Cougars coach.

Pitcher Lisa Gander got hit on the thigh during the first in-

ning. Robin Lisak was ill and couldn't pitch. The duties fell to Brenda Ruppel. Pitching with a strained elbow sustained during the previous inning while sliding into third, Ruppel ended up with her first league loss.

Strong hitters included Cori Menzia and Robin Voil who both went 2 for 3.

Wednesday's games against Green River City College brought the Cougars 5-0 and 4-2 wins, respectively.

According to the coach, they

have a big week ahead when they meet up with their number one rival, Lower Columbia City College at home on Tuesday. Stats will appear in next week's Print.

On Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. they will play in the Erv Lind Stadium on NE 57th and Halsey.

"It's probably the nicest softball facility in the Northwest. I really would like to encourage students, staff and family to come out and cheer us on in our first games against Mt. Hood Community College," urges Fiskum.

Clackamas Cougars Women's Softball Pitching Stats

Pitcher	Wins	Losses
Robin Lisak	6	0
Brenda Ruppel	6	1
Lisa Gander	3	0
Cori Menzia	0	0

Cougar Baseball wins two games against Lane CC

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Cougar Baseball had a couple of great wins last week. On Saturday they played Lane Community College and won both games.

The first game went 13 innings against the Titans.

"The game was very intense and emotional," stated Robin Robinson, CCC head coach.

Cougars scored one in the fourth and one in the fifth. At the top of the 8th inning Cougars were ahead 2-0. Lane scored three runs in the 8th, which were a hit by error and hit by pitch.

At the bottom of the 8th, CCC's Jason Gillespie lead off with a single, and Jeremy Mann had an RBI. Jason Mann had a single as well. The 10th inning Clackamas had bases loaded, but had no runs. The Titans' defense was so good that in the 11th inning the Cougars had a man on third and couldn't score.

By the 13th inning bases were loaded with no one out, but CCC ended up stopping the Titans from scoring. The bottom of the 13th Cory Rooper lead off with a double and Jeremy Hubbard had an RBI single to score Rooper. The final score was 4-3.

The pitchers for the day were

Justin Duling who pitched the first six innings, and Ryan Moore, who has a record of four and two finished up the game.

"We're starting to come together as a team which helps us to win. I think the reason why we're so successful as a team is that we have a lot of momentum and enthusiasm," said Moore

The second game against Lane, CCC had three great hits in the first inning. Brad Taylor lead off with a single, Rooper had a single as well, and stole second base. A sacrifice fly ball allowed Taylor to score. Jeremy Mann hit a double and scored Taylor and Rooper.

Lane scored one in the 3rd and one in the 6th inning. In the 6th inning the score was 5-2 with Lane being ahead. The bottom of the 6th, CCC had a couple single hits by Jeremy Hertner and Jason Mann. Chris Schilling hit a double with bases loaded that scored two runs. Taylor hit another single that scored two more. Hubbard got up and hit a double that scored the last two runs, which left the final score Cougars 9, Titans, 5.

Pitchers for the game were Jason Gardner and Owen Carter.

Last Tuesday the Cougars

played the Linfield Wildcats and lost both games. Up until the 5th inning the score was zero-zero. Jeremy Mann walked and Chris Schilling had a single and stole second base. Chris Engerman walked as well, which caused bases to be loaded.

Rooper had two hits at four bats, with two RBI's; on one of the singles, he drove two runs in.

"I'm seeing the ball really well right now," Rooper said. "The game is full of streaks and slumps and right now I am in a good streak."

In the 7th inning, the score was tied 2-2 with two men on base.

In the top of the 8th there were no runs. In the bottom of the 8th inning the Wildcats had a double and a single which scored the winning run, and left the game with a final score of 3-2 in favor of Linfield.

The second game against Linfield also was zero-zero up until the last two innings. Rooper was two for four and was the leading hitter of the day.

The Cougars had two outs, then walked one. Linfield brought in a pinch hitter who hit a two run home run, giving the Wildcats a 2-0 win.

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