

## Cougars swing into action

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The Clackamas baseball team started the weekend on a roll but struggled against Columbia Basin's defense.

The Cougars beat the Hawks 15-10 in the top of the first of two doubleheaders. Adam Edwards hit a grand slam in the sixth inning, giving Clackamas a decisive 13-3 lead. Seth McCracken went two for three and had three RBIs. Freshman Eric Johnson started on the mound and got the first win of the season. Head Coach Robin Robinson noted that Johnson "pitched a great game."

In the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, the Hawks beat Clackamas 12-3 and doubled the Cougars' hits with 10. Corey Rooper went 2-3 and had a triple. First baseman Adam Edwards was a perfect 2-2 at bat and had an RBI double. Catcher Jeremy Hubbard added an RBI on a single.

On Sunday, Clackamas improved their offense with five runs but fell to Columbia again 5-11. Edwards stepped up his play and went 3-4 with two RBIs and a home run. Rooper added a double homer.

Clackamas led in the fourth game and lost by one, 8-7. Clackamas was able to take a 6-3 lead at the end of the third inning with three back-to-back singles and "three perfect double steals."

McCracken led the team at bat with two RBIs, a walk and a sacrifice fly. Erik Netherton went 3-4 and had an RBI. Chris Bentley pitched the game and struck out four Hawks and walked no one.

"It was exciting to go and play an actual game. Everyone got a chance to play," said Robinson on the double doubleheader.

Last year Clackamas ended the season on a three game winning streak and placed second in the Southern Region but were unable to place in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Championships. The Cougars have nine sophomores, four returning from last year's team.

"We have about a 50-50 split [in sophomores and freshman] who will be on the field," said Robinson.

Clackamas shows some of its youth on the mound.

"We have a good young pitching staff. We are working with them and they should get better," said Robinson.

The Cougars have some quick runners and Robinson sees stealing bases as one of their strengths.

"We have the best foot speed of any team I have had at Clackamas. In the last couple of years we have been near the top in NWAACC in steals," said Robinson.

Robinson sees Clackamas as a contender in the NWAACC Southern Region.

"I will say this: we will be in the hunt, one of the top two or three teams for the league [region] title," commented Robinson.

Clackamas will play their first home games in a doubleheader Saturday against Olympic College.

# Track team soars over opponents

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The track team is off and running, achieving many personal records, qualifying marks and some of the best times and distances in Clackamas history.

Clackamas' second outdoor meet was last weekend. The event was a nonscoring meet.

"We're working on improvements and good marks at this point in time, and they're really happening," said Coach Mike Hodges.

The "Linfield Icebreaker" was a good match for the Cougars. They had especially outstanding performances in distance races.

Sophomore Travis Armstrong came in second in the men's 10,000-meter run with a time of 31:46.94. It was Armstrong's first time ever running this event, and it proved to be successful.

In addition to placing so well, Armstrong achieved a qualifying mark and placed fifth for the fastest time in Clackamas history.

"He only lost by two-tenths of a second. It was probably the most exciting race of the whole day," commented Hodges.

Also placing in the 10,000-meter run was sophomore Evan Goin. He placed eighth with a time of 33:00.84. Goin beat his personal record by 50 seconds and received his qualifying mark for the Northwest Championship.

Freshman David Lammar finished in tenth place with 33:39.84. His time was a per-



Photo by Joel Coreson

**Five athletes placed in the top three at the "Linfield Icebreaker" last weekend. The track team is preparing for the Western Oregon Preview this Friday.**

sonal record and a qualifying mark. This was one of the fastest first attempts ever from a freshman.

In the women's 10,000-meter run, freshman Jennifer Rae placed third and achieved a qualifying mark, a personal record and fourth place on the Clackamas all-time best list. Her time was 39:51.54.

Just behind Rae was sophomore Mishe Simantel who placed fifth with a time of 41:05.24. Her time was also a qualifying mark, a personal record by two and a half minutes and the eleventh best ever on the all-time list.

In the men's 1500-meter run, freshman Andy Bradley placed third with 4:01.64. Bradley's time was a personal record and a qualifying mark.

Bradley also competed in the 800-meter run with first place in the second heat of the race. His time was 2:00.14.

Freshman David Lee did well in the 1500. He placed first in the third heat of the race and also set a personal record of

4:15.44.

In the 400-meter hurdles event, freshman Drew Evensen placed fourth in the second heat of the race. His time was 58.87.

In the women's 1500-meter run, freshman Kendal White placed first in the second heat of the race for an overall placing of eighth. This was a personal record and a qualifying mark.

Also in the 1500, freshman Jaime Reidy placed twelfth in the second heat of the race with a time of 5:29.54.

In the women's 3000-meter run, sophomore Rebecca Graham placed third with a time of 10:55.24. Her time was a qualifying mark and her fastest time since 1993.

In the hammer-throw event Sophomore Shawn Davis placed third and achieved a personal record with a distance of 175'6".

Davis also placed fourth in the shot put event with a season's best distance of 45'3".

Freshman Aaron Stacey placed eighth in shot put at a distance of 42' 7 1/2".

In the women's discus event, sophomore Kristi Chamberlen placed fourth with a distance of 117'3". She also set a personal record in the hammer throw. She beat her previous best by 15'. Her distance was 104'1".

In the men's javelin, freshman Heath Fisher placed second with 187'5". His throw was the eighth best ever at Clackamas. In sixth place was Scott Hein with a distance of 174' 7 1/2".

In the Pole Vault event sophomores Eli Townsend and Bill Jones tied for third place with a distance of 15'7". For Townsend, his distance was a 5" personal record.

Overall, the team did very well at the meet last weekend.

"Our distance runners were just super," said Hodges.

The assistant coach for distance running Jack Kegg deserves a lot of credit, according to Hodges.

The next meet will be on Friday at Western Oregon State University in Monmouth. The team is expected to continue to do well in the "Western Oregon Preview."

### Track Highlights

<b>Men's 10,000</b>	
Travis Armstrong	2nd
<b>Women's 10,000</b>	
Jennifer Rea	4th
Mishe Simantel	5th
<b>1,500</b>	
Andy Bradley	3rd
<b>Hammer-toss</b>	
Shawn Davis	3rd
<b>Discus</b>	
Kristi Chamberlen	4th
<b>Javelin</b>	
Heath Fisher	2nd
<b>Pole Vault</b>	
Eli Townsend	3rd

BASEBALL		
Home		
3/15 Olympic College (DH)		12 p.m.
3/20 Linfield College (DH)		1 p.m.
3/24 Centralia College (DH)		1 p.m.
3/25 Centralia College (9 inn.)		1 p.m.
4/8 Linn Benton CC (DH)		1 p.m.
4/15 Chemeketa CC (9 inn.)		1 p.m.
4/18 SWOCC (9 inn.)		3 p.m.
4/19 SWOCC (DH)		12 p.m.
4/22 Mt. Hood (DH)		1 p.m.
4/26 Lane (DH)		1 p.m.
Away		
3/15 Olympic College (9 inn.)		1 p.m.
3/29 Mt. Hood CC (DH)		1 p.m.
4/1 Lower Columbia (9 inn.)		6 p.m.
4/5 Lane (DH)		1 p.m.
4/12 Chemeketa (DH)		1 p.m.
4/24 Linfield (9 inn.)		3 p.m.
5/3 Linn-Benton (DH)		1 p.m.

(DH) Double Header

### Cougar Calendar

TRACK			
Fri.	3/14	Western Oregon	Monmouth, OR
Sat.	3/22	Tri Cities Invite	Pasco, WA
Mon/Tues	3/24-25	Linn Benton	Albany, OR
		Hep/Decathlon	
Sat.	3/29	Southern Preview	Home
Sat.	4/5	Willamette Open	Salem, OR

SOFTBALL		
Home		
3/15 Highline (DH)		12:30 p.m.
3/30 Western Oregon (DH)		2:30 p.m.
4/12 Olympic College (DH)		2 p.m.
4/13 SWOCC (DH)		1 p.m.
4/25 Lower Columbia (DH)		3 p.m.
4/26 Centralia College (DH)		2 p.m.
5/1 S. Puget Sound (DH)		3 p.m.
5/3 Green River (DH)		12 p.m.
Away		
3/22 Utah Valley CC (DH)		2 p.m.
3/24 Snow College (DH)		2 p.m.
3/25 Dixie College (DH)		2 p.m.
4/4 Centralia College (DH)		10 p.m.
4/5 Lower Columbia (DH)		1 p.m.
4/16 Mt. Hood (DH)		6 p.m.
4/17 Pierce College (DH)		5 p.m.

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