

Hubbard lifts Clackamas over Chiefs

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Donkey Basketball: Get your 'ass' on the court

The Clackamas Chamber Choir is holding their annual "Donkey Basketball" contest on April 24 in Randall Gym at 7 p.m.

The money raised will support the choir's participation in the Estonian West Coast Song and Dance Festival in Vancouver, B.C.

The game entails players straddling the backs of donkeys while riding up and down the hardwood floor of the court.

The cost is \$4 for students, \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children (K-6) and seniors.

That's more my speed!

Slow Pitch Softball Leagues are now forming on campus.

The league format includes a complete round robin of weekly double-headers, plus a Championship Tournament. Each team is guaranteed 16 games. League play begins May 27.

For further information, call ext. 2298.

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For Catcher Jeremy Hubbard and the Clackamas baseball team, things seem to be coming together.

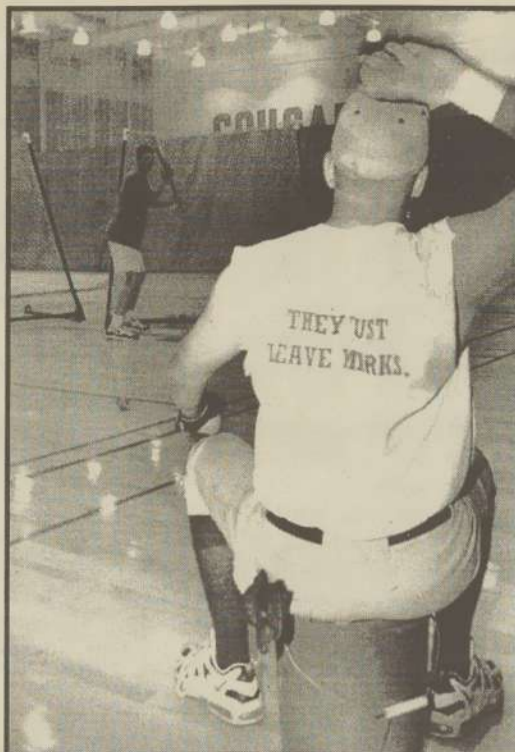
On a rare day, the grass was dry and the sun was shining as the Cougars faced off against the rival Chemeketa Chiefs on Thursday. The Clackamas offense started early. They jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning behind the hitting of Hubbard who, according to Head Coach Robin Robinson, has been quiet at the plate lately.

“He's been slumping a little bit,” said Robinson, “but he came up big for us against Chemeketa.”

Hubbard finished the afternoon with a two doubles and the game-winning home run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Starting pitcher Jeff Williamson's lead lessened as Chemeketa came back to score four runs in the fourth inning.

The Chiefs eventually chased Williamson from the mound, which brought Brad Ruchaber into the line up. Ruchaber pitched one and one-third innings, giving up two runs off



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Coach Robinson and the Cougars are hoping for dry weather for the remainder of the season. The next five out of six games will be played on their home field.

four Chemeketa hits. Matt White replaced him in the seventh inning and gave up one hit while striking out four batters. The Chiefs tied the game at 7-7 in the eighth inning.

With speedy Jess Yoder, Chemeketa's lead-off batter in the ninth inning on base, Clackamas fell in a hole to early in the final inning of the game. Yoder, who had only been caught stealing a base once this season, jumped on White's pitch and took off for second base. Hubbard quickly fired down to second, nailing Yoder by four or five steps. Chemeketa's half of the ninth inning ended soon after Yoder's out.

The momentum shifted back to the Cougars for their final three outs.

Hubbard came to the plate and faced a 2-2 count. He then unleashed on Luke Caldwell's next pitch, sailing the ball over the right-centerfield fence. The solo home run won the game for the Cougars, 8-7.

Alongside Hubbard, Brad Taylor batted three for four. Adam Edwards hit two for two.

“We feel like we're starting to play better and better everyday,” said Robinson. “We just have to hope that the weatherman will be good to us.”

Clackamas has home games scheduled for tomorrow against Linfield College. On Friday, they play against Southwestern Oregon Community College and Saturday, against Lane Community College.

Softball: Seven game winning streak

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Pierce faced a hot Clackamas team in the second game of the afternoon. The Cougars never looked back after scoring four runs in the first, beating Pierce 21-0 in four innings. There were five triples, but no home runs. Kelley Comstock gave up only five base hits on 14 at bats in a shut-out.

Eight Cougars scored in the game. Five Cougars had two runs a piece in the third inning. Clackamas knocked in 13 runs and stretched the lead to 17.

“That is the biggest inning [13 runs] I remember ever having. All but one player scored in the third inning,” said Fiskum. “They [Pierce] only had four errors. We hit the ball very well.”

Jody Koehler had four runs, four RBIs and went four for four in the game. Comstock led the team with four runs and three RBIs on three for three hitting. Kriss Demos hit in three runners and had three runs.

Clackamas got revenge on Sunday, beating Mt. Hood 5-1 after losing to the same pitcher earlier in the week.

“We split against Mt. Hood last Wednesday. We wanted to go out there and prove something. We were glad we got another chance at that pitcher after Wednesday's game,” said Fiskum.

“She [Lisak] came in in the fourth with the bases loaded [and left them stranded],” said Fiskum. “No one has been able to touch Robin in the last four games. Her speed has really improved this [past] week.”

Soldani had two runs. Dawn Davis had a run and an RBI on two of two

batting.

Clackamas beat Spokane 6-0 Sunday afternoon.

The Cougars scored all six runs in the first three innings and then coasted the rest of the way. Jackie Obrist led the way with two RBIs. Freshman Megan Thompson had a hot bat with three base hits in four at bats.

Thompson has now moved ahead of Robin Voil as the team's lead hitter with a .478 batting average. She hit four of five in the tournament, including two long sacrifice flies in the Pierce game.

The Cougars showed their depth over the weekend. Some of the less recognized players got a chance to make a contribution.

Fiskum said having too many solid players “is one of those good kinds of problems.”

Soldani went four for six in the tournament, including three runs, a triple and a sacrifice fly. Davis was perfect in six at bats, including a triple in the Mt. Hood game after Lisa Hosford went out with a jammed finger.

“Dawn stepped in and did a great job for us,” said Fiskum.

The Cougars start a six game home stand today against SWOCC at 2 p.m. Clackamas will face arch rival Lower Columbia on Friday.

Clackamas
vs.
Pierce
(April 19)

- 23-0 (four innings)
- 13 runs in third inning
- Comstock pitched a shutout
- 18 hits in 28 at bats

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