

Cougar Sidelines

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.

Racquetball exchange

Clackamas is hosting this term's racquetball tournament at the Eastside Athletic Club (off McLoughlin Avenue in Milwaukie).

All Clackamas students, faculty and staff are welcome. Chemeketa and Mt. Hood will also participate in the tournament.

There is a cost for entering.

"People should participate if they want to have fun and meet new friends," said Racquetball Coach Kathie Woods.

For more information contact Woods at ext. 2418. Coordinators need to be contacted by Wednesday, May 28.

Basketball Rally Try-outs

Have you got that Cougar spirit? Want to cheer on your friends in their quest for an NWAACC championship next winter? Men and women interested in being part of next year's Clackamas Basketball Rally squad can sign up or find information in the Student Activities Office [CC 140] from May 12-26.

Cougars go deep

JOHN THORBURN
Assistant Sports Editor

The Clackamas baseball team is hitting the ball well, very well.

On Saturday, the Chemeketa Chiefs found that out the hard way.

In the opening game of a doubleheader, the Cougars broke open a close 4-2 game in the eighth inning by unleashing eight runs. The score was then 12-2. The 10-run mercy rule went into effect and the game was over. The victory marked the sixth consecutive win for Clackamas.

Jeremy Hubbard was two for four with two RBIs. Adam Edwards was three for four, and Josh Kelsey went three for five at the plate with three runs scored.

"It was really great for [Kelsey] to come in and have a big game," said Head Coach Robin Robinson. "He hasn't seen a lot of action lately, but he played real well for us."

Right-hander Jeff Williamson pitched the win, raising his record to 5-1.

In the second game of the afternoon, Ryan Suyama broke open a 2-2 tie by doubling in the fifth inning. Edwards followed him with an RBI single that scored Suyama from second base for the go-ahead run to make the score 3-2.

Hubbard and Corey Rooper both went two for three at the plate, while Erick Johnson [3-2] got the win.

The Cougars's week started out strong in a single game against the 1996 league champion Lane Titans. Both teams put up big numbers on the scoreboard, but Clackamas' hits seemed to go a little farther.

Rooper led the way -- batting four for six with three RBIs. Two of Rooper's hits were homeruns. Hubbard went two for



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Adam Edwards drove in Ryan Suyama for the go-ahead run in a 3-2 win over Chemeketa.

four including one home run with two RBIs and three runs scored. Brad Taylor also hit a home run while Suyama was three for six.

The Cougars won the game 15-13 behind starting pitcher Matt White and Brad Ruchaber, who earned the win. Chris Bentley got the save.

Clackamas played at Mt. Hood yesterday in a critical game since the playoffs are approaching. Game information, however, was not available at press time. The Cougars went into the game tied for second place with the Saints of Mt. Hood.

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Clackamas vs. Chemeketa	
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Clackamas wins Southwest Division, seeks third straight NWAACC title

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Sports Editor

The softball team is preparing for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges tournament after finishing the season 18-6 in league play.

Clackamas has won two straight [NWAACC] championships and six in the last eight years. The Cougars feel they have a chance to "three-peat" this year.

"If we play well, we would not be surprised to win the [NWAACC] tournament," said Coach Paul Fiskum.

Clackamas could face league rival Southwest Oregon Community College in the second round Friday afternoon. The Cougars went 1-3 against SWOCC during the regular season, but do not feel the Lakers saw their best play.

"SWOCC hasn't seen us play our best tough softball," said Fiskum. "We are not worried. We would like to play them again."

The Cougars finished first in the Southwest Division. Clackamas' season ended early because of a rain out

on Tuesday and cancellation on Friday. Spokane, runner up last year to Clackamas, won the Northeast Division with only one league loss. However, Clackamas beat Spokane 6-0 in the Yakima Valley tournament championship in April.

Fiskum sees the team's depth as the team's greatest strength. Ten Cougars had at least a .300 batting average and five had 19 or more runs.

"We got key contributions from so many different people. It will make it hard at NWAACC [to make line-ups]," said Fiskum.

Kelley Comstock had the most runs scored with 30. He also had 25 RBIs and two home runs. Comstock is the only Cougar to have played in all 36 games.

Robin Viol led the team in batting average with a sizzling .402.

Before the season, Fiskum was concerned about pitching. But freshman Comstock (7-4) and Shawna Birnel (8-1) stepped up to help sophomore Robin Lisak (12-4).

Clackamas came back three times during league play, including a 7-0 deficit against Lower Columbia.

"This team is resilient. They don't stay down. They come back tough," said Fiskum. "I am not sure I have had a team that was better at coming back when down."

The NWAACC tournament will be held Friday through Sunday at Irv Lind Stadium. Clackamas' game will be against Walla Walla or Highline at 11:30 a.m. Friday. The stadium is at NE 57 and Halsey.



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First baseman Jody Koehler has the second-highest batting average at .373 and has 29 runs.

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1995 NWAACC Champions
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What: NWAACC Tournament
When: May 16-18, Irv Lind Stadium

Track: Cougars host NWAACC May 22-23

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Dante Betha placed second in the 200 meter dash. He earned a qualifying mark and was placed at number eight on the all-time list. His time was 21.99.

In the javelin, Heath Fisher placed first and set a personal record which got him fourth on the all-time list. His throw was 192'.

Scott Hein placed second with a distance of 180'08".

Jake Curtis placed sixth and set a personal record with a distance of 157'08".

"This was probably the best scoring event of the meet," said Hodges.

In the 1600-meter relay, Clackamas placed fourth and earned a qualifying mark with a team composed of Andy Bradley, Dave Lee, Kasey Johnson and Dante Betha. Their time was 3:24.71.

On the women's side of things, Rebecca Graham placed second in the 3000-meter run. Her time of 10:35 placed her at number seven on the all-time list.

Also in that event, Jennifer Rea placed second with a time of 10:55. Mishe Simantel placed fourth with a time of 11:03.67. Her time was a 15-second personal record.

In the shot put, Kristi Chamberlen placed third with a distance of 40'08". Her distance was a season's best.

Jaimee Brown placed first in the high jump. Her height was 5'02". She tied for number five on the all-time list. Her height was also a season's best.

In the javelin, Tristan Sharp placed first with a distance of 135'09".

Lareina Cota placed fifth in the preliminaries of the 200 meter dash. Her time of 26.70 earned a qualifying mark.

In the 1500 meter run Kendel White placed first, set a personal record and made number four on the all-time list with a time of 4:44.05.

Graham placed fourth and set a personal record with a time of 4:56.92.

Jenny Newell placed fifth with a time of 5:14.67.

In the 400-meter dash Jaimee Brown placed sixth, set a personal record, and earned a qualifying mark with a time of 1:01.60.

In the 100-meter dash, Michelle Wimberley placed fourth with a time of 12.79. She set a personal record and made number eight on the all-time list.

Cota took sixth place with a time of 12.91. She also earned a qualifying mark and set a personal record.

In the discus, Chamberlen placed fifth with a distance of 122'02".

Rea placed second in the 5000-meter run. Her time was 18:51.05.

Also in that event, Simantel placed fourth with a time of 19:36.30. She set a 14-second personal record.

In the 1600-meter relay, the Clackamas women placed third with a time of 4:09.82. The time was a season's best. The team consisted of Michelle Wimberley, Lareina Cota, Jaimee Brown and Kendel White.

Sharp placed sixth in the hammer with a distance of 104'09".

Overall, Hodges feels the team gave a very strong performance.

"We were ready for the meet, and so we performed at a high level," Hodges said.