

Champions: Demos powers team past Spokane

Clackamas players surround sophomore Kriss Demos after her three-run home run in the first game against Spokane on Saturday.



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Joell Whitton had a strong defensive showing in the game that helped shutout SWOCC.

"Joell Whitton had a great throw to third base to catch a girl stealing and picked off the same girl at first base. She is SWOCC's most dangerous base runner," said Fiskum. "She made two great plays that were instrumental in the win also."

Saturday was a rematch of last year's tournament. Clackamas beat Spokane twice to win the tournament. This is the second year Clackamas has had to beat Spokane twice on the way to the championship. Spokane, Clackamas and Lower Columbia are the only teams to win a NWAACC championship in the last eleven years.

"When I came into the league, Spokane was the powerhouse. Since I have been in the league, three schools have won the championship. Lower Columbia beat Spokane in the final in '94. Spo-

kane has got almost all second and third place," said Fiskum.

"Those people in Spokane have to wonder what they could have done without Clackamas in NWAACC. In the last two cross-over tournaments and the last two NWAACCs, we have beaten them four [total] times," said Fiskum.

Clackamas beat Spokane 4-3 in the first game after coming back twice.

"We basically came back twice. They scored on a ball that Kelly Comstock lost in the sun. We had trouble getting much going until the fifth," said Fiskum.

"We didn't have the great defense we had on Friday. We had two errors that contributed to runs. If we hadn't made any errors, Lisak would have had a shut-out," said Fiskum.

After going down 1-0 Stacy Peacock tied the game in the fifth.

"Stacey had a solid season when she got to play. It was a kind of situation where we had too many people. The people who were ahead were all sophomores," said Fiskum.

However, Clackamas went into the

bottom of the sixth down 3-1.

"Now we were down 3-1 and had two more chances to tie it up," said Fiskum.

Jackie Obrust and Koehler got on base in the first two at bats of the inning. With two outs, Demos stepped up to the plate and hit a three-run homer, giving the Cougars the lead for good.

"Demos earned her MVP [tournament] right there without a doubt. That is 'the' hit. You could very well say that hit won the tournament for us. If you lose that game, it is extremely difficult to do," said Fiskum.

Clackamas won the championship in '95, coming back through the losers' bracket.

"She got all of it [the ball]. Everyone was like 'It is gone!' There was no doubt. It left the park in a hurry and landed 30 feet beyond the fence. That is one of the more dramatic hits a kid can have in a life," said Fiskum.

Demos won the MVP beating out Lisak. Each coach gets one vote.

"More pitchers won the MVP than any other position. You could certainly have made a very good case for Robin. All the coaches voted. I only got one vote. It really came down to Kriss or Robin," said Fiskum. "A really deserving award, considering her RBI production for the tournament. Especially when you are down and you don't do what happened [the home run], you are probably going to lose a game."

"Kriss has had two good years for us, two-time all league player. To step up big as a batter like that, she has a lot of heart. RBIs for the tournament, Clackamas 12, Demos 6," said Fiskum.

After Spokane came back through the losers' bracket, Clackamas beat them 4-2 in them in the championship game Saturday afternoon. The Cougars jumped out to a two to nothing lead in the second.

"We jumped up to a 2-0 lead. Robin [Lisak] was in total control, shutting them down," said Fiskum.

Clackamas doubled the lead in the fourth with runs scored by Peacock and Obrust. "Another of the big hits of the tournament was a single to left center by Lisa Hosford knocking in two runs. Those two runs proved to be the game winning runs," said Fiskum.

Spokane came back with two runs, but Clackamas did not let up.

"Robin may have been getting tired by then [sixth inning]. She hadn't played 14 innings [in one day] all year. They

ended up scoring another run off three straight base hits. She had only given up three hits up until then [in the game]. She had six strike outs and two walks. Against a good hitting team like Spokane, that is a good day's work," said Fiskum. "We still had the two run lead. We were never in major trouble. She shut them down then in the seventh. Jackie Obrust had a real nice catch for the last play of the day. They hit it hard. Jackie made a real nice catch on it."

Jodi Koehler led the team in the season and during the tournament in batting average and got all-tournament honors.

"She led us in runs, scored four. She really knows her strike zone. She went 5-9 and had a couple of walks. She was on base eight times," said Fiskum. "She also made a major league slide in the Highline game, with a big old catcher on the plate coming in the back door. It isn't a play everyone can make. She had a great tournament, like she did all year."

Viol and Comstock also got all-tournament honors.

"Viol was our lead-off hitter. She went 4-13, but hit the cover off the ball. She knocked in a run when we were down 1-0 in the first Spokane game," said Fiskum.

"Comstock's performance was a combination of great pitching and batting. She started the tournament with a shut-out. She had solid hitting, but it wasn't up to her caliber," said Fiskum. "Mentally we were right where we needed to be. Not cocky, but totally confident. We really played well, jumping on that pitcher."

One of Clackamas' strengths throughout the tournament was bunting. Four Cougars had multiple sacrifice bunts. "We bunted as well as we have all year. We really focused on that. So many RBIs won't be there if you don't put the runners into the position," said Fiskum. "It looks so routine, but it is not easy. As a team, during the tournament, we had sacrifice bunts, and we executed very, very well."

Lisak, Viol, Koehler and Whitton will participate in the Sophomore All-Star game in Bremerton, Wash. Thursday. Fiskum feels six Cougars could go, but NWAACC rules say each team must have at least one player in the game. Demos will travel with the group and Fiskum hopes to get her in as an alternate.

Clackamas has won six championships in the last seven years. However, Fiskum notes that what this team did was special in itself.

"What these kids accomplished this year is what is important. They did it themselves. They came back from behind all year and that shows heart and character," said Fiskum.



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“Another of the big hits of the tournament was a single by Lisa Hosford [above] knocking in two runs. Those two runs proved to be the game winning runs.”

Paul Fiskum
Softball
Coach



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Joell Whitton was named to the Southwest Division All-Star team and will be playing in the Sophomore All-Star game, Thursday.

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