

Cougars split with Saints in slugfest

Clackamas and Mt. Hood combine for 53 hits and 56 runs in the doubleheader

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The time has come for Clackamas to play their best ball of the year.

The Cougars had a tough time winning last week and look forward to a tough one this week with the playoffs just three weeks away.

Clackamas played a doubleheader against Mt. Hood in Gresham on Tuesday, April 21.

The first game was a slugfest won by the Saints, 19-16.

Clackamas had little trouble with Mt. Hood pitchers, pounding out 15 hits. But the story of the game was the Cougars' lack of pitching and defense. Clackamas committed four errors in the game, allowed 16 hits and walked seven, giving the Saints a total of 27 baserunners.

The Cougar offensive attack was led by sophomores Ryan Suyama and Andy Ortmayer.

Ortmayer was 3-5 with a double, three runs scored and two runs batted in. Suyama was 3-6 with a double, a homerun, two runs scored and three runs batted in.

Freshmen Rian Alden and Cliff Johnson had two hits apiece and freshman Tim Fellows and sophomore Nick Miller each hit a homerun.

Freshman Joe Ewing started for Clackamas but lasted only one inning, allowing four runs, two of which were earned, on three hits.

Freshman Clayton Schofield was the most effective Cougar pitcher, allowing one hit and three earned runs in 3 2/3 innings.

Of the 19 runs given up by Clackamas, 10 were unearned.

The second game saw a lot of offense as well, but most of it was supplied by the Cougars.

Despite giving up four home runs, sophomore Bryan Hostetler pitched a complete game leading Clackamas to a 14-7 victory.

The Cougars used a six-run third inning to get out to an early lead and never looked back.

Sophomore Nick Miller led off the inning with a walk. After Johnson flied out to center, Ortmayer hit a homerun to put the Cougars up 5-1.

Sophomore Adam Edwards, Suyama, and Fellows hit consecutive singles to load the bases for sophomore Josh Kelsey. The Cougar second baseman singled in two runs to increase the margin to six.

After a strikeout and a walk, Miller came up for the second time in the inning and delivered with a single that plated two runs and put Clackamas up 9-1.

Edwards was 2-4 with a homerun, three runs, and two RBI's and Ortmayer was 2-5 with the one homerun, two runs, and two RBI's.

Suyama, Fellows and Kelsey had two hits and two runs apiece and Alden hit a solo homerun in the second, helping the Cougars outthit the Saints, 14-8.

On Saturday, Clackamas traveled to Eugene to take on Lane in a doubleheader.

Defense was again the problem for the Cougars as they were swept by the Titans, 12-9 and 6-3.

Clackamas fell behind 8-0 in the opener but got to within two runs after a six-run sixth inning. Fellows highlighted the inning with a three-run homerun. Fellows was 3-5 in the game with a double, a triple, a

homerun, two runs, and three RBI's, needing only a single to hit for the cycle.

Freshman Art Salinas was the losing pitcher, allowing 12 hits and five earned runs in 3 2/3 innings of work.

Game two saw some good pitching and defense. The Cougars fell behind 4-1 and could only get within one as the lost for the third time in four games.

Suyama was the lone bright spot for the Cougar offense, going 3-4 with a double and three RBI's. Freshman Jared Kinne was the only other Cougar with multiple hits, going 2-3 with a pair of singles.

The loss dropped the Cougars to 7-7 in the Southern Division and 10-15 overall.



JOHN THORBURN / Clackamas Print
Sophomore Adam Edwards hit a two-run homerun in the first inning of Game 2 against Mt. Hood last Tuesday. The Cougars won the game 14-7.



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Freshman Jared Kinne went 2-3 against Lane in Game 2 on Saturday.

Clackamas in top form as championships near

Track Records Fall Again

Personal

David Lemen:

Javelin, Pole

Vault

Chris Chatfield:

1500m

Jaye Wilder:

200m

Kevin Philbrook:

Pole Vault

Tristan Sharp:

Hammer

Jennifer Rea:

3000, 5000

Season

Men's 4x400:

3:24.71

Emily Schmierer:

5000

Anthea

DeJarnette:

5000

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The track and field team knows no boundaries.

The athletes have no limits.

Another week of competition came and went. Another list of records fell.

The men and women traveled to Monmouth to compete in the Western Open on Saturday.

With less than a month before this year's Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges [NWAACC] championships, the Cougars look to be in top form.

"The women distance runners were the highlight of the meet," said Clackamas Head Coach Jack Kegg. "Jennifer Rea was awesome while Emily Schmierer and Anthea DeJarnette ran fantastic doubles."

All three athletes competed in the 3000m and 5000m race for the double. Rea won the 5000 in a time of 18:38.17. The mark equaled her season's best. Rea also finished fifth in the 3000k in 10:39.86 for a personal best time. With the race, she moved to 10th on the school's all-time list.

Schmierer recorded a season's best time in the 5000 in 20:19.64 while finishing fourth. DeJarnette finished just behind her in fifth place in a time of 20:43.93.

"The 3000, 5000 double is as tough a double as there is at our level," noted Kegg. "All three ran season's-best time while completing this double."

Tristan Sharp had another successful meet—competing in both the hammer throw as well as the javelin.

Sharp captured the javelin event with a mark of 150'1" while finishing seventh in the hammer with a throw of 135'.

Her mark in the hammer throw was a personal record and also moved her into the second spot on the school's all-time list.

The men's team recorded equally impressive scores.

"The short relay team and pole vaulters were incredible," said Kegg.

The Clackamas 4x100 relay team won the event while setting a meet record, a school record and now leads the league.

The team of Ricardo Colon, Phil Elle, Robin Peters and Dante Betha finished in a time of 41.41.

Clackamas entered a second relay team in the event.

Otto Sanjdr, Jaye Wilder, Ricky Greiner and Tony Butkovich finished fifth in 43.71 to qualify for the championships.

David Lemen, Kevin Philbrook, Elle and Sanjdr were the team's four entries into the pole vault event.

Lemen finished third with a personal best mark of 16'1.25" while Philbrook recorded the same mark for a personal record but in more attempts to capture fourth.

The two athletes lead the NWAACC and moved up to third place on the all-time list.

Colon finished second in the 100m with a time of 11.02 while Betha finished behind only one runner in the 200m in 22.15. Wilder finished sev-

enth in the race in a personal best time of 22.92.

This weekend, a number of athletes will be competing in the NWAACC Decathlon Championships at Lane Community College in Eugene.

The Cougars will then split up the squad to compete in both the University of Oregon Invitational and the Clackamas Invitational on May 2.

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