

It's time for Brew, baby

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Hard-hitting Clackamas softball catcher Katie Brewster opens up and introduces herself on and off the field.

Katie grew up in McMinnville with a very loving family. Katie was the youngest of five siblings. Her family was very much into sports and it soon became a favorite past time of Katie's as well.

Katie grew up watching her older brothers play Baseball. At the tender age of three had a bat put in her hand and taught the game and played until she turned 13. At 13 Katie was introduced to Softball and switched from Baseball to Softball for over two years. At the age of 15 Katie decided to reach out to Softball and see where it took her. Katie has



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Sophomore catcher Katie Brewster has been the field general for Clackamas—anchoring a strong core of hitters while directing the defense from behind the plate.

since played the game adamantly.

"My dad has been a positive influence in my Softball experience," said Katie.

Katie's dad has coached her for over 15 years and according to Katie he probably will for a long time to come. Katie receives corrective sporting advice for her game from her dad as well as her coach, Paul Fiskum.

"Without a doubt, Brew is one of the best players we've had," said Fiskum, Clackamas' head softball coach.

"Coming out of high school Katie was considered one of the best players in Oregon," said Fiskum.

According to Fiskum, on the April 6 game against Mt. Hood in the second part of the game, the team lost their composure because he had. However, one of the good plays was by Katie "Brew" Brewster; she slammed the cover off the ball and was 2 for 4 in her hitting game.

"There weren't many places to play ball in McMinnville so my dad built a Softball/Baseball field in our backyard, as well as a batting cage," said Katie.

There are those that know her as Katie Brewster and those that know her as Brew, but her nickname originated from her family who, called her "Baby Brew," since she is the youngest in her family.

"Everyone in my family has nicknames and so it was only fair that I eventually got one." Said Katie.

Katie joined the Clackamas Cougars Fall term 1998 and has contributed her skill and tech-



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Katie Brewster, aka Brew, brings an extreme amount of talent and leadership to a young Clackamas softball team.

nique as a power hitter and a talented catcher since her arrival. Katie left Utah last year because of her grades and personal difficulties with her coach.

"We're glad we got her. We're lucky she left Utah," Said Fiskum.

"We practiced eight-hour days, and were really exhausted by the time we had our game," said Katie.

"Softball there seemed more like a 9-5 labor job rather than something I loved."

According to Katie the atmosphere there was very intense and serious. Clackamas is more relaxed and fun, allowing her to enjoy the game.

"I believe I was homesick," said Katie, regarding to her poor grades at Utah.

Katie is majoring in Parks and Recreational Therapy (PRT). She is currently enrolled at Clackamas to earn her Health Degree. Katie

hopes to transfer to PSU by next year.

"My best game this year was against SWOC on April 15," said Katie.

According to Brewster the first game went into overtime in the eighth inning. Katie had been injured in a previous game and didn't get to play her catcher position very much this game. However, she still had a 7-8 hitting game. Paul agreed in what were Katie's best games, but added that "she did very well at the Mt. Hood game."

"Katie is tough, But you will never get her to admit it. Katie's been playing with a sprained/bruised knee, and sprained finger, and a problem with her shoulder, but you'd never know it watching her, unless you know her," said Fiskum.

As in any sport there are strengths and weaknesses contributed by the players.

"My strength is my hitting," said Katie.

"My weakness is that I show too much feeling and sometimes let my emotions overrun me, allowing my attitude to get me down really fast," said Katie.

"Katie's hitting is great, great, great," Commented Fiskum, "Katie's quickness behind the plate could be improved, but she is still a very good player."

"I really respect her opinions on her own hitting. She has a good focus and knowledge of the game and its techniques," he added.

Although Katie "Brew" Brewster [#22] is one of 17-plus girls on the team, and it takes a group effort to win a game, she contributes to the victories for the Clackamas Cougars softball team. She plays with heart, passion, and determination a welcomed addition to the team; her talents will be missed next year. Good luck at PSU, Katie.

NFL Draft: A recap of five prospects

The NFL draft has finally come to a close. Two weeks ago I provided a scouting report on five of the top prospects. Here is a summary of where they were drafted and how their futures look.

Akili Smith



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Months of speculation about the future of quarterback Akili Smith came to a close on Saturday when the Cincinnati Bengals selected the Former University of Oregon quarterback.

Smith, the second-ranked passer in the nation last season, was chosen by the Bengals despite an offer of nine draft picks, including 3 first rounders the next three years.

"They turned down a lot of picks for the future of the Cincinnati

Bengals to get me. So? The responsibility is for me to turn this thing around," said Smith.

Smith's pro stock skyrocketed last season after the Ducks jumped out to a 4-1 record, defeating then number 24-ranked Michigan State and narrowly losing to second ranked UCLA in overtime. Before that, scouts considered Smith a little known prospect with a big arm. Now, Smith is being tabbed as the franchise quarterback for the Bengals.

What Smith gives the Bengals is a smart leader with a big arm and one of the biggest upsides of the players in this year's draft. He could turn out to be the best of the quarterbacks when it's all over. Smith's father, Ray Smith, predicted this pick will help get

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Saints run by Clackamas

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The Clackamas track and field squad turned in a strong performance at Saturday's Mt. Hood Duel meet in Gresham.

The host Saints, however, looked even stronger.

"We knew going into the meet that we would have our hands full," said Clackamas Head Coach Jack Kegg, "but we didn't expect Mt. Hood to be this tough."

The final standings in the men's events read: Mt. Hood 118, Clackamas 74.

"We had a lot of athletes, both on the men's and women's team score high in the first half of the meet but we didn't have very many score in the second half. We may have had an athlete win an event, but Mt. Hood would finish second, third and fourth which would give them more points.

"We're pleased with our performance because when we get to the region championships, we'll finish at the top again, but then the rest of the other teams will sort of weed out the next few places."

In the men's events, Ammon Bemis won the high jump with a leap of 6'5". Mike Bondadurer finished second at 5'10".

In the 100m, Tony Perkins won the race in 11.11 seconds.

Arlin Bauman placed third at 3:58.32 in one of the fastest times recorded in the conference this season in the 1500m race.

"Arlin stepped up real big for us," noted Kegg.

"He didn't feel real good in the 5k after that because he ran himself so hard but he held on to get some

points anyway. He came back in the last half mile and we haven't had someone that tough. He was a real warrior about it."

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Bauman finished fourth in the 5k at 15:42.35—three seconds behind Clackamas' Paul Kezes in third place.

In the 400m intermediate hurdles, Erik Anderson finished first with a time of 54.81.

"In the men's 800, Nick Faunce qualified for the NWAACC meet by equaling the needed mark of 1:58.70," noted Kegg.

Corey Loebl defeated four Mt. Hood throwers in the shot put to win with a mark of 43'8".

In the women's events, Mt. Hood

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