

Squad falls out of playoff race

After opening the season 4-1, the baseball team has lost 11 of 12

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The Clackamas baseball team began the season with high hopes of being number one in the league, but the team's high hopes have been slowly deflated as Coach Robinson's team is having a tough time pulling themselves out of their recent slump.

The squad played two games against Linn-Benton Tuesday, and played two games at home against Mt. Hood on Saturday. All four of the games ended in Cougar losses.

When the Cougars played Linn-Benton, it was a low scoring day on the Cougar side. In addition to lack of runs, the team accumulated eleven errors. Greg Palmer (3-4) pitched the first game against Linn-Benton, and the final score was 12-3, with 6 errors. Ryan Oliver (1-2) pitched the second game of the day, with a final score of 3-0 and a total of 5 errors.

"[Players] are coming onto the field expecting to lose. That has been a problem in the last few games," explained Assistant Coach Allan Coyle, in response

to the team's downslide on the field. "The team's morale needs to pick up."

The Cougars returned home Saturday to play Mt. Hood.

Palmer pitched the first game, losing 14-0, with nine errors. Schofield picked up the loss in the second game, 7-2, with only two errors.

In the second game of the day, fans saw a glimpse of the winning Cougars.

The team stepped off the field with a lower tally of errors, and Matt Cooksey had a good day of hitting.

"Matt Cooksey hit really well on that day. He hit 2-for-6, a double and a homerun. The homerun was the first of the season," said Coyle. "He hit really well for us. He has done very well against Mt. Hood all year."

The squad will have the opportunity to play two teams this week that they have beat earlier in the season.

The team played Chemeketa yesterday and will play Southwestern Oregon (SWOCC) Fri-

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[Above] Clackamas' Mike Armstrong fouls off a pitch in a 14-0 losing effort to Mt. Hood last Saturday.



[Left] Mt. Hood players congratulate their teammate after scoring a run against the Cougars.

day and Saturday at Coos Bay.

Results for yesterday's games were not available at press time. The Cougars are 3-1 against Chemeketa and they are 2-0 against SWOCC.

"We have gone back to basic drills and we are trying to build confidence through that. If they feel that they can do all of that stuff, then we feel that they will have a little more confidence in their game," explained Coyle, about rebuilding the team's confidence on the field. "So maybe we will make a little run and save face."

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