

Team playing well, but having trouble putting teams away

## Clackamas baseball having rough early season

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The Clackamas Cougar baseball team has suffered the late-inning blues lately, falling to 0-5 in the Southern Division standings.

Last Thursday, the Cougars had division leader Chemeketa on the ropes in game one of a doubleheader, leading 3-0 in the eighth inning. A combination of untimely pitching and shoddy defense led to a six-run outburst, which proved to be costly in Chemeketa's 6-3 win.

The Cougars' bad luck continued in the second game of the twinbill, with Clackamas being held to three hits in a 3-0 loss.

"We played pretty well, but we carried over the bad momentum from the first game and we just never could put anything positive together once the second game started," Head Coach Robin Robinson said. "Chemeketa has a very talented group of kids and when talented teams are on a roll many good things will happen with them; unfortunately, that was a bad thing for us."

The Cougars took on Linfield

College on Saturday at Cougar Field, with Clackamas getting outplayed in a 7-2 loss.

"Some of the same troubles that have been hitting us lately just came out against Linfield, although at a much earlier time," Robinson said. "Our timing in batting just wasn't there and Linfield took care of what they had to do to get the win."

"Our pitching has been solid, but not spectacular," stated Robinson. "Just like the rest of our game, if we could hold our momentum through until the end of the game instead of it just leaving us in the late innings, we would be much better off than we have been."

Clackamas began a long homestand yesterday with a doubleheader against Mt. Hood. Results were not available at press time but a complete recap of those games will be in the next edition of the Print.

"It's going to be good for us to play some games at home for a change; we just haven't had a lot of games on our own turf as of yet," said Robinson.

All Cougar home games begin at 1p.m.



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Cougar infielder Jeff Miken (11) slides into base with a run-producing double in the second inning in Clackamas' game with Chemeketa CC last Thursday. The Cougars eventually lost the first game of the doubleheader 6-3. CCC also lost the second game by a score of 3-0.

## Cougar softball loses doubleheader to champs

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The Lady Cougars lost both ends of a doubleheader on Monday to Lower Columbia CC. Lower Columbia is the defending champions this year and were expected to be a hard team to beat.

"We didn't have our best game, but we didn't play bad," said Head Coach Paul Fiskum.

Their pitcher was conference MVP her freshman year.

"We hit against her. We only

had one strikeout, and we hit a lot of line drives," said Fiskum.

Darcy Hertel hit two doubles during the first game but was injured while covering home plate. She was taken to the hospital, and was declared O.K., but didn't get to return for the second game.

"It was tough losing her," said Fiskum. The Cougars lost the first game by a score of 7-2.

Game two looked a little better for Clackamas. Holm pitched well and Cheristy Hargrave tied the game in the

fifth inning, hitting a triple, which knocked in Tiffany Lepschat. Later, Melissa Borde hit a single bringing home Hargrave. Unfortunately that wasn't enough. Lower Columbia got one more run to win the game 3-2.

The Lady Cougars softball team started their pre-season in Arizona, leaving with a 2-2 record.

The first game was against Chandler-Gilbert Community College on Friday March 23, where the Lady Cougars won in 10 innings.

Casey Lapp threw very well, tossing 11 strikeouts, and Cathy Lawrence hit a single bringing in Erin Murphy with the winning run in the top of the 10th inning.

In game two, Vanessa Holm pitched

well with eight strikeouts. Nicole Staley and Melissa Borde were the leading hitters of the game with two hits apiece. CCC won game two by a score of 6-4.

Also in Arizona, the softball team played against Scottsdale Community College.

"We played horribly," said Fiskum, referring to their 8-0 loss with seven errors made by the Cougars. Game two was better, but the Cougars suffered a 3-2 loss.

On March 30, the game against Mt. Hood Community College was moved to Clackamas.

"We played really well," said Fiskum. The Cougars took the win by a score of 6-4.

"We really hit the ball well," said Fis-

kum. Leading offensively were Cathy Lawrence, Darcy Hertel and Julia Driggers with two hits each. The Cougars had 11 base hits altogether. "We showed what we're really capable of," said Fiskum.

With four errors, the girls were down 6-3 entering the bottom of the seventh inning.

"It was one of the more exciting innings I've ever been around," said Fiskum. The Cougars retaliated with five base hits, bringing home four runs. Julia Driggers had the winning base hit, which brought Darcy Hertel home, winning the game 7-6.

The next game will be at home against Grays Harbor on April 13. Starting pitch is scheduled at 3p.m.

### Holliday sets U.S. junior college pole vault record

## Track returns from successful Stanford trip

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On the road is where the Clackamas track team has been lately. March 31 and April 1, the Cougars were in sunny California for the Stanford Invite.

Mary Murphy, the current NWAACC leader in the high jump, was able to capture sixth place overall with her 5' 7" jump. This is especially notable because most of the other jumpers were from Division I schools. Murphy was the only junior college competitor to place in the top 20.

In pole vaulting, Becky Holliday finished sixth, but her high point came a couple weeks prior. Holliday broke the national record for junior college pole vault and she now holds the record for highest jump.

Clackamas' other woman athlete who did exceptionally well at

Stanford was Krystal Schneider. Her 41' 5" shot put was the second farthest throw in her life.

Cory Loebl and Matt Solosabal were the leaders in the men's competition. Loebl broke Clackamas' record in discus by throwing 100' 2" at Stanford. Solosabal had an excellent run in the 5000, finishing at 15:28.94. This is a "great freshman time," according to Head Track Coach Jack Kegg.

After the weekend in California and a short break, the teams went to Coos Bay for the Southern Region Preview. This was another very strong showing for Clackamas, who had four athletes finish in the top five in their events, and five number one finishes. Jonas Welsh placed third in the 400 and also made a qualifying mark for this year's NWAACC Championships.

Matt Tondreau, who competed

in his first event of the year because of the conclusion of basketball, won the high jump, with a jump of 6' 2". He also placed fifth in the triple jump.

Rounding out the men's performances was Cory Loebl who out-threw the competition to win both the discus and shot put events.

Whitney Bond, who won the high jump with a 5' 2" finish, led the women. This was good enough for a top-10 performance in Clackamas' school history. Bond is number three in the NWAACC for high jump, behind her teammate Mary Murphy. Becky Holliday won the 200, placed second in the 100 and in the long jump. With all of these accomplishments, Head Coach Jack Kegg is pleased with how the season is going.

"We started well. We're a little stronger this year," said Kegg. "We have several conference leaders."



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