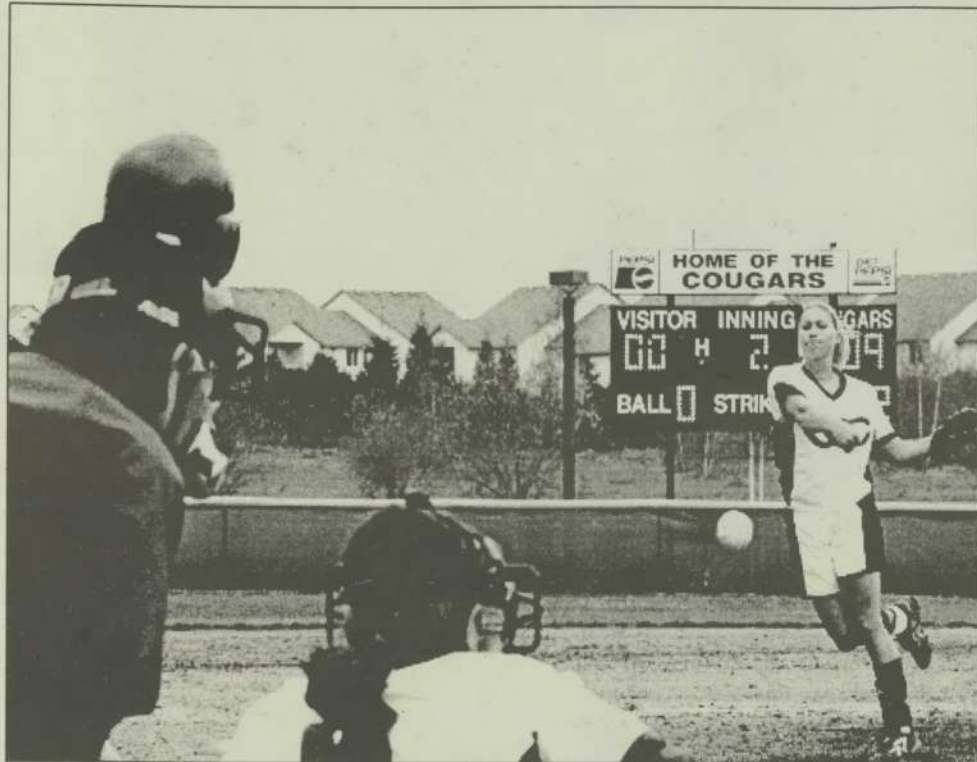


## Balance of offense and defense spark CCC

# Cougar softball defeats South Puget Sound, rips Grays Harbor



Vanessa Holm lets loose with another fastball against Grays Harbor College on Friday, pitching CCC to a 15-0 win during game one of a doubleheader. The Cougars also won the second game of the afternoon 15-0.

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It was a good day for the Lady Cougars last Monday with two wins against South Puget Sound, bringing the team's record to 7-3 in league and 9-5 overall.

In game one, the Cougars shut-out SPSCC 3-0. Vanessa Holm pitched a great game throwing seven strikeouts, allowing only five hits and zero walks.

Leading hitters for the game were catcher Julia Driggers, hitting two of three with one RBI, infielder Nicole Staley, also hitting two of three and outfielder Cheristy Hargrave hitting two of three with one RBI.

"We had a pretty good balance offensively, defensively and pitching," said Coach Paul Fiskum.

In game two, freshman pitcher Casey Lapp threw an outstanding game allowing one run, throwing three strikeouts and allowing two walks. The team had 12 hits total from players Lindsey O'Byrne, Tiffany Lepschat, Darcy Hertel, Lisa Hickman and Staley. Final score

was 9-1.

On Friday, the Cougars played Grays Harbor, winning both games by a score of 15-0.

"We did great, we played really well and we didn't play down to their level," said Fiskum.

According to Fiskum, the coaching staff tries to focus their attention on how well they are doing rather than if they win or lose. Winning is an added bonus.

"Everybody did just what they were supposed to do all day," said Fiskum.

Holm pitched well allowing two hits, three strikeouts and no walks. Lepschat hit all four times at bat, bringing in three runs. Hargrave hit a triple with the bases loaded producing three RBI's.

After a brief rain delay, Lapp pitched four strikeouts and no walks. "We had excellent pitching," said Fiskum. "Our offense was really, really balanced."

In game two, Staley contributed five RBI's and hit two of four at bat. Hargrave was two for three and hit the first homerun of the season in the first inning.

## Murphy, Holliday set new school records

# Men's track first, women second at Mt. Hood Relays

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Clackamas track teams came up big last Saturday at the Mt. Hood Relays, taking second in the women's division and first in men's.

Tim Morse did a great job in the long jump and pole vault, qualifying for the NWAACC Championships in both events.

Clackamas won the men's 4x800 relay for the third year in a row. Trevor Dodge ran a great anchor leg of 1:53.08 to overtake the NWAACC leader in 800M to pull off the win for his team.

In the men's 4x100 and 4x400 relays, Clackamas set the fastest time in the NWAACC for this year. In the sprint medley relay, Trevor Dodge and Travis King both ran smart, taking first.

The women also did a great job coming in second.

"We ended up second, but we had some pretty big marks," said Track Coach Jack Kegg. Becky Holliday won the pole vault and broke her old national record by one inch, to a new height of 13'7".

This was the second highest vault in the whole meet for women or men. The only person to vault higher than her was the winner of the men's pole vault. Holliday is

now rated twelfth in the world in women's pole vault.

Six-time All-American Rachel Austin ran her fastest time this year in the hurdles, good enough for second place.

Mary Murphy won the high jump and set a new school record, 5'8", in the process. In the 4x100 relay, Holliday, Austin, Murphy

and Jazzmin Reece set the mark for the fastest time in the NWAACC this year. Their time of 49.50 was also the fifth fastest time in CCC history. In the 4x400, they are sixth all-time in school history. They also lead the rest of the NWAACC by 15 seconds, proof that they are significantly better than the competition. As a team,

these four won the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400.

With their first and second place finishes, the Cougars are looking very good right now.

"That's a good statement about our depth and our strength," said Kegg. "We thought we had a good team and we've started to show it."

## Shanks shines in win

# Baseball splits twinbill with Lane

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The Clackamas baseball team only played two of the four games scheduled last week, splitting a doubleheader at Lane CC on Saturday, losing the first game by a 11-6 score, but coming back behind a strong pitching performance by Aaron Shanks in the second game, winning 3-1. The other two games on the schedule, a doubleheader with Mt. Hood CC, were rained out.

In the first game, CCC led 3-0 through four innings, only to see Lane come back to tie the score in the fifth, helped by four errors committed by the Cougar defense.

Lane tallied five more runs in the sixth to add to their lead, and Clackamas couldn't quite catch up. Brandon Gleich pitched a "pretty decent ballgame," according to Head Coach Robin Robinson. "We started the game like we have been all season. We start strong, but one mental lapse takes us out of the game; then it is us trying to play catch-up."

The second game started out much better for the Cougars.

Sophomore Matt Cooksey got CCC on the board in the second, ripping a double to left, scoring two runs to put Clackamas in front.

The game however, belonged to Shanks on the mound. "One of the better efforts we have had all season," said Robinson. "He (Shanks) really had all of his stuff working for him; it really kept them off balance."

Jeff Locke, a freshman outfielder from Gladstone, was an offensive spark in the second game as well. He got the Cougars started in the second-inning rally with a base hit, eventually coming around to score on Cooksey's double. Locke scratched out a base hit in the sixth, sparking another CCC rally, later scoring the team's third run.

Robinson went with a different

lineup in the second game, giving guys who haven't played a lot a chance to show what they had.

"I went with the starters in the first game, and depending on how we did was how we would look at the second. The starters did not play very well, so we approached the second game with giving some others a shot. As it turned out, the strategy worked. We played more focused and with more enthusiasm than we have seen in a while."

The Cougars, whose record stands at 5-10 on the season, go on the road to face Linfield College in a doubleheader at 2 p.m. on Thursday. CCC then returns home to face Chemeketa CC on Saturday and Linn-Benton CC on Tuesday. Both doubleheaders begin at 1 p.m. on the Clackamas diamond.

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