

Shanks, Holscher, Warfield pitch well, but no offense sinks Cougars Baseball loses four of five, fall to 6-14 on the season

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The Clackamas baseball team had another dismal week, losing four out of five games and falling to 6-14 on the season.

Tuesday, CCC took on Linn-Benton on the Cougar diamond. Clackamas fell behind early, trailing 8-3 in the fourth inning. Clackamas rallied with five runs in the fifth, two more in the sixth and a single tally in the eighth in the 11-8 comeback win.

Kevin Lupp was the winning pitcher for CCC, pitching "a half-way decent ballgame," according to Head Coach Robin Robinson. "We had some defensive problems early on in the game but the kids held in there and we finally strung some hits together to make up the ground."

Thursday, CCC took on Mt. Hood CC in a make-up doubleheader on the Clackamas field. The Cougars played one good game and one bad one, eventually losing both ends of the twinbill by scores of 11-1 and 1-0.

In the first game, a combination of poor defense and poor pitching proved to be the Cougars' undoing. Mt. Hood put together separate four-run rallies in the second and third innings enroute to the 11-1 romp.

Aaron Shanks threw a three-hitter from the mound in the second game, but the Cougars could only scratch out two hits in the 1-0 loss.

"Shanks threw another great game for us, but again we couldn't come up with any offense, as has been the case much of this year," said Robinson. "If we could come



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Jeff Miken of Clackamas gets a base hit against Linn-Benton CC in the first game of a doubleheader held yesterday on the Cougar diamond. Results were not available at press time. Complete results will be published in next week's edition of The Print.

up with some runs, our record would be looking much better than it actually is."

Saturday, the Cougars took on league-leading Chemeketa CC in a home doubleheader. Luke Holscher and Wes Warfield combined on a six-hitter for CCC, but the Cougar offense couldn't come up with the hits at the right times

in a 3-2 loss.

"Both Luke and Wes pitched great games for us, but we didn't hit the ball when we needed to give them some support," Robinson said. "Same old story for us this season. Another solid pitching effort wasted."

In the second game, Clackamas used several pitchers, although

none had particularly good outings, and the Cougars fell to Chemeketa 10-1.

"We used five pitchers in the nightcap, but no one had any rhythm, and Chemeketa beat the heck out of us," Robinson commented. "A combination of fielding errors and a lack of offense put us in a hole, and we couldn't dig

ourselves out of it."

Clackamas takes on Mt. Hood CC on Saturday in Gresham, then comes back home for a nine-inning game against Chemeketa on Tuesday. The Mt. Hood doubleheader begins at 1 p.m., and the Cougars' home game against Chemeketa begins at 3 p.m. on the Cougar diamond.

Softball splits four last week

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Clackamas softball hosted a 16-team crossover tournament at Delta Park last weekend where they played two games. They were rained out the second day.

In Saturday's game one, the Cougars played Green River Community College, who have an 18-9 record, and brought home a 3-2 win.

Darby Needham, who had been in rehabilitation the last few months, pitched for the first time this season, throwing three innings.

"She brings a different style of pitching to the team," said Coach Paul Fiskum.

Vanessa Holm threw the last four innings, allowing no hits.

The second game sent the Cougars home with long faces. Chemeketa crushed Clackamas 8-0.

"They have a great pitcher, the best we've seen all year," said Fiskum. "We got out-played."

In the NWAACC Softball standings, Chemeketa and Clackamas are tied for second place.

On Thursday, the Cougars played Centralia, coming home with one loss and one win.

In game one, Clackamas won 5-2. Holm pitched six innings with one walk, one strikeout and gave up six hits. Casey Lapp relieved in the seventh, contributing three strikeouts, allowing one hit and no

walks.

Players with multiple hits were Hargrave, batting three out of four with three singles and two RBI's. Lawrence was two for three at the plate with two singles and one RBI.

Game two was a loss for the Lady Cougars, 3-2. Lapp threw three strikeouts, allowing four walks and six hits.

"We thought the umpire's zone was really hurting us," said Fiskum. "Yet there were very few mistakes by either team."

Multiple hits included Lepschat, hitting two for three, a single and a double and Hargrave hitting two for three.

The Lady Cougars will be playing again at home against Mt. Hood Community College. First pitch is scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Softball Player Of The Week



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Tiffany Lepschat is hitting .370 this year and has thrown out two potential winning runs at the plate so far this year. Her position in centerfield makes her the captain of the outfield. Lepschat is a freshman at Clackamas and is a graduate of Forest Grove High School.

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