

Softball gets ready for battle at NWAACC tourney



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Cougar freshman outfielder Tiffany Lepschat gets a base hit during game one of a doubleheader against Centralia CC Friday. The Lady Cougars won both ends of the twinbill, 2-0 and 5-1. The Lady Cougars take on Wenatchee Valley College in the first game of the NWAACC Tournament Saturday at Delta Park in North Portland.

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The Lady Cougars softball team finished third in the NWAACC's Southern Division, qualifying them for the league championship tournament to be held this weekend at Delta Park in North Portland.

Clackamas finished up the regular season by losing to Southwest Oregon CC in a doubleheader last Tuesday in Coos Bay by scores

of 6-4 and 6-5.

On Friday, the Cougars took on Centralia CC on the Clackamas diamond. The Cougars turned back their opponent in both ends of the doubleheader by scores of 2-0 and 5-1.

A scheduled doubleheader with Pierce College on Saturday at home was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Clackamas was awarded two wins by forfeit. These two games were the final games on the CCC regular season schedule.

The NWAACC Tournament, hosted by Clackamas CC, takes place this Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, at the Delta Park softball complex in North Portland. The 22-game double-elimination tournament begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday with the Southern Division #3 seed Clackamas taking on the Eastern Division #4 seed Wenatchee Valley.

Play continues throughout the day on five different fields located inside the Delta Park complex.

Joining Clackamas from the Southern Division of the NWAACC are #1 seed Lower Columbia, #2 seed Chemeketa and #4 seed Mt. Hood.

If Clackamas wins their first game on Saturday, they will take on the Northern Division #1 seed Edmonds CC at 11:30 a.m. If the Lady Cougars lose the first game, they will play a loser-out game against either Green River, Big Bend or Lower Columbia at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Final NWAACC Southern Division Standings (As of 5/12/01)

School	League	Season
Lower Columbia	27-5	37-6
Chemeketa	24-8	32-9
Clackamas	22-10	26-13
Mt. Hood	22-10	26-14
SW Oregon	19-13	24-15
Centralia	17-15	17-22
Pierce	7-25	7-30
SPSCC	4-26	6-34
Grays Harbor	0-30	0-36

Leading Clackamas Batters (Through 4/29/01)

Player	AVG	AB	Hits	RBI
Hargrave	.393	61	24	20
Driggers	.377	61	23	10
Staley	.375	72	27	23
Lepschat	.365	82	30	9
Hertel	.333	51	17	7
Hickman	.320	25	8	4
Borde	.317	60	19	11
Lawrence	.284	67	19	6
Team	.315	648	204	110

Leading Clackamas Pitchers (Through 4/29/01)

Player	ERA	W-L	IP	R	ER
Holm	1.19	8-3	82.1	29	14
Lapp	2.10	9-4	73.2	42	22
Team	1.57	18-7	161	73	36

Admission Prices to the NWAACC Tournament

Tournament Pass	\$15
One-Day Pass	\$9
Students (with ID)	\$5
Seniors	\$5
Children under 6	FREE

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