

Cougar baseball tied for second in division

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The Cougar baseball team has been really busy, playing eight games in less than a week-and-a-half, with Clackamas coming out on top in half of those contests.

The first home games of this season were played March 30, on the much-improved Cougar diamond.

The first game of the doubleheader was a 5-0 shutout by the Cougars. Brandon Gleich was the winning pitcher, throwing a complete nine-inning game.

Game 2 of the doubleheader was a lot more suspenseful, with the score tied going into the bottom of the seventh inning. Matt Paulsen came through in two clutch situations: he went to the mound in the top of the seventh to strike out three batters, and then proceeded to hit an RBI double to win the game in the bottom of the inning. He was credited with all three Cougar RBIs, as well as being the winning pitcher in the 3-2 victory.

The Cougars then split a doubleheader with the Saints of Mt. Hood on April 2. The first game ended with Clackamas coming up short in a 6-4 loss. They came back to take the second one with a final score of 4-2 behind Paulsen, who

threw a complete game for the Cougars.

The next opponent that Clackamas faced was Chemeketa, which played on Cougar territory April 4. Though the weather was great, the Cougars played less than par, getting swept in the doubleheader, 9-6 and 2-1.

After getting their heads handed to them by Chemeketa, the Cougars worked hard in their next outing to regain what they had lost.

On April 6, the Cougar men took on Linn-Benton and made off with one of two games. The first game was a blowout victory for Clackamas, 10-2. Paulsen continued to be a lucky charm for the Cougars, as this win improved his record to 5-1. Unfortunately for the Cougs, Linn-Benton was able to even out the series by winning the second game, 8-5.

After these games, Clackamas' record was 4-4 in league games, and 7-9 overall. This puts them tied for second in the Southern Division of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges. The next doubleheader the Cougars played was on Tuesday, April 9, at Lane CC. Results were unavailable at press time.

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Cougar first baseman Tom Henderson makes a putout during Clackamas' doubleheader with Chemeketa. Clackamas is currently tied for second with three other teams in the division.



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Clackamas Head Coach Robin Robinson (center) confers with two of his players on the mound during a doubleheader with Chemeketa April 4. The Cougars were swept by Chemeketa 9-6 and 2-1.



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Clackamas first baseman Tom Henderson gets ready to make another play on defense during a game with Chemeketa CC.

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