

Cougar women strike out against Lower Columbia



Photo by Tom Greenwood

Morgan Huffstetter, freshman from LaSalle High School, prepares to guard her position at first base on Monday, May 6, against Southwestern Oregon Community College. Huffstetter has a batting average of .320 and a total of 17 RBIs according to the NWAACC conference statistics. The Cougars will be playing Centralia Community College at Centralia on May 10.

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The softball team won four out of six games last week, losing only to the team no one can seem to beat—Lower Columbia Community College. The team that seems unstoppable has a 25-1 record in the NWAACC conference, including an undefeated record against CCC of 6-0.

"They have the best hitting and pitching of any team we've seen all year," said CCC Coach Paul Fiskum. "They beat us six in a row; my hat's off to them."

Tuesday, April 31, the Cougars lost game one of the doubleheader 4-1. Game 2 was a tragic loss of 7-2.

"Both games were o.k. for a while," said Fiskum. "They had a couple of big hits that hurt us."

Outfielder Kelsey Bisbing had the only run in game one and Cathy Lawrence, first base, hit a single in the fourth inning of game two for two RBI's with the bases loaded.

Later in the week, the ladies were able to pull two wins from the JV team of Linfield University. In game one, Miranda Gillaspie, freshman, pitched a winning game of 4-2 with eight strikeouts. Out of 10 hits, the Cougars cranked four runs.

"It was nice to get the LCC taste out of our mouth," said Fiskum.

Game two proved just as successful, an 8-4 win with eight runs on 12 hits. Casey Lapp, sophomore, threw four strikeouts, allowed six hits, and two walks. Catcher Carla Lillis hit three RBIs.

"Over all we were a little flat after the LCC game," said Fiskum. Lillis, was three for three in game two, hitting her third home-run of the year.

Friday, May 3 gave the Cougars two more wins. Chemeketa Community College lost both games 11-5 and 2-1.

"We had great hits up and down the line up," said Fiskum. Brooke Comstock,

Nikki Staley, Breu Makin and Bisbing all had multiple hits in game one. Gillaspie threw six strikeouts while struggling with a horrible mound.

In game two, Vanessa Holm competed pitch for pitch with Chemeketa's pitcher in extra innings. She had six strikeouts and held them to only one run off of six hits. Erin Murphy, shortstop, singled in Comstock for the game-winning run with two outs.

"She (Holm) really delivered tough pitches when she needed to," said Fiskum. "We've been really good in extra innings this year, which is a really good sign."

The Cougars remain in second place in the NWAACC standings under Lower Columbia Community College. Fiskum says he looks forward to seeing them in the NWAACC tournament, with hopes to give them much more competition.

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