

# Gillaspie tosses perfect game as softball finishes regular season

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The Clackamas softball team ended the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's (NWAACC) season on an up note, winning four out of six games to end the regular season with a 32-14 record and second place in the Southern Division of the NWAACC.

"We are real happy and very excited about the NWAACC tournament," said Head Coach Paul Fiskum. "We have a good chance to do some great things."

The Cougars week began with a single game Monday against Southwestern Oregon CC, and Casey Lapp threw perhaps her best game of the season, allowing only two hits in a 1-0 shutout win.

"Casey kept SWOCC off balance the whole game, mixing her pitches really well," said Fiskum. "We got a clutch RBI single from Nikki Staley in the bottom of the eighth inning, with Brea Makin scoring the winning run."

Tuesday, Clackamas faced SWOCC in a doubleheader on the Cougar diamond. Miranda Gillaspie threw the first perfect game by a Cougar pitcher in nine years, highlighting the Cougars' first game 7-0 win. Gillaspie had

nine strikeouts, while allowing no one to reach base the entire game.

Erin Murphy supplied the offensive punch, slamming two home runs and driving in three runs. The two home runs were not only the first two HR's of the season for Murphy, but the first two dingers of her college career.

Game two against Southwestern Oregon was over quickly, with the Cougars batting around for 10 runs in the first inning, enroute to a 14-0 whipping. Makin was the hitting star, going 4-4 at the plate.

Vanessa Holm scattered five hits, striking out four and allowing no walks in tossing the shutout.

Thursday, Clackamas took on Chemeketa CC and with a skeleton lineup in place due to three starters being injured, CCC lost to the team from Salem by a score of 3-0.

"Our trainers were concerned with the injuries to our three starters, so they ordered those girls held out, and it showed," Fiskum said. "We had to play one of our pitchers in the outfield, the first time all season that she had to play out there, in order to field a lineup. And face a pitcher who was voted the Most Valuable Player in the conference last year. But we played well, and the girls played real hard. It was all you could ask of them."

Friday, CCC took on Centralia CC and pounded their opponent into submission, blasting Centralia in the first game of a twinbill 21-0. Erin Murphy hit two long home runs, including a grand slam, and drove in seven runs on the day. Lindsay Burke supplied some power of her own, hitting a home run, and everyone else in the lineup had at least one hit during the game.

Gillaspie continued her dominance of late, tossing her second consecutive no-hitter and allowed only two walks, on "questionable calls by the home plate umpire," according to Coach Fiskum. "Miranda is absolutely on fire as of late, and it came at the right time, with the tournament coming up."

A fluke thing occurred in the second game. Clackamas followed up their first game thrashing with a second game loss, 3-2.

"We hit every pitch on the button in that second game, unfortunately all of our hits found their gloves," Fiskum said. "(Vanessa) Holm threw a terrific game, striking out 11, walking no one and allowing only five hits, but we committed an error which opened the door for them, and it cost us."

In the final regular season game, Clackamas took on their cross-town rivals from Mt. Hood CC,

and the Cougar women took it to the Saints, beating them 8-0.

Gillaspie capped off an outstanding season, throwing a one-hitter through five innings, then Holm pitched the final two innings, allowing two hits.

Morgan Huffstetter, a first baseman from Canby, singled in the first and second innings, driving in three runs, while Burke had a two-RBI knock in the fifth and Murphy came within a foot of hitting her fifth home run of the week, driving in a run while going 2-4 at the plate.

"It was very important for us to establish momentum going into the NWAACC tournament," said Fiskum. "We are hitting the ball real well, at the right time, and our pitchers have found their grooves. All of the pieces are in place for us to do real well."

The NWAACC softball tourna-



Photo by Tom Greenwood

**Casey Lapp threw a shutout against SWOCC on Monday, May 6, and helped her team walk away with a 1-0 victory.**

ment will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Delta Park in north Portland. Clackamas will have a first round bye, then will play the winner of the Edmonds CC-Blue Mountain CC game at 2 p.m. on Friday. To reach Frank Jordan e-mail [fjnj68@hotmail.com](mailto:fjnj68@hotmail.com) or drop by B-104.

## 2002 Clackamas Softball Statistics-

Name	AVG.	R	H	RBI
Kelsey Bisbing	.410	21	43	21
Carla Lillis	.372	16	35	22
Brea Makin	.364	14	24	9
Lindsey Burke	.362	13	46	18
Brooke Comstock	.357	29	47	24
Erin Murphy	.349	29	44	30
Nikki Staley	.336	22	42	17
Morgan Huffstetter	.325	22	39	27
Miranda Gillaspie	.267	12	16	12
<b>Cougar Totals</b>	<b>.321</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>212</b>

## Pitching-

Name	ERA	W	L	IP
Vanessa Holm	1.15	11	4	116
Miranda Gillaspie	1.72	13	5	105
Casey Lapp	2.32	8	5	87
<b>Cougar Totals</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>309</b>

## Final Standings of the 2002 season:

SOUTH DIVISION	LEAGUE	SEASON
Lower Columbia	29-0`	36-1
Clackamas	22-8	32-14
Mt. Hood	17-13	27-14
Chemeketa	16-14	21-18
So. Puget Sound	8-21	12-27
SW Oregon	8-22	13-24
Centralia	4-26	6-30

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