

# Men end season with win

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The 2002 season of Clackamas baseball came to a close on May 14 as the Cougars played a doubleheader at home against Chemeketa. With a split of the two games, the Cougars were able to climb out of the cellar of the Southern Division standings and finish the season with a 9-21 record in league games.

Game one against Chemeketa was a characteristic Cougar loss. Chemeketa took it to Clackamas 9-4 as Josh Gaylord took the loss for the Cougars on the mound. But CCC came back in the next game to win by the slimmest of margins, walking away from the game with a 1-0 victory. Matt Paulsen was the winning pitcher, who went the distance and threw a complete game. This victory allowed the Cougars to end the season on a high note.

The promise that the baseball team showed so early in the year was hindered by the injuries that the Cougars experienced, sending them into a very difficult and troubled season. Without the help of some key players, the Cougars lost momentum and were forced to keep playing without some much needed players. This was the main reason why Clackamas' baseball team was not very successful.

Overall, the Cougars racked up a total of 12 wins and 26 losses.

Southwestern Oregon CC lost one more league game than Clackamas did, earning themselves the lowest spot in the Southern Division and saving the Cougars from the embarrassment of coming in last place.

Although the Cougars were unable to pull things off as a collective unit, a few of them were named to the Southern Division All-Star team.

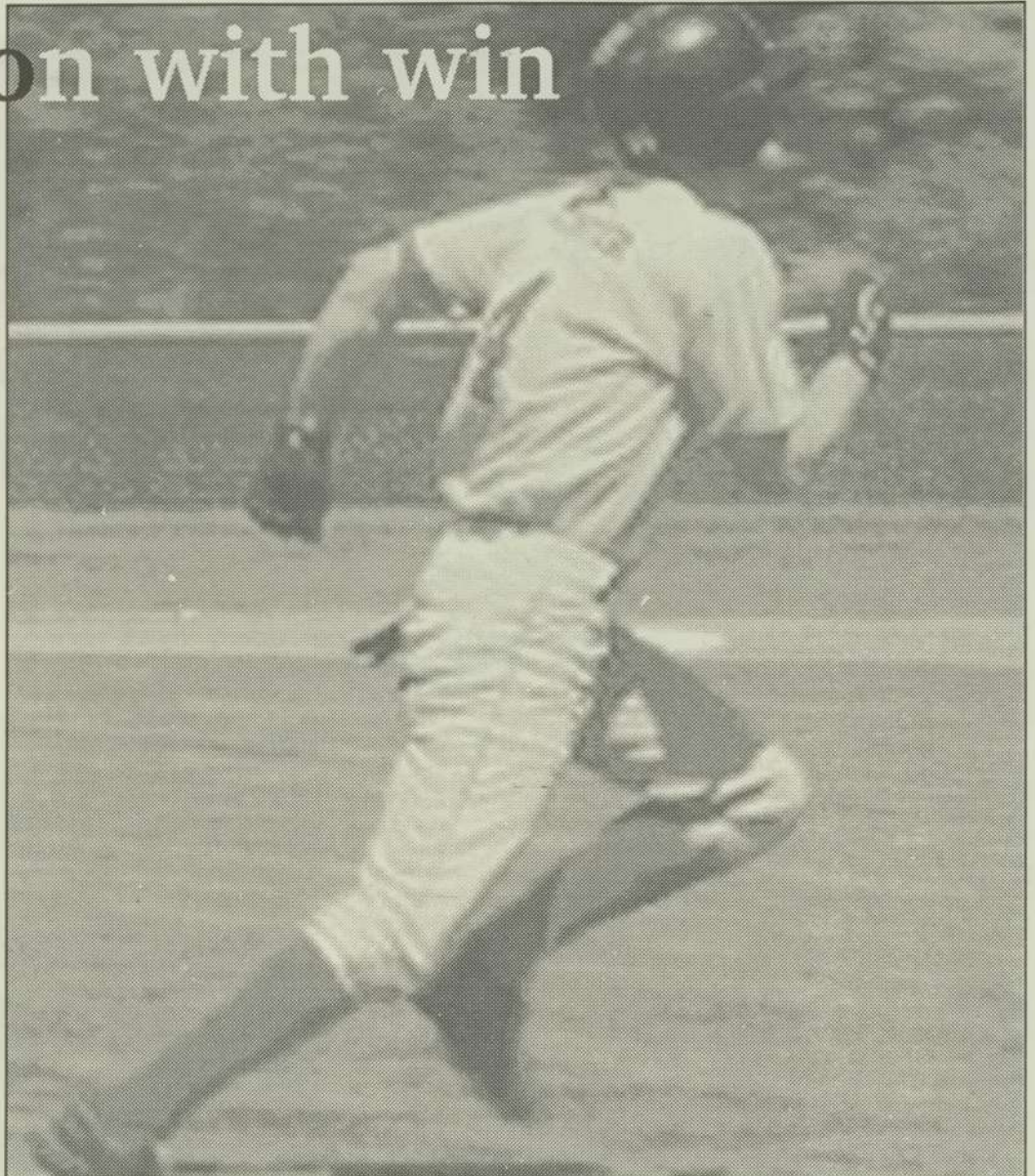
Colin Griffin was named to the first team of infielders. Griffin is a sophomore shortstop/infielder from Jesuit High School who is in his second year of playing baseball for Clackamas.

Scott Hunter was named to the first team of outfielders for the great job that he continually did for his team. Hunter has maintained an impressive batting average, which through the end of April was .433. He also had a decent 16 runs, 39 hits and 10 RBIs in 90 appearances at the plate.

Another Cougar who earned some end of the year recognition was Paulsen. Paulsen was named to the first team for utility players, and has continually shown how much talent he has.

All three of these ball players were picked by Head Coach Robin Robinson as "tremendous talents," who will all do well at the next level, along with fellow teammates Tom Henderson and J.R. Richardson.

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Scott Hunter takes off for first base after hitting the ball. Hunter finished the season with the honor of being named to the first team of the Southern Division All-Stars for his playing time in the outfield.



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Cougar Sophomore Scott Hunter whacks out a hit and gets ready to make a run for first base during a couple of home victories on May 11 against Linn-Benton.

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