

Murphy, Staley are All-Americans

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Two Clackamas softball players, Nikki Staley, a sophomore from Westview High School in Beaverton and Erin Murphy, a sophomore from LaSalle High School in Milwaukie, have been named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Junior College All-American team for their outstanding accomplishments this season.

Staley is "a supremely talented player, one that coaches will always remember," said Clackamas Head Coach Paul Fiskum. "She is very gifted, a very quick athlete. Defensively, nothing gets by her. Offensively, she was as tough of an out as their was in the entire conference this season."

Fiskum also said "as the pitching got tougher to face, Nikki got tougher at the plate. She has such a quick bat; she had five to seven foul ball home runs this year. She will be a player that has all of the tools to step up to the next level of play."

Staley has been offered a scholarship to play at the Oregon Institute of Technology next season, and has received interest



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Nikki Staley, left, and Erin Murphy, right, were selected to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Junior College All-American team. Staley hit .336 with 22 runs scored and 17 RBI this year. Murphy hit .349 with 29 runs scored, 5 HRs and 30 RBI.

from many other four-year programs. Fiskum said that Staley "is the first athlete of ours that many schools ask about."

Murphy moved to the shortstop position last season and was named the team's outstanding defensive player last year. "Her glove is a major asset. The fact that she has developed into a offensive force made her into a complete player," Fiskum said. She really found herself offen-

sively late in the year."

Murphy led Clackamas with 5 home runs and 30 runs batted in during the season. She also led the team in slugging percentage at .579.

"We played Lindsey VanBramer at shortstop during the NWAACC tournament, and asked Erin to play left field. She did an outstanding job in left during the tournament and gave us some great at-bats," Fiskum

said.

Murphy is undecided on where she wants to go to school next, and although many schools, including Linfield, George Fox, OIT and Cal. State-Hayward have expressed interest, she is not sure whether or not she wants to continue her collegiate softball career.

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Fall 2002 Women's Soccer Team Tryouts

will be held on **Friday, May 31** from **2-4 p.m.** at the practice facility just east of the main college entrance off of Highway 213.

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