

## Cougar Sports Calendar

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### Softball

Note: All games are double headers except tournaments.

#### THE FOLLOWING GAMES ARE ALL AT HOME

March 28  
Chemeketa CC  
2 p.m.

April 1  
Mt. Hood CC  
2 p.m.

April 11  
South Puget Sound CC  
3 p.m.

April 12  
Lower Columbia CC  
2 p.m.

### Baseball

Note: All games are double headers except tournaments.

#### THE FOLLOWING GAMES ARE ALL AT HOME

April 1  
Mt. Hood CC  
1 p.m.

April 8  
Lane CC  
1 p.m.

April 12  
Chemeketa CC  
1 p.m.

April 15  
Southwestern OR CC  
1 p.m.

### Track

March 22  
Oregon Preview  
Eugene, OR

April 12  
Mt. Hood Relays  
Gresham, OR

# Women swept out of NWAACCs

Tina Tate

The Clackamas Print

The Lady Cougars ended their league-winning season with two straight losses at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges postseason championship on Saturday.

Next up, the team's four sophomores will represent Clackamas on the Southern Region All-Star team.

Cappie Smith, Melissa Gibson, Regina Joo and Morgan Hayes have all been selected to play in the South vs. North All-Star game, which will be held at Mt. Hood CC on March 16 at 7 p.m. Clackamas (11-3 league, 22-8 overall) boasts the most athletes selected to the ten-person All-Star roster from the league's eight teams. Smith was also voted First Team All-League, while Gibson and Joo were Honorable Mention All-League recipients.

Clackamas had been picked

by the NWAACC/Horizon Air Coaches' Poll to win fifth place at the tournament. Instead, the Lady Cougars were eliminated after losing their first two games.

Somer Erickson, a Second Team All-League award winner who scored in double figures for Clackamas in all but three league games, averaged nine rebounds and 18 points at the NWAACC championship to lead the Cougars. She had the fourth best rebounding average in the tournament and the fifth best scoring average.

Clackamas, ranked fourth in the Southern Region at its lowest point, bolted into a four-way tie for first after finishing the league season on a six game winning streak. The Cougars became the South's third seed entering the tournament after a one-point loss to Lane CC in a tournament seeding game.

Clackamas was victim to another one-point heartbreaker in Friday's battle against the North's number two seed, Everett

CC (13-3, 21-9). The Cougars entered halftime up 36-20 and appeared to have their higher-seeded competition under control, but a 19-7 run by the Trojans over an eight-minute period helped Everett close the gap. Everett's defense proved to be an antagonist as two 6'3" players eradicated Clackamas' inside game. Everett scored 17 points off 14 Clackamas turnovers and influenced Clackamas into a 6-for-34 shooting performance from behind the arc to produce the 67-66 final outcome.

"I think disbelief is the correct term," said Head Coach Jim Martineau. "It was one of those things where we waited too long in the second half...They kept making shots, and we couldn't get stops and we couldn't score."

Saturday's game was do-or-die for the Cougars as they faced off with Spokane CC (8-6, 20-10), the East's number four seed. Clackamas resuscitated its three-point game with a 40 percent effort to contest an early 15-point

Spokane lead. The score was tied with just a minute remaining, but a defensive mix-up by Clackamas with eight seconds to go resulted in an easy score and a free throw, putting Spokane up by three. Ashley Storms took a last second shot to try and save the Cougars' season, but luck was not on her side. The Cougars went down 63-60, and Spokane went on to win two more games and fifth place.

"The second one was a little easier to take," said Martineau. "After the first loss we knew we didn't have a chance at the championship, but we played a really good game against Spokane. It was a disappointing end to a really, really good season; that was the sad part of it."

Joo was Clackamas' second most active force as she averaged 11.5 points, four rebounds and three steals in the tournament. Storms also contributed a strong all-around effort as she averaged 6.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game.

## Baseball survives rough weekend on road

• Cougar baseball showed strength in pitching, weakness in defense

Elena Boryska  
Sports Editor

Clackamas baseball had a rough weekend on the road, only fielding one win in the four games played.

On Saturday, March 1 the Cougars played Columbia Basin CC and captured a split. Sunday, Pierce CC handed them two more losses to bring their league totals up to two wins and four losses.

Columbia Basin defeated the Cougars in the first game by a final of 1-0. Rick Gonzales and Josh Gaylord provided some great

pitching, according to Head Coach Robin Robinson, but a walk and a run scored was all it took for CCC to fall.

The second half of that double header turned out a little differently, with Clackamas claiming a 6-2 victory. Mo Burgess had a great outing, going five innings strong, while Gaylord once again came in to provide relief. Nik Mason was 2-3 with an RBI, and Jason Chan went 1-3 with two runs scored and an RBI.

On March 9, Clackamas took on Pierce CC but was unable to win either of the games they played against them. The first game was a lopsided 10-1 loss with Nik Mason on the mound. Centerfielder Chris Kosmas was 2-3 with a run, Catcher Barry Humphrey was 1-3 with an RBI and first baseman Tyler Smith was 1-3.

The Cougars came back to play the final game of their weekend, but were once again shot down to defeat, 6-1. Tim Dumas pitched six great innings and Brad Neffendorf came in as the reliever. Humphrey added some offense and was 2-2, Jesse Gaylord had an RBI single and Jake Austin had a drag bunt base hit.

Despite going 1-4 during the trip, Robinson was still optimistic about how the weekend went. He said it was a weekend filled with team growth, experience and

development, and it was a good chance to see players in competition.

Overall, Robinson thought that pitching was very good, hitting was great on Saturday but only okay on Sunday and base running was good. The defense on the other hand, was less than stellar.

"Defense at times looked like we have been in the gym too much," Robinson said.

Next up for the Cougars is the Treasure Valley CC Tournament at Ontario, Ore. on March 21-23.



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A Clackamas baseball player takes his hacks in the cage during a recent practice. The Cougars opened the 2003 campaign with four losses in their first six games during the first two weeks of the season.

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