

## Softball: Nagi provides key to taking lead

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and Brienne Thurn was brought in for the save.

Clackamas opened Monday play with a game against Chemeketa CC (29-12, 22-10) that featured numerous lead changes. The Cougars led 1-0 in the third, until Chemeketa scored twice with a homerun and an RBI single in the bottom of the inning. Clackamas tied it in the fourth, but Chemeketa connected on another homerun in the sixth for a 3-2 lead. Kraxberger, Gibson and Comstock came through with RBI base hits to help Clackamas to a 5-4 victory.

In the semifinal game, Clackamas scored five runs in both the sixth and seventh innings against Eastern Division champion Spokane

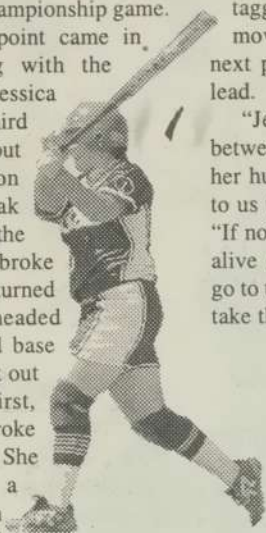
CC (27-11, 21-5) to win 12-1 and advance to the championship game.

The turning point came in the fifth inning with the game tied 1-1. Jessica Nagi was on third base with one out when Gibson slapped a weak grounder toward the mound. Nagi broke for home, but turned around and headed back to the third base bag. Gibson beat out the throw to first, and then Nagi broke for home again. She got caught in a r u n d o w n between third

and home and was eventually tagged out. On the play, Gibson moved to third, and scored on the next play to give Clackamas a 2-1 lead.

"Jessica was pretty torn up between innings, but I told her that her hustle and desire were the keys to us taking the lead," Fiskum said. "If not for her determination to stay alive on that play, Gibson does not go to third, and we eventually do not take the lead."

*Carla Lillis helps the Cougars battle all the way into the championship game after a day two loss. Clackamas eventually lost to Lower Columbia, 3-2.*



Clackamas baseball ended its season with two losses to Chemeketa CC on May 13. The Cougars entered the doubleheader with hopes of climbing into a three-way tie with Chemeketa and Linn-Benton CC for a chance to compete in the postseason. But the dream faded as Clackamas lost the opener by a score of 4-2 after giving up eight hits and committing two errors, and lost game two by a score of 6-5.



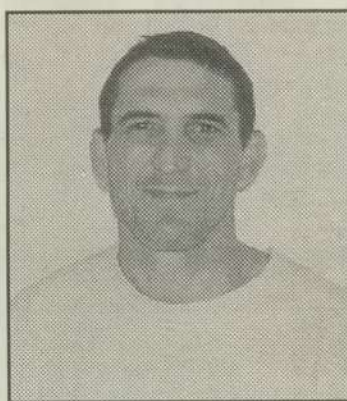
Clackamas finished the season 16-23 overall and 11-19 in league play, for fifth place in the Southern Region. Lane CC and Mt. Hood finished first and second, respectively, and will represent the South in the NWAACC tournament, which will be held May 22-26 in Pasco, Wash.



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## Clackamas takes on new wrestling coach

### After some time away, Mike Haluska returns for another go at the head coaching spot



MIKE HALUSKA

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The wrestling program here at Clackamas seems to be going through some sort of déjà vu these days: Mike Haluska, who managed the wrestling team years ago, has stepped in once again to take on the head coaching position.

Haluska, who has years of experience in the sport of wrestling, first came to Clackamas in the early 90s while current athletic director Jim Jackson was the head wrestling coach. Jackson asked Haluska to be his assistant, and when Jackson got the athletic director position, Haluska moved into the head coaching slot.

"That was probably the greatest experience I ever had, was coaching with Jim and the kids that were here at the time," said Haluska. "I really fell in love with Clackamas Community College and their sports that give kids in the community a chance."

After a time of leading the wrestling team, Haluska decided to step down to spend more time with his young daughter as well as his father, who moved from Iowa to live with him.

"It just wasn't fair to the kids that I was coaching to not give them the time," said Haluska.

The coaching vacancy was filled by then-Assistant Coach Lloyd Martindale, who handled the reins of the wrestling team

until just recently, when he handed them back in order to go to school to finish his degree.

During Haluska's time here years ago, he really emphasized the importance of getting local athletes into the wrestling program, and that is one of the things that he wants to get back to. With all of the high school wrestling programs in the area, there stands a lot of potential for Clackamas to take on many talented athletes.

"Right now what I'm really focused on is letting the local coaches and the local kids know that they have a place to come," said Haluska. "My biggest success when I was here before was getting fourth in the nation and one match away... from second in the nation. That's pretty good on its own, but the 10 kids we had were all from within a 50 mile radius of the school."

This local emphasis is especially important now that schools

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all over the country are dropping wrestling programs, which makes it even harder for athletes to find somewhere to continue with the sport they love.

As far as expectations go for being a part of the CCC team, Haluska maintains that every wrestler must always do the very best that they are able, and if it's their best, then it is good enough.

"I expect them to work hard - not just at wrestling, but family, friends and...especially school - and to work hard so that they are as good as they can possibly be."

## 2003 NWAACC Track and Field Conference Meet Qualifiers

Clackamas Community College will host the 2003 NWAACC Track and Field Championships on the Cougar track tomorrow and Friday. Events will begin tomorrow at 1 p.m. and Friday at noon, and run for about four hours each day. The following is a list of the times/distances that qualified Clackamas athletes for the meet.

### MEN'S TEAM

400M  
T. Harris 50.38

800M  
Rusty Pruden 1:56.46

1500M  
Rusty Pruden 4:02.90

5000M  
Pat Searing 15:24.62

Mike Schwoebel 15:26.44  
Eli Nevarez 15:37.64

10000M  
Pat Searing 33:25.19

400M I. HURDLES  
Nate Henry 55.24

TRIPLE JUMP  
Steve Groff 44-0

DISCUS  
Paul Etter 151-10  
David Arndt 138-01

SHOT PUT  
David Arndt 49-10  
Paul Etter 48-07

JAVELIN  
Josh Carlson 206-08  
Ryan Brandel 195-10  
Ray Kauffman 189-01

POLE VAULT  
Sean Jones 15-01

HAMMER  
Paul Etter 195-0  
Kelly Howlett 160-0

1600M RELAY  
Clackamas 3:27.21

### WOMEN'S TEAM

100M  
Megan Odom 13.04

400M  
Rebekah Yancoskie 1:01.13  
Brooke Urhausen 1:01.79  
Chelsey Fuller 1:01.87

800M  
Kari Rissmiller 2:18.56  
Rebekah Yancoskie 2:19.42  
Jenn Peterson 2:24.48

1500M  
Kari Rissmiller 4:40.90  
Rebekah Yancoskie 5:03.24  
Jenn Peterson 5:06.62

3000M  
Kari Rissmiller 10:26.01

5000M  
Kari Rissmiller 18:47.48

100M H. HURDLES  
Jenna Bird 15.75  
Kasie Gillespie 15.83  
Kim Provost 16.24

400M I. HURDLES  
Jenna Bird 1:05.45  
Kasie Gillespie 1:08.98

LONG JUMP  
Kasie Gillespie 17-11 ¾  
Elisabeth Malsey 16-10

HIGH JUMP  
Kasie Gillespie 5-02  
Chelsey Fuller 5-02

DISCUS  
Kerby Boschee 123-02  
Rachel Lofting 120-05

SHOT PUT  
Ashlyn Lofting 36-07 ½

POLE VAULT  
Erin Schafer 12-0  
Tiara Krismunando 11-06  
Elisabeth Malsey 11-0  
Natalie Walruff 11-0  
Kim Provost 9-0

400M RELAY  
Clackamas 51.05

1600M RELAY  
Clackamas 4:05.83