

Clackamas baseball nearly sweeps league leader Lane CC

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Clackamas baseball (8-10, 12-17 overall) was split with division leading Lane CC last Saturday.

Cougars lost a heartbreaking game one against Lane 6-5. First stop Jason Chan went 4-2 with two runs scored and one on base.

Cougars went into the game trailing 5-3 and gave up two runs for the loss.

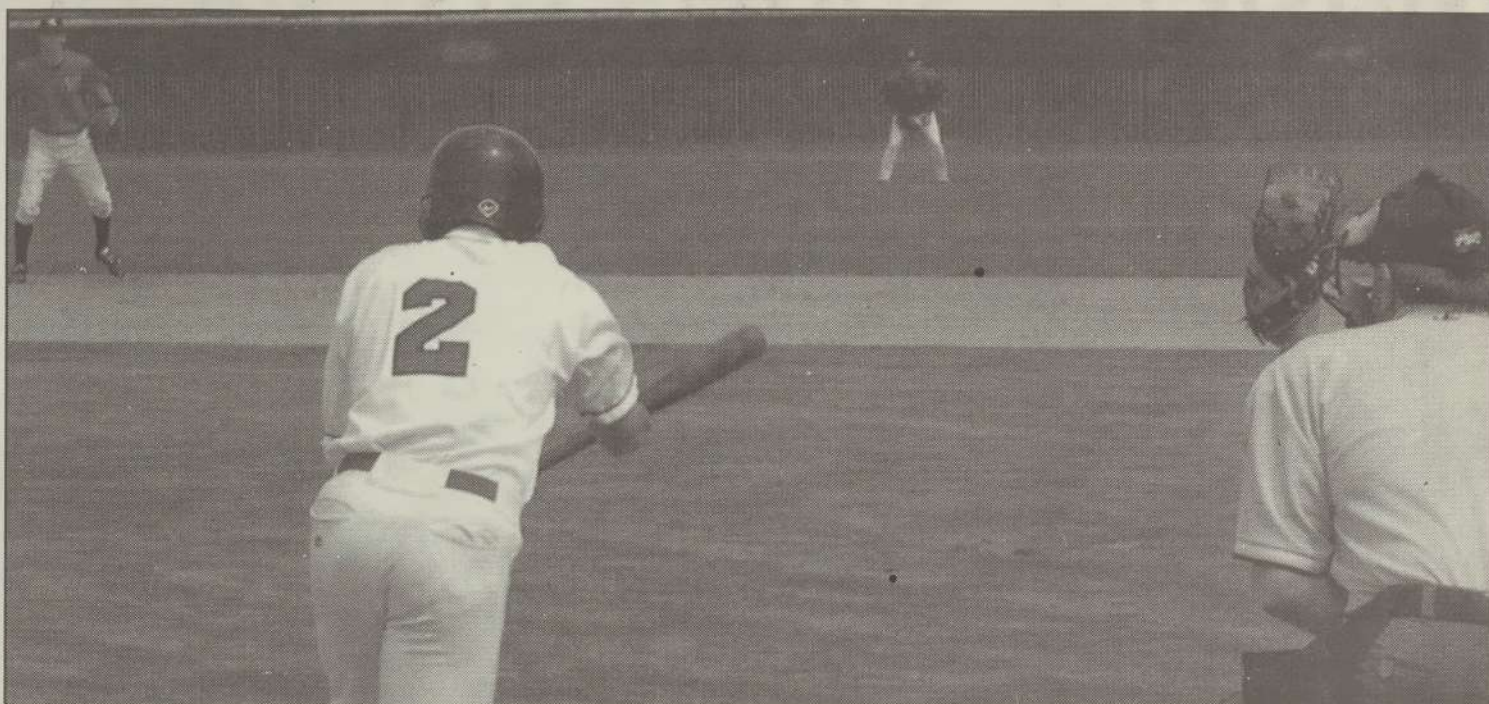
"It was a good day that could have been great," Head Coach Robin Robinson said. "Playing Lane, the league leader, we out-played them here except out closing the ninth."

Cougars were victorious in game two 5-3 as Chan went 2-2 with two runs scored. Catcher Ryan Humphrey smacked a two-run double.

Ryan Goff picked up the win in game two. "It was a great day," Robinson said.

On April 29 the Cougars split with Lane CC. The Cougars won game one 5-4 as Smith went 2-4 with an RBI. Ty Combs went 1-4 with a double and Humphrey went 1-2 with two runs.

Robinson pitched a six-inning game. "It was a great day," Robinson said.



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Freshman Cougar baseballer Josh Breslaw steps up to the plate and leans in to try and lay down the bunt during the Cougars blow-out loss against Mt. Hood CC on April 27. The Cougars lost by a score of 16-1.

Neffendorf is leading the Cougar pitchers in wins so far this season; he is 4-2 with a 3.59 ERA.

In game two the Cougar

offense was held to one run off eight hits as they lost 4-1. Chan went 2-4 and Smith went 2-3.

"Johnny Bliss pitched okay, but lost," said Robinson. "Jack

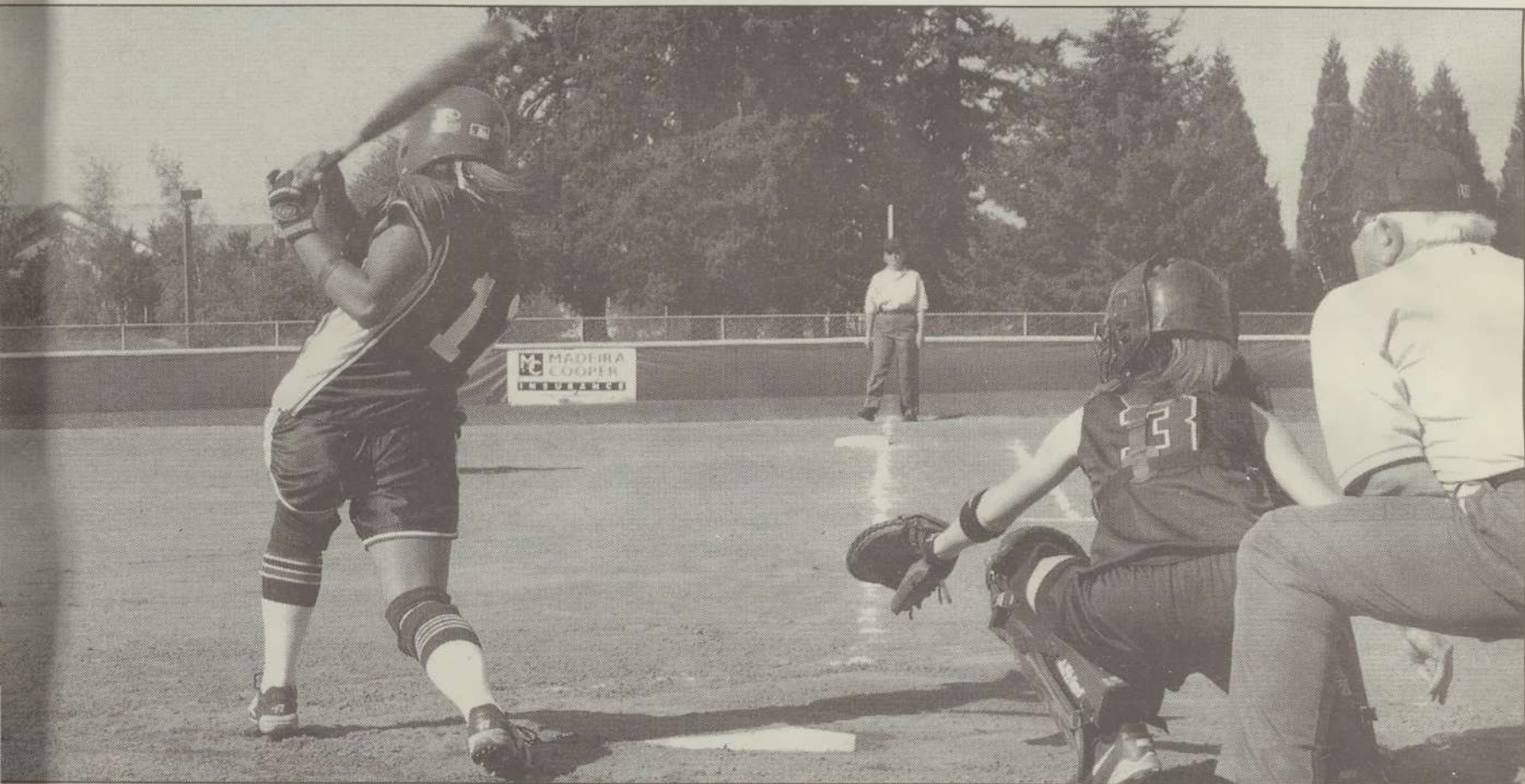
Whipple pitched great in one inning of relief."

Mt. Hood CC was able to sweep the Cougars in a make-up double header on April 27. The

Cougars were routed in game one 16-1 and lost game two 2-1.

Tuesday, the Cougars played Mt. Hood once again but results were not available at press time.

Injuries leave Clackamas softball split



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Clackamas softball player Cijay Koanui takes a cut during a recent home game. The softballers are now 17-5 in the NWAACC South.

The Clackamas softball team hit the road and finished up 3-3 for the week

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Clackamas softball team had an up-and-down week, splitting three doubleheaders and going one to run their record overall and 17-5 in the NWAACC South Division of the CCC.

On April 27, the Cougars traveled to Eastern Oregon CC and in game one, Holly Marlow tossed a shutout and got a walk-off bases loaded from Cijay Koanui to force in the only run of the game in a CCC 1-0 victory. Game two started out well for

the Cougars as they got a bases-loaded walk from Koanui and an Angie Roberti two-RBI single to give CCC an early 3-0 lead.

SWOCC came back with two runs in the third, three runs in the fourth and a single run in the fifth to take the 6-3 win.

"We played tough all day, but in the end it was a split," said Head Coach Paul Fiskum. "Chelsea Koch took the loss in game two, but she threw pretty well."

Last Friday, the Cougars came home and took on South Puget Sound CC. Clackamas got solid pitching and some timely hitting to sweep the Clippers by identical 6-3 scores in both ends of the twinbill.

Koch pitched a solid game in game one, pitching 6 1/3 innings to pick up the victory, while Nicole Winkley provided the big blow, hitting her first collegiate home run in the second to spark the Cougars to the 6-3 win. Game two was a seesaw affair,

with SPSCC getting a run in the first, then CCC countering with two runs of their own. The Clippers added a run in the second to tie the game, but Clackamas got an RBI single from Koanui in the second, an RBI single from Kayce Ernst and a bases-loaded walk from Makenzie Marineau in the third to give the Cougars a 5-3 lead. Marineau added the sixth on a single to cap another 6-3 Cougar win.

Saturday, the Cougars traveled down to Salem to take on Chemeketa CC and followed a shutout loss in game one with a shutout of their own in game two to split the doubleheader. "It was probably the best pitching performance against us all sea-

son," said Fiskum.

A two-run error in the first inning got the ball rolling for the Storm and they did not let up in the 5-0 win over the Cougars.

Game two was completely the opposite of game one, as Clackamas jumped on the back of Marlow, who threw another outstanding game, allowing only three hits in the 6-0 Clackamas victory. Monday, it was back on the road

for the Cougars as they traveled to Olympia, Wash., to take on South Puget Sound for the second time in four days. Unfortunately, SPSCC pounded out 13 hits in game one, outscoring the Cougars 11-9.

Koanui provided the Cougars an early spark, hitting her first collegiate

home run to give CCC an early lead. But the Clippers scored five runs on seven hits in the bottom of the sixth inning to take an 11-7 lead, and survived a two-run home run from Winkley in the top of the seventh to get the victory.

Again, the Cougars sucked it up and bounced back from a tough game one by jumping all over their opponent in game two, scoring eight runs in the first three innings to take an 8-1 lead, then holding on at the end for the 8-6 win.

"We are battling like heck, that is for sure. The team is focused on the task at hand and they are working hard," said Fiskum. "Unfortunately, the injury bug continues to haunt us."

Clackamas closes its home schedule this weekend with doubleheaders Friday against Mt. Hood CC and Saturday against Lower Columbia College. Friday's first game begins at 3 p.m. and Saturday's first pitch is 2 p.m. on the Cougar diamond.

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