

SOFTBALL: Four named to all-tournament team

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Winkley tied the game at one in the fifth with an RBI on a sacrifice fly. In the sixth, after Spokane took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth, CCC got an RBI double from all-tournament infielder Randi Middagh and an RBI single from Kraxberger to give the Cougars a momentary 3-2 lead. Spokane tied the score in the bottom of the sixth, but the Cougars got a Nicole Obrist single, then Winkley reached on an error. Olsen then sliced a 2-1 pitch into left field for the game-winning RBI.

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Game three of the tourney on Saturday morning saw the Cougars take on Southern Division champions Mt. Hood CC and the Saints got a four-hitter and eight strikeouts from Alexis Hadenfeld to shut out Clackamas 3-0. Crystal Brooks of Mt. Hood went 2-4 at the plate and drove in all three Saints' runs during the game.

Marlow again went the distance on the mound for Clackamas, giving up five hits, striking out nine and walking three to take the loss.

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Game four, the Cougars fell into the losers' bracket to take on the Northern Division champion Shoreline CC Dolphins. Clackamas jumped on Shoreline for three runs in the first, and then got RBI doubles from Kraxberger and Kelly Rattay in the fifth to lead CCC to the 5-2 win.

Cijay Koanui led off the game for the Cougars by slapping a single to left, then stealing second base. After a fielder's choice, Middagh drove home Koanui with a single to center for a quick 1-0 lead. After a Kraxberger single and Rattay reaching on a fielder's choice, Angie Roberti drove a pitch to the fence in right for a two-RBI double for the CCC 3-0 lead.

Marlow went the distance for the fourth game, striking out seven Dolphins and walking only two.

"We may have relaxed in the seventh inning too much," said Fiskum. "We were up 5-0 at that point, but Shoreline made it interesting with two hits and two errors by us to get within 5-2. But Marlow mowed them down when she had to to pick up the win."

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The Cougars' first game on Sunday was a loser-out game and a

rematch with Spokane CC. The Clackamas bats came alive and the Cougars scored early and often in the 9-4 victory to keep CCC alive in the tournament.

Marlow threw the strangest game of the tournament, Fiskum said. She allowed four runs on only one base hit, but she struck seven Sasquatch while striking out seven in picking up her fourth win of the tournament with her fifth consecutive complete game.

Clackamas got RBI singles from Middagh and Rattay and a two-out, two-RBI single from Roberti in the bottom of the first to jump the Cougars to a quick 4-0 lead. Middagh and Rattay added RBI singles in the second for a 6-1 lead, and then Brady Adelhart got an RBI single in the third to stake a 7-1 lead.

Middagh capped another outstanding tournament game with a line-drive home run in the sixth and Winkley wrapped up the game with an RBI single in the seventh. Spokane used two hits, two walks and three Clackamas errors in the seventh to score three runs and make the score respectable, but the Sasquatch still came up short.

"We came alive offensively and it sure was nice to see," said Fiskum. "[Marlow] was struggling a bit, but we gave her some support. A real nice effort by the girls."

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The stage was set for a rematch with Mt. Hood in the semifinals, and Clackamas changed up the rotation a little bit by starting Chelsea Koch on the mound for her first tournament action. Mt. Hood took advantage of Koch's inaction by scoring three runs in the first to take the quick lead. Marlow ended up relieving Koch in the first and got her teammates out of the inning with three strikeouts.

The Cougars came right back with an RBI double by Middagh and an RBI single by Kraxberger to draw Clackamas closer after one inning at 3-2. The Cougars tied the game in the second as Koanui singled, stole second and scored on an RBI single by Olsen.

Clackamas broke the game open in the fifth as Middagh led off with a single, Kraxberger reached on a Mt. Hood error and Rattay dropped a beautiful squeeze bunt for an RBI and a 4-3 Cougar lead. Roberti then singled Kraxberger to third and Obrist drove her home with a single. Winkley reached on an error to load the bases and Koanui smacked a double to center to clear the bases and give CCC an



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Cijay Koanui (far left) is forced out at first by LCC in the last game of the regular season.

8-3 lead. Roberti closed the scoring and wrapped up the win with an RBI single in the sixth as Clackamas held off the Saints 9-4.

Marlow struck out seven Mt. Hood batters and walked four to pick up her fifth win of the tourney.

"By beating Mt. Hood, we ended up knocking all three division champions out of the tournament (Mt. Hood, Shoreline and Spokane). That in itself is quite a feat in a single tournament," said Fiskum. "Helluva way to do it though, having to go through the losers' bracket."

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The win over Mt. Hood set up the long-anticipated showdown with five-time defending NWAACC champion Lower Columbia College Red Devils in the championship game. This also marked the third consecutive year that LCC and Clackamas had met in the title game.

Marlow started the game and promptly gave up two runs on three hits in the top of the first for a 2-0 Red Devil lead. But the Cougars came back for three in the bottom of the first, with Middagh getting an RBI double and Kraxberger and Roberti hitting RBI singles to give the Cougars a short-lived 3-2 advantage. Lower Columbia fought back for single runs in the second and third innings to take back the lead at 4-3, and then extended it to 8-3 with two runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings. But the never-say-

die Cougars made it a finish to remember, scoring four runs in the bottom of the last inning, all with two outs, on an RBI single by Olsen, an RBI double to left by Middagh and a two-RBI double by Kraxberger to get the score to 8-7.

But with Kraxberger on second, Rattay dashed the Cougars' hopes with a sharp grounder to

way to the last out."

Kraxberger, Middagh were named to the all-tournament team for the second time also made the team for time this year. Janessa Roberts of Lower Columbia was named MVP for the second time.

"If we would have won no doubt in my mind Middagh or would have been said Fiskum. It was our offensive defensive effort that weekend, and I really say an effort that gave all week was an absolute We just kept the ball and coming through and time again time we added the stats for weekend, we

have to rename the Cougars book after Holly, because one helluva performance.

Roberti, Kraxberger Middagh will play Thursday NWAACC Sophomore Series in Bellevue, Wash. members of the Southern Division Star team. All-NWAACC American selections should be made this week, and surprised if one or two get mentioned on American list.

"We played almost perfect softball ... I have never been prouder of a team as I am of this one."

Paul Fiskum
Head Softball Coach

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