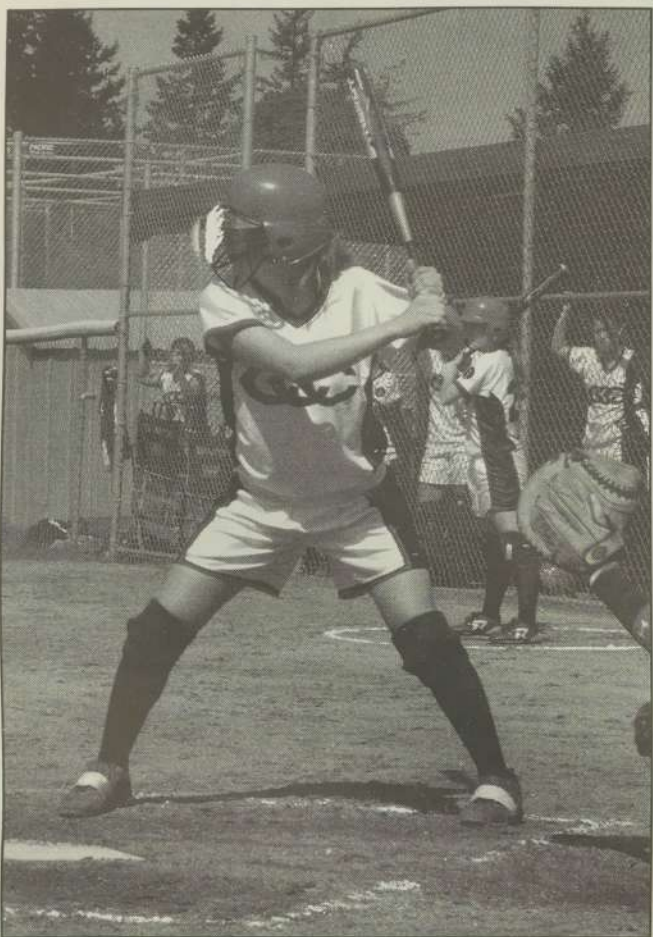


# Marlow leads way for Cougars



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The Cougars' Caitlin Ooley (above) had two three-hit games last week in Clackamas victories. Ooley is just one of many players who have been hitting consistently for the Cougs this season.

## Frank Jordan

The Clackamas Print

The Clackamas softball team swept Clackamas Junior College and Pierce College and split a doubleheader with Chemeketa CC in game action last week, solidifying their hold on third place in the NWAACC Southern Division.

May 3, the Cougars traveled to Centralia, Wash. and defeated the Trailblazers in two games with scores of 11-0 and 6-0.

In game one, sophomore Nikki Winkley led the Cougar offense with two home runs and five RBI, while Caitlin Ooley and Christina Roberti each had three hits. Winkley and Anna Alcalá hit back-to-back homers in the sixth inning to highlight a seven-run outburst to put the game away.

Holly Marlow tossed a three-hitter, striking out five and allowing no walks on the way to the complete-game victory.

Game two was more of the same as Chelsea Koch threw a four-hitter in leading Clackamas to the 6-0 win. The Cougars blew open a close game with five runs in the sixth inning to seal the win. Cijay Koanui had three hits and Ooley had two hits to lead the CCC offense.

Friday, the Cougars hosted the second-place Chemeketa Lady Chiefs in a doubleheader and Clackamas got a big two-RBI maverick from Roberti to help

the Cougars to a 4-1 game one victory.

"Chemeketa has been one of the hottest teams in the NWAACC lately and we were particularly fired up Friday, because we really did play pretty poorly down in Salem earlier in the season," said Head Coach Paul Fiskum, referring to Chemeketa's sweep of Clackamas in early April. "We played really well in game one and we came up with some timely hitting."

Marlow threw a seven-hitter, striking out eight Chiefs and only allowing one walk. Erin Snyder had two hits to lead the Cougar offense and Casey Middagh hit her team-leading ninth home run of the year in the third inning, extending her own school record that she set last week.

Game two was a real pitcher's duel, as Koch and Marlow combined to allow 11 hits, but the Chiefs got a run in the eleventh inning to defeat Clackamas 2-1.

Chemeketa got a runner on base in the eleventh, then that runner advanced to third on a groundout and a flyout. But the Cougars committed an error to allow the winning run to score. CCC's only run of the game came on a Lanea Hyland RBI single in the first inning, scoring Ooley, who had singled and stolen second base.

"Even though we lost, I feel really good about the effort in game two," said Fiskum. "We made a lot of clutch play with

runners in scoring throughout the game. We runs we gave up did errors by us."

Saturday, the Cougars on Pierce College in a doubleheader and sent the back to Tacoma with a 15-2 losses to Clackamas.

Marlow tossed a seven-hitter with 11 strikeouts, while hit her third home run of the season to lead CCC on the diamond. Brianna Mondragon had two base hits to help offense at the plate.

In game two, the Cougars woke up and took it to Pierce, blowing out the 15-2. Ooley led Clackamas with a 3-3 showing, with runs scored and two RBIs. Roberti went 2-2 with runs scored and two RBIs. Mondragon went 2-3 with scored and an RBI. Eight nine starters had at least one during the rout. Koch led the first four innings to the win, striking out five giving up only two hits. relieved Ooley in the fifth shut down the Raiders 1-0.

The Cougars have one doubleheader left in the season, as they will take Hood CC on Saturday, May 14 on the Cougar softball diamond with the first pitch at 2 p.m. NWAACC tournament is starting, with tournament week on Friday, May 20. tournament will be played at Delta Park in North Portland.

## First round of NBA playoffs complete

### Jimi McDonnell

The Clackamas Print

It's nice when late April comes around because then the NBA players actually play. No more whining about playing time, bickering about money, or off-court fiascos. Every player and team still competing has one thing and one thing only on their minds: Kissing that beautiful golden basketball and being on top.

In the Eastern Conference first round there were some definite lopsided matches. The defending champs, the Detroit Pistons, played the Philadelphia 76ers. Did Philly really think that a playoff run would be the result of acquiring an aging and overrated Chris Webber? The Sixers won one game due to the fact that they got one of the NBA's best scorers of all time in Allen Iverson, who was averaging 31.2 points per game, but an individual can't beat a team. See ya' next year, Philly.

The Miami Heat were faced up against a hot New Jersey Nets squad, but showed why they are predicted to come out of the East. They murdered New Jersey, sweeping them with ease. Dwayne Wade and Shaquille O'Neal together averaged 41.4 points per game, and with as good role players as the Nets have, these two were just too much for them to handle.

The Boston Celtics matched up with the Indiana Pacers and the series went all the way to game seven. With a hot-headed yet defensively dominating Ron Artest suspended for the season, most counted Indiana out of the playoff picture, but the Pacers stepped up to the occasion.

Fred Jones, an Oregon native and Barlow High graduate, stepped up his play in game seven with a solid 16 points.

Reggie Miller, however, was the one who really shut the door on the Celtics.

The most exciting match-up in the East was the Washington Wizards against the Chicago Bulls. Even though Washington took the series four games to two, the Bulls amazed many. The Bulls pulled off one of the most amazing comebacks in NBA history. Three-ball after three-ball, the Bulls kept sinking, quickly erasing a 22-point deficit, only to be crushed with a last second shot by Washington's Gilbert Arenas.

In the Western Conference the San Antonio Spurs played a good Denver Nuggets team that had just finished the regular season in dominating fashion. But the veteran-led Spurs showed the Nuggets that the playoffs are a whole different ball game. The Spurs lost the first game which brought up some early doubts, but they then slapped all those doubters in the face by dominating the Nuggets and winning the next four, advancing to the second round.

The Seattle SuperSonics played a once dominant Sacramento Kings squad. Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis combined for an average of 45.1 points per game, which was just too much for a Sacramento team lacking defensive skills. The Sonics eliminated the Kings and moved on to the second round.

After a surprise year from MVP Steve Nash, the Phoenix Suns matched up against the Memphis Grizzlies. The Suns prevailed, showing that their stellar season was no fluke.

Not including Nash, the Suns had three players combining for an average of over 60 points per game, beating the Grizzlies four games to one.

The best match-up in the West would definitely be the one between the new and improved Houston Rockets versus the Dallas Mavericks. It went to game seven, after some impressive performances by Houston's Tracy McGrady. McGrady averaged 30.7 points per game, but it was just not enough to beat the star-studded Mavericks. In game seven the Mavs were just too much for the Rockets, and eliminated them by blowing them out by 40 points.

The second round is full of good match-ups, which should result in some highly entertaining basketball, so stay tuned or you might miss out on something incredible.

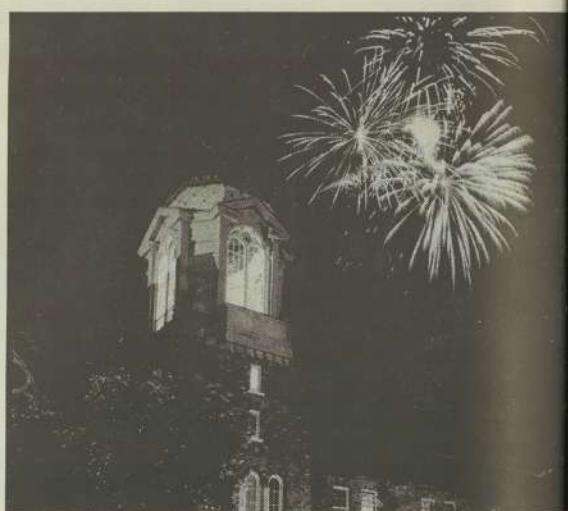
### Second Round Match-ups

#### Eastern Conference

(1) Pistons (1) Heat  
vs. vs.  
(6) Pacers (5) Wizards

#### Western Conference

(1) Suns (2) Spurs  
vs. vs.  
(4) Mavs (3) Sonics



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