

# Baseball takes three from Lane

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ending a nine-game skid two weeks ago, the Cougars continued last week, building up a four-game winning streak and giving them the remainder of the season. "I learned to have fun again, and what happened," pitcher Jason Hart said. "We were psyching ourselves out with those losses and finding the way we should have

Tuesday, Clackamas traveled to take on the Lane Titans doubleheader, plus a game the hadn't finished from earlier in season.

The unfinished match-up started in the ninth, with the score tied 2-2. The Cougars were able to beat out the Titans in two innings and won the contest 4-2. Galbraith earned the win, but it won't be his last of the day.

The first game of the doubleheader was a pitcher's duel, with Galbraith on the hill again for the Cougs. Galbraith allowed Lane two hits throughout the contest, but the Titan pitchers matched him inning-for-inning until the top of the eighth.

Mike Veselik led off the Cougars eighth with a single; he was then advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Frank Palletta. Following Palletta, Josh Breslaw was hit by a pitch and Lucas Pfaller walked. A force play at home got Veselik out, but the Cougars still had the bases loaded with two gone. Robert Badilla stepped into the box next and fought off a full count to earn a walk, giving Clackamas a 1-0 lead.

Galbraith completed the game in the ninth, earning his second win of the day. Veselik ended the day going 2-4 from the plate, including a double, and Badilla went 1-2, with two walks and that much needed RBI.

"There has been so much pressure on us to win, that we forgot how to have fun," Breslaw said. "We found

that today, and were able to play our game."

In game two the Cougars got on the board first with a three-run outburst in the top of the third. In the seventh, Clackamas was able to strike again when Breslaw knocked in DJ Johnson with an RBI single, giving the Cougs a 4-0 lead heading into the final half-inning of the game.

In the bottom of the seventh, Cougar pitcher Jason Hart found himself in trouble for the first time of day and was relieved by Brian Goff after giving up consecutive singles to lead off the inning.

Goff was able to come in and preserve the win for Hart and the Cougars, only giving up two unearned runs in the 4-2 Clackamas victory. Badilla was the big man at the plate for the Cougars, going 2-3 with an RBI.

"Man, our dugout was so loud—the loudest it has been all season," Hap Purden said. "It was awesome."

On Saturday, Mt. Hood came to town and in turn would end the Cougars' winning streak in game one

and start a losing streak for Clackamas in game two.

The first game of the twinbill was a nail biter, with the Cougars getting on the board early with two runs in the first inning thanks to Tyler Liebelt's RBI double and Mike McNally's run-scoring single.

Hap Purden started on the mound for the Cougars and was able to keep Hood in check, only allowing one run through the first five innings of play. Going into the top of the sixth, Clackamas held a slim 3-1 lead while Jack Cole relieved Purden.

Cole allowed the visitors to score one run in the sixth and seventh innings, which nodded up the score at three. In the top of the eighth, Mt. Hood had two outs and no one on. But Cole gave up a double followed by a single, giving Hood the lead for good.

Breslaw and Liebelt were impressive from the plate, going 2-4 and 3-4, respectively for the Cougars, while McNally drove in two of the three Cougar runs in the loss.

Game two was a nightmare for the home team and the losing pitcher, Brian Goff. Goff allowed three runs in the top of the second and was pulled. Chris Burke relieved the starter, but to no avail, giving up three runs of his own in the top half of the third.

The Cougars only got five hits for the game, with Breslaw getting three of those. After Hood had jumped to the 6-0 lead, Clackamas wasn't able to put anything together and never cut the lead to less than four. By the end, Hood had added four more runs, while Clackamas chipped away but still lost 10-5.

"This whole season has been up and down," Purden said. "From here on out we are just going to go out there and have fun and play some ball."

The Cougars currently stand in fifth place in the Southern Division, and in order to have a chance for the playoffs they will need to achieve third. They sit three-and-a-half games out of that spot with six games remaining.



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The Cougars won three games on the road last Tuesday versus Lane. However, on Saturday Clackamas was shut down twice by league leader Mt. Hood. The Cougs have six games remaining in the season, including two at home on May 17 versus SWOCC.

## Cougars impress with personal bests at Husky Stadium

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Monday and Tuesday of the week Clackamas sent four athletes to Spokane Falls to compete in the NWAACC Decathlon and Decathlon Championships.

Chris Hoppie and Lucas Ohmes finished second and third in the decathlon with point totals of 5,231 and 5,971; Hoppie also placed as the Southern Region champion. Sean Jones and Kevin Nelson placed eighth and 12th, respectively.

On Saturday the Cougs went to compete in the Kenyon Invite at Husky Stadium. The meet went really well for our athletes didn't record a personal or season best, and one still finished first in their

Another Clackamas athlete that performed extremely well was David Arndt. Last week Arndt set two personal bests, and this week he did it again. Arndt set the shot-put 50.09 feet, breaking his personal record and setting the best distance in the NWAACC this year.

David [Arndt] has just been setting these past few weeks," Coach Kegg said. "He's really blowing away all these personal records."

Kevin Nelson was another to set a season best. He ran the

110-meter hurdles in 16.79 seconds, taking first in the race.

Other Clackamas first-place finishers were Chris Dilley in the hammer throw, flight one, and David Arndt in the hammer and discus throw, both flight two. Kyle Steele placed first in the shot-put.

Emma Ward took first in section two of the 100-meter dash, Adam Miller took first in section three of the 100-meter dash, and Josh Gehl did as well in the 200-meter dash. Tiffany Passi went home in first as well, competing in section two of the 800-meter run.

The five Clackamas athletes that competed in the men's 100-meter dash all recorded season's best.

"All these personal bests, season records, and first place finishes shows this team is really coming around," said Kegg. "I feel that heading into the Southern Region Championships we're in really good shape and will perform strongly, and I feel the



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same way about the NWAACC Championships."

The next Cougar track event will be the Southern Region Championships this weekend at Lane C.C. in Eugene. Clackamas looks to do really well and will try this most recent hot streak.

Two weeks from the Southern Region Championship the Cougar athletes will go to Mt. Hood C.C. and compete in the NWAACC championships.

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