

Lady Cougs split six, drop to third

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The Clackamas softball team had a down-and-down week, splitting six games to fall into third place in the Western Division of the NWAACC. The Cougars went to Longview, Washington on May 2 to face Lower Columbia College and split a doubleheader with the Red Devils, losing game one 7-0 before bouncing back in game two to win 10-1.

The girls were disappointed with their effort in game one, and after a "what between games they really stepped up the offense," said Head Coach Paul Fiskum. "I was very happy with the effort in game two

and we are really starting to show some fight and perseverance with our efforts."

The Cougars were one-hit in game one, with Caitlin Ooley getting a single to lead off the first for Clackamas Community College's only base knock. The bats came alive in game two, however, as Ooley and Casey Middagh each had three hits, while Cotie Howard, Brianna Mondragon and Jessica Schell each had two hits to lead the Cougars to a 14-hit and 10-1 victory.

Friday, Clackamas got an RBI single from Ooley in the bottom of the eighth, scoring Heather Rightley from second base with the winning run in the Cougar's 5-4 game one win over Mt. Hood CC. Ooley was

2-4 at the plate, Schell continued her strong play with two hits and two RBI, and Katie King had two doubles in the game. Janelle Cristofaro tossed a six-hitter to get the victory on the mound.

"We kept on battling all the way to the end, even after Mt. Hood tied the game in the top of the seventh," said Fiskum. "Our girls have a never-say-die attitude; they just buckled down and went out and won the game."

Game two was over early as Erin Snyder bombed a three-run homer in the bottom of the first and Ooley hit her first collegiate home run, a two-run shot, in the bottom of the second, as Clackamas ran away to a 9-1 victory. Jamie Torgersen gave up only three hits and struck out 13 Saints in

only five innings netting her 10th victory of the season.

The Cougars played Chemeketa CC last Saturday, and got rude treatment from the visitors as the Chiefs swept a doubleheader from Clackamas to take over second place in the division, winning 14-5 and 4-3.

"We were really competitive all day, we just didn't get any breaks," said Fiskum. "Especially the first game. We battled hard and the final score was not indicative of the effort that we gave."

Mondragon led Cougar hitters in game one with a single and a three-run homer, while Schell became the 10th Cougar hitter this season to hit at least one home run with her solo

shot in the fourth. Torgersen battled a back strain all game, but she took the loss.

Clackamas jumped out to a 3-0 lead in game two, and a tight strike zone allowed the Chiefs to come back with the help of eight walks to claim a 4-3 victory.

The Cougars traveled to Coos Bay Tuesday to take on Southwestern Oregon CC; results were not available at press time. The Cougars take on Lower Columbia College on Friday in the last home doubleheader of the season. Game time is 3 p.m. at the Cougar Softball Complex. The Cougars will then travel to Vancouver, Washington to take on Clark College in a doubleheader beginning at noon on Saturday.



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Cougar Chris Oki slides into home for the game-winning run in the first of two games yesterday against Chemeketa. Oki serves the team as a utility player, possessing the ability to play both the outfield and second base positions.

Baseball

May 9 vs. Chemeketa

Results:

Game 1: W 4-3

Game 2: L 0-4

Last home game:

May 13 at 1 p.m.
vs. Linn Benton

Last away game:

Coos Bay
May 16 at 1 p.m.
vs. SW Oregon

Field events prosper

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The Clackamas Community College Track and Field team competed in the Ken Shannon Invitational at Husky Stadium on May 6.

"We really had a big performance in field areas," said Head Coach Jack Kegg.

"On the women's side, Jeeni Shantin threw and tied her personal record from high school," said Kegg.

Shantin threw a final distance of 45.97 meters in the Women's Javelin Throw to place first. Right now Shantin leads the NWAAC in the Javelin Throw by 12 feet.

"The guys did really well in the Discus Throw. Quintin [Baxter] threw well," said Kegg.

Baxter threw a final distance of 42.10 meters in the Men's Discus Throw, placing seventh. Rhys Perkins threw a final distance of 39.29 meters to place eighth.

"Baxter had a PR in the discus - he added 3 feet," said Assistant Coach Keoni McHone, who also coaches field events.

"Lindsey [McKillip] dropped the Steeple Chase [school record] by 30 seconds. She set it earlier this year. She leads the NWAAC by one minute," said Kegg.

McKillip placed fifth in the Women's 3000-Meter Steeple Chase with a final time of 11 minutes 55.88 seconds.

"It may not look like she did well, but she competed against the eighth ranked in American history," said Kegg.

"Perkins had a solid performance in the Hammer Throw. He was only one foot under his PR," said McHone.

Perkins threw a final distance of 48.78 meters in the Men's Hammer Throw, placing fifth. Baxter threw a final distance of 46.43 meters to finish sixth.

"The Hammer Throw is stacking up to be intense. There are seven guys within seven feet of each other. There's intense competition here getting the men prepared," said McHone.

"[The invitational was a] good tune-up for the team to get ready for the [Southern Region Championships]," said Kegg.

The Southern Region Championships will be held at Mt. Hood CC, Saturday, May 13.

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