

# Softball to NWAACC as three seed

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The Clackamas softball team finished the regular season week by splitting doubleheaders with Southwestern CC and Clark College, getting swept by division champion Lower Columbia College at home.

The Cougars traveled to Coos Bay May 9 to take on SWOCC, and they took game one by a score of 4-2. Janelle Cristofaro stepped in for the injured Jamie Torgersen and hit a gem, allowing only one hit and two unearned runs to pick up the victory. Katie Middagh led Clackamas's hitting,

going 2-4.

Game two was a different story as SWOCC, playing fast and loose, piled up 12 hits on Clackamas' Lindsey Olin en route to a 13-5 win. The game was a sloppy one as SWOCC committed six errors and Clackamas had three miscues, but timely hitting and a miniscule strike zone cost the Cougars a potential sweep of the twin bill.

"Lindsay has battled shin splints all season. She wasn't moving very well and it showed," said Head Coach Paul Fiskum. "That and some amazing defense by the SWOCC centerfielder did not help us. That girl made two outstanding catches; it probably saved three

or four runs. She only has one arm due to a birth defect, but she only needed one arm. She was great."

Last Friday, Clackamas played their final home games of the season, hosting Lower Columbia. LCCC came to Oregon City and stomped the Cougars 10-1 and 14-5.

The only real highlight for the home team in game one was a solo home run by Cotie Howard in the fifth for the Cougars' only run in the 10-1 loss.

In game two, Casey Middagh's two-run homer was not enough in Clackamas's 14-5 loss. Anna Alcalá was 2-3 at the plate and Caitlin Ooley was 2-4 and scored twice, but

it wasn't enough.

Clackamas traveled to Vancouver on Saturday to take on Clark College. Game one Cristofaro tossed her second one-hitter of the week in the Cougars' 8-0 victory. Middagh was 2-2 and scored two runs. Ooley was 2-4 with two RBI.

Game two saw the Cougars jump out to a quick 4-0 lead after two innings, but Clark came back to lead 5-4 after six. Clackamas forced extra innings with a run in the seventh, but in the 11th inning a bases-loaded single gave Clark the winning run. The final score stood at 7-6.

"The girls played their tails off, considering the beating that we took the day before

against Lower Columbia," said Fiskum.

Middagh led the Cougar hitters with a single, a double, a triple and two RBI. Erin Snyder was 2-3, and Brianna Mondragon was 2-4 with a single and a double at the plate. Cristofaro relieved Olin and pitched the final seven innings, coming up with the loss.

Clackamas travels to the NWAACC tournament this weekend at Delta Park as the number-three seed from the Southern Division. They will face the number-two seed from the Northern Division, the Edmonds CC Tritons. The game against Edmonds begins Friday at 11:30 a.m. at Delta Park.

## Track and field participate in Southern Region Championships



Emma Ward competes in the hurdles event on Saturday, May 13 at Mt. Hood CC. Ward is also a member of the Cougars' softball team, where she can play both guard positions.

Sophomore Mike Jenkins participates in the long jump competition. Jenkins, who graduated from Milwaukie High School, runs sprints for Clackamas.



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Assistant Coach Keoni McHone from Clackamas dialed 911 from his cell phone as soon as he heard shouting and saw Muhammad running toward Marchant.

"I heard him yell and when I turned around she was on the ground," McHone said.

Muhammad said that although this type of accident is uncommon, something similar happens just about every year at Track and Field events around the country.

"That's why some states don't have some events," said Muhammad. "It's why Texas doesn't have the hammer or the javelin ... it's why we don't have the hammer."

Muhammad also reported that Marchant was conscious before and after the ambulance arrived, and that she could remember her name, birthday and what high school she graduated from. She sustained no concussion or fractures and is expected to return to her team soon.

Editors note:

Track and field athletes will be competing in the NWAACC Championships held in Spokane, Washington May 22 and 23.

## Baseball: Cougars' final home games unsuccessful

May 13 vs. Linn Benton

Game 1: L 2-15

CCC: 4h, 5e

LBCC: 15h, 5e

Game 2: L 1-13

CCC: 5h, 1e

LBCC: 19h, 2e

Clackamas played their final game of the 2006 campaign yesterday at Coos Bay against SW Oregon CC. Results were not available at time of publication.