

SOFTBALL: success slips in 'ship

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Next up on Friday was a date with South Puget Sound CC. The best hitting team in the NWAACC was no match for the Cougars, as CCC defeated SPSCC 12-3. Jessica Schell led the hitting display by going 2-3 with a single, a double and three RBI.

On Saturday, the Cougars took on Chemeketa CC and their All-American pitcher, Katie Fleer. The Cougars battled all game and got a two-run homer from Casey Middagh to keep Clackamas in the game. Chemeketa led 5-2 going to the bottom of the seventh when Katie King reached base on a single and Brianna Mondragon reached on an error. Angelone singled up the middle on a 3-1 pitch, scoring Heather Rightley, who had pinch-run for King, making the score 5-3.

Ooley stepped to the plate with two outs and two on, and promptly smacked the most memorable hit in recent Clackamas history, a three-run walk-off home run over the centerfield fence to win the game 6-5.

Clackamas had to take the field again a mere 45 minutes after the dramatic win over Chemeketa, this time against Lower Columbia. The championship game was over almost before it began as the Red Devils batted around in the first, scoring eight runs on the way to a 20-7 win over CCC.

"We just had a great win [over Chemeketa] and then we had the wind knocked out of our sails right off the bat," said Fiskum. "I really don't know what happened, but we got our rear ends handed to us. Lower Columbia is a darn good team and they showed us."

The coaching staff had a long talk with their team both Saturday night and Sunday morning before taking on Mt. Hood CC in an elimination game. The words paid off as Middagh led a 19-hit attack with five hits of her own as Clackamas defeated the Saints

13-12.

Ooley led off the game with her fourth home run of the tournament and the team scored in each of the first six innings enroute to the win. Snyder was 3-5 at the plate, Schell was 2-3 and scored four runs, Howard was 2-3 with two RBI and Jennah Cowper came off the bench in the fifth and smacked a two-run homerun. Mt. Hood made it a 13-12 game in the seventh, but the Cougars got three ground-ball outs to hang on to the victory.

Cristofaro pitched 5 and 2/3 innings to get the victory, with Torgersen picking up the save.

"I wish that I could have done better, but we all did well enough to win the game," said Cristofaro.

The Cougars ended the season with a 27-21 record and their fourth second-place finish in the NWAACC tournament in school history. Cristofaro, Angelone, Middagh and Ooley were named to the all-tournament team.



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ABOVE: Sophomore 1B Anna Alcalá connects with the ball, taking advantage of Chemeketa's pitching in this matchup.



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The 2006 Clackamas cougars posing in front of their second-place trophy. Despite not winning the championship the Cougars were overachievers, overcoming various ailments and injuries throughout the entire season.

Track & Field: NWAACC

Clackamas' track and field athletes just finished competing in the NWAACC Championships in Spokane, Washington. Since the championships were held on Monday and Tuesday, results were not available at print time. Look for full coverage in next Wednesday's paper.



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