

King propels team to top

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The Clackamas softball team used solid pitching and a newfound power game to sweep four opponents at the NWAACC crossover tournament in Wenatchee, Wash. last weekend.

The Cougars opened tournament play on Saturday with a 6-0 win over Spokane CC. Daine Santos improved her record to 11-2 on the mound with a two-hit shutout. Santos added to her NWAACC-leading total with more strikeouts in the complete game victory.

Katie King went 2-4 at the plate with a double and a home run, while Sam Daline added a home run and a single. Cotie Howard was also 2-4 with a single and a double, and Kelsey Hinds chipped in two singles to help pace the Cougar offense against Spokane.

In game two on Saturday, Janelle Cristofaro tossed a one-hitter with six strikeouts in her complete game performance as Clackamas defeated Blue Mountain CC by a score of 8-1.

King hit her second home run of the season, along with a double, and drove in four runs to lead the Cougars offensively. Daline added two singles, and Jessica Slocum added two singles in three at-bats.

Sunday, the Cougars got a sudden power explosion to overcome four fielding errors, hitting a season-high six home runs to help Clackamas to a 9-5 victory over Bellevue CC.

Hinds led the way with two homers, while Daline, Howard, Jessica Schell and Cotie each went yard to back Santos, who went up only three hits and struck out 17 in her complete game victory. Santos now has

a conference-leading 185 strikeouts on the season, which is third on the all-time single-season CCC strikeout list. Holly Marlow has the school record, as she rang up 223 strikeouts in the 2004 season. Santos has at least seven more starts in order to possibly reach and surpass Marlow's record.

The Cougars finished off the weekend in fine fashion as Cristofaro tossed a complete-game three-hitter and struck out nine in CCC's 7-1 victory over Highline CC.

Daline and King led the Cougar offense with two singles apiece as the Cougars

played small ball throughout the game to get the victory.

Clackamas is ranked number one in the latest NWAACC coaches' poll and has an overall record of 22-3, including a 10-0 record in Southern Division play. Clackamas took on Lower Columbia College in a make-up doubleheader on Tuesday in Longview, Wash.; results were not available at press time.

The Cougars travel to Gresham today to take on Mt. Hood CC in a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.



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Catcher Katie King swings for the fences during a game earlier this season. King also serves as the team's DH, as she has shown the ability to punish the ball.

T&F compete in multiple meets

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This past weekend the track team competed in the Warner Pacific Mini Meet at Oregon City High School and in the Oregon Invitational in Eugene.

At the Oregon Invitational, the athletes were divided into two groups, the A group and the B group. Jeeni Schantin took first in the women's javelin for the B group, registering a throw of 42.31 meters.

"The weather wasn't that good," Schantin said, "but I still got in two solid throws."

Also for the women, Tricia Bollier took first place in the pole vault for the B group with a jump of 3.40 meters.

"I think, compared to the other athletes, she rose to the occasion," Coach Keoni McHone said.

With it raining all day, a lot of the women were scared to even jump because of the slickness of the pole.

For the men, Mike Simmons took second place at the Oregon Invite for javelin, throwing 66.11 meters and also achieving a personal record.

"I think he stepped it up," McHone said, "and he showed some strong consistency."

Also for the men, Wesley Keller, nursing a hamstring injury, took second place in both the 100 and 200-meter dash for the B group. Keller has had a long season, dealing with injuries to his hip, hamstring and quadriceps.

"I think he ran aggressive," McHone said, "considering his injuries."

With that rainy weekend behind them, the team looks ahead.

"Our plan for this weekend is to just keep lowering our marks and prepare ourselves for the championship phase of the season," McHone said.

This weekend, they will be at the Western Oregon University meet in Monmouth and NWAACC multi-event championships in Spokane, Wash.

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Baseball wins four of five; still alive

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The Cougars baseball team continues to be plagued by inconsistent bats and inclement weather, but still remains alive in the chase for first in the South.

Last Thursday, the team split a doubleheader vs. Lane CC. The series was highlighted by strong pitching performances and a rare triple play turned by the good guys.

In game one, Clackamas won 4-1 behind a strong start by freshman pitcher Jeff Bjorklund.

"I got ahead by throwing strikes early, and the defense behind me made plays," Bjorklund said.

The second game showcased another solid pitching performance, this time by sophomore Jesse Jensen. However, the game had a different outcome, as the Cougs fell 3-2 in an intense contest that went down to the wire.

"Our bats went cold in the second game, and LCC pitched well and played good D," Bjorklund relayed.

On Friday, Clackamas played a make-up game and dominated an overmatched Linfield JV team, winning 9-3. Freshman Steven Baker picked up the victory, pitching sound from the mound.

Yesterday, Clackamas hosted a doubleheader with Linn-Benton CC. Bjorklund registered another victory in game one, getting the shutout in a 3-0 showing.

Game two was also a successful endeavor for Clackamas as they won a thriller in the eighth when freshman Ben Janal registered a walk-off base hit, scoring Eric Renander from



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Freshman Jeff Bjorklund pitches against Lane CC last week. Bjorklund has picked up two wins in his last two starts.

second. Freshman Nate Rief picked up the win, his third on the year.

The Cougs go on the road for their next three, starting with two on Thursday against incumbent Southern Division leader, Mt. Hood CC.

"They got a good team, but they're definitely beatable. I think we can play with anyone," Bjorklund said with confidence.