

Santos, Cristofaro K opposition

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The Clackamas softball team had a 5-2 week, losing games to Lower Columbia College and Mt. Hood CC, while sweeping doubleheaders against Southwestern Oregon CC and Clark College.

Renee Santos set a new school record for strikeouts in a single season during a Friday win over SW Oregon. Santos struck out nine Laker hitters during CCC's 8-0 win, giving her 224 strikeouts on the season, breaking the mark of 223 K's set by Holly Marlow during the 2004 season.

Santos ran her record to 14-2 for the season, although she left after 4 1/3 innings due to soreness in her pitching arm. Janelle Cristofaro finished out the Cougar victory in game one, and then tossed a complete game in the second game, a 12-0 Cougar romp.

Cristofaro struck out five and gave up only one hit in game two, while Jessica Schell and Sam Daline each contributed three hits to the Cougar offense.

Saturday, the Cougars took on the Chemeketa Storm and got more strong pitching from Santos and Cristofaro, while Schell and Heather Rightley helped supply the offense in a 6-3 and 3-2 doubleheader sweep.

Santos struck out 16 Storm hitters in the game one victory, running her record to 15-3 and increasing her single-season strikeout record set the day before. Schell hit a towering home run during a five-run second inning to set the pace for the Cougars.

Cristofaro ran her record to 11-2 with a complete-game four-hitter while striking out three in game two, as Clackamas pushed across a fifth-inning run to break a 2-2 tie and send the Storm back to Salem with a 3-2 loss.

The Cougars played host to the defending NWAACC champions from Lower Columbia College yesterday; results were not available at press time. Friday, Clackamas goes to Gresham to take on second-place Mt. Hood CC in a key Southern Division matchup. The Cougars lead the Lady Saints by two games in division play entering this week's games. Saturday, CCC travels to Salem to play Chemeketa in a doubleheader on the Chemeketa campus.

"We are still playing very well, although we have had some

ups-and-downs over the last week," said Head Coach Jessica Farnsworth. "Both of our pitchers are feeling the effects of a long season, but they are hanging in there. Renee [Santos] has had some soreness in her arm, but we will rest her on practice days. Her arm is not a major concern at the moment. We will keep an eye on her, definitely."

The next Cougar home game is Tuesday, May 8, when Clackamas will take on Southwestern Oregon CC in a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m. on the Cougar softball diamond behind Randall Hall.



Janelle Cristofaro takes a hack during the game Tuesday vs. perennial powerhouse Lower Columbia.



Freshman 3B Ashley Roy throws the ball around between innings vs. Lower Columbia.

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Freeman, Cernin sign, will continue college basketball careers



Big man Brian Freeman goes up strong in a game earlier this year.

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Brian Freeman, the 6'10" sophomore center, has finally signed a letter of intent.

He has committed to play for Long Beach State University.

The Albany native led the Cougs to an NWAACC championship this last season, also compiling an all time school best record of 29-4, which included going undefeated in the Southern Region.

Freeman was named the MVP of both the Southern Region and the NWAACC Tournament.

In his two seasons at Clackamas, his teams went a combined 53-11, winning over 80% of their games.

Freeman was actively recruited by more than 30 D1 schools.

He will be joining a program that went 24-8 last season, and reached the NCAA Tournament.

Freeman's teammate David "sharp shooting" Cernin also has been signed and will continue his college basketball career at Cal Baptist University.

Cernin has earned a full scholarship after his strong season that saw him achieve first team all region and first team all NWAACC Tournament.

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Guard David Cernin shoots a freethrow during the team's postseason run to the NWAACC championship game.