

# Cougs drop ball, look to regroup

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Sports Editor

Clackamas baseball is coming off a less-than-stellar stretch of games, getting swept in two doubleheaders before splitting a series with Lane CC yesterday.

Last Thursday, the team traveled to Gresham to take on the current Southern Division leader, Mt. Hood CC.

Game one saw Clackamas play hard, taking them to extra innings before losing by a score of 9-8. Freshman pitcher Kyle Burrigh, who leads the team in saves, took the loss. Freshman Cameron Childress was the one bright spot for Clackamas, making solid contact all day and going 4-4.

Game two was far less dramatic as the Cougars were dominated from the outset, losing by a score of 14-2, getting out-hit 14-5 in the process.

Freshman pitcher Tyler Huett was handed the lopsided loss in the contest.

"In game one, our pitchers struggled to find the strike zone but our offense was solid and put up a lot of runs. In the second game, our pitchers did a great job, we just didn't hit well; to say the least," freshman catcher Ben Janal relayed.

Over the weekend, the team traveled to Coos Bay for two against southwestern Oregon CC. Going against a struggling SWOCC club,

Clackamas was confident but quickly fell victim yet again.

Game one featured freshman pitcher Russ Lende who threw a complete game in a 4-1 loss.

"All their hits were dinks that fell for them, while nothing fell for us," Lende said.

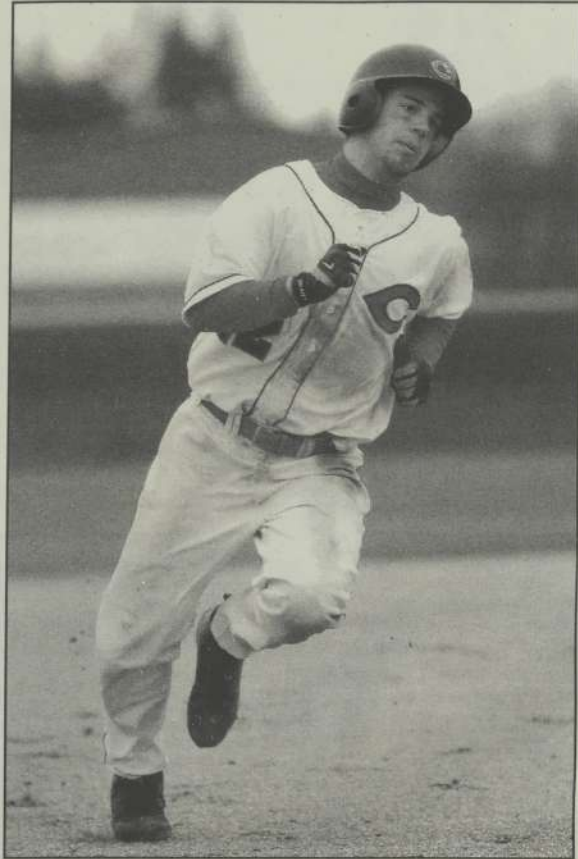
Game two was an even greater pitching battle as Bryce Roby fought the good fight despite not getting any run support. The Cougars would go extra innings but suffer a disappointing loss by a score of 2-1.

Perhaps of even more concern after this series was the injury sustained by sophomore co-captain, SS Eric Renander. Early word is that it's a strained back muscle, leaving his availability for upcoming games in question.

The Cougs won 12-11 in 13 innings yesterday at Lane before losing 7-1 in the second game.

"We have to get to a consistent level where we are hitting and pitching well all at once," pitcher Jeff Bjorklund said. "If we do that, there's no reason we shouldn't get second in the South."

*\*Editor's note: For more in depth coverage of the series @ Lane CC, access the school's website and search for the athletics page. NWAACC.org also has scores, standings, and schedules for all the community colleges in Oregon and Washington.*



Freshman catcher, Ben Janal, rounds the bases in a game earlier this season. Janal is from Lakeridge High School and has caught, hit, run and played stellar defense all year long.

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## T&F get strong personal performances

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The Clackamas Print

This past weekend the track team competed in the Western Oregon Twilight in Monmouth Oregon.

For the men, Kenjamine Jackson, Wesley Keller, Matt Tweedy and Joe Gobel all had strong performances. Jackson took first place in both the 100 meter and the 200 meter dash with times of 10.71 seconds and 21.70 seconds. Jackson is currently number six on the CCC all time list. Keller took second in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.74 seconds

and is currently ranked seventh on the Clackamas all time list.

Matt Tweedy ran for second place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 48.91 seconds. Along with their solo performances, the 4x400 meter relay team of Gobel, Jackson, Keller, and Tweedy took first place and are currently the fastest team in not only the 4x400 but also the 4x100.

For the women, Rachel Hemphill, Tricia Bollier, Jamie Burg, Meaghan Durand and Stefani Dittmar all posted strong performances. Hemphill took fourth place in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.70 seconds. Bollier got some good weather and

had a big day taking first in the pole vault with a jump of 3.60 meters, also adding eight inches to her personal record on the day.

The 4x100 relay team of Hemphill, Burg, Durand, and Dittmar ran for third place overall. Although the 4x400 relay team of Hemphill, Burg, Dittmar, and Lindsey Mckillip took fifth place, posting a two second personal record and are currently ranked sixth on the CCC all time list.

The track and field team now looks forward to the Oregon Twilight meet this weekend at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

### Upcoming sports schedule:

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Baseball</b>	Off	vs. Chemeketa	Off	vs. Mt. Hood
<b>Softball</b>	Off	Off	@ Mt. Hood	@ Chemeketa