

Baseball star turns own major leagues

By **Sheppard**

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Cougar centerfielder Todd McBride, baseball is every-
Bride was drafted straight out of high school by the
City Royals in 2006.

ever, he chose not to sign with the
despite his and his family's excitement
to offer. Instead, he accepted a scholar-
ship from Clackamas to play baseball while he
in his Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

and to pursue playing professionally. If
I have my business degree to fall back on,"
"or maybe even physical therapy."

Bride plays the outfield position on the
which he greatly enjoys.
Head Coach Robin Robinson share a
enthusiasm for the current team.

great that they believe in themselves,"
said. "They have respect for the game
ball."

Players are also good friends off the field.
He is roommates with Jeff Bjorklund, one
of Clackamas' four starting pitchers.
"It's a good team chemistry," McBride

said. "We see each other every day. We're like a family."

McBride's biological family is of great importance to him
as well. His father and older sister are both involved in sports;
his father played the infield position during his own college
years, while his sister plays softball for the team at Mt. Hood
Community College. She holds the same position as her
brother.

"My family has always played," he said, "and I've played
since tee ball."

Among McBride's personal goals is to
hit a .400 batting average and to see his team
make it to the playoffs.

"I hope to keep getting better," he said.

But his ultimate aim is to have a repeat
of a certain event he experienced in high
school.

"I want to get drafted after this year," he
said. "If not, I'll go back to school."

As far as colleges go, McBride wants to
transfer to a four-year university. One possi-
bility is Western Oregon University.

"I'm talking to Western, but if any other
schools want me, I'll go," he said.

Because baseball is such a demanding
sport, he and his fellow team members have
very little time for personal activities, even
in the off-season.

"We can only have class every Monday,
Wednesday and Friday because of the game

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schedule," he said. "It's very time-consuming."

But when he does have a spare moment, McBride enjoys a
variety of activities, including hunting, hiking and working out.

"I like to go fishing, hang out with friends, play video
games," McBride said. "I used to have baseball cards, but I left
them at my parents' house."

The coming of winter and fall hardly spells the end of the
season for McBride and the rest of the team. Winter finds them
in the weight room, while fall is spent playing friendly practice
games.

"Spring is when it counts," McBride said. "We prep for
spring."

Officially, summer is the off-season, which he spends in the
summer league.

"Baseball and school are pretty much my life," he said.

The recent weather has wreaked havoc with the team's
schedule. The Cougars were rained out of their last game against
Chemeketa, and many of their practices have been forced
indoors.

"You don't get the same kind of practice," McBride said.

Weather hasn't dampened McBride's drive to play, though.

"He's making marvelous progress," Robinson said. "He's
playing well enough that he'll get offers."



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Outfielder Todd McBride slides into third base. McBride turned down the offer to play for the
City Royals and instead chose to pursue a college career for the time being.

Back gears for championships winding down at Pacific meet

By **rea Simpson**

Editor

past weekend at the Pacific Twilight
Pacific University, in Forest Grove,
has pared down the number of ath-
leting in preparation for the upcoming
Region Championships.

Coach Keoni McHone says that the
currently in a "peaking phase."
did not compete in too many events
of the resting phase, but we fared pretty
McHone said.

with the team not competing at full
didn't seem to stop athletes like Morgan
from going all out. Cribbs had been out
trained quadriceps, but ran a record time
c.

s had a lifetime PR of 25.41 seconds in

the 200-meter dash, a time just .27 seconds from
the school record. Stefani Dittmar and Rachel
Hemphill placed fifth and sixth in the event,
respectively.

Aimee Shafer set her own lifetime PR in the
100-meter dash with a time of 13.28 seconds.

In the men's division, Joe Gobel made a mod-
est showing in the men's 400-meter dash, plac-
ing ninth in the event. And the 4x100 relay team
topped the competition, taking first with a time
of 43.63 seconds. The team consisted of Logan
Fjelstad, Mat Tweedy, Stan Wester and Gobel.

Fjelstad also set his lifetime PR in the 100-
meter dash. His time of 11.31 seconds placed
him sixth in the competition.

The team is in preparations for the Southern
Region Championships, to take place this
Saturday at Southwestern Oregon University.
After the championships, the team moves
on to the Northwest Athletic Association of
Community Colleges Championships.



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LEFT: Kai Ojala flies over the high jump in last weeks' meet at the Saints and Cavaliers Invitational.

Cougar softball defeats top-ranked Mt. Hood CC Saints

By **Lydia E. Bashaw**

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In need of a few wins, the sixth-
ranked Cougars came together to defeat
the top-ranked Mt. Hood Saints.

At the May 2 game, sophomore
pitcher Renee Santos threw a 15 strike-
out game with a two-hit shutout. This
was her 13th victory of the season. Susan
Winningham hit a home run in the
fourth inning, with Taya Clark on
base, that scored the two runs of victory.
The game broke the Saint's 22-game
winning streak.

In game two, Emily Kenagy had a
four-hit, four-strikeout shutout of the
Saints. Scoring in the second, third and

fifth innings led the Cougars to win the
game 3-0.

The double win moved the team into
third place, behind Lower Columbia and
Mt. Hood, who still holds first place.

In the May 3 games against
Chemeketa, outstanding pitching by
both teams caused a stalemate until the
sixth inning. Santos kept the Storm from
scoring in the seventh, and the offense
created a run when Kristel Baeckel
scored off of Danyel Craycraft's runs
batted in (RBI). The team won the
game 1-0.

Game two was a battle of the bats;
22 hits and 11 runs were generated in
the game. Chemeketa showed up in the
first inning, but the Cougars came back
in the second.

Clackamas tied 4-4 after the fifth
and remained scoreless until the top
of the ninth, when the Storm came
back with a run in the lead. However,
the Cougars showed back up in the
ninth when Winningham drove in
Tara DeVeny on an RBI and Clark
singled to score Winningham. The
Cougars won 6-5.

Santos pitched a three-hit, 15
strikeout in the first game to tie the
school record of 39 wins set by Holly
Marlow in 2005. The second game
was another win for Santos, beating
the school record.

The Cougars who beat firmly
hold onto their third-place position in
the Southern Region with four games
ahead.

LEFT: Brianne Rowley
watches the ball as it flies
from her bat.



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