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Cougars outfielder Joe Bray bats against Linn-Benton on Thursday, April 22. Clackamas split the doubleheader, winning 7-5 and losing 12-13 at home. Bray has played in a total of 26 games this season and he has 79 at bats and a .203 batting average.

Cougars baseball steals second



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Bennett warms up at practice. Bennett has pitched 14 games and has a 1.29 ERA thus far.

Clackamas baseball plays some impressive games in this season's first leg; the Cougars are second place among the NWAACCs South Region teams with five wins

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After a challenging first couple of weeks, Clackamas baseball is well under way.

The baseball team currently has a 9-5 record in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges South Region, good enough for second place. The Cougars are a game back of Mt. Hood for the lead and a game ahead of third place Chemeketa.

Currently the Cougars post a 14-13 overall record in the NWAACC. That puts them in 15 of 27 schools but there are still many games to be played.

When asked what could be improved to produce more wins, freshman catcher Chase Sterett said, "We just need to

continue to make plays and not to give up."

Some of Sterett's teammates have other opinions. Nick Olney, freshman first basemen out of Sunset High School, said, "I think our pitching and our clutch hitting need to improve more for us to win more games."

Taylor Hill, arguably the best pitcher on the team, leads the team with four wins and nine appearances. Hill also sports a 1.83 earned run average in 44 innings.

team in a number of offensive categories including runs batted in.

Olney has a different opinion. "Our biggest wins in my opinion were against Chemeketa and Mt. Hood," said Olney. Both games were big victories because they are in the top three in the South Region.

Clackamas has made many improvements to stay at the top of the region. To make the improvements, the team as a whole and as individuals need to improve.

"Sergio Cruz has made a big improvement during the season," said Sterett, when asked who the most improved was during the season so far. Cruz is a freshman outfielder.

"Beau Day is the best improved, I think," said Olney about the team's freshman catcher and first basemen.

The team has had a number of impressive victories so far this season and continues to look forward to the NWAACC tournament. However they are not underestimating their opponents in the coming weeks.

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Clackamas has had a number of big wins so far this season and hopes for bigger ones as the season continues.

"Our biggest win was the sweep of Linn-Benton," said Rayce Belmont, sophomore outfielder. Belmont leads the

The Cougars' next game is Sat. May 8 at home.

