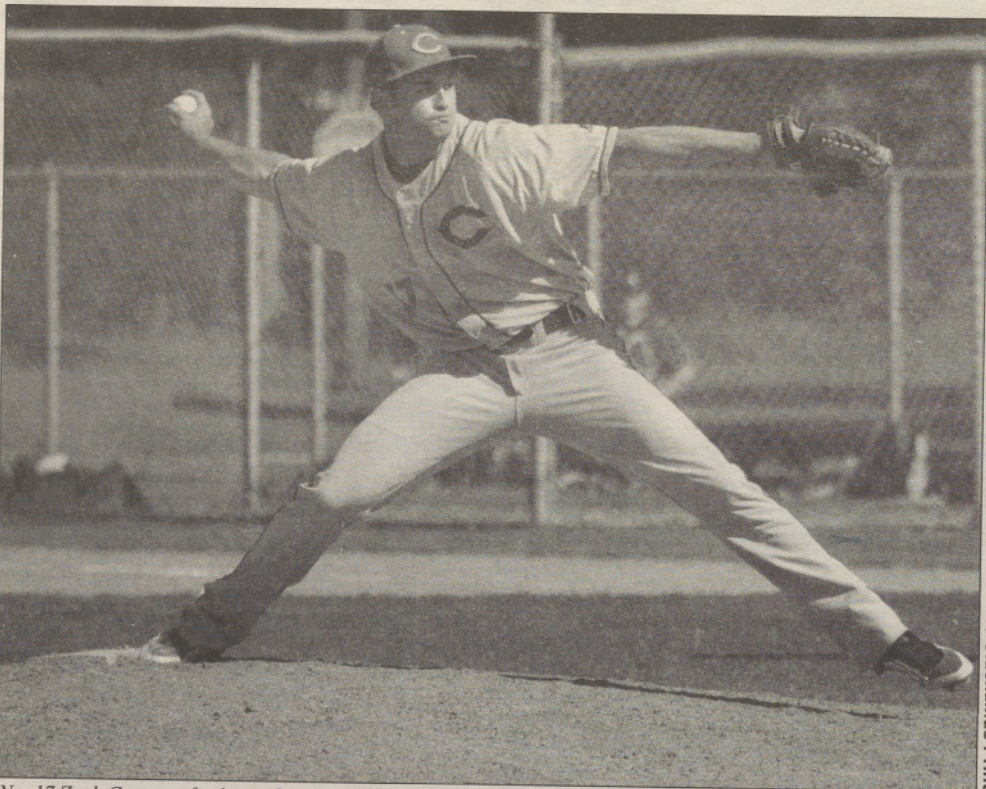


WINS: Cougars take two from Lane



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No. 17 Zach Carter, a freshman from Post Falls, Idaho, pitched the entire second game Saturday, earning a win for the Cougars in a 2 to 1 victory over Lane. Carter struck out 4 batters while giving up 7 hits in the win.

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"It was big. We haven't had a sweep at home this whole year," said freshman third baseman Skyler Barkdull. "It was nice, everybody was up today. It's nice ending our season at home. This nice weather has been bringing a better atmosphere on the team. Hopefully we can keep it up."

"It feels great, were finally coming together as a team," added catcher Thomas Kelly. "You got to love home field advantage, especially when it's nice like this and the fans are out here cheering for you."

"It's awesome," said Carter. "It's our first time playing this well at home. I wish we would have played this well earlier." Carter pitched a complete game, giving up seven hits and one run in seven innings while striking out four. Carter is 2-5 on the season with a 4.33 ERA.

Kelly went all nine innings in the first game, allowing eight hits and three runs to improve his record to 4-5 with an ERA of 3.70.

"They were hitting their spots," said Barkdull of the two freshman pitchers. "They are our two go to guys. Whenever they are on the mound it gives us a chance."

Barkdull hit a triple with no outs in the sixth inning of game two, scoring the winning run on Scott Myers sacrifice fly a couple batters later. Leadoff hitter Josh Combs was a huge

spark in both games, going 5 for 6 with two runs scored and two runs batted in. Combs had a two-out single in the third that tied the first game 1-1.

Combs is now leading the team with a .311 batting average, just ahead of Thomas Kelly's .304. Kelly threw out a runner at first base, the third time in a week that he has picked off a base runner. Kelly said that it is no accident that he has been so good at picking off runners.

"I am always looking to help the team out in any way I can. When you can throw guys out like that it kind of takes away their momentum," said Kelly. "Me and my third baseman and first baseman are always communicating to see how far off they get. We have signals and we've practiced it a lot."

Although the Cougars (7-15 in South Region, 11-23 overall) still have eight games remaining, they are realistically out of the playoff race. The Cougars hosted Linn-Benton at home on Tuesday at 1 p.m., but results were not available at press time.

Clackamas travels to Salem on Saturday to face Chemeketa at 1 p.m. before returning home for its final home contest on Tuesday, May 14 against Mt. Hood at 1 p.m.

The final home game for CCC baseball: vs. Mt. Hood May 14 at 1 p.m.

Track team improving marks

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Track and Field

The Clackamas Community College track and field teams split up last weekend as they prepare for the championship meets beginning this weekend. Some athletes went to Eugene for the Oregon Twilight on Friday, while others stayed closer to home and competed at the Pacific Twilight on Saturday.

Many athletes picked up key marks to move up in the NWAACC season rankings. Mark Medgin ran 15 minutes and 36 seconds in the 5,000-meters to move up to third in the NWAACC list. Matt Brown unleashed the hammer 160-feet 2-inches to move into second place.

Distance runner Brad Prettyman leads the CCC men's team as the top ranked NWAACC performer in the 1,500, 3,000 steeplechase and 5,000-meter run, while ranking second in the 800. Austin Collins is the top 800 runner and ranks just behind Prettyman on the 1,500 list.

Two freshman 800 runners moved among the NWAACC leaders at the Pacific Twilight. Chris Stash (1:56.32) and Austin Peila (1:57.77) are now ranked fifth and seventh, giving the Cougars four of the top seven runners in the NWAACC.

Thomas Sutherland leads the Cougar sprinters, ranking third in both the 100 and 200. Sutherland also runs on both Cougar relay teams that are ranked third. Jumper A.J. Dickson is the second ranked performer in the triple jump with a mark of 44'6.25. Seth Buck tossed the javelin 184'7 during

the decathlon competition last week to move into third place.

The women's team also moved up the NWAACC rankings in many events this weekend at Pacific. The 4x100 relay team is now ranked second with a 49.80 clocking. The women's long relay, the 4x400, is also ranked second. Sprinter Nettie Wayne ran 1:01.01 in the 400 to move up to fourth in the rankings. Wayne is also ranked third in the 200 and fourth in the 100.

Cia Bywater ran 4:53 in the 1,500 to move up to third in the NWAACC rankings. Bywater is also ranked fourth in the 5,000. Tiffany Forbito ran 1:06.43 in the 400 hurdles to move up to second place. Forbito leads the javelin rankings with her toss of 148'3, while Lexie Govert is ranked with a throw of 123'2. Elizabeth Venzon is tied for first in the high jump with a leap of 5'6 and ranks second in the triple jump with a best mark of 36'4.25.

The Cougars picked up some key points during the NWAACC Multi-Events Championships last week at Oregon City High School. Venzon won the women's heptathlon, while Forbito and Govert placed fourth and fifth, respectively, to give the Cougars 18 points. Seth Buck placed second in the men's decathlon to give the Cougar men eight points heading into the NWAACC Championships.

The Cougar track and field team is heading into championship mode as they travel to Lane CC in Eugene on Saturday for the Southern Region Championships. Clackamas' final meet of the season is the NWAACC Championships in Spokane, Wash. on May 20-21 at Spokane Falls Community College.

Wrestling

Clackamas Community College's Beau Roberts signed a national letter of intent at the end of April to wrestle at Division I Northern Colorado next season. Roberts, a national runner-up at 149 pounds for the Cougars this season, just completed his freshman year of eligibility and will have three years to compete for the Bears.

"We are so excited for Beau as he moves on to Northern Colorado and we wish him all the best on his new team," stated CCC head coach Josh Rhoden in an email. "Beau has given us many great memories and gritty efforts."

The Cougar wrestling team has been busy reloading its roster with some of the nation's top prep wrestlers as it prepares for another season at the top of the Juco rankings. The Cougars have gone far and wide to sign five wrestlers for the 2013-14 class: 182 pounders Kyle Bateman of Sandy and Adrian Salas of Clovis, Calif., 174 pounder Sisto Pina of Kennewick, Wash., 145 pounder Kenny Martin of Lincoln, Neb., and Robbie Rizzolino of Easton High School in Pennsylvania.

"Our goal here at Clackamas is simple: get these kids a solid educational foundation, help them win on the mat and move them on to the next level," stated Rhoden. "We have been very purposeful about our mission here and it has been working out very well for us over the seven years we have been at Clackamas."

The Cougars won the 2011 NJCAA Championship and have finished in the top eight at nationals for seven straight seasons during Rhoden's tenure, including third place in 2013.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLS: Portland at FC Dallas, 6 p.m. ROOT, 750 AM • WHL: Portland at Edmonton, 6 p.m. CSN, 860 AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randall Fitness Center: Open hours Noon - 8 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHL: Edmonton at Portland, 7 p.m. CSN, 860 AM • NBA: Miami at Chicago, 5 p.m. San Antonio at Golden State 7:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC Softball: vs. Clark, at noon • CCC Baseball: at Chemeketa in Salem at 1 p.m. • CCC Track & Field: S. Region Championships at Lane CC in Eugene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLS: Chivas USA at Portland, 2 p.m. • Women's Soccer: Portland Thorns at Chicago, 3 p.m. • MLB: Oakland at Seattle, 1:10 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randall Fitness Center: Open hours 8:30-10 a.m. and 1-6 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC Baseball: vs. Mt. Hood, 1 p.m. • Randall Fitness Center: Open hours Noon - 8 p.m.