Local girls shine for CCC

They help the Cougars bag their first NWAACC softball title in seven seasons

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Several local athletes contributed, as Clackamas Community College’s softball team won the NWAACC Championship Tournament, contested recently at Delta Park.

Oregon City High School graduate McKenzie Marshall was the Cougars’ tops pitcher; Gladstone High graduate Bailie Foxworthy played second base and designated player; Gladstone graduate Elise Breshears served as a pinch runner and courtesy runner; and Putnam graduate Megan Malvick excelled at shortstop.

Marshall, who also played first base and designated player, starred with her bat as well as in the pitcher’s circle. She played in 48 games, compiling a .359 batting average, with 42 runs scored, 52 RBI and 20 extra-base hits, including seven home runs.

Marshall finished with a 24-4 record, with a 2.11 ERA and 195 strikeouts, 28 walks and 144 hits allowed in 176 innings.

Foxworthy compiled a .344 batting average and scored 39 runs while playing in 49 games.

Malvick compiled a .453 batting average, with 57 runs scored, 39 RBI and 16 extra-base hits, including seven home runs, while playing in 49 games.

Marshall and Malvick received plenty of recognition for their contributions. They both were named Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Americans, Marshall as a utility infielder and Malvick as an infielder.

Marshall was named to the 2012 NWAACC All-Tournament Team and she was named NWAACC Southern Region MVP.

Malvick was selected to the 2012 NWAACC Southern Region first all-star team and Foxworthy was named to the second team. Foxworthy was a Southern Region first-team all-star as a freshman.

Foxworthy (3.77 GPA) this year was also named to the NWAACC All-Academic Team.

Clackamas won the NWAACC championships the hard way, battling through the losers bracket with seven straight wins, after losing its second game of the tournament.

The Cougars handled Shoreline, winning 8-0, in their opener, but fell to Mt. Hood 3-2 in their second game.

They followed with wins over Pierce (6-5), Treasure Valley (9-0), Douglas (6-4), Bellevue (5-4) and Mt. Hood (20-6), earning a shot at the Lower Columbia Red Devils in the finals of the double elimination tournament.

After handing Lower Columbia its first loss of the tournament 6-5, the Cougars beat the Red Devils 7-6 for the championship.

Marshall was the winning pitcher in five of the Cougars’ eight wins in the championship tournament. She pitched 3-plus innings in the 7-6 championship win over Lower Columbia, striking out five and walking no one, while allowing three hits and two earned runs. She also hit a solo home run in the bottom of the fifth inning of that game, putting Clackamas up 6-4.
Marshall pitched five innings in the 6-5 win over Lower Columbia, striking out 10, while walking one and giving up seven hits. Malvick went 2-for-2 at the plate, reaching on a walk in the bottom of the seventh, and scoring the winning run on a base hit by Katie Aden.

Malvick starred in the 20-6 win over Mt. Hood, going 4-for-5 at the plate, with a double, one RBI and three runs scored.

Malvick also scored the winning run in the 6-4 win over Douglas. She went 3-for-4 at the plate, with a triple and two runs scored, in that game.

Marshall and Foxworthy are sophomores at CCC, while Malvick and Breshears are both freshmen.

It’s the ninth NWAACC championship in softball for CCC, but the first since 2005.