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Photos by Mike Salbato

Julia Diehl hits her fourth homerun of the weekend against Luna



Lu3 - Leah Hanson hits one of the Trojans 13 homeruns against luna



2009 Trojan Golf Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location
March 22-24	Midland Tournament	Midland, TX
April 2-3	McCook Invitational	McCook, NE
April 9-10	Eastern Wyoming Invite	Torrington, WY
April 16	Otero/Lamar Invite	La Junta, CO
April 17	Otero/Lamar Invite	Lamar, CO
April 23-24	Trinidad Invitational	Trinidad, CO
April 27-29	District Tournament	Gothenberg, NE

2009 TSJC Golf Roster

Name	Class	Hometown	School
Jon Atencio	FR	Alamosa, CO	Alamosa
Mic Davis	SO	Rye, CO	Rye
Ryan Frush	FR	Colorado Springs, CO	Harrison
Brad Hernandez	SO	Westminster, CO	Standley Lake
Drew Holden	FR	Trinidad, CO	Trinidad
Mark Reynolds	FR	Westminster, CO	Standley Lake
Kyle Starrett	FR	Westminster, CO	Standley Lake
Chris Turner	SO	Westminster, CO	Standley Lake

Lady Trojans break homerun record

By MIKE SALBATO
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The Trinidad State Junior College Lady Trojan softball team made history this past weekend during a four-game sweep of Luna College by setting a new school record for homeruns in a season (43) as they belted 13 homeruns over the two-day period. All-time homerun leader Julia Diehl led the way with four homeruns to give her 23 for her career as a Lady Trojan. Other Trojan players belting homeruns in the four games were: Leah Hanson with two, Tanisha Bradford with two, Nikole Morgan had two, Brittany Pribble, Allyssa Gregory, and Kayla Litton each had one. In the four wins the Lady Trojans had 54 hits and scored 49 runs to improve to 16-11 on the season.

The first game of the double-header on Saturday turned out to be a thriller as the Lady Trojans squeaked out a 12-11 victory. Nikole Morgan had 5 RBI's with a homerun along with Julia Diehl and Kayla Litton each hitting a homerun as well. Kelsey Apodaca picked up the victory.

The second game was the complete opposite as TSJC jumped out to an early 6-0 lead and never looked back in their 14-4 win. Sophomore Tanisha Bradford had the hot bat going 3-for-4 with two homeruns and 6 RBI's. Diehl also hit two homeruns in the game along with Brittany Pribble and Leah Hanson going yard. Rachel Lovato picked up the victory on the hill.

"I never have seen a display of hitting as I did on this day," TSJC coach Steve Swazo said. "Each girl was hitting the ball hard and it was nice to see us hit nine homeruns on the day. I

am sure the fans liked that too. Tanisha had a great day with the 6 RBI's in game two and Julia continues to add to her career homerun record. I was very pleased with how we hit the ball this series."

On Sunday the Lady Trojans didn't let the strong wind deter them from hitting the long ball. In the first game of the double-header TSJC came away with a 13-1 victory as Diehl (4 RBI's), Morgan (3 RBI's) and Hanson each hit homeruns. Freshman Jessica Apodaca picked up her first win of the season allowing one run off one hit. She was also 2-for 3 at the plate for the Lady Trojans.

The final game of the four-game series had the Trojans coming away with a 10-1 victory for their 16th win of the season. Allyssa Gregory hit a homerun and collected 3 RBI's in the game while Diehl, Hanson and Morgan each had two hits in the contest. Kelsey Apodaca picked up her second win in as many days to improve to 5-2 on the season.

"What can I say, the girls came out and played solid softball and really hit the ball again," Swazo said. "The wind was blowing in on Sunday and I didn't think we would hit any out, and then we hit four homeruns on the day to break the team homerun record in a season. The girls are excited to know that they can add to that record with still some 24 games left on the schedule. It should be interesting to see what they can do if they continue to hit the ball like they have."

The Trojans have a pair of important Region IX double-headers at Southside Park this week. They will host Otero on Tuesday and Lamar on Thursday. Games are at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. both days.

Baseball splits with Luna

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The Trojans won a pair of games on Saturday but were unable to hold the lead in each of Sunday's contests as they split a four game set with Luna College in Las Vegas.

The Trojans won the first game in a tight 5-4 contest and they cruised to a 16-5 win in game two.

On Sunday Trinidad had a 4-0 lead late in the first contest but gave up eight late runs to fall 8-4.

In the final game of the series the Trojans again took a 2-0 lead. Luna took a 4-2 lead in the fifth but the Trojans rallied to tie it in the sixth. Luna then brought nine runs across in the bottom of the inning to earn the 13-5 win

"We let a couple get away from us late and that always hurts," commented Coach Scott Douglas. "We haven't done that much so it will be good to learn from. We had chances to add on and we didn't, this time we got burned. Luna always plays us pretty hard and tough. We hit lots of balls hard the entire weekend but right at people, that is part of the game. We'll have to get over it quickly; we have a big game Wednesday and a tough trip again on the weekend."

The 23-10 Trojans will host Otero in a single nine inning game on Wednesday at Central Park. The game will start at 1 p.m. This weekend they will head to Scottsbluff, Nebraska for a four game set with Western Nebraska. All five games are Region IX contests.



Cougar Canyon tops the list of Colorado's 'Best Courses You Can Play'

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The #1 Ranking by Golfweek Magazine is Cougar Canyon's Fifth National Award

The last several months for Cougar Canyon have been dizzying to say the least. With this week's announcement of Golfweek Magazine's "Best Courses You Can Play", Cougar Canyon, which is located in Trinidad, Colo., has received its fourth national award in the last six months and its sixth award overall since opening just eighteen months ago.

Cougar Canyon's first national recognition came from GOLF Magazine in January of 2008 with a spot in its "Top Ten Courses You Can Play in the U.S." awards in 2007. The announcement surprised everyone; at the time, the course had only been open for five months. However, the award proved to be a harbinger of things to come. A couple months later, Colorado Avid Golfer Magazine recognized Cougar Canyon as the "Best New Course in Colorado".

Following Cougar Canyon's inaugural summer season last

year, Golfweek Magazine awarded the Links its "#5 Best New Course" for 2007-2008 in late October. A week prior to the Golfweek award, LINKS Magazine honored Cougar Canyon as the winner in the category of "Best for Resort Lifestyle" in the magazine's well-read "America's Premier Properties" guide for 2008-2009. Finally, just before Christmas, Golf Digest Magazine recognized Cougar Canyon as the "#3 Best New Public Course in the U.S." in 2008, an award that punctuated the end of the year with an exclamation point for the southern Colorado course.

With the Golf Digest pronouncement, the Nicklaus family openly took note of Cougar Canyon's accomplishments. "On behalf of Nicklaus Design, we would like to congratulate Cougar Canyon Golf Links," said Jack Nicklaus II, president of Nicklaus Design. "We're proud of what Cougar Canyon has accomplished and the much-deserved recognition it is receiving from the various golf publications."

While a majority of the prior awards honored Cougar

Canyon as a great new course, the latest Golfweek praise establishes Cougar Canyon as an annual golf destination. "With the opening of Cougar Canyon Resort and Spa this summer, we will have a great retreat for the whole family as well as the avid golfer," said Scott Candland, Cougar Canyon's Managing Director. The course beat out longtime Colorado favorites to win top honors.

Once golfers and their entourages arrive at Cougar Canyon, they will be treated to a boutique, 117-suite hotel; full-service spa, equestrian center, and budding community vineyards to compliment the world-class golf experience. Nestled amongst these amenities will be 1,700 homes and home sites which are perfect for anyone looking for a second home with a reasonable price tag. Golf course home sites start in the low \$100s while semi-custom homes start in the high \$200s.

For more information about Cougar Canyon, please visit www.CougarCanyonLiving.com call (877) 547-7455.