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Centralia 12, Hoquiam 5

Just when Centralia softball coach Ken Olson thought he had seen it all, his sophomore shortstop went and did something here Thursday that he had never witnessed from one of his players in 16 years as a coach.

Leadoff hitter Lauren Liseth singled in her first at-bat for the Tigers, hit a two-run homer her next time up, then tripled off the fence in her third at-bat, and stroked an RBI double in her fourth, finishing 4 for 5 with the cycle in a 12-5 Centralia win over Hoquiam in Evergreen 2A Conference action.

“That doesn’t happen too often, Major Leagues or softball,” Olson said. “Some people say, ‘Why don’t you put her down in the order a little bit?’ If she keeps this up, it might happen.”

Kim Kerlee got things started for the Tigers in the first inning with two outs, lacing a bases-clearing double for a 3-run lead. She finished with two hits, along with Palmore.

Tigers pitcher Ramona Lorton, who threw just two innings because Olson wanted to get other pitchers work, went 3 for 4 with a double, three RBIs and a homer, which came right after Liseth’s.

Centralia (1-0 league, 4-1 overall) heads to Tumwater today for a 4:30 p.m. game with the T-Birds.