Clark women beat Bellevue

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KENNEWICK — The Clark College women's basketball team guaranteed its stay at the NWAACC Tournament an extra day as the Penguins knocked off Bellevue 58-56 in the first round on Saturday.

Chawncy McClenan led the Penguins (15-9) with 15 points and nine rebounds, and Renee Tzeo and Tashia DeLaCruz each

scored 11 points.

Bellevue (19-8) led by as many

as 10 points.

"They listened," coach Nancy Boone said of her players. "They played awesome defense and played together as a team. They

really want to win here."

Clark plays in the quarterfinals against Clackamas at 6 p.m. today. A win puts Clark in an 8 p.m. semifinal on Monday. A loss moves the Penguins into a 2 p.m. consolation game on Monday.