Kalan, Kruse earn Clark recognition

Sophomore basketball players Arman Kalan and Lacey Kruse have been named Clark College Student Athletes of the Month for January. Kalan, a 6-foot-7 Armenian-born center and Fort Vancouver High graduate, averages 11 points and seven rebounds a game, and leads the NWAACC with 45 blocked shots this season. Kruse, from White Salmon, averages 10 points and a team-best seven rebounds a game.

Clark sweeps Green River

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Austin Bragg had 16 points and nine rebounds and Lucas Swanson had 16 points, leading the Clark men’s basketball team to an 80-58 victory over Green River on Wednesday at the O’Connell Center. After turning the ball over nine times in the first half, the Penguins had just four turnovers in the second half.

Clark outscored Green River 47-28 in the final 20 minutes of the game.

Derek Owens added 15 points, seven rebounds, and seven assists for Clark. Stephon Hopkins had 12 points, five rebounds, and five assists.

WOMEN: At Clark College 64, Green River 61 — Lacey Kruse scored 21 points and added a career-high 22 rebounds as the Penguins held off Green River.

“A light bulb went on for Lacey,” Clark coach Nancy Boone said. “She’s 6-2 and she went to a small school in White Salmon, and she never had to jump to get the ball. And now, she’s learned that she needs to jump.”

Kruse went 10 for 19 from the field.

Clark led 47-31 in the second half, but Green River rallied on solid 3-point shooting.