Slow start dooms Clark in NWAACC loss to Pierce

Raiders capitalize to stay unbeaten in conference games

Clark College

Pierce also outrebounded Clark 44-41 with Demetric White pulling down 10 boards in the Penguins’ effort.

The Raiders sit atop the NWAACC standings at 2-0, while the Penguins fell to 1-1. Clark resumes play Wednesday at Grays Harbor.

Women’s basketball

At Clark 80, Pierce 56 — Five players scored in double figures to propel the Penguins over winless Pierce.

Ashley Kitzman led the Penguins (2-0 NWAACC) with 12 points, while Mandy Wall and Kristina Wilson both scored 11. Kippy Powers and Anna Kitzman each added 10 points and Linh Nguyen had six of the team’s 18 assists.

The Penguins shot 51.8 percent from the floor compared to their visitors’ 35 percent performance. Clark also picked up 17 points from the free-throw line, missing only one freebie out of 18 tries. Clark outscored the Raiders 43-30 in the first half and led by as much as 31 points after the half.

Pierce is 0-2 in NWAACC play. The Penguins travel to Grays Harbor on Wednesday.