Clark baseball sweeps Seattle

The Clark College club baseball team swept a doubleheader Saturday at Seattle University. The Penguins (3-4) beat the Seattle club team 10-1 and 7-4.

Ryan Ecalbarger pitched a complete-game victory in the opener, striking out four and scattering nine hits.

Fort Vancouver grad Ben Madison went 2 for 4 with a double and 5 RBI.

Mountain View grad Blake Kellams recorded the complete-game victory in the second game with no earned runs and three strikeouts and three hits allowed.

Battle Ground grad Kori Brede went 4 for 7 with a triple in the doubleheader.

Clark plays at George Fox in Newberg, Ore., today in a doubleheader beginning at noon.

The Clark College Orchestra practices for a world premiere that will feature trombonist Ron Barron.

Barron:

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Northwest that combined the Clark show with performances this month at Portland State University and the University of Oregon.

Music in the home

"I really want to do everything I can to help people find joy and happiness and comfort in music," Barron said. "You don't have to be a professional musician to make that happen. Over the last 100 years, there has been a great distance put between performing in the home and just being consumers and listeners. People feel inadequate if they can't perform like a pro. That's a bad thing."

He added, "Many homes used to have pianos. Music was in the home. People sang. People went to church and sang. That's been disappearing. So instead of them coming to me, I want to take this opportunity to bring music directly to people and try to encourage them to be active as performers. Too often, people get jobs and put their instruments in the closet. I want them to stay invested, at whatever level."

Appert said, "He's not coming here with something to prove. This is someone who has played with world-renowned conductors and as a soloist. It's certainly not for the monetary reward. It's purely for the musical reward. He just loves to play."