Homegrown victories

Penguins benefit from wealth of talent in the area

BY PAUL DANZER
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The game, they will tell you, is more demanding.

The physical confrontations on the pitch, the intense three-hour practice sessions, managing time as a student — all of those things challenge players who make the step from high school to college soccer.

But for many members of the Clark College men’s soccer team, there is also a level of comfort that comes with being at home. A half-dozen Clark players from Southwestern Washington, four of them freshmen, have played significant roles for a team that has big goals.

The Penguins (0-2-4) have clinched a spot in the Northwest Association of Community Colleges playoffs and can finish first in the South Division with wins in their last two games — home matches to day against Pierce and Saturday against Centralia.

One reason for the team’s success, according to coach Brian Alexander, is the home-grown talent on his roster.

“This team reminds me a lot of our (2007) championship team, because we had so many local players who were really good players on that team,” Alexander said. “It’s not all about local talent. The team’s top goal scorers are Josh Amoreco from Hawaii with eight goals, and Oscar Alveder from Hillsboro, Ore., with seven.

Among the reasons the local players — who all played in high school soccer programs — say they chose Clark were financial considerations. Another common factor was the opportunity to advance their soccer careers while playing close to home in a junior-college program respected both for its soccer program and for the academic support for athletes.

Alexander said recruiting local athletes is a priority, critical for fostering Clark’s connection with the community. This season, the coach said, the bonus is having local players who can contribute as freshmen. “We’re fortunate. A lot of the kids we got here are good enough to go straight to a four-year school,” Alexander said. “When they come to Clark, they can see we mean business. They also develop as a player if they go to a four-year school, they likely will sit on the bench the first year.”

Caleb Escobedo, a Clark sophomore:

Clark soccer facts

■ This week: home games at 4 p.m. today against Pierce College, 2 p.m. Saturday against Chehalis.

■ Local players: Midfielder/corner Cody Camp (Evergreen), midfield Caleb Escobedo (Hudson’s Bay), midfielder Sam Casablanco (Olympia), defender Sean Molloy (Camas), goalkeeper Carlos Mendez (White Salmon), defender Daniel Toledo (Crum).

■ Saturday’s weather: 74 degrees F.

■ Affirmative action: Alexander said his team does not discriminate.

Camas volleyball remains perfect with sweep of Prairie

BY PAUL VALENCIA
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The past two seasons, Prairie had won the league title only to see the Papermakers exact some revenge at the district tournament. Prairie was hoping to turn the tables on Camas this year.

They didn’t want that to happen.” Camas sophomore Brindell Langley said, “We wanted to sweep Prairie. We wanted to be undefeated.”

What they wanted, they got, winning the district trophy.

Langley had five aces and nine service points — before Prairie even got a chance to serve in the first game — setting the tone for the rest of the match.

“I want to see everyone know Camas was in the building,” Langley said.

By everyone, the Papermakers meant the rest of the state.

“Our goal was to send a message tonight,” Camas coach Julie Niekisch said. “The people in west Washington. We wanted to send a message that we’re definitely the team to beat from Southwest Washington.”

Camas and Prairie, along with Columbia River and Kelso, all qualified for this week’s bi-district tournament, where they will try to qualify for the state tournament. As the district champion, Camas earned a first-round bye in that 32-team bi-district field.

Stefani Sorenson led Camas against Prairie with 16 kills and 17 digs.

Athlete stays in game politics

Tuesday’s a special day for both

By FRED LIEB
Associated Press

One-time executive legitimate and taken down is a signature on the ballot, Senate seat in doubt, races a popular topic.

Election Day was a banner day for former U.S. Rep. Jack Taylor, who was in Glendive, Mont., on Monday morning, and in Lewiston, Idaho, on Tuesday. Senator Greg Baer was in Lewiston, and 19 candidates were running in the state.

McMahon of World Weekly News, Midland, and Grover Bush of Idaho, were on the ballot, with McMahon being the state’s 2008-reform health of the West Wing. Vince McMahon, who is listed as a candidate, was on the ballot. McMahon was the people’s choice in the presidential election.

The state’s new law, passed in 2004, requires candidates to be registered with the state. McMahon was on the ballot, but switched his registration before the election. General Richard Graham, a former member of the West Wing, was running for president.

While McMahon’s disease has been a mixed blessing for the future, the West Wing’s health of the West Wing.

Vince McMahon was on the ballot, and was back in the ring.

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Jeff Miller

San Francisco Giants fans flocked to ATT Park on Tuesday, the final day of the 1958 World Series for the first time since they moved to the city in 1958.

The fans lined up outside the stadium, some for hours, to get a glimpse of their favorite players. Many wore Giants jerseys and waved flags, cheering loudly as they entered the stadium. The atmosphere was electric, with fans of all ages gathered to celebrate the end of a memorable season.

The game itself was a thrilling one, with both teams putting forth their best efforts. The Giants, led by the legendary pitcher Don Drysdale, were up against the powerful Yankees, who had won the World Series the previous season. The Giants fans were not disappointed, as they witnessed an exciting game that went down to the wire. In the end, the Giants emerged victorious, cementing their place in baseball history.

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