

# Clark women hold on to beat South Puget Sound

## Penguins overcome halftime deficit for win over Clippers

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Chawncy McClenan posted a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds — both game highs — and the Clark College women's basketball team rallied in the second half, then held on for a 53-48 victory over South Puget Sound Community College on Wednesday in Olympia.

"We had them beat a couple of times and let them back in the game," Clark coach Nancy Boone said. "We really had to bear down at the end to pull it off. I think they got back within two or three."

Renee Tzeo was 4 of 8 from 3-point range and added two crucial free throws late to finish with 14 points for the Penguins (12-7, 9-3 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges West).

Lacey Kruse added 10 points and Chelsea Dyson dished out a game-high seven assists.

South Puget Sound (9-9, 5-6) led 27-16 at halftime before Clark took the momentum.

"They were just scoring more than we were scoring," Boone said. "We weren't taking care of

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the ball. We had 10 turnovers in the first half and six in the second half. We started making better decisions. We started playing better defense, and we pulled it out. I think we got a little tired.

"They're well-coached, and they're a disciplined team."

Kaitlin Nielsen scored 13 points and Larissa Rohr added 11 for the Clippers. They and Cami Stoddard each had six rebounds as Clark grabbed a 45-42 advantage on the boards.

**At South Puget Sound 84, Clark College 74** — Michael Hall Jr. and Ramone Johnson each scored 18 points, and Dejon Bowman had 14 points and 17 rebounds as the Clippers jumped out to a 42-22 halftime lead and cruised to the victory over the Penguins.

Stephon Hopkins scored 16 points and Louis Barnum had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Clark, which fell to 7-13, 5-7 in NWAACC West play. Derek Thurston added 10 points.

Clark next plays Feb. 17 at Green River Community College in Auburn, the women at 6 p.m. and men at 8 p.m.