Clark soccer teams open league play with wins

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The Clark College men's and women's soccer teams posted a pair of league-opening shutouts over Everett on Saturday in Vancouver.

The Clark women defeated Everett 3-0 to remain undefeated this season. The Clark men scored a 2-0 victory.

Brenda Betancourt scored the Penguins' first goal off an assist by Mikayla Ravenburg. Sam Peppers and Brittany Johnson added goals for Clark (4-0-1, 2-0-1 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges).

All three of the Penguins' goals came after halftime.

"We were struggling with the heat," Clark coach Troy Sletten said. "In the second half, we picked it up and played the way we should."

In the men's match, Lidio Ramirez had a first-half goal off an assist from Hudson's Bay grad Caleb Escobedo. Ramirez then assisted on Carlos Barrientos' goal in the second half.

Columbia River grad Carlos Mendoza had four saves in goal for Clark.