

Glover leads Clark men to Talbitzer title

Freshman gets 10 of his 25 points in key run for Penguins

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Jamal Glover dominated the second half, scoring 16 of his game-high 25 points, as the Clark College men's basketball team won its ninth consecutive game and the Talbitzer Homes Invitational with an 84-72 de-

feat of the Chemeketa Storm on Friday at the O'Connell Sports Complex.

Glover, who collected 17 rebounds in the Penguins' semifinal victory over Portland on Thursday, is quickly becoming a force in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

"He's definitely coming into his own," Clark coach Mike Arnold said. "I asked him before our last game if he was having fun out there. He showed that he is today."

Mixing fade-aways, 15-foot jumpers and quick spin-and-shoot moves inside the paint, Glover carried the Penguins on his back for nearly seven minutes in the second half.

With Clark's five-point half-time lead having dwindled down to two, 40-38, at the 14:50 mark in the second half, Glover stepped up.

Scoring 10 of the Penguins' next 12 points, the 6-foot-8 freshman forward fulfilled the expectations that Arnold had when he recruited Glover out

of Portland's Cleveland High School.

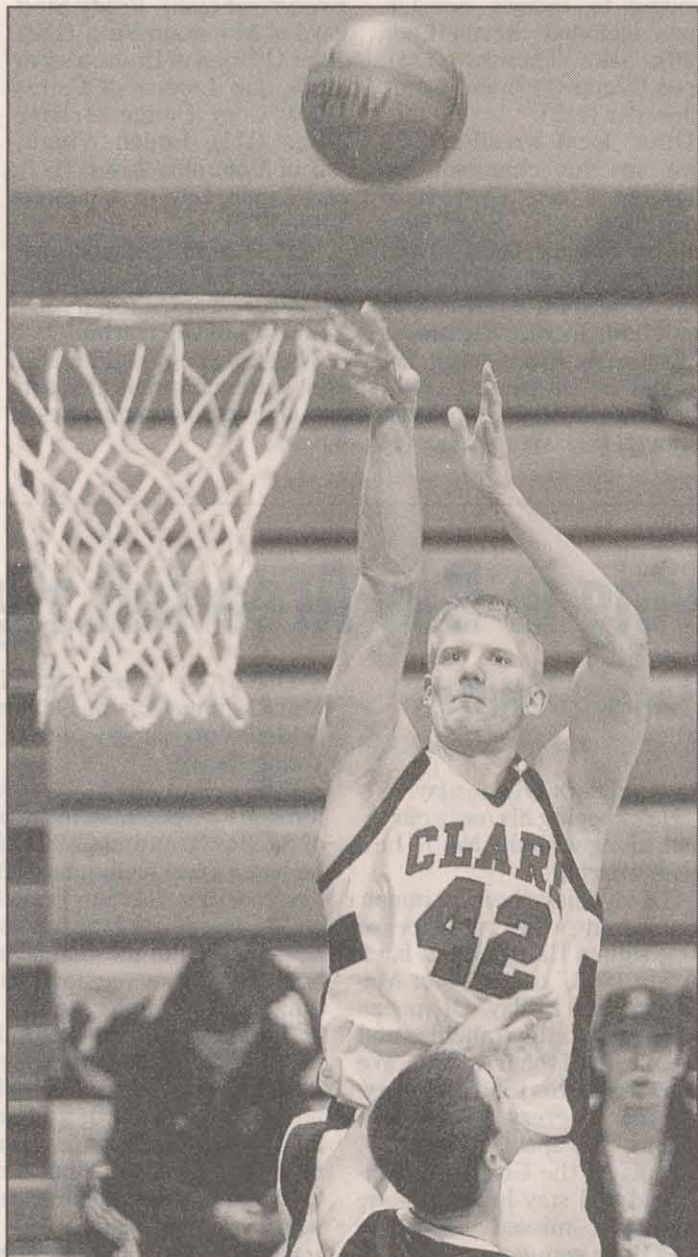
Adding 11 rebounds, four steals and three blocks to his career-high in points, Glover had the home crowd and Penguins' bench calling out his name midway through the second half.

"It's all about chemistry," Glover said. "We're all having a good time out there. We find the hot guy and stick with him."

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Jamal Glover had a game-high 25 points to lead Clark.



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Clark College's Drew Bergerson puts up a shot over a Chemeketa defender during the championship game of the Talbitzer Homes Invitational on Friday at the O'Connell Center. Bergerson, a Washougal grad, was named to the all-tournament team.

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Orlandor Westbrooks added 13 points, nine rebounds, five assists and two steals for the Penguins (10-4).

Westbrooks, who has quickly become the Penguins' main go-to guy on the court, ceded the offensive spotlight to Glover on Friday.

But the Prairie graduate stole the show defensively.

Constantly disrupting the Storm's offensive sets, Westbrooks led a Penguins unit that held Chemeketa to 23.7 percent (14 of 59) shooting from the floor.

"That's why we're winning right now," Arnold said. "We're playing like a team."

Hot shooting in the second half aided Clark.

After hitting 32.4 percent of their shots from the field in the first half, the Penguins connected on 60.6 percent (20 of 33) of their shots in the second half.

Garold Howe led the Storm with 22 points.

The Penguins' Glover, Ike Mitchell and Drew Bergerson were all named to the all-tournament team following the game.