Clark women edged by Shoreline in shootout

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The Clark College women’s soccer team gave high-powered Shoreline all it could handle Saturday in the NWAACC quarterfinal at Seattle.

Facing a team that had outscored its opponents 66-8, the Penguins played Shoreline to a scoreless draw.

But it was No. 2 seed Shoreline that came up with the goals in the shootout, defeating Clark 4-1 to advanced to the semifinals.

Camas grad Amanda Johnson, who had eight saves in goal, converted on Clark’s penalty kick.

“They were a very speedy team, and we did a great job defensively,” Clark coach Troy Sletton said. “We were very organized and that helped us a ton. We’ve been improving (defensively) all season, and today that really showed.”

Clark finishes its season 11-8-3.

Clark women set for soccer quarterfinal

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In a season that could have been crippled by injuries, the Clark College women’s soccer team finds itself advancing in the playoffs.

Clark (11-7-3) plays at 1 p.m. today at Shoreline Community College in Seattle in the quarterfinals of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges playoffs.

“We’ve had 13 girls since about midseason,” coach Troy Sletten said. “We’ve had three season-ending injuries.”

One of those was to Brooke Koppi, an Evergreen High School graduate who was last year’s MVP in the South Division.

But led by Clark County products such as leading scorer Anna Blakeslee, midfielders Kelsey Smith and Christina Lopes, and goalkeeper Amanda Johnson, the Penguins finished second this year in the South.

“They’ve really stepped up and been leaders,” Sletten said.

On Wednesday, Clark defeated Highline 1-0 behind Blakeslee’s 15th goal of the season.

Today, the Penguins face a more difficult task. Shoreline (17-1-2) has outscored its opponents 66-8, and the Lady Dolphins’ only loss was a forfeit.