

Clark club team splits finale

Baseball team finishes season 9-19

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The Clark College club baseball team concluded its season Sunday with a doubleheader split.

The Penguins topped the Portland Royals 12-2 in the opener, then fell 4-0.

The Royals are an independent adult summer league team for players age 18 and older.

A pair of Fort Vancouver grads accounted for six of the Clark's 14 hits in the victory. Ben Madson was 3 for 3 with two doubles and four RBI, and Ritchie Ferzacca was 3 for 4 with two RBI.

Also, Ryan Ecalbarger went 3 for 4 with two doubles and an RBI for Clark.

Columbia River grad Eric Weir earned the victory, striking out eight in six innings while scattering seven hits.

The Penguins season ended with a one-hit loss. Battle Ground grad Logan Rubino had the hit and also stole a base.

Clark (9-19) will be a full-fledged member of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges next season.

Club coach Lee Brand said the Penguins lost eight games by one run and four by two runs in Clark's first baseball season since 1992.

"It was a good club year," he said. "We were happy with our

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season ... not necessarily our record ... but we played really well."

Heritage High coach Don Freeman takes over the team for next season.

Brand said work will be done on the Clark field in the offseason.

Clark hoops signs three — Mike Arnold announced that three basketball players signed letters of intent to play for Clark.

Joining Clark will be Lucas Swanson of Mountain View, Gabe Foster of Hudson's Bay, and Rashad Rollins of Kelso.

Swanson was the 4A Greater St. Helens League player of the year, and Rollins was a first-team 4A GSHL player. Foster was a first-team 3A GSHL player.