

# Loss to Everett ends year for Clark College women

## Penguins fall 72-62 in NWAACC consolation round

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KENNEWICK — Six players were enough for the Everett Community College women's basketball team Monday at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges tournament.

Five of the Trojans scored in double figures in a 72-62 victory over Clark College in the consolation round that ended the Penguins' season at 15-11.

"Yesterday and the day before, we played like we wanted it," Clark coach Nancy Boone said after the Penguins opened with a 58-56 win over Bellevue on Sunday then fell 77-70 to Clackamas in Sunday's semifinals. "Today we played like we were ready to go home. Not all of us, but some of us played like we were ready to go home."

Karissa Tri made six 3-pointers and scored a game-high 20 points for Everett (18-10), and Mary Ochiltree was 9 of 13 from the line and added 19. Ashley Housden had 10 points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

Lacey Kruse scored 17 points for Clark, Chawncy McClenan had 13 and a team-high eight rebounds, and Renee Tzeo had

11 assists, eight points and seven rebounds.

Boone said Tzeo "came to play" and "got the ball where she needed to."

Everett led 31-27 at halftime then built a 15-point lead in the second half and cruised to the win. Boone said poor defense doomed the Penguins, but other factors were at work.

"We didn't play good defense," she said. "There's a litany of things. We imploded."

Everett will play today for fourth place.

It was a disappointing end to a surprising season for the Penguins, who exceeded expectations by reaching the NWAACC tournament — much less winning a round.

"Overall, we did much better than most people expected, but we should still be playing tomorrow," Boone said. "I feel really good about the season. We were picked to finish sixth in (the NWAACC West division), and we finished third. We're coming home with hardware. That's a good thing, but I think we're one of the best teams that are leaving today."

Boone said she and the returning Penguins will take some time off, then starting working for next season. She said Clark has verbal commitments from three local players, and expects to bring in more.