

Clark men take early lead for win over Grays Harbor

Penguins make their early momentum hold up in road win

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The Clark College men's basketball team made the most of its road trip to Grays Harbor on Saturday, posted a 78-63 win over the Chokers in Aberdeen.

Coach Mike Arnold said the Penguins (14-8, 8-4 NWAACC West Division) went up quickly by eight points, got their 3-pointers to fall and converted on their defensive press.

Grays Harbor (1-18, 1-11) closed to within 12 points in the second half before Clark pulled away for good.

Columbia River grad Derek Thurston scored 21 points for Clark, and Fort Vancouver grad Arman Kalan had 11 rebounds to go with eight points.

Arnold said all his players saw good minutes Saturday, with Jay Mercer and Garrick Ashenfelter contributing well.

Clark travels to Centralia for a 7 p.m. game on Wednesday.

Grays Harbor women 63, Clark 61 — Clark received a huge game from sophomore Mandy Wall, but fell two points short at Grays Harbor on Saturday.

Wall, a Kalama High School graduate, scored 30 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. She shot 11 of 14 from the field and 8 of 10 at the free-throw line.

"This was a tough loss for us," Clark coach Nancy Boone said. "We had way too many turnovers, but our girls played a great game."

Clark (5-13, 5-6 NWAACC West) plays at Centralia on Wednesday.