

# Clark men, women fall at Highline

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The Clark College men's basketball team enjoyed a 10-point halftime lead Saturday at Highline. Unfortunately for the Penguins, Highline enjoyed a better second half as the Thunderbirds recovered for an 84-74 NWAACC West Division victory at Des Moines.

Clark (8-8, 2-3) finished a difficult 0-3 week, playing three games in six days including two road trips.

Brandon Jones had 14 points, seven rebounds and six assists for Clark. Garrick Ashenfelter led the Penguins with 15 points. Highline's Coby Gibler led all scorers with 19 points.

Clark travels to South Puget Sound for an 8 p.m. game Monday.

## Women

**Highline 61, Clark 58** — Linh Nguyen and Yordanos Kasahun each scored 14 points, but Clark could not get past the host Thunderbirds.

Jessica Crawley added 11 points, six rebounds and five steals for the Penguins (2-10, 2-3), and Mandy Wall had a team-high 10 rebounds. Clark was whistled for 41 personal fouls, compared to 26 for Highline.

"Makes a big difference," said Clark coach Nandy Boone, who said the loss was one of the team's better performances of the year. "We stepped up and we played better defensively, and we're starting to click in terms of learning to make the extra pass and when to make the extra pass. We still have some hiccups, some things we need to improve. It was a huge learning curve for everybody."

Clark visits South Puget Sound at 6 p.m. Monday.