

# Clark eliminated from NWAACC Tournament

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The Clark College basketball season came to an end Monday as both the men's and women's teams fell in consolation semi-final games at the Northwest Athletics Association of Community Colleges tournament in Kennewick.

Both Penguins squads went 1-2 at season-ending event.

**MEN: Yakima Valley 85 Clark 79** — Clark lead for much of the second half in a game that featured 10 lead changes in the first half.

Yakima Valley came back from eight down midway in the second half and took the lead for good in the closing minutes.

"It's frustrating," Clark coach Mike Arnold said. "We had some guys who were sick, and we didn't excute as we did the night before."

Clark shot better from the

field (53 percent to 42 percent), and outrebounded the Yaks 40-33, but committed 25 turnovers that led to 27 points for the Yaks.

Clark's Lucas Swanson, a Mountain View grad, led all scorers with 28 points on 11 of 17 shooting.

"We shot the ball well, and that was mostly because of Lucas, who was as hot as a pistol," Arnold said. "But they got 33 free throw attempts, and we only had 10. So that was tough."

Arman Kalan had a double-double for the Penguins with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Derek Owens added 10 points and seven assists.

Clark ends its season with a 16-12 record.

"We feel good about where our program is right now," Arnold said. "We came up here

with 10 freshmen and competed against some of best teams in the region."

**WOMEN: Umpqua 92, Clark 76** — Umpqua's Chelsey Christensen poured in 41 points to break a 25-year-old tournament record and reach the fifth-place final.

Umpqua established a 22-point lead midway through the opening half and never looked back.

Clark's Deborah Simmers also turned in a huge performance scoring 33 points on 11 of 19 shooting and making 8 of 9 free throws. Lacey Kruse added 13 points.

Clark ends its season with 14-13 record.

"We went in (the tournament) with a patch-work lineup and still finished above .500," Clark coach Nancy Boone said. "Now we have to fix some stuff, learn from here and move on."