

Clark College

Clark clinches home soccer playoff date

Penguins men's cross country team claims Southern region title

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Three goals from Carlos Barrientos and a shutout in goal by Carlos Mendoza not only produced a 4-0 Clark College men's soccer victory Saturday at South Puget Sound, but also guaranteed the Penguins a home playoff date in two weeks.

Clark (10-4-0, 9-3-0 NWAACC South) clinched the No. 2 seed in its division with the win on Saturday.

Coach Biniam Afenigus said Barrientos, a freshman, had been coming off the bench, but logged 90 minutes on Saturday against South Puget Sound.

"Carlos really opened up the game for us," Afenigus said.

Barrientos scored all three goals in a six-minute span in the second half.

Abraham Johnson scored the Penguins' first goal in the 15th minute.

Clark closes out the regular season at 4 p.m. Wednesday at home against Southwestern Oregon. The playoffs open on Nov. 11.

Clark women 2, Lane 1 — A goal by Vanessa Betancourt in the 53rd minute broke a 1-1 tie and gave the Penguins the win in Eugene.

Tesha Leal had tied the match for Clark with a goal in the 8th minute after Lane opened with a goal four minutes in.

Clark (5-7-2, 3-7-2) hosts Southwestern Oregon at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the regular-season finale.

Cross country — The Clark men claimed the NWAACC South Region title on Saturday at Oregon City, while Clark's Brittany Henderson won the women's individual title.

The Penguins scored 37 points to edge out Lane's 38 for the men's crown. Host Clackamas was third with 67.

Shane Weldon paced Clark with a third-place finish out of 30 runners. He covered the 8K course in 26 minutes, 36 seconds.

Teammate Riley Eoff placed fourth in 26:52. Also scoring for Clark were Cory Boley in seventh (27:40), Jared O'Brien in eighth (27:58) and Abdul Kamara in 15th (29:06).

Travis Stevens led a 1-2 Lane finish with teammate Cesar Perez. Both were timed in 25:55.

Lane won the women's team title with 31 points, outdistancing Mt. Hood's second-place total of 60. Clark was fourth with 68.

Henderson won the 5K race in 19:03.

Brandi Eloff was fourth for the Penguins in 19:49. Kathy Peterson was 22nd overall (22:25), Amanda Appel 24th (23:04) and Emma Roberts 25th (23:57).

Clark is the host school for the NWAACC cross country championships. They will be held Nov. 14 at Lewisville State Park in Battle Ground.

Volleyball — The Penguins evened its division record with a 25-22, 27-25, 20-25, 28-26 victory at Edmonds on Saturday.

The win came on the heels of a come-from-behind victory at Shoreline on Friday. The Penguins recovered from two sets down to win 13-25, 18-25, 25-15, 25-22, 15-9.

Clark is 5-5 in the NWAACC West division, 17-15 overall.