Clark College women fend off Tacoma; men fall

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Clark College fended off a series of Tacoma Community College runs in the second half for a 73-62 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges women's basketball road victory Wednesday.

Tacoma's men defeated Clark 85-73. No other information was available about that game.

Chawncy McClenan had 20 points and Lacey Kruse added 16 for the Clark women (14-8, 11-4 NWAAAC West), while each grabbed eight rebounds. Renee Tzeo had 10 points and 11 assists, and Tashia DeLaCruz also scored 10 points.

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The Penguins built a lead after a halftime tie at 33 points, but repeatedly let Tacoma cut into its deficit before building another cushion.

"We won the game four times, if you want to know the truth," Clark coach Nancy Boone said. "We kept letting them back in."

Tacoma (10-14, 5-10) was within seven points before Clark turned back a final spurt.

Boone said the Penguins will have to put away their opponents

to put together an extended run at the upcoming NWAACC tournament in Kennewick.

"We've got to learn how to get ahead, stay ahead and don't have any lapses, or we're going to go to the NWAACC and get cracked," she said. "We've got to learn, or we'll be out in two."