

# Clark baseball weekend sees first victory

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The first baseball weekend for Clark College since 1992 produced a victory.

Clark edged Walla Walla 2-1 in 10 innings on Sunday in the second game of a doubleheader. Host Walla Walla won the opener 5-2.

The Penguins were coming off a sweep by Blue Mountain Community College on Saturday in Pendleton, Ore. Clark fell 7-6 in 11 innings and 4-3 in a five-inning game shortened due to darkness.

But it was Sunday's effort that coach Don Freeman praised.

"We had lots of walks and errors the first day," he said. "We haven't been outside much. We played much better against Walla Walla, more competitive."

Connor Dreesbach was the winning pitcher in relief Sunday with Union grad Brandon Brown picking up the save.

Prairie grad Jackson Stellfox drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the top of the 10th.

Fort Vancouver grad Zach Girard went 2 for 3 with a double.

On Saturday, Evan Pickett was a combined 4 for 8 with two doubles and two RBI for Clark. Nick Woods also had two hits in the season-opening loss.

Clark tied the first game at 6-6 with a run in the eighth before falling in the bottom of the 11th.

Clark is next scheduled to play a doubleheader at Chemeketa in Salem, Ore., on Wednesday. The Penguins play their first 15 games on the road before opening at home on March 26.