

Clark College baseball team has first games

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Today, after almost two decades of silence, the Clark College baseball bats will make some competitive noise for the first time.

The Penguins open their 2011 season — the first baseball season at Clark since 1992 — with doubleheaders today in Pendleton, Ore., and on Sunday in Walla Walla.

Taylor Dunn, a freshman from Lake Oswego, Ore., is the probable starter for today's opener, according to assistant coach Rip Ramsey.

Clark is scheduled to play at Blue Mountain Community College at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. today, then visit Walla Walla for games at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The team began official

practices in mid-January. It has been training outdoors when weather permits, and also using Extra Innings, an indoor training facility in east Vancouver.

Thirteen of the 32 players currently on the roster are from Clark or Skamania counties.

In addition to building a roster from scratch, head coach Don Freeman and his staff have been upgrading the baseball diamond, which is located on the west side of campus. The first scheduled home games are a March 26 doubleheader against Everett.

Competition in seven-school West Division of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges begins on April 2.