

Clark wins tournament opener, 75-69

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Fort Vancouver grad Arman Kalan scored 17 points and pulled down nine rebounds to help Clark College get past Seattle 75-69 Saturday in the first round of the U.S. Army/Clark College Holiday Tournament at the O'Connell Center.

Kalan, a freshman, made 6 of 7 shots and also had two steals as the Penguins won their fifth game in a row.

"The shout-out of the night goes to Kalan," Clark coach Mike Arnold said. "He did a great job shooting, had two big blocks and almost had his first double-double."

The Penguins (5-3) were even with Seattle at the half, 36-36, but pulled through in the second half with solid defense.

Brandon Jones led Clark with 21 points.

Seattle's Will Bush led all scorers with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Clark (5-3) advances to play Chemeketa at 8 p.m. today. Chemeketa (4-5) of Salem, Ore., defeated Wenatchee 92-74 in the eight-team event.

College hoops

Portland 43, Air Force 42 — Rob-in Smeulders scored on a three-point play with 33.1 seconds remaining and Portland rallied to beat Air Force in the first round of the Golden Bear Classic at Berkeley, Calif.

Smeulders missed his first seven shot attempts before scoring inside against the Falcons and drawing a foul against Mike McClain. The Pilots second-leading scorer then sank the go-ahead free throw to give Portland its first lead of the second half.

Air Force had two shots in the final 15 seconds but couldn't convert and had its five-game win streak snapped.

T.J. Campbell scored 10 points to pace Portland, which will play host California in the tournament championship game today. Luke Sikma added seven points and a season-high 13 rebounds for the Pilots (7-5) while Smeulders finished with

six points and eight rebounds.

Grant Parker had 12 points to lead Air Force (8-3) while Andrew Henke and Anwar Johnson had 10 points apiece for the Falcons.

The Pilots held a one-point lead late before a pair of free throws from Air Force's Andrew Henke gave the Falcons a 18-17 lead at halftime.

Air Force opened the second half with an 11-1 run to open a 29-18 lead before Portland inched its way back when the Falcons went through another scoring drought.

Sikma scored on an offensive rebound with 2:41 left to pull the Pilots within 42-40 before Smeulders' three-point play put Portland ahead for good.

Portland State 63, at Texas Southern 55 — Jamie Jones scored 13 points and had 10 rebounds to lead Portland State past winless Texas Southern at Houston.

Jeremiah Dominguez led the Vikings (9-3) with 15 points and Phil Nelson added 14.

Deandre Hall scored 18 points for Texas Southern (0-13).