

Meler, Miramontes honored by Clark

Clark College has named Holly Meler and Ben Miramontes its Athletes of the Month for September. Both athletes earned praise from coaches for their leadership on and off the field.

A graduate of Glencoe High School in Hillsboro, Ore., sophomore Ben Miramontes is one of the Clark College men's soccer team captains. He is described as "an ultimate student-athlete" with a grade-point average of 3.40.



Ben Miramontes
Clark College soccer

Miramontes was an all-star player last year and has continued his strong performance this year, Clark coach Biniam Afenegus said.

"Ben is a big reason that the men's team is off to a great start," Afenegus said. "Ben is very well respected by his teammates, as he always gives 110 percent effort in games and practice. He personifies maximum effort."

The Penguins are 9-2-4, and have clinched a playoff spot.



Holly Meler
Clark College
cross country

Clark freshman Meler is a graduate of Columbia River High School. She placed second overall in her second collegiate meet, a race with more

than 120 runners. She also placed fourth in a race against student-athletes from six four-year universities.

"Holly is poised to run for the individual NWAACC title this November," Clark coach Ryan Hovde said. "Holly's mental and physical toughness puts her in the position to become one of Clark College's best distance runners of all-time."

The Student Athlete of the Month program recognizes both the academic and athletic achievements of Clark's student-athletes. Two recipients are selected each month by a committee that includes Clark College coaches, athletic department personnel, and fellow students.

Each honoree receives a jacket with his or her name engraved on it. The jackets are provided by Les Schwab through its support of the "Student Athlete of the Month" program, in partnership with Clark's Penguin Athletic Club and the Clark College Foundation.