

Clark women set for soccer quarterfinal

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In a season that could have been crippled by injuries, the Clark College women's soccer team finds itself advancing in the playoffs.

Clark (11-7-3) plays at 1 p.m. today at Shoreline Community College in Seattle in the quarterfinals of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges playoffs.

"We've had 13 girls since about midseason," coach Troy Sletten said. "We've had three season-ending injuries."

One of those was to Brooke Koppi, an Evergreen High School graduate who was last year's MVP in the South Division.

But led by Clark County products such as leading scorer Anna Blakeslee, midfielders Kelsey Smith and Christina Lopas, and goalkeeper Amanda Johnson, the Penguins finished second this year in the South.

"They've really stepped up and been leaders," Sletten said.

On Wednesday, Clark defeated Highline 1-0 behind Blakeslee's 15th goal of the season.

Today, the Penguins face a more difficult task. Shoreline (17-1-2) has outscored its opponents 66-8, and the Lady Dolphins' only loss was a forfeit.