

The week in review (Jan. 3-7)

Men's Basketball

Four teams in the Northern Division jumped out to 2-0 starts in league play. Out of those, Peninsula's victory at Everett was the closest contest as the Pirates escaped with a 74-73 triumph which was followed by a 104-93 home win against Edmonds. Bellevue, Olympic and Shoreline are the other unbeaten. Highline and Lower Columbia are also out to 2-0 league records. LCC also ran their season mark to 15-0 and maintained their top spot in the second Coaches Poll of the season. Second ranked Spokane was one of four teams to win their league opener in the East with a 96-94 thriller at Yakima Valley. The South opens league play on Jan. 11 with the marquee game being Chemeketa at Mt. Hood. Last season, those teams met four times.

Women's Basketball

Lane tuned up for their Jan. 11 Southern Division league opener at Umpqua with an easy 71-56 win against Northwest Christian. The Titans are currently 16-0 and hold the top spot in the Coaches Poll. The leader in the North is Whatcom with wins against Bellevue and at Shoreline. Everett, who had a bye last weekend, is also unbeaten after their home victory against Peninsula in the league opener. Centralia, Highline and Lower Columbia are all 2-0 in league play with the Blazers owning a 10-game win streak. Centralia plays at Highline on Jan. 14. In the Eastern Division, defending NWAACC champion Columbia Basin along with Walla Walla, Wenatchee Valley and second-ranked Yakima Valley all won their league openers last Saturday. The East will take Wednesday off before resuming league play on Jan. 14.