

The week in review (Jan. 18-21)

Men's Basketball

Tacoma stunned two-time defending NWAACC champion Lower Columbia with a 76-72 overtime triumph snapping the Red Devils 23-game winning streak that dated back to last season. TCC's Chris Chase was 7 for 9 from three-point range and finished with 32 points and 12 rebounds. Highline now has sole possession of first place in the West after the Thunderbirds beat South Puget Sound for their eighth straight win. Spokane used two home victories to earn the top spot in the East. They also had help from Treasure Valley who won at Big Bend, and Wenatchee Valley who stunned Walla Walla. WVC has now won two straight after a 1-14 start. The tie for first place in the South was snapped last Saturday as Mt. Hood won a thrilling 94-86 overtime game against Lane. The Saints won despite shooting 24 for 41 from the free throw line. In the North, Peninsula had a huge week with road wins at Bellevue and Olympic to take over first place by themselves. The Pirates have won nine of their past ten games. In addition to Tacoma's Chase, other players with 30-point games last week were Bellevue's Bryce Daub and Chemeketa's Riley Luettgerodt.

Women's Basketball

Centralia and Lower Columbia each won two games last week and share the top spot in the West Division with 5-0 records. They will play each other on Feb. 1. Meanwhile, Wenatchee Valley defeated Columbia Basin and Walla Walla and own first place in the East by themselves. WVC's Kassie Ludeman had game-highs of 27 and 13 points in the two contests. In the South, Clackamas is still unbeaten and in first place after winning road games at Chemeketa and Southwestern Oregon. The Cougars' Charday Hunt had 38 points in the two games. Their big test will come this week when they travel to Umpqua on Jan. 25. A good race is brewing in the North as Skagit Valley's 74-60 home win put the Cardinals all alone in first place. SVC has won four straight since dropping their league opener at Olympic. The top performance of the week came from Peninsula's Tash McKoy who scored 29 points in a 74-68 setback at Olympic.