

Volleyball

The big match in the NWAACC happened on Oct. 7 when Bellevue traveled to Whatcom and beat the Orcas in five games to claim sole possession of first place in the North Division. The Bulldogs, who won their tenth match in the past eleven, were led by the 16 kills from Jenny Freed. That same night, Green River blitzed Highline in three straight games 30-8,30-7,30-14. The Gators still lead the West Division by one game over Lower Columbia. In the East, it turned out to be a bad weekend trip for Yakima Valley as the Yaks dropped matches at Blue Mountain and Treasure Valley to fall into a three-way tie with Columbia Basin and Big Bend. Walla Walla continues to lead that region by two games. Mt. Hood also had a tough road trip dropping matches at Linn-Benton and Southwestern Oregon. Jessie Macknicki had a big afternoon for SOCC with 19 kills and 16 digs leading the Lakers to a three-game sweep of Mt. Hood. The previous night, SOCC cruised past Clackamas in three games. Not counting the Crossover Tournament on Sept. 30-Oct. 1, it was the first home match for the Lakers after spending the first month on the road.

Men's soccer

Highline continues to roll along as the Thunderbirds used a pair of 6-0 road victories at Shoreline and Green River. Six different Highline players scored against GRCC while a hat trick from Emanuel Nistran paved the way at Shoreline. HCC has not lost since their season opener to North Idaho at the Walla Walla Tournament. Despite winning records, Bellevue and Peninsula trail Highline by 13 points in the West Division standings. Whatcom still leads the North after blanking Green River 2-0 on Oct. 6 while East kingpin Walla Walla shut out Treasure Valley on the road 4-0 the following day. The South currently has the best race as Clark, who at one time were in the cellar, crept to within four points of the top spot with road wins at Southwestern Oregon and Pierce on back-to-back days. SOCC has had the lead in that division throughout the season and a win against the Penguins could have wrapped it up early as well as given the season series between the two to the Lakers.

Women's soccer

Coming off a 2-2 tie to Spokane on Oct. 1 which snapped a 12-game winning streak, Walla Walla got back on track with a 3-0 win at Treasure Valley. Despite the tie, Spokane is still ten points behind WWCC in the East Division race. Clackamas used four goals by Hannah Nash to blitz Clark 6-1 on Oct. 8. The Cougars, with 30 points in the South Division, have doubled the amount of points that second place Lower Columbia has. The best race is still in the West with all five teams separated by four points. Bellevue and Highline are currently the division leaders, thanks in part to HCC's big 2-1 victory at Green River on Oct. 8, which knocked the Gators out of first place. Meanwhile, Bellevue used a goal by Elysia Sarrett to edge Olympic 1-0.

Cross Country

Eleven of the 13 NWAACC teams got a chance to run the course at Lewisville State Park in Battle Ground, which is also the site of the NWAACC Championships to be held on Nov. 12. The Clark Invitational was run on Oct. 8 as the Lane men beat Spokane by 12 points. The Titans placed four runners in the top eight, led by first place finisher David Morgan who blitzed the 8 kilometer course in 25:52. Spokane turned the tables on Lane in the women's race with 26 points, which was 14 better than the Titans. Jessica Harper and Lyndsey McKillip of Clackamas were the top community college finishers placing third and fourth respectively.