

The week in review (Nov. 21-27)

Men's Basketball

Two-time defending NWAACC champion Lower Columbia opened their season by winning the LCC Tournament with a thrilling 96-95 overtime victory against NJCAA school Eastern Utah. Omar Krayem scored 31 points in the title game to earn MVP honors. He had 72 points in three games. Spokane won their second tourney in as many weeks beating tournament host Edmonds last Saturday to begin their season at 6-0. Two weeks ago, they won the Treasure Valley Tournament. Humberto Perez and Erik Bell are each averaging 19 points a game for the Sasquatch. At the Pierce Tournament, Bellevue came up short in the championship game against Club Seattle, a local team consisting of former college players, including some who played in the NWAACC. Highline beat Centralia for the title at the Skagit Valley Tournament while Chemeketa remained unbeaten after knocking off Treasure Valley, South Mountain of Arizona, and tournament host Southern Idaho, the latter two teams from the NJCAA.

Women's Basketball

Yakima Valley had a good weekend at the College of Southern Idaho, taking two of three games at the CSI Tournament. The Yaks opened up with a 92-76 triumph against Arizona Western, who were ranked 17th in the recent NJCAA poll. After a loss to the tourney host, they beat a team of CSI alumni to run their record to 5-1. Six different YVCC players scored in double figures in the three games. Two teams currently have four wins, Shoreline and Wenatchee Valley, the latter taking two of three games in the Mt. Hood Tournament. Their only loss came to Umpqua, who are currently 3-0. Lane is also 3-0 after winning the Shoreline Tournament two weeks ago. Southwestern Oregon won the Redwoods (CA) Tournament edging the tourney host 68-66 in the championship game.