

## Locals help Clackamas to top of NWAACC race Dunn, Dorman part of continuing Cougars success

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The past two Class 4A Greater St. Helens League players of the year are running the backcourt for **Clackamas Community College**'s eight consecutive season of 20-plus victories.

Freshman Jeff Dorman, a Prairie High School graduate, runs the point. Sophomore Austin Dunn, a Mountain View High School graduate and Northwest Association of Community Colleges South Region all-star last year, plays the other guard spot.

Before this season, they were guys whose high school teams played each other.

"We knew of each other," Dunn said. "We weren't really friends or anything, but now we live together, so now we're pretty good friends."

Dunn said that "definitely" helps them on the court. The Cougars fell to 23-3 Wednesday with a 94-87 loss at Mount Hood Community College that snapped a 16-game winning streak. **Clackamas** already has clinched a place in the 16-team NWAACC postseason tournament, and is closing in on the region's top seed.

Dunn is averaging 14.3 points a game and is the team leader in assists. Dorman scores 14.8 points a game for a team that pours in just shy of 97 points a game while spreading the offense around.

"We run kind of a spread offense," Dunn said. "A lot of drive and kick, or sometimes create your own shot, and we have a lot of players who can score. If one guy's not stepping up, then somebody else will most of the time. It's really fun."

The NWAACC tournament is March 5-8 in Kennewick.

"Our goal is to win the NWAACC championship," Dunn said. "We've been ranked first pretty much the whole year. That's our goal, and that's what we're looking forward to."

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