

CC Women: Lady Blazers Win Yakima Tip-Off Tournament



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The Centralia College women's basketball team poses after winning the Yakima Valley Tip-Off Tournament Sunday in Yakima.

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YAKIMA — Talk about starting with a bang.

The Centralia College women's basketball team started its 2014-15 season on Thursday and already have a trophy to put in the case after taking first at the Yakima Valley Women's Basketball Tip-off Tournament.

The Lady Blazers opened the season Thursday with a 64-51 victory over Treasure Valley, holding the Chukars to just 24 percent shooting and jumping out to a 35-20 halftime lead.

Susan Kenney led the Lady Blazers with 13 points, five rebounds and three assists. Salena Taylor added 12 points and five rebounds while Courtney Kaupu scored 10 with six assists.

Lauren Fisher scored 9 points led Centralia with 14 boards.

The Lady Blazers moved into the tournament's semifinals against Walla Walla on Friday and got more of the same from Kenny — who led the team with 19 points — in a 67-52 win.

Again jumping out to a commanding 39-29 halftime lead, the Lady Blazers finished the game shooting 44 percent from the 3-point line and hit 12 triples total, with Kenny accounting for three.

Molly McIntyre added 14 points to Centralia's efforts while Taylor led the team with six rebounds. Walla Walla shot just 15 percent from the 3-point line and Centralia outscored them from behind the arc, 36-6.

Centralia matchup up with West Division rival Clark in the championship game, leading 42-38 at halftime en route to a 71-62 win. Kaupu led the team with 13 points while Taylor added 11 and seven rebounds. McIntyre continued her strong weekend with 9 points and five rebounds.