

VHS Spring Sports Update

Baseball—Coach Aaron Miller's Loggers, after a stretch where the team played well and went 8-1, lost four straight games--three straight to a tough Knappa squad and one against Country Christian. The team finally rebounded with a much needed 14-5 win against Country Christian on May 6, moving into third place and securing a place in the League playoffs. They play Country Christian again on May 10, then finish out the season with non-league games against Scio, Western Mennonite

and Warrenton. Only the top two teams advance from the League playoffs into the state tournament.

All season TJ White has hitting the ball extremely well ("He's crushing the ball," said Coach Miller) and was leading the team in batting average at .516, with 4 home runs and 11 RBI's. Josh Butcher leads the team with 16 RBI's; Jackson Miller leads the team in hits with 18

and has a .409 batting average. Coach Miller also mentioned freshman Jared Whitton for making a big contribution off the bench as a pinch hitter and player—Whitton is hitting .463 with 4 RBI's in 13 plate appearances. Miller also mentioned freshman Ronnie Maldonado's clutch hitting—Maldonado is 4 for 8 with 6 RBI's.

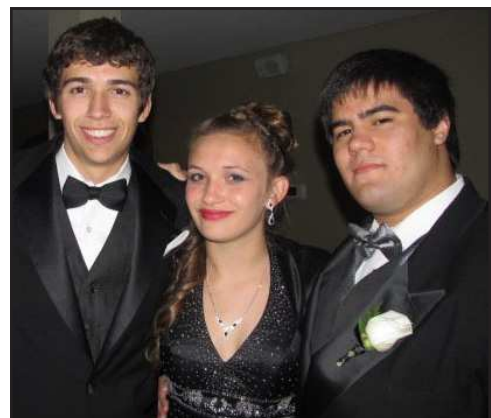
TJ White, Ryan Lawrence and Bo Clark have shared most of the pitching duties. White was struggling with a sore elbow at the end of

the season. "Lawrence and Clark have done a good job throwing strikes and keeping people off balance in the last few games," said Miller. "Even though they both lost their last games, they pitched well enough to win; it was our defense that made mistakes." Coach Miller mentioned freshman Clark as a great all-around player who has been getting clutch hits all year; Clark was tied for second on the team with White with 11 RBI's. Clark fills in, when he's not pitching, where ever needed—at shortstop, catcher and third base. "We can't find a reason to take him off the field," said Miller of Clark.

Softball—It looks like The Lady Loggers are going to finish the season

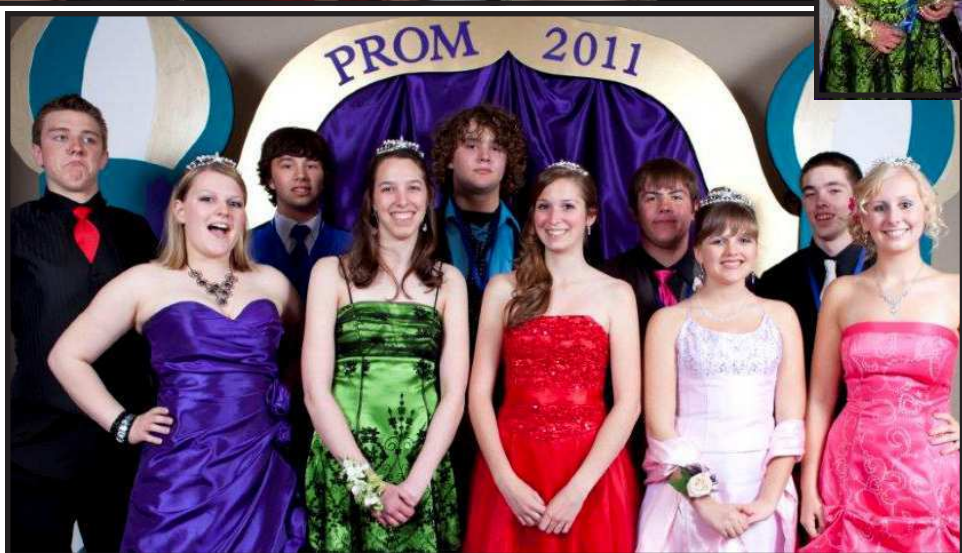


TJ White's hitting has been a big reason for the Vernonia Loggers success this season.



VHS Prom 2011

Vernonia High School students were looking good and having a blast at Prom on April 30th. Laura Hein was crowned Prom Queen and Kodi Dyer was named her King. Photos courtesy of Jon Steward Photography and Teri Willard



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