

VHS Fall Sports Update

Volleyball goes to State Tournament, Football wins third straight



Volleyball—The Vernonia Lady Loggers qualified for the Division 2A state tournament with a hard fought 3-2 victory over Knappa in the first round of the Northwest League playoffs on October 27.

Head Coach Teresa Williams was obviously pleased with the result and the accomplishments of her team this season. “We reached our goal we set for ourselves this season, which was to win that first round playoff match and win that spot in the state tournament,” said Williams. “The girls have done really well this season and they earned that spot at State.”

The Lady Loggers entered state tournament play on Saturday November 5 where they lost in three games, 11-25, 16-25 and 22-25 to Days Creek. Look for more information about that match in our next issue.

game of the league playoffs, losing 3-0 in a tightly contested match. “Portland Christian had to work for it,” said coach Williams. “Our girls played really well,” against a Portland Christian team that only lost four matches all season. Williams noted that the Loggers continued to get good serving, only making one service error in all three games.

Earlier in the week Vernonia ended their regular season league play on October 24 with a 3-0 victory over Riverdale. The Lady Loggers again used excellent serving from Tungwenuk, Natalie Wallace, Samantha Lindauer, Hensen and McMahan, good backline defense by Brown and Tungwenuk and strong hitting from McMahon, Hensen, Tori Dalebroux and Katie Paleck to totally dominate the Mavericks. It was the final league match for the Loggers who ended their season 6-6 in league play and 11-



The Vernonia Loggers defeated Neah-Kah-Nie 18-6 on November 4 for their third straight victory but unfortunately did not earn a spot in the state playoffs.

eral Loggers contributing to the option attack on offense, including strong running from Kristian Wredstroem, Joe Benes, Austin Cutright, and Sean Sol-

Weller, Kanan Olsen, and Solberg, with key plays also coming from Ryan Lawrence, Benes and Cutright.

A long punt return by Cutright, set up the Loggers final touchdown, a short run by Wredstroem, and the Logger defence held the Pirates to secure the victory.

The game was also Senior Night for the Loggers, who honored a long list of Seniors, along with their families, before the start of their final regular season home game. Seniors who were honored were: Joe Benes, Brett Benes, Dillon Dethlefs, Shylo Dooley, Amirkhon Habibuloev, Finn Hoeck, Ryan Lawrence, Kanan Olsen, Nathan Owen, Gabe Ramirez, Sean Solberg, Jacob Stevens, Craig Weller, Byron Weller, Leon Wiegand and Kristian Wredstroem.

The Loggers won their second league game, defeating Knappa 27-16 on October 28. Head coach Gordon Jarmin was pleased with result against Knappa. “We played as a good a game as we could have,” said Jarmin.

Jarmin was especially pleased with the play of his offensive line and the Logger’s running game. The Loggers rushed for 280 yards on the night, and were led by Kristian Wredstroem with 150 yards and two touchdowns and Sean Solberg who also scored twice. The Loggers also got good production on the ground from Joe Benes and quarterback Austin Cutright. “Our offensive line really stepped up this game,” said Jarmin, who mentioned the play of Dillon Dethlefs, Jerimiah Hammons, Dawson Shay, Kanan Olsen, freshman Nathan Davis and Jared Whitton, who filled in when Davis was injured late in the game. “It was a great job by our kids running the football and we did a great job on defense, and our kicking game was good,” said Jarmin, noting that Knappa did not score their second touchdown until very late in the game.

Cross Country—The Vernonia Loggers boys and girls both finished 4th at the District meet on October 27. Nathan Fleck led the boys with an 8th place finish in a time of 17:36 and Rowan Cheney led the girls with a 12th place finish in a time of 22:46. Head coach Byron Brown was very proud of his teams finish to their season. “Fourth may not sound that great, but Valley Catholic, who won, is the number one team in the state and Oregon Episcopal and Catlin Gable are in the top 10, statewide,” said Brown.

Coach Brown was honored by the other District coaches after the meet,

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VHS Volleyball Seniors (from l to r) Melissa Charbonneau, Natalie Wallace, Shyla Tungwenuk, Kelsey Brown, Lea Mari, and Stina Voss, along with their families, were honored during Senior Night on October 24th.

Against Knappa the Lady Loggers lost the first game 19-25, won a close second game 26-24, lost another very close third game 22-25, and then came back to win the final two games 25-10, 15-11. Coach Williams got good serving from her team, good hitting from Julia Fletcher, Sara McMahon, and Cierra Hensen, and good defense from the senior trio of Shyla Tungwenuk, Kelsey Brown and Natalie Wallace. A change in defensive strategy was also a key to beating a Knappa team which defeated the Loggers during regular season league play.

The Lady Loggers fell to Portland Christian two days later in the final

11 overall. It was also the final league match for seniors Tungwenuk, Brown and Natalie Wallace, along with foreign exchange students Lea Mari, Stina Voss and Melissa Charbonneau, who were all honored before the game.

Football—The Vernonia Loggers won their third straight league game on November 4, defeating Neah-Kah-Nie 18-6 but did not earn a spot in the 2A state playoffs.

The Loggers ground out the tough win against the Pirates on a cold, rainy and foggy evening, using a strutting game and a stifling defense. Sev-

berg, and the defence was dominant for almost the entire game.

The Loggers jumped out to a quick 12-0 lead, with quarterback Cutright scoring on a long run on the Loggers first possession. Wredstroem added a quick second touchdown in the first quarter. The Loggers defense shut down the Pirates attack throughout the first half except for two big plays during one drive, which led to the Pirates only score of the night.

The Loggers led 12-6 at half-time, and continued their defensive dominance in the second half. The defense was led by the play of Craig



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