

VHS Fall Sports Report

Volleyball—The Lady Loggers are looking to find their rhythm after an up and down start to the season. The team has played well at times but has struggled against tougher opponents. A key 3-0 win over division rival Gaston on October 4, in the first game in the almost-completed new gymnasium, will hopefully help the girls turn things around.

Head coach Teresa Williams and her team have a 7-6 over all record and were sitting in third place in the Northwest League, East Division with a 3-4 record after defeating second place Gaston. The Vernonia squad has had to play most of their early season games on the road as they waited for the new gymnasium to be completed. The team can look forward to four of their final five games at home in front of their own fans.

For the Lady Loggers, Sara McMahon has been leading the way on both offense and defense. Cierra Henson has really picked up her game this season, playing both offense and defense and become a team leader on the court. Junior Stephanie Castro seems to have found her swing and is starting to hit the ball well from both the outside and the mid-

dle. Julie Fletcher also looks like she is gaining confidence as an outside hitter. Sophomore setter Taylor Titus had a nice game against Gaston and looks to be settling into her role as a varsity player. Samantha Wallace and Brittany Young are helping out as solid defenders on the back line. Exchange student Helena Veselkova also played a significant role in the middle of the front line in the win over Gaston.

One improvement this season has been the consistency and effectiveness of the serves. McMahon, Henson, Titus, Castro as well as Veselkova against Gaston are all consistently putting their serves low and hard over the net, which has been an extra weapon for the team.

The Lady Loggers face Neah-Kah-Nie at home on October 9, Knappa at home on October 11, travel to Nestucca on October 13 and return home on October 18 to play Faith Bible on "Pack the Gym Night," and finish the season at home against Riverdale on October 22. League playoffs begin October 23.

Cross Country—The story so far this season for the Loggers has been Senior Samantha Lindauer, is running Cross Country for the first time and is making quite an impression. On September 16th at the Oregon Episcopal Invitational, thirteen schools were competing, including many of the best runners in the state. According to Logger's head coach Byron Brown, Lindauer stunned everyone by winning the girls race in only her 2nd cross country race. "It is virtually impossible to overstate what Sammy has already accomplished this season," said Brown. "She is a prime example of what can happen when you combine



The Lady Loggers defeated Gaston on October 4th. It was the first home volleyball match in their new gymnasium with the recently installed bleachers.

great talent with hard work." In her first race, Lindauer finished 2nd overall in the 3A/2A/1A pre-district meet at the Tualatin Hills Sports Complex.

Lindauer continued her amazing season on September 21st at the Nestucca



Samantha Lindauer (right) took first place at the NW League Cross Country Championship held at the new Vernonia Schools campus on September 27th.

ca Beach Run where she again finished first. Lindauer then led from start to finish on September 27 while winning the Northwest League Championship, held

at the new school campus in Vernonia. Maina Martin from France and Rowan Cheney have also been running well for the VHS girls.

"Sammy has been to State every year in track, but always in the shorter sprints," said Brown about Lindauer. "It's very unusual for an athlete to be outstanding in both sprints and distance, and it just shows what a unique and special kind of athlete Sammy is."

For the boys, Nathan Fleck is the team captain and leader. Fleck finished 3rd at the Northwest League Championships. At Nestucca Fleck finished 5th and Logger Jacob Mederis took 7th. "Jacob Mederis has been working very hard and is quickly developing into a first class distance runner," said coach Brown. Dan Rice, Dylan Shay and Drew Cheney have also been running well for the boys.

The next meet was scheduled for Sat. October 6 at Stub Stewart State Park. The Vernonia Invitational is scheduled for October 18. Come out to the new school campus and cheer on Sammy Lindauer, Mathan Fleck, Jacob Mederis and all the rest of the Loggers!

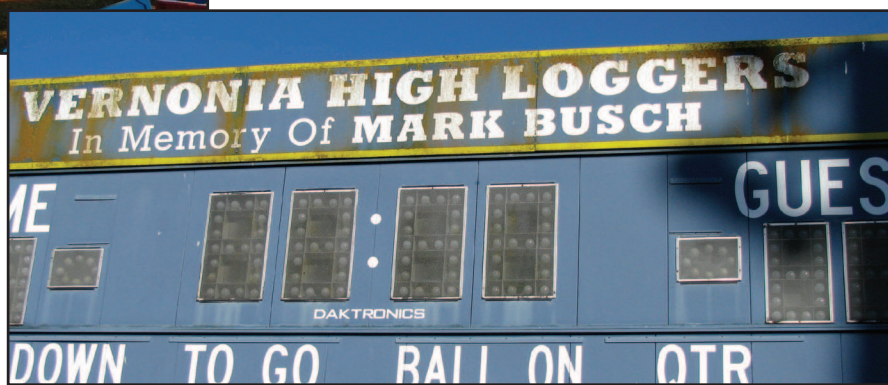
Football—Logger Head Coach Gordon Jarmin seems to have turned the Vernonia program around. Entering into the Loggers 2A Northwest League sched-

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Volunteers Clean Scoreboard



A group of Vernonia volunteers spent an evening cleaning the scoreboard at Greenman Field. The scoreboard was donated in memory of Mark Busch. Participating in the clean up was Gene Baska (pictured), Mike Pihl and Jason Busch.



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