

# VHS Winter Sports Update - Lady Loggers Win League Title

**Girls Basketball-** The Vernonia Lady Loggers completed a remarkable regular season, ending with 14 straight victories, including season ending wins over Faith Bible, Delphian, and Neah-Kah-Nie.

Vernonia completed their undefeated Northwest League season, going 16-0 in league play, with a 50-26 win over Faith Bible, a 79-30 defeat of Delphian and a 45-36 victory at Neah-Kah-Nie. The Lady Loggers finished the regular season with a 22-1 record, becoming the first girls team in school history to win more than 20 games.

The Lady Loggers used a variety of lineups to dominate most of their league opponents and got outstanding

play all season long from senior Stephanie Castro, exchange students Emma D'Onghia, Katka Brejchova and Johanna Lange, juniors Julia Fletcher and Meghan Sullivan and sophomores Sara Smith, Paige Smith and Jocie Roberts. Head coach Steve Whiteman also used his bench quite a bit and received significant minutes from juniors Brittany Young and Makayla Adams as well as freshman Payton Wolf and Megan Ely.

Coach Whiteman is now preparing his team for the league playoffs, where they will play in the championship game on Saturday, February 22 at Portland State University. The Lady Loggers have automatically clinched a spot in the state playoffs, but can secure a first round home game with a win on Saturday. The first round of the state playoffs is scheduled for Friday, February 28th



**Jason Bouslaugh won both his matches in a home meet against Knappa and Waldport.**

his only match with an excellent move and pin and Sam Hout won his only match.

In between matches VHS recognized members of the Mat Pack, a wrestling club for very young athletes, and their coaches, as well as graduating senior Bridger Steward and

exchange student Samuel Hout who were wrestling in their final home matches.

The Loggers are currently preparing for the District Meet on February 21-22 at Neah-Kah-Nie High School. Several wrestlers spent the weekend of February 16-17 at the "Get Vertical Cobra Wrestling Camp" in Gresham.

**Boys Basketball-** The Loggers finished their season with three straight wins but it wasn't enough to earn them a spot in the Northwest League Playoffs.

Vernonia defeated Faith Bible 59-57, beat Delphian 61-46 and won at Neah-Kah-Nie 66-46 to finish league play with a 7-9 record and an overall record of 10-13.

Alex Rubiera led the Loggers through most of the season including an exciting buzzer beating drive to the hoop and the resulting winning bucket against Faith Bible.



**Senior captain Stephanie Castro helped lead the Lady Loggers to a 22-1 regular season record and a berth in the state playoffs.**

**Wrestling-** The Vernonia Logger wrestlers hosted Knappa and Waldport in a series of matches on Wednesday, February 12th.

Although it was not a great night for the home grapplers, Vernonia did receive two good performances from Jason Bouslaugh who won both his matches, Zane Kovelda won



**The Mat Pack**

**Cheerleading-** The Vernonia Cheer Squad competed in the State Competition at Memorial Coliseum for the first time on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, finishing a very respectable 6<sup>th</sup> out of 13 teams in the 1/2/3 A Division. The squad was made up of Meagan Schirmeister, Courtney Pasko, Mikila Solberg, Nichole Gardner and Jessica Gardner.

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