

VHS Fall Sports Report

Volleyball- The Lady Loggers are 8-1 in Northwest League play and 12-3 overall following 3-0 victory over Knappa on Tuesday October 14.

After winning ten straight matches and earning a number 3 ranking in Division 2A, Vernonia fell to Faith Bible 3-2 in a back and forth match on October 9. The Lady Loggers also defeated Delphian 3-0 on October 7.

Vernonia is currently tied with Faith Bible at the top of the Northwest League.

Lady Logger head coach Teresa Williams has been pleased with her team's play, especially their defense. Against Faith Bible, Williams said her team executed their plan which was to limit Faith Bible's star hitter, #23 Maile Kam. "We accomplished what we wanted to, even though we didn't get the win," said Williams.

Williams said she has been especially pleased with the blocking of Nathalie Scholz, Meghan Sullivan and Paige Smith.

In addition to great defense, Williams said team serving has been stellar. Offensively, Julia Fletcher remains the team leader in scoring, followed by Scholz. Williams says she is working to get Sullivan and Smith more involved in the offense.

Vernonia's final match of



Julia Fletcher is the leading scorer for the Lady Loggers volleyball team this season.

the regular season was scheduled for Thursday October 16 at home against City Christian. Dates for League playoffs for 2A were not yet available from OSAA. If the Lady Loggers qualify, the first round of state playoffs is scheduled for Saturday November 1.

Cross Country- The boys and girls teams are heading down the stretch of their season. On Wednesday October 15 the teams were headed to the League Championship. On Thursday October 16 they hosted the Vernonia Invitational and then on Thursday October 24 they head to Tualatin Hills for the District Meet and a chance to earn a spot in the state championship.

Head coach Byron Brown is especially proud of the boy's team, who he says have been working hard

to improve and get better. Brown has been especially pleased with Drew Cheney, who Brown says just keeps getting stronger as the season progresses. Brown says the girls' team has two or three good runners but needs a couple more girls to step it up if the team has any chance of qualifying for state.

Football- Despite a 1-5 record overall and an 0-2 record in Northwest League play, Logger head coach Gordon Jarman remains positive. "We're playing pretty good over all," says

Jarman.

Jarman has a mostly young squad that had played some pretty tough and highly ranked opponents this year. Four of the teams the Loggers have lost to this season-Warrenton, Culver, Gold Beach and Kanppa-have only lost two games between them all season.

Things don't look to get too much easier for the Loggers either-their opponent on Friday October 17 for Homecoming, St. Paul, is 5-1 on the season.

After losing to Neah-Kah-Nie 30-21 on October 10, Jarman said his team is making young team mistakes. "We had some good performances and we had some not so good performances," said Jarman.

Despite the teams difficulties,

Jarman has still seen some good things from his team. He has been pleased with quarterback Devon Shay and the leadership he has shown, as well moving the football through the air and on the ground. Reed Jones has been good at outside linebacker and has caught some passes for big yardage. Niklas Merzadah has been a great kicker for the team. Justin Wolf has been good on both the offensive and defensive lines. Jarman is also looking forward to getting a couple players, Jake Butcher and Jake Harbour, back into the lineup following injuries.

"We're hanging in there and we're trying to do our best," says Jarman. "We have three games left to prove ourselves."

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