

VHS Fall Sports Report

Football – Head Coach Thor Ware’s Loggers remained undefeated after defeating Monroe 60-44 on October 2 and dispatching an overmatched Portland Christian, 74-12 at Vernonia’s Homecoming game on October 9.

The Loggers struggled against a big Monroe team early, and headed into half time tied 32-32. Both offenses moved the ball, and the Loggers struggled to stop Monroe’s big running back. The Loggers adjusted at half time and were able to hold Monroe, while their high powered offense continued to move the ball and score.

“Monroe had a really good offense and put together a pretty good defensive plan against us,” said Ware. “We have plays in place to take advantage of exactly what a defense gives us. And we figured it out and did that.”

Ware mentioned quarterback Steele Ware as having a good game and running back Jake Harbour, with numerous catches out of the backfield.

The Loggers jumped out to a quick start against Portland Christian, with Robert Conner returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown, recovering the on-sides kick, scoring again on the first play from scrimmage and never looking back. They used explosive offensive plays and a stingy defense, that recorded four turnovers for the game, to take a 44-6 half time lead.

Blade Ware had a blocked punt for a touchdown, Steele Ware again had a big game at quarterback, and Conner had three big catches for touchdowns.

New kicker Brandon Tesdale gives the Loggers a new weapon, with dangerous onside kicks and a strong and accurate leg, which may come in handy in

the playoffs.

Coach Ware says his team is fine tuning their offense and working to correct any mistakes they are making on defense. “There’s always room for improvement,” said Ware.

The Loggers lead all of 2A with 350 points scored and have only allowed 70 points all season.

The 6-0 Loggers finally begin Northwest League play when they travel to Gaston on October 16. They face Nestucca at home on October 23 and end the regular season at Knappa on October 30.

Cross Country - The Vernonia Invitational was held October 8, with the course starting at the football stadium, running around Vernonia Lake, and ending back at the stadium. Eight

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Left: James Ombati placed 5th in the Vernonia Invitational.
Right: Leire Valladares was the top finisher for Vernonia girls team.

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