

VHS Fall Sports Wrap Up

Football - The Vernonia Loggers returned to the state playoffs for the first time since 2008 after finishing the regular season undefeated. Head Coach Thor Ware and the Loggers won the Northwest League title, going 9-0 and were the top scoring offense in all of Division 2A.

The 8th seeded Loggers faced a very tough Stanfield Tigers team in the first round of the playoffs on November 6 at the beautiful new St. Helens High School stadium, losing 56-26 and bringing their turnaround season to an end.



Stanfield entered the game seeded 9th in the playoffs after finishing the regular season ranked 4th and apparently had something to prove. Vernonia had trouble stopping Stanfield's duo of running back Thyler Monkus, and quarterback Dylan Grogan all evening.

Running back Blade Ware was the star for the Loggers scoring three touchdown on the evening, one on a screen pass reception that Ware turned into a long rambling run to the end zone and another on a kickoff return. Following an outstanding goal line stand by the Loggers defense, Ware scored his third TD of the night on a 99 yard run from scrimmage, bouncing through the line and



outrunning the defense down the sidelines. Lineman Cody Nelson also had an outstanding game for the Loggers on both offense and defense.

Following the conclusion of the season, numerous Loggers received All League Awards. Coach Thor Ware was named Northwest League Coach of the Year. Quarterback Steele Ware was named Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All League. Blade Ware was named Defensive Player of the Year, and First Team All League Running Back and Linebacker. Brett Elliot and Robert Conner were named First Team at Wide Receiver. Cody Nelson was named First Team at Offensive Lineman, Jared Medearis was named Second Team Offensive Line. On defense, Steven Burns was named First Team at Defensive Back, Jake Harbour was First Team at Linebacker, Kole Titus and Cody Nelson were named First Team Defensive Line. Brandon Tesdall was named First Team Kicker, Robert Conner was named First team Kick Returner and Bailey Morrison was named Second Team Punter. Trevor Kent received Honorable Mention.



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