

# VHS Winter Sports Report

**Boys Basketball** -The Vernonia Loggers earned a trip to the OSAA 2A Basketball State Championship in Pendleton after defeating the #15 Bonanza Antlers 65-60 on Saturday, February 27 at Vernonia High School.

The Loggers jumped out to a quick lead to start the game with sophomore Clay Sullivan trying to set the tone by hitting two three point shots. The Loggers used quick passing to get inside and utilized their height advantage, with seniors Robert Conner and Arne Schiemann easily getting to the hoop.

But Bonanza kept the game close, using deadly outside shooting and a tenacious defense that caused numerous turnovers. The game was tied 49-49 at half time.



*Arne Schiemann*

The Loggers gained the advantage in the third quarter and looked to be in control of the match up, but everytime they looked to pull away, Bonanza would hit another three pointer and creep back into the game. Head coach David Weller used a shorter rotation and worked Francesco Mian into the game, who had success in the low post getting to the basket. Brett Elliot grabbed several key rebounds and Jared Medearis and Brett Jones provided important minutes off the bench.

Sullivan left the game with a bloody nose for several minutes early in the fourth quarter and it wasn't until he

returned just past the halfway point that he and Conner took over the game, with Conner going to the basket with authority several times, including a breakaway dunk that sealed the deal. Sullivan hit four clutch free throws down the stretch and a three point basket by Bonanza at the buzzer made the final score appear a bit closer than the game actually was.

The #2 seeded Loggers will play #7 Burns at the Pendleton Convention



*Robert Conner*

Center on Thursday, March 3 at 8:15 pm in the first round of the State Championship. Burns finished second in the Wapati League playoffs, losing 51-35 to #5 Imbler after going 11-1 in league play. They have a 21-5 record overall. They advanced to the final eight



*Jared Medearis*

with a 60-44 victory over Vernonia's Northwest League rival City Christian.

The Loggers won the Northwest League title with an 84-78 win over



*Brett Elliot*

City Christian on Saturday, February 20. Following the game Loggers Clay Sullivan and Brett Elliot were named First Team All League, Robert Conner was named Second Team, and Arne Schiemann and Tristan Adams were named Honorable Mention.

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