

VHS Athletes Invited to Participate in All Star Games

Several Vernonia High School senior student/athletes and coaches have been invited to participate in all-star games this summer.

Blade Ware will play in the East-West Shrine All Star Football Game on Saturday August 6, 2016, in Baker City, Oregon. Ware, who plays running back and linebacker, helped the Vernonia Loggers win the Northwest League Championship. He scored 30 touchdowns this year and was named Second Team All-State at running back, First Team All-League at both running back and linebacker, and was named the Northwest League Defensive Player of the Year. Ware has signed a letter of intent to play football at the College of the Siskiyous next year.

Also invited to participate in the East-West Shrine Game is cheerleader Meagan Schirmeister. Schirmeister, a four year cheerleader at VHS, was part of the squad that took 2nd place in the State Competition this year. She was part of the 4th place Co-ed Stunt Group at State and was named to the All State Cheer Team; she also took 4th place in Individual Tum-

bling at the OCCA Championships this year. Schirmeister is currently a member of the Portland Raiders, a semi-pro stunt team, and will be competing on a Level 5 Co-ed stunt team later this season.

Robert Connor played in the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association's annual All Star Basketball Series on June 10-11 in Eugene and Forest Grove, Oregon. Connor played for the North All Stars. Connor helped lead the Loggers to the State Championship in basketball this year. He also anchored the record setting State Championship 4x100 relay in track; Connor also took 2nd place in the 100 meter dash and 5th place in the 200 meters. He will also attend the College of the Siskiyous next year, where he will play football and run track.

Vernonia boys basketball coach David Weller was selected to participate in the All Star Basketball Series and was a coach for the North All Stars.

Three VHS seniors were invited to play in the 3rd Annual All Star Volleyball Match on June 18 at Eastern Oregon University. To be invited players must have been a First Team

All-League selection. McKenzie Titus played in the match. Sara Smith had to decline the invitation because of a serious knee injury during basketball season. Paige Smith had to make a tough decision, and chose to play in the All Star Basketball Game on the same day. Vernonia Head coach Teresa Williams says this is the first year she was aware there was an All Star Volleyball Match, otherwise VHS would have had several players in the past few years who would have been eligible to participate.

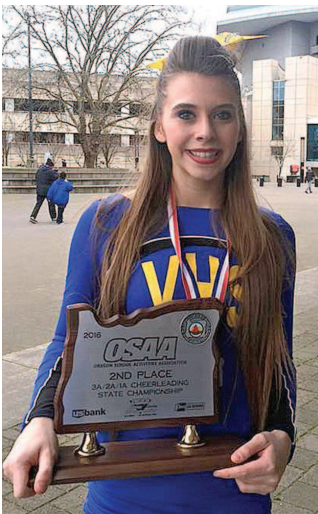


Coach Steve Whiteman and Paige Smith will participate in the All Star Basketball Series June 17-18.

VHS head basketball coach Steve Whiteman and Paige Smith will take part in the All Star Basketball Series on June 17-18 at Corbin University. Smith, a key member of the Lady Loggers squads that have won three straight Northwest League titles, was named First Team All-League this year, and helped the Lady Loggers finish 4th in the State Tournament during her junior year.



Blade Ware (above) and Meagan Schirmeister (below) will both take part in the East-West Shrine Game in August.



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