

VHS Fall Sports Report

Volleyball – After once again qualifying for the State Playoffs, the Lady Loggers almost took the next step, but failed to advance after falling in a five game match to #7 seed Coquille on October 27.

The Lady Loggers finished their season in 2nd place in the Northwest League, defeating both Faith Bible and Gaston in the League Playoffs 3-0, before falling to Portland Christian 3-0 in the finals.

The Lady Loggers entered the State Playoffs as the #10 seed and traveled to Coquille where they won the first two games 26-24 and 25-16 and looked like they would earn their first trip to the State Championships in Redmond under head coach Teresa Williams. Instead, Coquille battled back, winning a nail-biting game three 27-25 and then taking the fourth game 25-16. Coquille ended the Lady Loggers hopes in the fifth and final game, winning 15-8.

The Loggers finished their season with a 22-7 record.

Cross Country – The Logger runners finished their strong season at the District Meet on October 25, with most of coach John Roady's runners posting Personal Records (PR).

The Logger boys finished a strong 4th in the District as a team. Senior Jake Handgard again led the

Logger boys, finishing 9th with a time of 17:57. Jacob Pasko finished 23rd in 19:24. Byron Cook took 29th in 19:51 and Sean Coffey finished 32nd in 20:19. Abraham Kpirikai was the final scoring runner for Vernonia finishing 40th in 21:32, and was followed by Nick Costley in 41st and Dinu Cejocan in 42nd.

For the girls, Sadie Gump ended an outstanding freshman year of running, finishing 19th in a time of 21:20, and was followed closely by sophomore Jenna Handgard in 21st place in 21:53. Grace Costley finished 39th in 24:34, Ines De Saintignon was 63rd in 28:12 and Emma Hahn took 67th in 29:39. The girls team finished 6th as a team in a tough District that included several 3A programs.

No Vernonia runners qualified for the State Meet this season.

Football – The Loggers ended their season strong, earning their second win of the season with a 60-12 thrashing of Gaston on October 26.

Head coach Reed Watson's team ended a disappointing season with a 2-6 record overall and a 2-4 record in Northwest League play. With just a few graduating seniors and a large class of juniors who gained valuable experience and playing time this season, the Loggers look like they should field a competitive team next season.

Thank You, Claude!

A big thank you to Claude LaRiche for his work over the years to maintain the wooden benches in downtown Vernonia. Claude recently repaired and refinished all the benches, paying for the materials himself. This kind of volunteerism is what makes Vernonia such a great community.



Where Do You Read The Voice?



Jamie McKinney-Fousek was recently in India for 12 days and stopped at the Taj Mahal. She had planned to take a picture of herself in front of the Taj with a copy of Vernonia's Voice but it was confiscated by security right before she entered the grounds. Luckily they held it for her and she was able to get it back when she left, so she took a picture from the Taj Nature Park with the Taj Mahal in the background.

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