

VHS Winter Sports Report

Girls Basketball makes State, fall in first round; five wrestlers compete in State Tournament

Girls Basketball – The Vernonia Lady Loggers won the Northwest League playoffs and earned the #8 seed in the State Playoffs, but fell to Coquille 55-51 in overtime on February 28 to see their season come to an early end.

In the Northwest League Playoffs Vernonia defeated Faith Bible 55-54 in an exciting and dramatic contest on February 20. The game was hard fought and physical. After Jayden Hartman and Jordan Walters fouled out of the game in the fourth quarter, sophomore Brooklynn Walters took over. With the Lady Loggers down by 2 with less than a minute to play, senior Abby Coleman stole an inbounds pass and Walters made her shot to tie the game. The Loggers defense held, and with just 2 seconds left Walters was fouled while driving to the hoop. She missed the first free throw, but hit the second to win the game for Vernonia and send them into the League Championship game against rival Portland Christian at home on February 23.

The Lady Loggers defeated Portland Christian 54-36. After falling behind early in the first quarter, Vernonia battled back to take a lead they never relinquished, playing some of their best basketball of the season. Vernonia led by 7 at the half, and by 10 at the end of the 3rd quarter, but the final result was not assured until just 2 minutes were left. Brooklynn Walters led the Lady Loggers with 19 points, including 4 3-point baskets, junior Hartman scored 11, and seniors Jordan Walters and Lauren Ely both added 10 points to a well rounded Logger offense. Abby Coleman again had a strong defensive game, as did Hartman. Following the game Hartman was named League Defensive Player of the Year and received 3rd Team All League honors, Brooklynn and Jordan Walters were both named 1st Team All League, and Ely was named 2nd Team.



Clockwise starting above: Brooklynn Walters, Jayden Hartman, Brandon DePue, Pete Crystal

Against Coquille, in another exciting and competitive game, Vernonia struggled offensively as did Coquille, as both teams played aggressive defense. The game was tied 16-16 at the half, and both teams played a fast paced second half. In overtime, foul trouble hurt Vernonia and Coquille's size and strong inside game proved to be the difference. Brooklynn Walters again led the Lady Loggers with 23 points, Hartman had 10 and Jordan Walters scored 7.

Wrestling – Five Vernonia wrestlers competed at the State Tournament on February 28-29.



Sophomore Brandon DePue, at 113 pounds, was the only wrestler to win his quarterfinal match on the first day, winning by fall in 5:57 to advance to the semifinals on Saturday. DePue lost his semifinal in 6-2 decision before falling to teammate Patrick Fletcher 8-6 in the consolation round semifinals.

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VSD Seeks Budget Committee Members

The Vernonia School District (VSD) is looking for five community members to fill open positions on its Budget Committee. Seven community positions, plus the VSD School Board of Directors, make up the District's overall Budget Committee. Public involvement in the school budgeting process is mandated by law, and only two of the seven available community positions are currently filled.

Budget Committee seats are obtained through application and interview by the VSD Board of Directors, with committee members filling their position for a three-year term. If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a part of the VSD Budget Committee please contact the VSD office at (503) 429-5891, or stop by the District Office Monday-Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Budget Committee members are responsible for reviewing the proposed budget, assuring it is balanced, receiving public comment, and providing input and feedback at official meetings before ultimately recommending the proposed budget to the VSD Board of Directors for final approval and adoption.

This year's meetings are scheduled for April 30 and May 14. The Board will take action to adopt the Budget Committee approved document at their June 11 meeting.

This budget cycle will include discussion and action on the VSD's General Fund budget, as well as plans for its spending of Student Investment Account (SIA) funding approved through the Student Success Act (SSA).

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