

# VHS Sports Report

**Girls Basketball** – The Vernonia Lady Loggers continued their winning ways in the Northwest League and remain undefeated on the season with a 7-0 record after defeating Neah-Kah-Nie 47-38 on Friday, June 11.

“This is one of the most cohesive groups I’ve ever coached,” said head coach Jim Krahn. “They really are playing together at a high level.”

Senior Jayden Hartman and junior Brooklynn Walters have been playing at the guard positions and scoring, rebounding, and playing strong defense. Junior Audrey Hill and sophomore Kortnie Adams have provided good defense and rebounding inside. Sophomores Kaylee Whiteman and Bailey Nordahl have been playing some important minutes and contributing.

“They’ve really played excellent basketball so far,” said Krahn.

Vernonia pulled out a 28-27 non-league win against Colton on June 2, defeated Nestucca 47-37 on June 7, and handled Knappa 39-24 on June 9.

The Lady Loggers were scheduled to finish this COVID shortened season with games against Gaston on June 16 and Nestucca on June 18.



Above: Jayden Hartman  
Right: Brooklynn Walters



Krahn says plans are in the works for a 12 team, 2A state championship during the week of June 21,

which would not be sanctioned by OSAA, but would still give teams a chance to compete for a state title in a tournament format. It was unclear whether any kind of league or district playoffs will occur.

**Wrestling** – Head coach Chuck Calhoun’s small squad keeps racking up individual victories.

On June 3 Vernonia hosted a meet, where senior Wyatt Jones won three matches, all by pin, as did junior Cody West, while junior Brandon Depue won all four of his matches, three by pin. Senior Pete Crystal added two more wins for the Loggers and sophomore Max Anderson earned a win as well.

“Cody West did an excellent job and avenged his only loss this season, which shows he’s really turning a corner,” said coach Calhoun.

At Knappa on June 8 the team went 12-2 with 11 pins. Depue

won all five of his matches, Crystal won four, Jones won two, and freshman Alex Shaw won his first match of the season. “It was a big day for Alex, getting that first win out of the way,” said Calhoun. “We had a great showing and we were competitive in every match.”



Above: Wyatt Jones

At Yamhill-Carlton on June 9 Jones won both his matches by pin. Depue won three matches, all by pin. Crystal wrestled up a weight class and lost two matches at 170 pounds.

On June 15 at Neah-Kah-Nie Depue won two matches and moved his record to 18-0 on the season. Jones won all three of his matches and is also 18-0. West won three matches and has now won his last 10 matches in a row. Anderson also won another match and he and Shaw continue to progress.

“Even though this has been a challenging year for everyone, Brandon and Wyatt have been team leaders,” said Calhoun. They show up for practice, even when they’re hurt, and still work out when they could be doing other fun things. Wyatt is always the busiest guy in the workout room and doesn’t shy away from hard work. These young men keep meeting every challenge in a difficult year.”

The date for the District Meet has been changed to June 17 at Nestucca High School. Depue at 113 pounds, Jones at 138, and West at 220 will all be seeded #1 at Districts, with Crystal earning a #3 seed. A State Championship is scheduled for June 25-26 at Sweet Home.

<b>Bailey McClellan</b> Kindergarten	<b>Amira Haniyah</b> Kindergarten	<b>Aloma Swepton</b> 1st Grade	<b>Ison Boeckel</b> 1st Grade	<b>Kellen Koenig</b> 2nd Grade
<b>Sophia Haniyah</b> 2nd Grade	<b>Vernonia Elementary Students of the Month</b>			<b>Orinthia O'Neill</b> 3rd Grade
<b>Cailee Llanos</b> 4th Grade	<b>Kiera Givens</b> 4th Grade	<b>BellaAnn Leach</b> 5th Grade	<b>BUS Students of the Month</b>	
<b>Kiera Givens</b> 4th Grade	<b>Madison Curry</b> 5th Grade	<b>Jeremy Kohler</b> Kindergarten	<b>Izzy Stringfield</b> 5th Grade	<b>Jolee Graham</b> 5th Grade

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