

Logger Sports

It was a great four years!

Jessica Dunlap - Positive Mental Attitude!

by Brianna Smeltz

Jessica Dunlap has played Varsity Volleyball and Basketball all four years of her high school career. During this time she has done very well in every aspect of the game. The part that she excels in is keeping the team's general attitude at its highest level. She is always pumping up the team and keeping them fired up. I feel this is the number one thing. "Attitude is Everything".

In the past few years Jessica has scored numerous points and has contributed many good things to the teams. Jessica averaged 6 points a game, added 65 steals, 30 assists, and 45 rebounds during her freshman year. Sophomore year she contributed 178 points on the season and had 65 steals, 82 assists, and 70 rebounds. Jessica feels that her sophomore year was her best statistically, but her junior year was the one where everyone worked as a team, and the stats varied from person to person. "This was the best year, teamwork wise," Jessica stated unselfishly. Even so, during her junior year Jessica added 75 points, 33 steals, 31 assists, and 32 rebounds to the record book.

When I asked Jessica, how she was going to finish off her senior year, she replied, "The team will finish it," a typical answer for this very unselfish senior. Jessica

has always been like that, wanting other people to be happy and get the credit before her. Jessica decided she wants to concentrate on academics in college, but she wouldn't mind joining a co-ed club team.

"She is a good athlete, and a great leader."

- Trevor Hersom

"I've known Jessica for four years and she is very determined and always strives to do her best in academics and athletics. Jessica is a very caring young lady and I know she will achieve all the goals she sets for herself in the future."

Best of Luck! -- Jeany

"I think Jessica is a very good leader out there on the court. That's what she needs to play her position."

- Dianne Gorman

When I asked Jessica why she works so hard she replied, "I work hard so BJ doesn't yell at me. I also feel that letting up will put the team down, so I try to give 100% everyday I go out there!

As you can see, Jessica was quite an asset to the team's ability and attitude. I wish I had more years to compete on the court with her.

Nick Rodgers, The Sports Guy!

by Jed Rowden

Senior Nick Rodgers has been a three sport varsity athlete all four years of his high school career. During this time he has been able to dazzle players and coaches alike with his winning attitude and athletic ability. He is known by his teammates as being a natural leader and motivator.

When I asked Nick what he would do to make his senior year special he told me, "I will give 110% in everything I do". I asked Nick what single memory of high school sports he would always remember. "Losing a playoff game to Hosanna this year," he explained. That particular basketball game was the last he played in at the high school

level. He will however leave behind the power of leadership and motivation to be passed on to next year's seniors.

"He makes it fun for the rest of the team, he's a real leader."

- Krystle Rowley

"He's great to be around and makes the team nutty and crazy."

- Brianna Smeltz

"He's a good leader and gets us pumped for the game."

- Kelly Harrington

I think I speak for everyone when I say that Nick will be cherished and greatly missed by many in seasons to come! Thanks for the memories, Nick!

Lions Beat the Loggers but they Stood Tall!

by Jed Rowden

As basketball season came to a close, we stop and reflect on what most would call a successful season. Coming off last year's four win season with the help of a new coach Lance Bruce, the Loggers retaliated to a respectable third in league finish this year. When the regular season ended, the Logger squad was tied for second with rival school the Hosanna Lions. The honor of second place came down to a playoff game at a neutral court. The first half was a hard fought battle which resulted in a ten point lead for the Loggers. The second half proved more intense and fatigue began playing a large factor. The Logger's lead was slowly getting smaller. Eventually the Lions surged ahead. Unfortunately, the Loggers were unable to retaliate with sufficient force. Although they didn't make it to Districts, the Loggers look forward to another successful season. Losing only two seniors, the Loggers will look to an experienced returning squad. Be ready for the Loggers to sweep the league next year.

Ladies off to State Once Again!

by Breanna Smeltz

The Lady Loggers headed to the State playoffs February 28th. Finishing the league season 12-0, the Loggers were pumped to go to Baker and do some damage. Junior wing, Krystle Rowley, felt that despite the over-rated and over hyped, Condon Blue Devils, "We could very well be the Cinderella story of the class 1A girls State basketball tournament." The players were excited about the long and grueling ten hour trip to Baker City. You could say they had a lot of bonding time. "It seems like the season has taken forever," Brianna Smeltz says. "Basketball is my life and I would play until the end, especially when we are winning games and making a difference".

Sarah Matthews led the team in rebounding and scoring. Brianna Smeltz led in assists while Jessica Dunlap and Asia Million led in steals. Krystle Rowley was the main three-point shooter, while Kayla McKibbin hit the baseline shot all day. Cassy Bartel was second on the rebounding scale and brought her scoring average up to 10 points a game. With these great stats the ladies dominated their league, finishing the league season 12-0. No one in their league even came close to beating the mighty LADY LOGGERS!!!

The coaches are very proud and have faith in the team. Karen has been especially excited and kept the Loggers fired up throughout the season. BJ is always just THERE, he has always been like that. He's not really the type to get in your business, but he's sure someone you can talk to, which is why he is so respected. "I feel we have two of the greatest coaches in the world. I speak for the team when I say; we wouldn't trade them for anything". Brianna Smeltz stated boldly. "They are a big part of our success. The team appreciates their help and support."

The Loggers appreciate their fans and parents for being their "shadow" at every game. They had so much more power on the court with all their help. No matter what the final outcome at state, these girls had a great season!