

Loggers holding own in league basketball play, need more wins

Working to improve their league record, the Vernonia High School boys' basketball

team fought Neah-Kah-Nie to a 64-54 win in spite of the fact they were down by 19 points in the second quarter. Three team members, Jasen

VonHeeder, Trey Williamson and Matt Schmidlin all scored

in double digits with 14, 13 and 12 points, respectively.

The second quarter against Columbia Christian again found the Loggers in trouble, but they were unable to recover and lost to the Knights 71-54. Williamson contributed 21 points and 12 rebounds to the effort; Marc

Julian added 12 points.

Vernonia fell at the hands of Catlin Gable, 53-68, as their shooting hands went cold.

Earlier in the month, the Warrenton Warriors lost to the Loggers, 68-40. The boys also defeated Clatskanie, 78-70, as Julian bucketed 23, followed by Williamson's 19

and Matt Minger's 12 points.

The Loggers improved their record again with wins over Oregon Episcopal School and Portland Adventist School.

They came on strong on the 24th to outscore OES by 16 points in the first quarter. "We came out and played excellently in the first quarter," said head coach Scott Finlay, "which made the rest of the game relatively easy."

The final score was 65-53. Williamson led the scoring

with 24 and Erik Davis finished the game off with 10 rebounds.

In a total team effort that saw Portland Adventist fall to the Loggers, 88-77, Julian went to the bucket for 33 points, but "Everyone had a key part in the win," said Finlay.

There will be two more home games for the boys, on the first versus Portland Christian, and the 14th against Columbia Christian.

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Vernonia girls basketball team continues to struggle

The Vernonia High School varsity girls' basketball team has found it difficult to improve their league record, but they haven't quit trying.

The girls improved their overall record with a win over the Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates on the 13th, by a score of 42-20. High scorer of the game was Tonya Jones with 18, followed by Silke Hermann with 10 points.

Previously, the Loggers fell to Catlin Gable, 37-47, in spite of another 18 point effort by Jones.

Warrenton was the site of the game on Jan. 6, as the Loggers were defeated 28-48. Significant scorers were Jones, Miriah O'Dair and Hermann.

Another loss, to Portland Adventist on the 21st, was attributed greatly to four missing players, combined with a team tired from semester testing.

Although defeated by Ore-

gon Episcopal School, by five points on the 24th, head coach Gordon "Crow" Crowston believed "It was the best ball game we have played yet."

After being outscored in the third quarter, the Loggers fought back to a tie, then fell behind again in the last two minutes to lose 42-47.

High scorer was Rebecca Jensen with 16, followed by O'Dair's 10 points and 11 rebounds. Jones and Jensen also nabbed rebounds, with 7 each.

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Better play is goal of Banks basketball team

Banks High School boys' varsity basketball team had a disappointing month, losing all three of their games in spite of a good effort by the whole team.

They lost to Gladstone by a score of 106-83, to Sherwood by 96-77, and to Estacada 90-84.

Craig Herbert led the team in scoring, with 20 points against Gladstone and 17 points against Sherwood. Jason Ackerman bucketed 19 points against Estacada.

The boys junior varsity had more success, with wins in two of their three games.

After losing to Gladstone by ten points, 82-72, the JVs came back with a ten point win over Sherwood, 69-59.

In a tighter, but still victorious game, the Braves defeated Estacada by 84 to 79.

Chad Vanaken played stand-out basketball for the Braves, scoring 22 points against Gladstone, 32 against Sherwood and 34 against Estacada.

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Lady Braves struggle but keep on working for better basketball

Banks High School's Lady Braves played tough in four of five varsity basketball games this month, winning one, but coming up on the short end of the stick in three games.

The girls started in a duel with Sherwood that ended in a 2 point loss, 42-40, and followed that by beating Gladstone 46-39. Andrea Schaefer led the scoring for the Lady Braves in both games with 18 points against Sherwood and 14 against Gladstone.

Unfortunately, their third game was a crushing 43-19 defeat to Estacada, as the high point player, Lois Duyck, managed only 7 points.

Hood River was victorious against the girls, 44-37, in spite of a 21 point effort by Schaefer.

In the last game of the month, the varsity team lost a squeaker to LaSalle by two points, 41-39.

The girls' junior varsity team went winless in five games this month despite gallant efforts by all team members.

The losses were to Sherwood, 43-30; Gladstone 49-22; Estacada, 43-31; Hood River, 64-19; and LaSalle by only two points, 37-35. Sheila Evers had the hottest scoring hand on the team, with high points for four of the five games.

"We are a young team," Head Coach Christie Tattylor commented, "The kids are becoming more competitive every time. We are doing things a lot better than at the beginning of the year, but we still have a ways to go."

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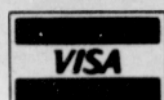
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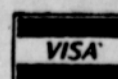
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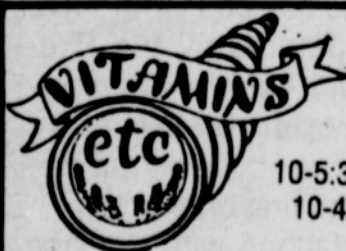


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