

Young Banks wrestlers winning individually, building good team

Banks High School wrestlers finished second out of eight teams at the Woodburn Tournament, Jan. 17.

Team scores were Tillamook 112, Banks 92, Junction City 83, Stayton 66, Sherwood 61, Wilsonville 47, Woodburn 42, Gladstone 19.

"The team really came together," said head coach Ron Alley. "We have 11 freshmen and sophomores in our line-up and everyone wrestled extremely well."

Three of the Braves' matmen won championships at Woodburn.

Steven Brittell (130 lbs.), Nate Hordichok (135), and Nick Wilson (145). Hordichok was undefeated on his trip to the championship.

Andy Brittell (119) took second place, as did Derek Evans (171), and Casey Turner (152) in a controversial 3-2 decision in his final match.

Leland Schmidlin (140) and Nate Wilson (125) rounded out the Braves' scoring with third place finishes.

Banks won their dual at Scappoose Jan. 16, 47-29.

"This was a very good showing and a great build-up for the league tournament at Woodburn," said Alley. "We were expecting a tough battle."

Seven Brave wrestlers won by falls—Andy Brittell, Steve Brittell, Hordichok, Schmidlin, Nick Wilson, Derek Evans and Marcus Bigsby. Casey Turner won by a technical fall in the

third round of his match.

"We got the ball rolling with two wins in our two duals," said Alley.

McLoughlin High School placed first Jan. 9 at the Jan Anderson Memorial Tournament in Hood River, with 98 points, followed by Forest Grove, 90, Hood River, 64,

Banks, 56, and Gladstone, 17.

Originally an eight-way tournament, changes were forced when three schools canceled. Wrestling was in five-man brackets instead of eight-man.

Turner, undefeated in four matches at Hood River and 12-1 for the season, won the Championship at 145 lbs.

Steve Brittell, Champion at 130 lbs., was also undefeated. His season record was 9-2 at the close of the tourney.

The Braves hosted Seaside Jan. 8, winning 41-30.

"It was an exciting evening," said Alley, "with full stands, great atmosphere...a lot of fun."

From 112 lbs. to 152 lbs. Banks won every match, those eight classes being the strength of the Braves' team.

"When Turner walked off the mat we knew they could still beat us," said Alley. "Trevor Hasenkamp [215] got a fall and won it."

Loggers unable to handle Warrenton's physical style, lose at home

Vernonia High School boys varsity basketball team hosted the Warrenton Warriors and lost, 85-59.

"We should've done more to get opportunities to go to the line," said head coach Scott Finlay, who described the game as "terse and tense."

The Loggers, looking focused and organized, took an 8-6 lead at 4:07 in the first. By the beginning of the second quarter Warrenton had taken control.

A lack of offensive rebounds and trouble with fouls hurt Vernonia. Warrenton had 25 free throws, while the Loggers shot only four.

The Warriors read the Loggers' game and ran away from them score-wise. Halftime score, 51-33

The second half opened explosively, with back-and-forth stealing, and Jacob Shetler, Ryan Aultman (6 assists) and Jesse Walters working tightly to get the job done. Shetler sank two three-pointers to bring the Loggers within 10. Third quarter score, 59-49.

"Shetler had a good individual game, shooting nine for 11

two-pointers and two for four three-pointers," said Finlay. "Almost everything he shot went in."

Vernonia played hard but couldn't overcome Warrenton's physical style.

High Scores: Shetler, 24 points; Frank Spry, 12 points, 9 rebounds; Jason Busch, 7 points, 8 rebounds.

The Loggers earned a huge come-from-behind victory at home Jan. 9, against the Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates, 66-55.

The opening tip-off went to Neah-Kah-Nie, but a steal by Logger Andy Sook put the first points on the board. Midway through the first quarter the Loggers led 10-5, but the Pirates tightened up to take a 20-14 lead by the end of the first quarter.

"Neah-Kah-Nie wanted it more for a while," said Logger Coach Finlay. "We lost confidence and got tentative, and Neah-Kah-Nie took the momentum and rolled with it."

The Loggers ran some good plays in the second quarter, but the Pirates' hustle and Chad Winfrey's shooting (27 points) let Neah-Kah-Nie keep a lead at halftime, 30-26.

The Pirates took the floor

with an attitude in the third and grabbed many defensive rebounds, turning them into points. The Loggers trailed 48-38 going into the final quarter.

Fourth quarter action was intense and physical, but Vernonia dug in and tied the score, 52-52, with 3:26 to play. The lead see-sawed for the next minute or so, then Aultman, Walters, and Shetler each scored, to give Vernonia a 62-55 lead with 1:04 left.

"Aultman had a big second half, making two three-pointers

in the third to bring us within 10 [points]," said Finlay, "and did a great job defending Winfrey."

Neah-Kah-Nie scrambled, trying to regain their lead in the game's final minute. Vernonia maintained their poise and held the Pirates to just one bucket, seven points total, in the fourth quarter. The Loggers celebrated a proud and hard-won victory to the thunderous approval of a packed gym.

High Scores: Shetler, 20 points; Aultman, 16 points, 8 rebounds; Walters, 11 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals; Frank Spry (in his first varsity start), 8 points, 9 rebounds.

VHS wrestlers "Step up a notch"

Vernonia High School wrestlers took third place at Colton's eight-way Tournament, Jan. 10.

"We stepped it up another notch," said coach James Brookins.

First place in the Tournament went to Clatskanie, with a team score of 139 points, Colton took second with 119-1/2, and Vernonia earned 105 to record their highest tournament finish to date.

Blaine Vandehey (135 lbs.) won the championship, his first in a high school tournament. In the final round, Vandehey beat Mike Cornelius of Clatskanie with a score of 20-8.

Justin Johnson (103), placed second, though he lost

his last match (9-8) to long-time rival from Wahtonka, Lucas Warden.

Geddy Parker (140) took second place, losing 6-3 to last year's State Champion from Nestucca.

Andy Waltz (112) lost the championship match to his Colton opponent by only four points, for a second place finish. Matt Brookins (160) also brought home second place.

Please see page 10

BANKS COUNTRY FEED & TACK

324-9490

OPEN DAILY

50# Farm Style Dog Food..... \$7⁹⁵

50# Western Ranch Hi Pro.. \$15⁵⁰

37.5# Pro Plan Lamb & Rice... \$33⁷⁰

5# Dog Biscuits.. \$3⁰⁰

20# Farm Style Cat Food..... \$7⁹⁵

25# Wild Bird Feed..... \$7⁹⁵

50# Wild Bird Feed..... \$14⁰⁰

We also carry Cedar & Pine Shavings and small pet foods

SEW • N • THINGS FABRIC SHOP

324-7791

HOURS: MON-FRI 10-4

Also —
Mending • Hemming
Zipper Replacement
Scissors Sharpened

LOCATED ON BANKS ROAD AT HWY. 47 IN BANKS

Save up to \$500 on Polaris ATVs

- 244cc air-cooled, oil injected, 2-stroke engine
- Progressive rate rear suspension with 8.5" of travel
- 1" rear gas shock
- 60" turning radius
- Electric start



Trail Boss 250

Trail Boss 250

Sale Price \$3,199

- Save \$400*
- Automatic transmission
- Long travel suspension

Xplorer 300

Sale Price \$4,699

- Lowest priced full-size 4x4 you can buy

ZERO Down Payment Interest
for 90 days at participating dealers.

12 models on sale. More examples of big savings.

MODEL	PRICE	SALE PRICE	SAVE*
Xplorer 400	\$5549	\$5099	\$450
Magnum 2x4	\$4799	\$4299	\$500
Xpress 400	\$4599	\$4199	\$400

POLARIS

RIDE THE BEST

*Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. Offer good on 1997 models through Feb. 28, 1998. Offer good only to residents of the US, and of participating Polaris dealers. **90 days free financing to qualified customers on the Polaris StarCard program at participating Polaris dealers. After 90 day financing, account APR is 16.8%, minimum finance charge is \$5.00. Polaris ATVs may not be ridden by anyone under 18, and all riders should take a safety course. For safety and training information, see your dealer or call Polaris at 1-800-342-3764. ATVs can be hazardous to operate. For your safety always wear a helmet, eye protection, protective clothing and never carry passengers. © 1997 Polaris Industries Inc.

TVI SPORTS North side of TV Highway, just West of Hillsboro
34515 S.W. Tualatin Valley Highway (503) 648-1254

BANKS-MANNING MERCHANTS FOR QUALITY SERVICE

STRASSEL'S AUTO REPAIR & HYDRAULIC HOSES

2-4-6 Spiral Wire • Flange Head • Suction Hoses
Adaptors • 3/16" to 2" • Bulk Oil Products
276 SUNSET, BANKS • 324-9808

THE ALPINE ADVANTAGE
180 S. Main, Banks # 324-6602
MON-FRI 8 PM - 4 PM

SKI TUNE-UPS

FLAT & EDGE FILE + HOT WAX \$17⁵⁰

SUNSET LAUNDRY Wash...\$1.00 Dry...25¢

180 S. Main Street, Banks Oregon

BANKS HARDWARE

JANUARY SPECIAL \$3¹⁷ 32 oz. professional strength DRANO PLUS

636584 • While supplies last • OPEN M-F 8-6, SAT 8-5, SUN 10-4
150 Main Street, Banks • 324-9026