

Sports

Logger pitchers gain confidence, team seeks post-season action

"Our advantage is coming up," said Logger Baseball Coach Grant Rand, on April 22nd. "I believe we have the strongest and deepest pitching staff in the league."

He was looking ahead to doubleheaders with Portland Lutheran, Corbett, Knappa and Neah-Kah-Nie....and he was right. The Loggers' sweep of the Portland Lutheran marathon doubleheader is the only

league match-up, to date, that hasn't been split, and the Loggers carry a winning record, 7-5.

"Our playoff hopes are very bright," said Rand.

Vernonia split a doubleheader with Knappa's Loggers May 1, in Knappa. The first game went to Knappa 6-3. Game two was halted by lightning in the fifth and went to Vernonia 11-10.

Knappa hit a three-run homer in the first inning of game one, and out-hit Vernonia the whole way. Vernonia's runs came in the first and fifth innings.

Randy Rand hit a home run in the second inning of game two to put Vernonia up by a pair. Knappa had a big third inning, taking the lead 6-5.

VHS answered with a fifth-inning surge. George Van-

dehey's two run homer and Josh Luttrell's two RBI double gave Vernonia a four-run lead. Knappa scored three in the bottom of the fifth, not enough to take back the lead.

The Loggers split a doubleheader with Corbett April 28, in Vernonia.

Vernonia took a six run lead into the top of the sixth in game one but, by the end of the sixth, Corbett had an 8-6 lead.

Game two ended in Vernonia's favor, 3-2.

Corbett scored in the first and third innings and the Loggers answered immediately both times.

In the fifth Chad DeWitt doubled, was advanced to third by Luttrell and singled home by Justin Johnson for what would be the winning score.

Ryan Aultman pitched all

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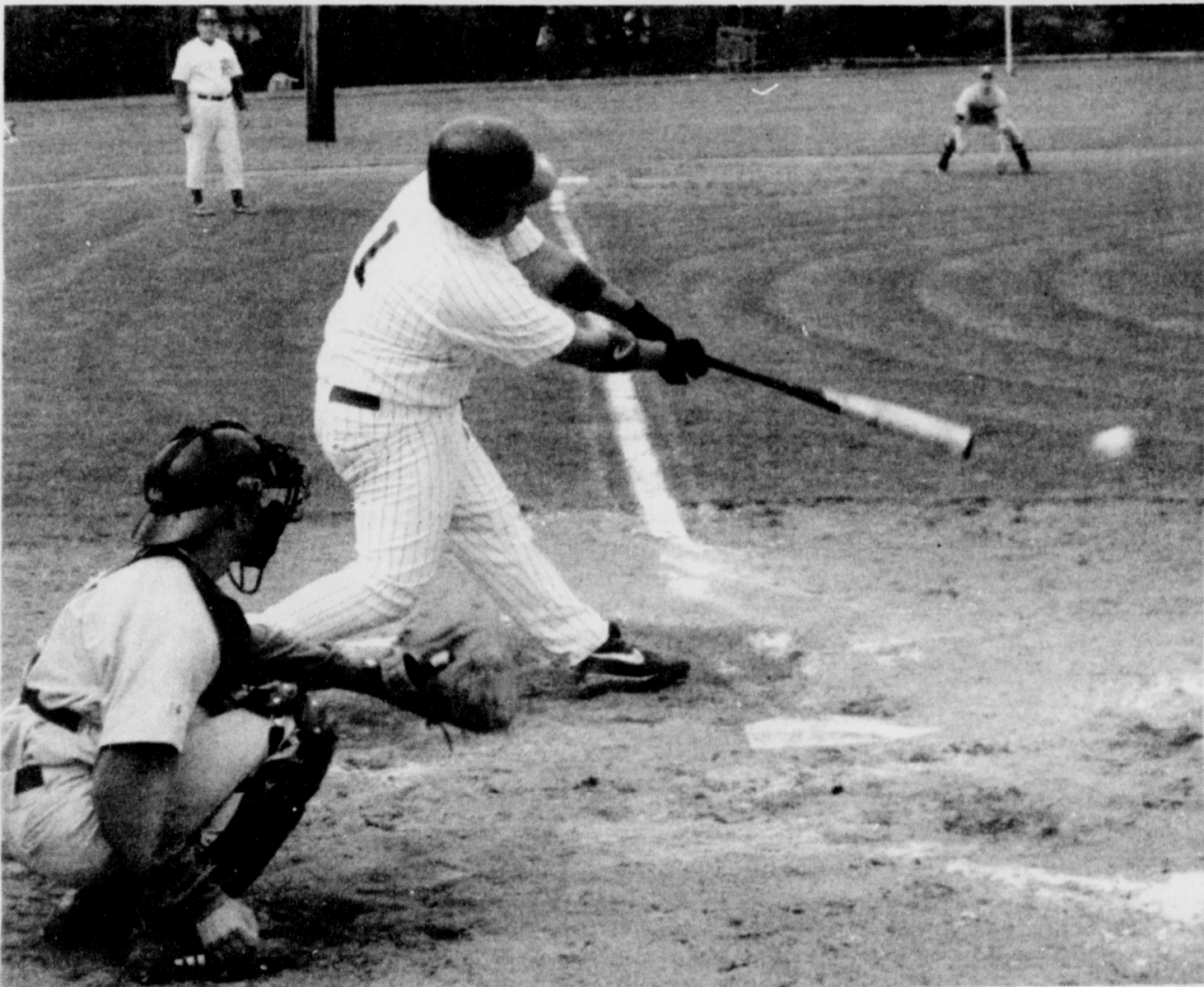
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Justin Johnson guards the plate and George Vandehey is ready at third base in game two of the Loggers' marathon massacre of a doubleheader with Portland Lutheran, April 25, in Vernonia.

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| | 13 | Rain Date |
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| | 27 | Regular Race |
| July | 11 | Regular Race & 4-Cylinder Mini-Stocks |
| | 18 | Regular Race & PRO-4 WEST |
| | 22 | Wed. Night Fairgrounds Benefit Race |
| Aug. | 1 | Regular Race & WESCO Sprints |
| | 8 | Regular Race & OTRO |
| | 15 | Regular Race & PRO-4 WEST |
| | 22 | Regular Race & 4-Cylinder Modifieds |
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| | | 2nd Day of Labor Day Races; Reg., WESCO & PRO-4 WEST |
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