

**Sports**

**Logger girls show improvement, good schedule should help now**



Logger catcher Nicole Potter guards the plate, ready to deny the run against Warrenton April 15. Andrea Pinedo (right fielder) and Christie Brown (first base) watch the action from their posts.

Vernonia's girls played a softball double header at Portland Lutheran April 16, their fifth and sixth games of the week, and lost both, 11-1 and 10-5.

"We hit the ball, just right to people; we couldn't seem to find the holes," said head coach Randy Shockey. "The girls were tired."

Nicole Koch showed what she's made of in game one. In the fifth she hit a triple and Christy Benes' single sent her home. Koch also pitched all five innings, allowing six hits, striking out one and walking seven.

Game two went the distance.

Nicole Potter put Vernonia's first two runs in the books in the first, after Tegan Jones and Abby Pond walked and Erica Hobart advanced them both. Going into the top of the second the score read 2-2.

**Kindergarten Round Up time**

All children who will be five years old by Sept. 1, 1999, are encouraged to bring their parents or guardians to this year's Kindergarten Round-up April 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Headstart building on California Avenue.

To register for the 1999-2000 school year be sure to bring a birth certificate and immunization records. Free hearing and vision screenings will be given. The registration and screening process takes approximately one hour.

It is important for next year's kindergarten class to attend this round-up, to help the school and teachers with their planning for fall.

Shockey. "We're a young team, even the seniors we have didn't play varsity last year."

April 15 was a beautiful spring day in Vernonia, perfect for softball. The Loggers played four tight and impressive innings before Warrenton began fighting back. The final score of 23-9, Warrenton, only tells part of the story.

"We played four very good innings, we just had one bad inning," said Shockey. "I was really pleased with how we came out and played."

After four innings Vernonia had held the Warriors to two runs, while putting eight of their own on the books.

Hobart drove in the first run and her RBI single was followed immediately by Tasha Murphy's and then Koch's.

Warrenton scored two in the second and Vernonia answered in the third with five.

Tegan Jones sent one deep into center field for a three-RBI triple and didn't waste any time before stealing home.

In the fifth the Warriors scored six to narrow the lead to one, and put the game away in the sixth.

Abby Pond started in the circle and pitched five innings. Koch threw in the sixth.

The ladies played at Knappa April 13 and lost in spite of a greatly improved defensive ef-

fort, 9-5.

"We did a good job of making the plays," said Shockey. "It was a much, much better defensive game."

The Loggers went to Corbett April 12 for a doubleheader and lost both games, 14-1, 18-0.

"Corbett may be the best team in our league," said

Shockey.

In game one, Hobart drew a walk and Gregg knocked her home with a triple.

Beginning April 27, the Loggers will play host for the rest of the season. Warrenton visits on April 27, Portland Christian on April 29 and Knappa May 4.

**Loggers enjoy big win over NKN**

The Vernonia Logger baseball team shut out host Neah-Kah-Nie's Pirates April 13, 7-0.

"This was probably the game where we molded as a complete team. We've been playing good defense but our pitching hasn't been the greatest," said head coach Grant Rand. "At Neah-Kah-Nie we hit the ball, were good on the bases and our pitching came through. We're ready to go now."

The Loggers were up by three when Don Benedict sent

one over the fence for an RBI home run in the fifth. He hit two of four in the game.

One of Jesse Walters' two hits was a solo home run in the sixth.

Jason Pattison and Justin Bellingham both hit two-for-four, Pattison got on base all four of his at-bats.

Benedict pitched the first five innings, allowing one hit and walking two. Ryan Aultman threw the last two, giving up no hits — the Pirates were three up-three down in both the sixth

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