

Lady Loggers basketball team still struggling with consistency

The Lady Logger varsity basketball team posted a big loss Jan. 7 at Warrenton, 54-24.

"The girls weren't really there mentally," said head coach Vince Baker. "It may have been that they figured this game would be in the bag, but no one can be expected to be handed the game without a lit-

Logger varsity still seeking better play

Portland Christian defeated the Vernonia High School boys varsity basketball team, Jan. 15. The final score was 33-81.

Kelly Baska contributed 13 points to the game; Travis Hightower added 11 more.

Jason Busch was the leading scorer with 19 points against the Knappa Loggers, Jan. 14. Unfortunately, that wasn't nearly enough, as Vernonia lost to Knappa 52-90.

These losses brought the Loggers' season record to 4-9.

tle work."

Alexis Posley slammed in ten points for the Loggers, and Kirsten Hyde scored four. Hyde also had six blocked shots.

Patterson leading junior varsity

Vernonia High School's junior varsity boys basketball team lost to Portland Christian on Jan. 15, 72-50. The 22 point loss brought the team's league record to 1-3.

Johnson, Vandehey lead VHS wrestlers

Three Loggers placed in the tournament. Justin Johnson was in top form once again as he wrestled his way to first place in the 119 pound class. Blaine Vandehey was third at 160 and Jared McWhirter placed sixth at 125.

The Vernonia High School wrestling team placed 11th out of 16 teams at the Seaside Pacific Rim Tournament Jan. 15.

"We came out flat in the first, and ended flat in the fourth quarter," Baker said, "No team likes to be a physically aggressive team, but that probably

High scorers were Eric Patterson with thirteen points and Eric Weller with eight.

The Loggers met Knappa Jan. 14, for a 53-17 loss. Darcy Kunkel and David Koch each had five points.

The Loggers had a hard time scoring against a tough defense by Warrenton on Jan. 7, according to coach Bob Bruce. The final score was Warrenton 34 - Vernonia 9.

League play started with a win Jan. 4 against Neah-Kah-Nie. The final score was a close 41-38.

"The Loggers played well at times to beat the Pirates in the first league game," said Bruce.

Patterson was on fire, contributing fifteen of the team's forty-one points. Paul Orlando followed with eight points.

contributed to our downfall in this game. The lack of outside shooting may have been another reason."

The start of league play was a different story for the Lady Loggers, however, as they came out on top against Neah-Kah-Nie Jan. 4. Final score 45-36.

"The team executed properly and came out hard in the first quarter," said Baker.

By halftime, the Lady Log-

gers had let Neah-Kah-Nie into the game, and had only a two point lead, at 18-20.

"At the beginning of the second half, we came out of the locker room ready to get ahead and stay focused," said Baker.

Posley netted 12 points for the team, while Erica Hobart had two assists in the game. "A key spot is the point guard, and as point guard, Erica is doing very well," said Baker.

Lack of play slows girls jayvees

The Vernonia High School girls junior varsity basketball team has had a slow start this year. League play stands at 1-2, with an overall record of 1-6. "We expect to do well and improve our record throughout the season," said coach Jeff Cheney.

At Warner Pacific College, Jan. 15, the Lady Loggers were defeated by Portland Christian, 70-18. Freshman Kim Normand led the team with nine points.

Portland Christian also brought the Lady Loggers down Jan. 14, with a closer finish, 41-34.

Freshman Trisha Titus bucketed nine of the team's thirty-four points.

The team's second league game didn't go as they'd hoped, with the Loggers losing to Warrenton, 52-28, Jan. 6.

"We worked very hard and hustled throughout the game, but we were over-matched as Warrenton played with many players down from the varsity team," said Cheney.

Normand was once again the team's top shooter, with sixteen points. She also led in rebounding with 10. Freshman Jessica Allison had four steals.

The girls started league play with a 29-20 victory over Neah-Kah-Nie, at home.

"The girls hustled together and made very few mistakes," said Cheney.

Titus was the leading scorer of the game, bringing in 10 points for the team. Normand captured seven rebounds, and freshman Sommer Van Meter had six steals to help the Loggers to victory.

Say cheese for VHS Cheerleaders

The Vernonia High School Cheerleaders are sponsoring a Family Portrait fundraising program. For a \$5.00 donation, participants will receive a certificate for a 10"x13" family portrait. The Cheerleaders will make 100-percent profit from all certificates sold.

This is a great opportunity to have a family portrait taken, while at the same time supporting the VHS Cheerleaders.

All are welcome to purchase the certificates, but are urged to read the certificate carefully before purchase. The program

is based on four guidelines: 1) Limit one certificate per family or household, 2) An adult photographed must view their own portrait, 3) Children cannot be photographed alone for the \$5.00 special, and 4) must be 18 (and self-supporting) to be photographed alone.

Portraits will be taken the weekend of Saturday, February 5, at Vernonia High School and

will be returned February 16. Certificate sales will continue through January 31. For additional information, call Julie Snyder, 429-2201.

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MEETING TIME

**Election of Officers • Door Prizes
February 23, 2000 - 7:30 p.m.**

Senior Citizens Center, 446 Bridge Street, Vernonia
Please use side entrance.

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Community Calendar

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| Al-Anon | Mondays | 6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg. |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | Mondays | 6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg. |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | Saturdays | 7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg. |
| Boosters | 2nd Wednesday | 7:30 p.m., VHS Library |
| Boy Scout Troop 201 | Tuesdays | 7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg. |
| Boy Scout Troop 860 | Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m., LDS Church |
| Cemetery Beautification Comm. | 2nd Thursday | 7:00 p.m., City Library |
| Chamber of Commerce | 2nd Wed. | Noon, Lew's Place |
| Doll Club | 4th Tuesday | 1:00 p.m., Senior Center |
| Friends of the Scout Cabin | 4th Monday | 7:00 p.m., City Library |
| Girl Scouts | Thursdays | 6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church |
| Izaak Walton League | 3rd Thursday | For location call 429-7193 |
| Lions Club | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m., Lew's Place |
| Nehalem Valley Car Club | | For Info Call 429-4074 |
| Preschool Story Hour | Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m., City Library |
| Senior Center Directors | 1st Friday | 1:00 p.m., Senior Center |
| TOPS | Thursdays | 6:30 p.m., 1st Baptist Church |
| Upr Nehalem Watershed Council | 4th Thursday | For location call 429-2401 |
| Vernonia Airport Committee | 3rd Wednesday | 7:00 p.m., City Library |
| Vernonia Cares Directors | 1st Thursday | For location call 429-1414 |
| Vernonia City Council | 1st & 3rd Mondays | 6:30 p.m., City Library |
| Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp. | 2nd Monday | 7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg. |
| Vernonia Grange | 2nd Friday | 7:00 p.m., Grange Hall |
| Vernonia Health Center | 2nd Wednesday | 6:00 p.m., 854 Grant Ave. |
| Vernonia Planning Comm. | 1st Thursday | 7:00 p.m., City Library |
| Vernonia Pride | | For Info Call, 429-1204 |
| Vernonia Ridge Riders | Last Thursday | 7:00 p.m., VHS, Rm. 6 |
| Vernonia RFPD Board | 2nd Tuesday | 7:00 p.m., Fire Station |
| Vernonia School Board | 2nd Thursday | 8:00 p.m., District Office |
| Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters | 2nd Monday | 7:00 p.m., Fire Station |
| WOEC Directors | 3rd Tuesday | 7:00 p.m., WOEC |

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| M-BRFPD Board | 2nd & 4th Tuesday | 7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station |
| M-B Ambulance Assoc. | 1st & 2nd Thurs. | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station |
| M-B Firefighters Assoc. | 1st & 2nd Wed. | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station |
| M-B Rescue | 3rd Wednesday | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station |
| M-B Helping Circle | 2nd Wednesday | 10:00 am, 755-2346 for info. |
| Natali Grange | 2nd Wednesday | 7:30 p.m., Grange Hall |

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| Alcoholics Anonymous | Fridays | 8:00 p.m., Methodist Church |
| Banks City Council | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 p.m., City Hall |
| Banks Planning Commission | Last Tuesday | 7:00 p.m., City Hall |
| Banks School Board | 2nd Monday | 7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library |
| Banks Youth Group | Sundays, Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg. |
| Chamber of Commerce | 1st Thursday | 12:30 p.m., Brown Derby |
| Citizen Participation Org. | 3rd Monday, odd months | 7:15 p.m., City Hall |
| Friends of the Library | 1st Saturday | 10:00 a.m., City Library |
| Lions Club | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church |
| Sunset Park Assoc. | 3rd Wednesday | 8:00 p.m., Gun Club |
| TOPS | Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m., Jr. High Library |
| Tri-City RFPD Board | 2nd Wednesday | 7:00 p.m., Station 13 |

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

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| Board of Commissioners | Wednesdays | 10 a.m., Courthouse |
| Citizens for Senior Justice | 2nd Tuesday | 7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church |
| COLCO Transportation | 2nd Friday | 10:30 a.m., Courthouse |
| County Council of Seniors | 2nd Friday | 1:00 p.m., Courthouse |
| County Fair Board | 2nd & 4th Mondays | 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds |
| County Parks Commission | 3rd Thursday | 6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St. |
| Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1) | 3rd Tuesday | 7:00 p.m., Courthouse |
| Historical Society | 4th Wednesday | Noon, location call 429-3713 |
| Traffic Safety Commission | 1st Wednesday | 7:00 a.m., Village Inn |

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.