

Lady Loggers improvement shows with 7-3 record in league play

The Vernonia High School girls varsity basketball team pleased the home town fans, defeating Portland Adventist, 52-48, Monday night.

Senior Alexis Posley was high scorer with 18 points.

"I feel that we played a good game and everyone had a part in our victory," said senior Kirsten Hyde.

There was some foul trouble early in the game, but the players didn't let it stop them.

"We stayed positive and played to our level," Hobart said. "The bench was a huge part of our game as well. They have improved and stepped up to help our team."

The Lady Loggers also won at Oregon Episcopal School, Jan. 28, 53-32.

"The girls played a very good game. The intensity and focus were outstanding," said head coach Vince Baker.

Hobart led with 15 points, while senior Bridget Titus followed with 12. Hyde had a good game as well, with nine rebounds and seven blocked shots.

"We were able to hold down our turnovers to 14 or 15 total, which is great for us," Baker said.

City Christian has had a 38 game winning streak this season, and the Lady Loggers were unable to break it on Jan. 25. Instead, the Lady Loggers left City Christian with a 26-84 loss.

"I appreciate the girls' focus during the entire game," said Baker. "City Christian was relentless with their press, and the girls battled all the way."

Consistency, winning ways elusive for VHS boys varsity basketball

The Vernonia High School boys varsity basketball team has improved this season, according to head coach Scott Finlay.

The Loggers lost a close game to Oregon Episcopal School, Jan. 28, 60-62.

"This game was a big ouch," said Finlay. "It was a fiercely contested and very exciting game, especially at the end."

The Loggers found themselves down by nine with a minute to go in the fourth quarter. "...down by nine, Kelly Baska hit two three-point shots, and we fouled them three times, where they got another two points. With less than 10 seconds to go, Bryan Dinger

Hyde brought nine points to the game, and senior Alexis Posley contributed five.

The girls slammed it to Portland Lutheran, Jan. 21, bringing home an 87-68 win. "We broke in their new gym well," said Baker.

Posley was hot, with 15 points and four blocked shots to add to her season statistics. Senior Casey Weller also

made an amazing steal under the basket, but couldn't get the shot," Finlay related with enthusiasm.

With .0:68 seconds in the fourth, OES was again fouled, and they missed both shots. The Loggers rebounded and were able to get the ball to sophomore Kyle Cota who attempted a three point shot at the buzzer. Unfortunately, the ball bounced off the rim.

"We made a terrific comeback in this game, and had plenty of good opportunities to win near the end, making the game very exciting," said Finlay. Baska led the team in points, with 19, and senior Travis Hightower was right on his heels with 15 points.

played well, adding 10 points to the score.

The team's league record is 7-3. "We played some pretty good teams in the preseason.

Although the team won, Baker said, "It was not a very pretty win for us. We played down to their level."

Hyde led the team in scoring, bucketing 16 points, bringing in 12 rebounds and block-

ing four shots, while Titus contributed 10 points. Weller had

six assists and four steals during the game, as well.

Harrisburg actually had three votes for state ranking, and the Lady Loggers lost by only four points," he said.

The girls played very well at home against Corbett, Jan. 18, with a 31-40 win.

ska netted ten points each.

"We have been playing hard enough this season to have more successes than the record shows," said Finlay.

"We've had problems this season, but, we're a better team than we were in December."

Facing Portland Lutheran on Jan. 21, the team was defeated 55-66.

Leading scorers were Baska and Busch, each with twelve points, and Hightower with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Against the top-ten ranked Corbett Cardinals on Jan. 18, the Loggers played a very tough game. But once again, their toughness just didn't cut it, and they were defeated, 52-84.

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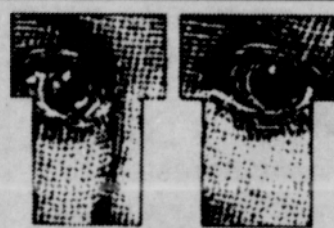
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