

Lack of consistency hampers Vernonia's junior varsity girls team

The Vernonia High School junior varsity girls basketball team has a 3-8 record at the halfway point of their season with six games remaining.

Portland Adventist left VHS Jan. 31 with a 48-38 victory over the Loggers.

"The game was not as intense as the Lady Loggers have played in the past, but all teams have their ups and downs," said coach Jeff Cheney. "It was a learning experience for everyone."

Ending the first quarter, the Loggers had a 12-4 lead, but Portland Adventist nibbled at and took the lead, and the girls

never recovered from there.

Freshman Kim Normand had 12 points, junior Amy Spry had seven, and freshman Trisha Titus contributed six. Spry also had seven rebounds.

"Portland Adventist was able to make easy lay-ups when the girls weren't paying attention," said Cheney. "I think if we had been able to stop those points, we would have won the game."

The jayvee girls were able to hold Oregon Episcopal School to 21 points, winning 41-21.

"We pressed for the first half and got them out of their game," said Cheney. At the beginning of the third, the Lady

Loggers increased the intensity, bringing their lead to 16 points.

"OES pretty much gave up after that," said Cheney. "They continued to play, but they never closed the scoring gap."

Leaders were Titus, with nine points, and Normand with eight. Normand also had eight rebounds in the game.

Junior Rose Peets hit the team's first three point shot of the season as well.

The Lady Loggers faced City Christian Jan. 25 and came home with a 63-25 loss.

"City Christian is ranked number one in state, and their

junior varsity team is just as tough as their varsity team," said coach Cheney.

Spry was the leading scorer

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By the end of the first quarter, the team was down by five, and by ten at the half.

Baska led the pack with 19 points, while Hightower followed with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

with seven points.

"The girls started the season struggling," said Cheney, but they are getting better. They have eliminated many of their turnovers and are scoring more."

The jayvees played well at home Jan. 18 against Corbett, sending the Cardinals home with a 38-31 loss.

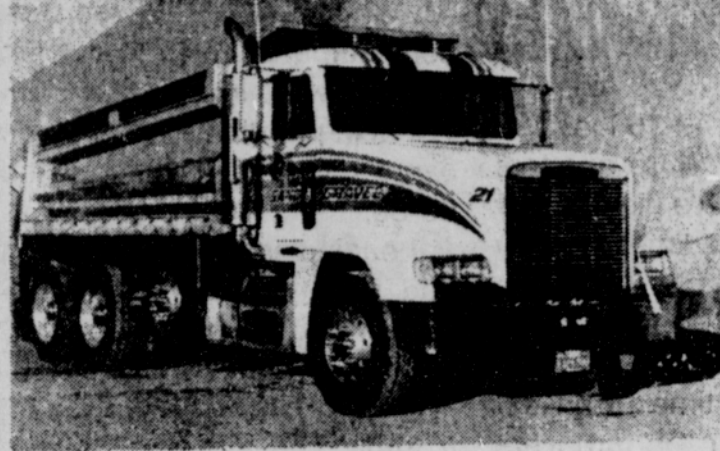
High point players were Titus with 14 points and Normand with 13.

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not to do so as two members, Katie Murdoch and Richard Bowden, were missing from the meeting.

Newly confirmed voting member Jerry Adamowicz attended his first meeting. A non-voting vacancy still exists and, with the resignation of former chairperson Jack Lielt, the commission must elect a new chairperson and vice chairperson at the February 29 meeting.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the sign ordinance draft. The commission instructed City Planner K.J. Won to review sign dimensions and bring a revised draft to the next meeting.



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