

VHS boys seek top golf season with seven veterans

The Vernonia High School boys golf team began their season in early March.

The nine-member team includes seven returning golfers. Seniors Matt Brookins, Steven Potter, Bryan Dinger and Brian Robertson are back for another season, as are junior Brass Sears, and sophomore Joey Strand. Sears and Strand have both made improvements in their golf game over the winter, according to head coach James Brookins.

"For the past two years, we have placed 10th in the state 2A invitational. This year we hope to move up," said Brookins.

Team goals for the season include shooting ten strokes better than they did last year (as a team), improving their consistency, improving short

game skills, and finishing the season as one of the top two in the district.

"Our district has four of the top 10 teams in the state. We finished fourth in district last year," said Brookins. "I think there is a good chance. This is possibly the best team in my

seven years at Vernonia."

Due to financial problems in the district, the team will hold a fund-raiser tournament in May. Anyone interested in contributing or playing can contact either Brookins or Athletic Director Jane McClellan at Vernonia High School, 429-3521.

Logger baseball team very young

Vernonia High School's baseball season began with practice on March 6, and their first game is March 16 against Gervais.

With 16 team members, senior Arron Forster is the lone returning player. "We have a young team," commented head coach Dave Doubrava. "Of our 16 players, 10 are freshmen or sophomores."

Four girls hit the links for VHS golf

In spite of confusion earlier in the year as to whether Vernonia High School would have a girls golf team or not, the issues have been resolved and the team has been practicing since March 6.

There are four girls on the Lady Loggers golf team, and coach Joe Strand is confident their season will go well.

"This season will be great. The girls will do super," he said.

There is no season schedule at present, but a match is set for April 7, against Tillamook at Tillamook Golf Course.

Parents seeking donations for VHS Grad Night party

Parents of Vernonia seniors are gearing up for the Drug and Alcohol-Free All-Night Party for graduates to be held after the graduation ceremony, June 11.

The tradition began to provide a fun and safe environment to celebrate on graduation

night. One of the goals is to provide each student with a souvenir in hopes that it will serve as a reminder of a memorable evening.

The parents are asking for donations of any kind: merchandise, service coupons, gift certificates, T-shirts, sweat-

Raffle will help summer baseball

A table will be set up Thursday and Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Vernonia Sentry to sell raffle tickets for

the benefit of Vernonia Youth Baseball. Items to be raffled are Pokémon promo cards of Mew and Pikachu.

Tickets are 50 cents each, or three for \$1.00. The drawing will be held at the baseball association meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm at the City Library; you need not be present to win.

For more information call Linda Garrymore at 429-3134.

VHS softball team eager to start

As the Vernonia High School softball season begins, there are seven returning players and ten new, as well as a new coach, Dana Hyde.

"Being a new coach, I can only go on past records, but I anticipate a successful season with self-improvement and

strong teamwork," said Hyde.

With 23 girls at try-outs this season, Hyde had to make cuts. "That was the hardest thing I had to do," she said. "Kathi Fetch, Dawn Titus and Debbie Johnston helped me with the selection process, but it was still tough."

The Lady Loggers are scheduled to play 14 games this season, including five double-headers against Portland Lutheran, Warrenton, Neah-Kah-Nie, Knappa and Corbett. League play begins at home on March 28 against Portland Christian.

Sarah Luttrell, a student from Jewell High School is playing this year, and has been welcomed by her teammates, according to Hyde.

Four of the team's pitchers are attending a three week pitching clinic to improve their skills. "I told the girls to work on team and individual goals, and the girls who are pitching, obviously are working on their goals," Hyde said.

Vernonia Christian Academy Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Vernonia Christian Academy academic Honor Roll for first quarter of the 1999-2000 school year:

Highest Honors, 95-100% - Jesse Mack, 8th Grade; Tiffanie Murray, 7th Grade; Ashley Murray, 10th Grade.

Honors, 90-94.9% - Joel Mack, 9th Grade, Christie Brown, 12th Grade, Jennifer Price, 11th Grade.

Second Quarter Honor Roll: Highest Honors - Tiffanie Murray, Jesse Mack.

Honors - Ashley Murray.

Vernonia High School second quarter Honor Roll

Becker, Rachael Bentsen, Jennifer Bernardi, Jesse Borst, Woody Buxton, Myriam Gendron, Beth Green, Jake Hartman, Stephanie Hein, Kayla Hennessey;

Erica Hobart, Janet James, Michael Jenkins, Tegan Jones, Jaki King, Jennifer Kinney, Tabetha Kintz, Stacy Lennen, Lola Muminova, Holly Murphy;

Edith Nelson, Rachel Orlando, Randee Parker, Megan Pattison, Rose Peets, Abraham Pond, Alexis Posley, Heather Sargent, Narisara Satrulee, Johanna Seidel;

Chris Serafin, Amy Spry, Nicole Swayze, Blaine Vandehy, Josh Ward, Eric Weller, Jessica Weller and Allisa West.

Loggers field a big track team

The Vernonia High School track team is bigger than ever this year, according to veteran coach Mel Nice.

"I started coaching track at Vernonia in 1970. We had a turnout of about twenty members, and the average for the past thirty years has been in the mid-twenties," he said. "This year, we have 46 students out for track. If we do nothing more, we have already broken a school record."

Among the 46 track and field team members are seven returning, including three state performers. Senior Stephen Serafin in the high jump, Colin Plews in the long jump, and Maryann Miller, state champion in last year's 1500 meter race.

The season begins April 6, at the Catlin Gabel Relays.

"I am excited that we may score high as a team," Nice said. "Also that we may fill a pizza parlor after a meet."

Student visitors

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with his parents, Masami and Reiko Nagashio. Masami works in the office for the Japan train company, and Reiko is a social worker. He also has two sisters, 19 and 22 years old.

"Omiya is the largest city in the Saitama prefecture, but it is not the capitol," he said.

When it comes to school, he said, they don't have to change classrooms for each class, and "We don't have homework," he said with a smile.

After he returns to Japan, June 17, Nagashio says he will regain the weight he lost during his time wrestling, and he will have another year of high school before he is done.

"I have enjoyed living with a family that I have never had a relationship with before," he said. One of his favorite experiences during his time here has been making weight for wrestling. "I didn't know that losing weight was going to be such a fun thing to do," he said.



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