

Lady Loggers scoring is erratic

Facing Neah-Kah-Nie at home on April 14, the Vernonia High School softball team didn't do as well as Head Coach Dana Hyde expected. "After watching Neah-Kah-Nie warm up, I expected a win," she said, but the 15-1 score went the wrong way.

Sarah Luttrell had the only RBI, bringing in Abby Pond for the team's one run. "The girls struggled with batting, and that's what practices will focus on," said Hyde.

At home on April 11 against Warrenton, the Lady Loggers also had a loss, 14-0. Two players made it on base -

Fawn Cecil with a base hit, and Christy Benes with a double. Seniors Kirsten Hyde and Nicole Koch pitched for Vernonia.

That wasn't the end of the action that day though, because the two teams played a second game. In this practice game, the final score was 12-2.

"The girls relaxed, since there was no pressure, and they got hits like crazy," Hyde commented.

An earlier game against Corbett was also tough, with only Jennifer Grady getting on base in the five-inning game. Grady made it to first, stole second, then was thrown out as she made her way to third.

"One of Corbett's pitchers, senior Caitlyn Wilson, was throwing pitches that came in at about 65 miles per hour. Our girls had trouble with that," Hyde said. The final score was 15-0.

Whoops, scores wrong

In the last issue of *The INDEPENDENT*, girls' individual scores were misreported. The correct scores are as follows: Jesse Doane, 79, Megan Peura, 73, Liana Traylor, 72, and Alex Hayes 95. Also, the boys golf team won over Columbia Adventist by 20 strokes.

VHS girls golf team sticks to learning schedule

Vernonia's Lady Loggers golf team placed fifth in a league tournament at Mint Valley Golf Course in Longview, April 13, with all of the schools in the league. The other schools in the league are St. Helens, Astoria, Seaside, and Chehalem Valley Academy.

Megan Peura's 70 strokes was the Lady Loggers' low, with Liana Traylor shooting 76, Jessie Doane 81, and Alex

Hayes 82. Individual tournament winners were Astoria's Katie Rady with 46 strokes, Michelle Olson of Seaside with 51, and Jessica Noldge of St. Helens, 53 strokes.

The girls faced Tillamook April 7, at Tillamook Golf Course, in what was essentially a practice session. Only two of Tillamook's team members because of a meet the next day.

Individual statistics for the girls showed Hayes and Doane with 72 strokes each, Peura with 76 and Traylor with 87. The Tillamook girls' scores were 69 and 46 for nine holes.

"The girls have improved in overall knowledge and ability to hit the ball and score. They are growing as a team and are very supportive of each other," said Coach Joe Strand.

Vandehey does double duty in winning VHS effort

The Vernonia High School baseball team broke their losing streak with an 8-6 win over Neah-Kah-Nie, April 14.

It was deuces all around for Blaine Vandehey, who scored two runs, had two doubles and two runs batted in. Contributing to the effort were David Koch, Kohei Nagashio, Dustin Titus, Jon Luttrell and Mitch Wood.

Cota pitched the first three innings for the Loggers, holding the Pirates to one run, and Luttrell pitched the last four innings, giving up five runs to the Pirates.

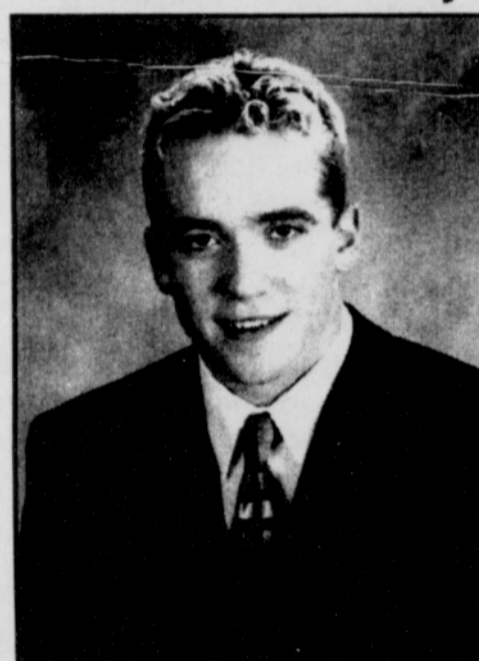
Against the tough Warrenton Warriors, April 11, the Loggers had a miserable game, losing 29-0. "We went zero for the game, and all but four players struck out," said assistant coach Scott Rethwill.

VHS lost two non-league games as well, both against St. Helens on April 4 and 7. The final scores were 11-1 and 14-1. "These games were non-league, so they don't hurt the league record, only the overall," said Rethwill. "We didn't do so hot on these games."

Head coach Dave Doubrava

said that the team has improved in pitching, and that "Now they have more of an idea of what it will take to win. We are going to mature as a team. It's only a matter of time."

Jones will graduate from Miami University



Justin Jones

Justin Jones will be a member of the 2000 graduating class at the University of Miami, on May 12 in Coral Gables, Florida. Jones will be awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering.

Jones is the son of Claudia Ryan of Vernonia. He is a 1996 graduate of Vernonia High School.

Spring Concert and Art Show at VHS

Art work and photography by Vernonia students will be on display Thursday, April 20, before the annual Spring Concert in the Vernonia High School gym.

The concert will feature the Sixth Grade, Junior High and Senior High Bands in performance, in addition to the stellar Vernonia High School Choir.

The artwork will be on display from 5:15 p.m. until the concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

Little Loggers fills preschool need

Little Loggers Pre-school is now taking applications for the 2000/2001 school year. The program is open to all three and four year olds who have turned three by September 1, 2000. There are no income guidelines and there is a monthly fee. Little Loggers meet three days a week, three hours per day. It is a quality program where developmentally-appropriate practices are followed for each child individually. If you would like an application, stop by the center at 500 California Avenue, Vernonia, or call 429-9243.

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3.50-3.99 Grade Point Average - April Bamberg, Kelly Baska, Rachael Bentsen, Jennifer Bernardi, Matt Brookins, Jesse Borst, Alishia Buffum, Woody Buxton, Brian Collins, Candice Dalebroux, Laurie Dailey, Luke Ellis, Heather

Forster, Kristin Francis, Myriam Gendron, Beth Green, Stephanie Hein, Kayla Hennessey, Shawn Hillyer, Elizabeth James, Michael Jenkins, Matthew Kelly, Jennifer Kinney, David Koch, Nicole Koch, Anja Militzer, Tejon Moulton, Holly Murphy, Rande Parker, Megan Pattison, Joe Poetter, Shawn Robertson, Heather Sargent, Narisara Satrulee, Lacey Schilling, Hanna Seidel, Stephen Serafin, Shilo Stevens, Nicole Swayze, Melissa Templin, Jessica Thornburg, Blaine Vandehey, Sommer Van Meter, Casey Weller, Eric Weller, Jessica Weller.

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