

# Vernonia High School Sports Report

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## FOOTBALL

The Loggers have once again found the winning track, beating the Portland Christian Royals on October 7, by 47-14 and the Riverdale Mavericks 14-13 on Homecoming, October 14.

Against the Royals (4-2, 2-2), the Loggers (3-3, 2-2) played a very solid game. Running back Brent Thompson had

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## VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Loggers go into the last week of the season 2-6 in league play, and are out of

beating Portland Adventist 3-2. On Pack the Gym Night, October 11, the Lady Loggers played well against the Corbett Cardinals but lost 3-1. Going into the third game, they had been beaten easily, but Vernonia came out and played their best volleyball of the year. They were diving all across the court for balls, they blocked numerous hits, and they hit a few of their own. They pulled it out 27-25, and went into the next



158 yards on 18 carries, and on defense had two interceptions, one returned for a touchdown. Safety/Quarterback Russell Lende had two touchdowns, one rushing, and one on defense, returning a fumble. Wide-out Jeff Paleck scored two touchdowns, Luke Johnston, and Dylan Burch also scored.

On Homecoming night in pouring rain, Vernonia battled with Riverdale. Through half-time, the score was zero-zero, with no team having the upper hand. Then, with three minutes and forty three seconds left, running back Brent Thompson ran 14 yards for the first score of the game. Thompson finished with 106 yards on 26 carries and a touchdown. The PAT was blocked, making the score 6-0. Riverdale scored six plays after the kick-off, but on the PAT the kicker slipped, saving the Logger's hopes of winning the game.

The game went into overtime where each team gets a possession from the twenty five yard line. Riverdale won the coin toss and chose to play offense first. The Mavericks moved the ball quickly, scored, and hit the PAT. The Loggers took over the ball, down 13-6. After gaining a first down, quar-

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the playoff picture. But that doesn't mean future matches don't count. The Loggers want to win their two games this week to end the season on a good note. They play number seven Portland Christian October 18, and Portland Lutheran on October 20.

On October 4, they beat the Riverdale Mavericks at home 3-0. Then, on Thursday, October 6, the team traveled to Neah-Kah-Nie and lost 3-0. October 10 brought another win,

game with the same intensity. The girls couldn't hold it though, and lost 25-20.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

The cross-country team has two more weeks left in the season, and they are running hard in preparation. October 20, they run the League Meet at Knappa, and October 29, at Pier Park for Districts.

On the sixth they ran at Trojan Park for a relay. The boys' team placed third out of 26

Left, below; action at the October 7 game against Portland Christian. Below, a play from the volleyball game on October 11 (Pack the Gym Night) against Corbett.



teams, and the girls' placed 13 of 16 teams. October 12, the team traveled to Scappoose and ran in the Precision Engraving Invitational. On the boy's side, Sam Thornton

placed the highest at 23, with a time of 16:34. Nicole Frantz finished at 17 with a time of 19:57 for the girls.

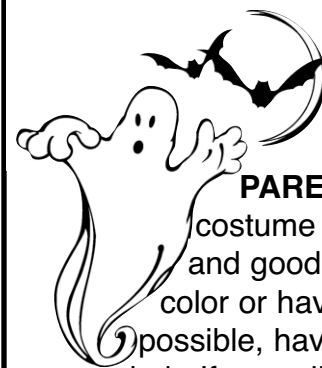
That Friday, October 14, the

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**PARENTS:** Be sure your child's costume allows freedom of movement and good visibility. It should be a light color or have reflective strips on it. If possible, have children trick or treat before dark. If you will not be with your children, insist on an agreed route.

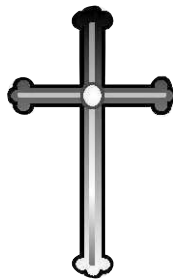
**KIDS:** Stay where you know people. Go only to houses with lights on. Eat your treats ONLY after your parents have checked them. Watch for cars. Tell your parents about anything that scares you or makes you feel uncomfortable.

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