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Vernonia Frosh Win First Place At Tournament

The Vernonia Logger Freshman team won first place and a trophy at the four-way Clatskanie Frosh Tournament, December 26 and 27.

In the first game, the Rainier Frosh played and defeated the Knappa Frosh team, 45-48, in overtime.

In Vernonia's first game they played the Clatskanie Tigers. The Loggers started off with an early lead, but at the end of the first quarter, Clatskanie was leading by one point, 20-19.

The second quarter was better for the Loggers, so they racked up 14 points, while they held the Tigers scoreless. The score at half-time was 33-20.

During the third quarter, the Loggers started to dominate, and they outscored the Tigers 19-8. The score at the end of the quarter was 52-28.

Clatskanie rallied and outscored the Loggers during the fourth quarter, by nine points; but in the end it was Vernonia who came out on top, winning 64-52.

Scorers for Vernonia were: Black 16, R. Ellison 11, Crowston 9, Brooks 8, Hanson 6, Cole 4, Nance 4, and Parrow 2.

Top scorers for Clatskanie were Miller 14, Mondeau 14, Rohl 11, Spitzer 9, and Kyser 2.

Vernonia's win meant that they would play Rainier for the first and second place spots and the first place trophy.

Against Rainier, the first quarter started slowly for the Loggers, and after four minutes of play, Vernonia had not scored a basket.

Things started warming up for the Loggers and, at the end of the first quarter, Vernonia had tied Rainier 6-6.

The second quarter began with more action than the first. Vernonia jumped out to an early lead and kept it throughout the second quarter, outscoring them by 11 points. Score at the end of the first half was 23-12.

The third quarter began, and both teams seemed determined to have ball control on their side. It ended up with Rainier outscoring Vernonia by seven points. Score at the end of the third quarter was 27-23, with Vernonia still in the lead.

The fourth quarter got off to a good start, with Vernonia pouring out everything they had, and gaining 22 points. Rainier chalked up 13 points, in a gallant effort to try and beat the Loggers. The final score was 49-36.

Scoring for Vernonia were: Black 23, R. Ellison 11, Crowston and T. Ellison, 4; Parrow 3; and Brooks and Gardner, 2.

Leading scorers for Rainier were Coffman 9, Wellington 8, Davis 6, King and Puckett, 4; and Winters and West, 2.

After the game, a trophy was accepted by Kris Crowston, captain of the Logger Frosh team, for their winning first place at the Clatskanie Tournament.

Papers Used in English Classes

Mrs. Hearing's second and fifth period senior English classes have been receiving 25 Oregonians a day for the past four weeks.

The reason for this amount of papers is that the class is to pick out what is wrong with some articles and what is good about others. They are also supposed to pick out vocabulary words and to read some of the syndicated columns. Mrs. Hearing hopes that doing this will make her students aware that they can continue their education through the newspaper media after they graduate in the spring.

When asked about the problem of her students reading the comics and "Dear Abby" she said, "Oh, I don't mind them reading the comics if they've done their daily assignments."

The cost of the paper is relatively small, considering that about 600 of them have been used since the start of the program.

The cost for the four weeks is only \$25.

The leftover papers will be bundled and donated to the Senior Citizens for recycling.

Accident Takes Life Of Former VHS Student

Dan Cole a former Vernonia High School student, Class of '71, died December 28 in a car accident on Timber Route.

Dan participated in many sports at VHS. As a football player, Dan played freshmen, JV, and two years of varsity. In basketball Dan played junior varsity his junior year.

Although Dan was good in these sports, he excelled in golf and played as third or fourth man on the team.

Dan was currently going to school at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth and was in his second year, majoring in law enforcement.

Spectator Bus Hit By Bottle

Friday, January 6, an unknown person threw a full bottle of beer directly through the middle of the windshield of the spectator bus which was returning to Vernonia from Corbett.

A few miles out of Corbett an oncoming car approached with lights on bright, and Gordon Crowston, driver of the bus, cautiously slowed down. Then just as the car was within a few feet, an unknown person threw a full bottle of beer through the windshield.

Glass hurtled through the bus, showering almost everyone. Several persons were hurt badly enough that they needed medical assistance at the Gresham Hospital. Two people, Rick Tankersley and Carla Webber, required stitches. Others who required bandages and cleaning of small cuts are too numerous to mention.

The students on the bus are to be commended on the way they conducted themselves under stress. "Thanks" are extended to Mrs. Gary Curtis for calmly helping everyone. Last but not least, thanks go to Mr. Crowston for not reacting to the hurling bottle by turning the wheel, which would have caused the bus to plunge over a 200-foot embankment.

So far, the assailant has not been apprehended.

Predictions To Get Underway

Basketball predictions will be given regularly now that Northwest League games have started and the first few weeks of this year will tell who will be the powerhouses of the league.

There were only two scores to be found this week, those being the scores of the Concordia-Knapa and the Vernonia-Corbett games. The score of the first game was 43-47 in favor of Concordia, and the second score was 68-51 in favor of Vernonia.

The Friday games this week are Portland Christian at Warrenton, Knapa at Vernonia, and Concordia at Corbett.

The game between Portland Christian and Warrenton is almost a toss-up this early in the season. Portland Christian is a young team doing quite well, but the favor will go to Warrenton, although they are having problems. The reason that Warrenton is favored is that they are more experienced, and have a winning tradition.

Knapa plays in a big league encounter this week, going against the favored Vernonia team. Most of the games depend on Vernonia's defense.

Concordia plays against a tough Corbett team and is favored even though it is played at Corbett.

The games being played Saturday are Catlin Gabel at Portland Christian, Corbett at Knapa and Warrenton at Vernonia.

In these encounters this Saturday all of the home teams are favored, mostly because of home court advantage.

Freshmen Score Another Victory

The Freshman basketball team, coached by Melvin Nice, defeated the Knappa Loggers here January 3 to boost their win record one notch higher.

The first quarter of play was close, with Knapa outscoring Vernonia by two points. The second quarter was Knapa's best, holding Vernonia to only one point while putting in eleven of their own.

Vernonia was not discouraged, though, as they outscored the Knappa Loggers in both second half quarters to win the game, 50-44.

Bob Black led all scoring with 20 points. Randy Ellison was close behind with 19. The other Vernonia scorers were Chris Crowston and Bob Brooks, each with 4; and Ron Gardner with 1.

Scoring for Knapa was led by Kelly with 17 points. Reynolds had 10, Kost had 7, and Knutson, Aske, Langton, Holmgeen, and Tischer each had two.

Karen Ellis To Take District Office Job

Mrs. Kathy Eckland, husband Jim and small daughter Julie are moving to St. Helens.

Kathy has worked at the Vernonia School District 47 office for eight years. Mrs. Karen Ellis, who is district accountant, will become main secretary, and will be assisted by Betty McKee, who will work part time.

Kathy Eckland is wife of Jim Eckland. Karen Ellis is the wife of Steven Ellis, a '67 graduate of VHS. Betty McKee is wife of Mike McKee, science teacher at VHS.

Hard work is the best investment a man can make.

SAWDUST

Sandra Tupper, center of the GAA basketball team, was unable to play Tuesday night due to a foot injury.

VHS acquired one more new student Wednesday, January 3. His name is Tom Duncan as a freshman. Tom has come to Vernonia from St. Helens.

Thursday, January 4, Bruno studios came to VHS to take pictures of students who did not have their pictures taken, or didn't turn out; pictures of some organizations were also taken.

Principal Arthur Parrow attended a Northwest League Administrators meeting at the OEA building in Tigard January 4.

Due to illness, Eddie Becker spent half of Christmas Day and the two preceding days in the Forest Grove Hospital. He had appendicitis, but the doctor decided not to take it out because the infection went away. Eddie was allowed to return home the afternoon of Christmas Day.

The VHS bachelor cooking class is now studying a section on fish and poultry. They are learning such things as the kinds of fish that are canned for the market and how many different kinds of chicken one can buy and for what each kind is used.

The owner of Chico's Pizza Parlor, who is a friend of Coach Gary Curtis, treated the Varsity and JV basketball players to free pizzas after the Corbett game.

Junior Steve Johnston acquired a 1941 Chevrolet from his brother Alan. Alan bought a new Mazda, so Steve is using the Chevy.

Teacher Visits South Dakota

Saturday, December 23, business and typing teacher, Gary Geist, along with his wife, left Vernonia to spend the holidays with relatives in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

The Geist's, who moved here just this year, spent much time with relatives and did some snowmobiling. Aberdeen is also the home of their alma mater, Northern State.

At 7 a.m., they boarded a plane at Portland International Airport, and at 3 p.m. they landed in Bismark, North Dakota where Mrs. Geist's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Betelspacher, met them.

A four-hour drive followed the plane ride as the Betelspachers drove the Geists to their home, which is located seven miles out of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

The Geists were snowbound for two days while staying with the Betelspachers. There were 6-8 foot snowdrifts, but within a couple of hours they dug their way out and the roads were clear. This is typical Dakota weather, so everyone is prepared.

New Year's Day, the Geists left Aberdeen airport to come home to Vernonia, but were delayed in Bismark, North Dakota for four hours.

Mr. Geist reported, "We spent more time on the ground than in the air."

When they got home, Mr. Geist rested, so he could start teaching when school resumed January 3.

Senior Takes Vacation Trip

Senior Mark Busch did a bit of traveling during the Christmas vacation, and drove to Southern California to spend Christmas with some relatives.

Mark, his older brother, Mike, and their dad left after school Friday and drove straight through the night, arriving in Los Angeles Saturday afternoon. Mark's mother flew down a week earlier and the boys drove down in Mark's '72 Vega. The family spent Christmas with a cousin and her husband.

After they arrived in LA at 4:30, they went to see UCLA play Notre Dame in Poly Pavilion later on that night. Mark said he was very impressed with UCLA.

Wednesday, December 27, found Mark, Mike and their cousin in Disneyland. They went on quite a few rides but Mark liked "The Matterhorn Bobsleds" the best because it scared him.

Saturday, December 30, Mark and Mike helped their uncle decorate the Flash Gordon float that was to be entered in the Rose Parade in Pasadena. They glued flowers on the float.

Sunday, December 31, Mark and Mike drove to Oakland to visit some relatives there and then came on home Tuesday, January 2.

Mark said he had a good time in California and was looking forward to going back in the future.



NATTY, BLUE blazers are sported by the VHS Varsity basketball squad on their road trips. The blazers were provided by contributions from fans and businesses, and were ordered prior to the team's trip to the State A Tourney at Pendleton last spring—but

did not arrive in time to be worn there. From left: Manager Brett Wuest, Gary Davis, Walt Floeter, Mickey Borst, Dave Dechenbach, Rob Hammeyer, Mark Krieger, Ole Bergerson, Earl Abercrombie, Mike Smith, Keith Gardner, and Coach Gary Curtis.

Eagles Lay Egg In VHS Gym Saturday

The VHS Loggers, coming off an impressive win over Corbett, seemed to put it all together Saturday, January 6, when they dumped the Stayton Eagles by a score of 61 to 38.

The Loggers, with the home court advantage, opened up a quick lead in the first minute and stayed there behind the shooting and rebounding of Rick Davis, Earl Abercrombie, Mike Smith and Ole Bergerson. At halftime the Loggers held a solid 29 to 13 lead.

The third quarter saw both teams put on tight presses, as is evident in the low scoring. The quarter ended with Vernonia scoring only nine points and Stayton getting six.

The fourth quarter turned out to be the high scoring mark for both teams as Vernonia netted 23 of their points, and Stayton hit for 19 of theirs.

Top shooting honors for Vernonia went to Rick Davis and Earl Abercrombie, each getting 14 points. Close behind was Mike Smith with 13 points. Next highest was Ole Bergerson, who pumped in 11 points. Other scorers for Vernonia were Mickey Borst with four, Keith Gardner had three, and Rob Hammeyer, two.

The Loggers shot only 37 percent from the floor, and had an improved 70 percent from the line.

Top guns for Stayton were Tim Yantis with 15, and Kauffman with 9.

The stats for Stayton were worse than those for Vernonia. The Eagles shot 33 percent from the floor, and could only manage to shoot 40 percent from the line.

The next game for the Loggers will be against the Warrenton Warriors Friday, January 12, on the Logger's home court.

Junior Boy Punched For Mistaken Identity

A JV basketball player, Junior Chris Collins, was the victim of mistaken identity at the Corbett game Friday, January 5.

Two VHS students were removing the net from the basket after the Logger victory over Corbett. A Corbett student mistook Chris for one of the boys that removed the net, and hit him in the mouth. Chris swung back and Jack Seeley grabbed him while Jim Thompson held the Corbett boy back and the skirmish ended.

Many rumors have gone around about the incident and have vastly blown the story out of proportion.

Lance Stevens Makes Appearance On TV

Lance Stevens, TV idol of the VHS halls, started and ended his television career with two appearances on KPTV's afternoon Ramblin' Rod show.

December 26 and January 1, a group of 35 friends from a few of the Portland schools attended the daytime show.

Diane Lilpold of Centennial High School organized the party two months ahead of time, consisting of student actors.

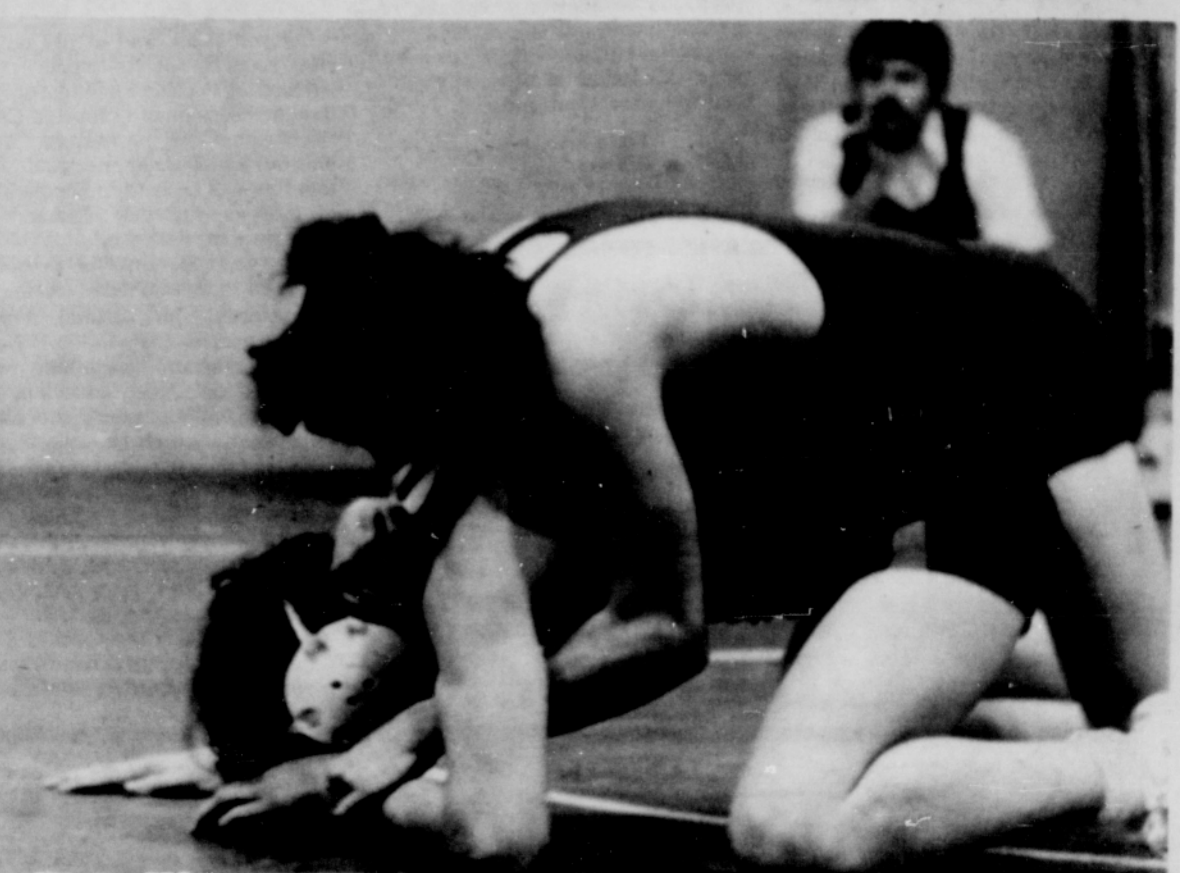
Lance Stevens was a student at David Douglas High School before coming to Vernonia last year.

FTA Receives New Plaque For Teachers

On Wednesday, January 3, the VHS FTA chapter received the new Teacher of the Year plaque.

A few months ago FTA voted on getting a new plaque, for the old one was outdated and wasn't in good shape. The new plaque consists of 12 spaces for engraving, six of which have the names of past Teachers of the Year. The plaque is 12" x 15", and the wood is made of walnut. The total cost was \$21.72.

FTA's new plaque was put up on the left side of Principal Arthur Parrow's office. It will remain there until all the spaces are used.



BILL RHOADES, 136-pound VHS grappler takes Tillamook opponent, Keipke, to mat on way to third period pin in meet at coastal school. —Sports Photos Brad Garner

Wrestlers Lose Tillamook Match

The VHS Wrestling team traveled to the coast last week to take on the Tillamook JV's and came home with their Logger axes badly dulled.

The VHS matmen looked their worst of all season; with the lack of practice over Christmas vacation given as a reason for this bad performance.

The final score for the contest was Vernonia 18, Tillamook 52. The only VHS matmen that had victories were Ed Becker, Bill Rhoades and Loy Moore; all three pinned their men in the third period.

Robbie Hanson was decisively a score of 4-2 in his 98-pound weight group. Bob Warburton got pinned in the first.

Ed Becker pinned his Tillamook opponent, Keipke in the third period. Jeff Reck was pinned in the third period, and Gale Slaughter in the third.

Bill Rhoades pinned his opponent, Jennings, in the third period. Bill wrestles at 136.

Mike Sutherland was decisively a score of 15-1 in his 141-pound weight group. Mike Johnson was pinned in the first.

Loy Moore pinned his opponent, Afolter, in the third period. Loy wrestles at 157.

Danny McLean was decisively a score of 15-12 in his 168-pound weight group. Marty Koch was pinned in the first period, Gary Kenogle and Don Knight in the first period, to round the evening of wrestling.

When asked for a comment on the night's wrestling, Mike Taylor, VHS wrestling coach had no comment.

Loggers Rip Corbett JV's

Friday, January 5, the VHS JV basketball team ripped the Corbett Cardinals as they traveled to Corbett to open their league season.

In the first quarter, the Loggers built a 12 to 0 lead, mostly off fast break buckets; then opened up the lead to 23 to 4 by the end of the first period. The Loggers completely dominated the first half, blitzing the Cards at both ends of the court. They shot 49 percent from the field while stopping the Cards' offense cold. At the end of the second quarter the Loggers held a 33 to 9 lead.

The Loggers breezed through the second half, holding a 41 to 14 lead at the third stop, and finishing with a lop-sided 60 to 21 victory.

The Loggers out-rebounded the Cards 40 to 28, with Scott Ellis leading Vernonia with nine.

Scoring for Vernonia was as follows: Holsey 14, Crowston 13, Ellis 8, Titus 8, Brunzman 6, Collins 4, Kennedy 3, Enneberg 2, and Traylor 2.

Loggers Dump Cardinals in League First

The Vernonia Loggers played their first league game of the season Friday, January 5, at Corbett, and downed the host team, after a nip-and-tuck first half, by a score of 68 to 51.

The first quarter was a stand-off between the two teams, but the second quarter saw Corbett start making more long shots than the local five. The half ended with Corbett out in front by six points.

The second half started with a bang when Rick Davis made a three-point play, and Mickey Borst put in a stolen lay-in. This brought the locals to within one point of the Cards. From then on it was clear sailing for VHS. The third quarter ended with Vernonia in the lead by 11.

In the fourth quarter the Loggers added still more toward the Cardinals' downfall when they outscored them by six points.

Rick Davis reached a season high of 27 points in the game, 12 of which came in the third quarter. Other scorers for Vernonia were Earl Abercrombie with 13, Ole Bergerson an Mickey Borst each tallied eight points, Keith Gardner and Mike Smith each netted four, and Rob Hammeyer dumped in two.

Top scorers for Corbett were Fran Schwartz and Charlie O'Neil, with 12 each; and Andy O'Neil with eight.

Percentages for VHS were as follows: From the field they were 40 percent; and from the line they shot a poor 46 percent. In the turnover department Vernonia had only 14, a season low.

Stats for Corbett were not as good as those of the locals. From the floor they shot a disappointing 28 percent, and from the line they were 68 percent. Turnover-wise the Cards threw the ball away 19 times.

JV action saw Vernonia whip Corbett by a score of 60 to 21.

School Menu

Monday, January 15-Split pea soup, turkey sand, cheese and crackers, pineapple, milk

Tuesday, January 16-Spaghetti, tossed salad, peanut butter and honey sand, cookies, milk

Wednesday, January 17-Hot dogs, potato chips, dill pickles, chocolate cake, milk

Thursday, January 18-Mashed potatoes and hamburger gravy, butter sand, buttered green beans, purple plums, milk

Friday, January 19-Tuna noodle casserole, buttered corn, peanut butter and honey sand, pineapple upsidedown cake, milk

Loggers Sink Pirate JV's

The VHS JV Basketball team evened their record to 3-3 as they rolled to an easy 58 to 44 victory over the Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates in a game played on the Logger's home court Tuesday, January 2.

Vernonia jumped out to a big nine-point, 15-6, lead by the end of the first quarter, mostly on the shooting of Clinton Holsey. Vernonia increased its lead to a twelve point, 29 to 17, lead at the end of the second quarter, outscoring the Pirates 14 to 11 in this quarter.

After a low-scoring third quarter, which ended with Vernonia leading by a score of 38 to 23, Neah-Kah-Nie began to find the range and, by midway in the fourth quarter, the Logger lead was chopped to a slim six points. After a time-out, Vernonia began to charge and ran away with the victory.

Vernonia's scoring was led by Clinton Holsey who racked up a game high of 23 points.

Next was Tim Titus who finished with 13, while Lorne Kennedy added 9. Others scoring were: Crowston 6, Ellis 4, Brunzman 2 and Collins 1.

Intramural Starts For Non-B. Ballers

Intramural basketball for VHS boys started last Thursday, January 4, with team No. 1 taking on team No. 2. Team No. 1 was the victor in this hectic basketball game, which consisted of many laughs.

Every year for the past two or three to 30 boys have participated in intramural basketball which can only consist of boys who are not out for Varsity, JV or freshmen basketball. The boys are organized and divided into teams which play during nonhours for recreation and exercise. This year the Paul Bunyan Club is in charge of organizing the games, with Gordon Crowston acting as the advisor.

The final score after their nineteen minutes of play was 20 to 6. Scores for the opening game were: Mark Busch 8, Mike Smiley 5, Scott Cameron 5, and Chuck Crawford 2 for the winning team; and Lane Daughtry 4, and Ed Becker 2, for the losing team.

Spectators Advised To Obey State Fire Law

For those people who attend Vernonia Athletic Activities, please keep this rule in mind.

"All exits must be kept unlocked and free of obstruction at all times." This rule is stated in the Administrative Rules for Oregon Education pamphlet.

The seating capacity of the gym is 510 during basketball games. The gym was filled to capacity last year, so it is advised to get to the games early to be sure and get a seat.