

Boys Finish Second In District Tourney

The V.H.S. varsity boys basketball team finished their season Friday, March 7 with a second place finish in the District Tournament.

The Eagles were faced against a very tough Linn Wildcat team who has been riding high on emotion since their point guard was injured in a car accident just weeks ago.

Linn came out determined to take the title game on their home court as they took a 19-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 33-21 lead at halftime. Linn outscored Vienna 37-27 in the second half to take a 70-48 victory.

Jason Roberson led the Eagles with 16 points (four 3-pointers); Chris Helton 11 (4-5 FT); Neil Copeland 6; Jimmy Buschmann 6 (two 3-pointers); Jarret Struempf 5 (3-4 FT); Jeff Stricklan 2; and Chad Russell 2.

Linn was led by Tom Scheulen with 21 points and Jeff Peters with 17.

In first round action the Eagles played the number eight seed Fatima Comets. Vienna held Fatima to only nine points in the first half to take a commanding 20-point lead at halftime. Fatima outscored the Eagles 36-34 in the second half but it wasn't enough as the Eagles rolled on to a 63-45 victory.

Struempf led the Eagles with 17 points (5-6 FT); Helton 13 (5-6 FT), Copeland 11 (1-2 FT), Roberson 6 (one 3-pointer), Stricklan 6 (4-4 FT), Russell 4, Schwartz 4 (2-2 FT), Darrick Davis 1 (1-2 FT) and Jimmy Allan 1 (1-2 FT).

Fatima was led by Kevin Bax with 13 points and Matt Roberson with 11.

In semi-final action the Eagles were faced against the number five seed Hermann Bearcats. Hermann took a slim 15-16 lead at the end of the first

quarter but the Eagles came back to tie the score at halftime 31-31. Vienna came out hot in the second half outscoring the Bearcats 25-14 to take a 56-45 victory.

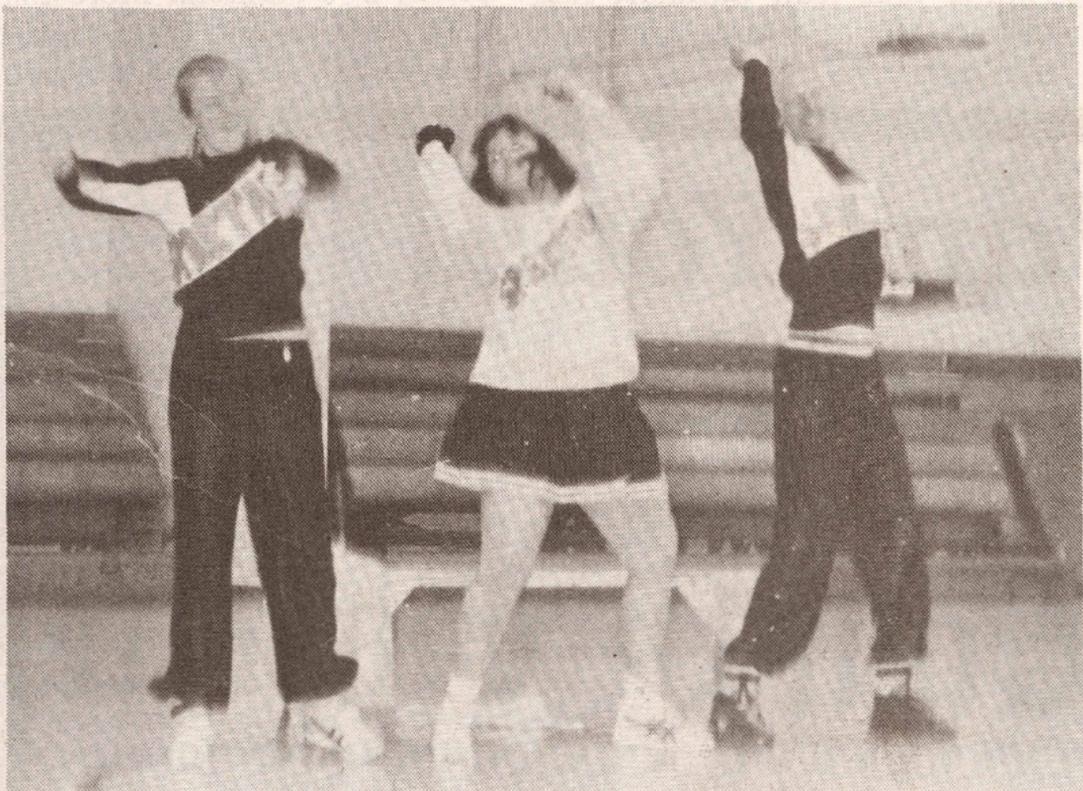
Copeland led the Eagles with 20 points, including three 3-pointers (4-6 FT); Struempf 18 (2-4 FT); Helton 11 (5-6 FT); Schwartz 3 (1-3 FT); Roberson 3 (one 3-pointer); and Stricklan 2.

Hermann was led by Shane McGuire with 12 points.

Vienna ends the season with an outstanding 25-3 record, including going 10-0 in the Gasconade Valley Conference.



FREE THROW - Travis Crum attempts to make a free throw while blindfolded at the Pep Assembly Friday, March 7 at the high school.



PEP ASSEMBLY - Cheerleaders Laura Bullock and Kristina Davis and varsity basketball player John Schwartz, dressed as "Spartan Cheerleaders", perform a crowd-pleasing dance routine at the Pep Assembly Friday, March 7.