

Girls Sweep Steelville

Last Monday, just before the winter weather put a screeching temporary halt to the local high school basketball season, both the VHS girls basketball teams won home GVC victories over the Steelville Cardinals. For the first time this season, four varsity players scored in double figures as the Eagles cruised to a 72-45 win.

Vienna opened up a 15-6 advantage after one quarter. The Eagles outscored the Cardinals 22-13 in the second quarter. In the third quarter Steelville mounted a minor comeback, outscoring Vienna 19-13. However, the Eagles put the game away with a 20-7 fourth quarter bulge.

With the victory, Vienna improved their GVC record to 3-0 and their overall record to 4-6.

Coach Byrd commented, "We handled the ball well, had very balanced scoring and got 74 shots from the field. We also shot a season-high 39% fro the field and made 9/12 from the free throw line. It was a very good performance. They beat us twice last year. It's nice to know we've made some progress."

Stats: Lori Wansing, 18 points (four 3-pointer), 8 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals; Courtney

Schwartze, 13 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals; Angie James, 12 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals; Abby Wieberg, 10 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal; Dawn Hodson, 6 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals; Tammy Shanks, 5 points (one 3-pointer), 1 assist, 2 steals; Rachel Bullock, 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals; Kelly Steinman, 2 points, 2 assists, 2 steals; Monica Slone, 2 points, 1 rebound; Dana Snodgrass, 2 points, 1 rebound; and Amanda Curtis, 1 assist, 1 steal.

The JV girls extended their season record to 7-3 and their GVC record to 3-0 with a narrow 27-24 victory. The game was shortened to three quarters due to Steelville's lack of players.

According to Coach Byrd the Eagles were fortunate to win. "We really struggled offensively. If Monica Slone hadn't put the ball in the hole we'd have been in a world of hurt."

Slone outscored Steelville by herself, 26-24. She scored all but one of Vienna's entire points.

Stats: Monica Slone, 26 points, 5 rebounds, 7 steals; Erin Henderson, 1 point, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals; Dana Snodgrass, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 5 steals; Angel Meyer, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, 1 blocked shot; Rachel Stratman, 1 rebound, 3 steals; and Jaime Hodson, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 3 steals.

The home game with Crocker last Thursday was snowed out and will probably not be rescheduled.

The next home game for the Eagles will be next Monday, Jan. 27 against Belle.