

# Varsity Girls Are Conference Champs!

Last week the Vienna High School varsity girls basketball clinched the Gasconade Valley Conference Championship with victories at home over Cuba and Bourbon. The Eagles are now 9-0 with one conference game to play. The nearest competitor, Cuba, has finished their conference season with a record of 8-2.

On Monday it wasn't easy however, as Vienna edged the Cuba Wildcats 40-36 in overtime. The Eagles led 33-22 at the end of the third quarter but Cuba rallied for the tie as Vienna scored just one point in the fourth quarter. At the end of regulation the score was 34-34.

Angie James made a steal and lay-up and Courtney Schwartz hit a bucket and two free throws as the Eagles pulled it out in overtime.

Vienna won despite hitting only 9-56 shots from the field (16%). Coach Byrd commented, "Offensively, we were really really sad. It's a good thing Cuba wasn't scoring much either. If we hadn't played tenacious defense we'd have gotten beat by 30. We held their three lead scorers to two points, zero points and 13 points. It was a game we really had to have."

Stats: Rachel Bullock, 9 points (7-8 FT), 10 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals; Courtney Schwartz, 8 points, 11 rebounds, 4 steals; Angie James, 6 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals, 1 blocked shot; Dawn Hodson, 6 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals; Lori Wansing, 5 points (one 3-pointer), 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals; Abby Wieberg, 4 points,

5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocked shots; Monica Slone, 2 points, 1 steal; Kelly Steinman, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; Tammy Shanks, 2 steals; and Amanda Curtis, 2 rebounds.

On Thursday night at Vienna the Eagles wrapped up the conference championship with a 70-30 victory over the Bourbon Warhawks. The game was never close as the Eagles forced a lot of turnovers and converted them into easy baskets.

Stats: Courtney Schwartz, 19 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals; Lori Wansing, 15 points (one 3-pointer), 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 6 steals, 1 blocked shot; Abby Wieberg, 12 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 blocked shot; Rachel Bullock, 7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 blocked shot; Dawn Hodson, 6 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals; Kelly Steinman, 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 blocked shot; Angie James, 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals; Tammy Shanks, 3 rebounds; Dana Snodgrass, 3 rebounds; Amanda Curtis, 2 rebounds, 1 assist; and Monica Slone, 1 point, 6 rebounds, 2 steals.

The varsity girls head into the last week of the regular season with an overall record of 12-7, including 10 victories in the last 11 games since Christmas.

"We are tenacious, vile defenders who play unselfish, team basketball," commented Byrd. "We have tremendously improved during the course of the season. It was really neat to win conference on Senior Night (the last home game). Their leadership and talent have been

# JV Girls Roll Over Cuba

The junior varsity girls basketball team rolled to a 52-11 win over the Cuba Wildcats last Monday at Parent's Night.

According to Coach Byrd, "Our younger players have the capability of being explosive offensively. We need to be a little more consistent, but we have a nice mix of inside, outside, fastbreak and set-up offense points."

Stats: Jaime Hodson, 18 points (four 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals; Monica Slone, 13 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals; Angel Meyer, 10 points, 12 rebounds, 3 steals; Dana Snodgrass, 6 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals; Erin Henderson, 6 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 7 steals, 1 blocked shot; Rachel Stratman, 5 rebounds, 5 steals; and Melynnda Buck, 1 rebound, 1 steal.

With the victory the JV Eagles improved to 8-0 in the GVC and 13-5 overall.