

Girls Avoid Upset;
Win In Overtime

"That was one of the hardest games to win I've ever been involved in," stated head coach Mick Byrd after last Thursday

night's overtime victory against the Belle Lady Tigers.

Facing virtual elimination from the Gasconade Valley Conference race, the Lady Tigers put up a very spirited fight before falling to the Eagles 58-51.

The score was tied 13-13 at the end of the first quarter but Vienna took a 25-20 lead at halftime. Belle edged back to trail by one at the end of the third quarter, 32-33. At the end of regulation, the score was tied 49-49.

The Eagles had two excellent chances to win in regulation, one with a free throw with :23 left, the other on a close shot with :07 left. However, neither shot would fall so the game went into overtime.

Angie James opened the overtime period with the only field goal either team would score. Vienna then put the game away at the free throw line, hitting 7-12. James hit one; Rachel Bullock hit 3-4 and also pulled down several important rebounds; Dawn Hodson, Lori Wansing and Courtney Schwartze hit 1-2 each.

Not to be forgotten, also, was the fourth quarter heroics by Vienna's three senior guards. With Belle opening a slight lead near the end of the game and threatening to pull away, Wansing, Hodson and James all hit big 3-pointers to bring the Eagles back.

Stats: Lori Wansing, 16 points (three 3-pointers), 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals; Angie James, 16 points (one 3-pointer), 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal; Courtney Schwartze, 7 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist; Dawn Hodson, 6 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 5 assists, 2 steals; Rachel Bullock, 5 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals; Abby Wieberg, 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 blocked shot; Amanda Curtis, 2 points, 2 rebounds; Kelly Steinman, 2 steals; and Monica Slone, 1 point.

The win advanced Vienna's varsity record to 10-7 overall and a perfect 7-0 in the conference with only three conference games left. The Eagles have also won eight of the last nine games.

The junior varsity Eagles also advanced their GVC record to 7-0 with a 33-17 victory over the Tigers. It wasn't a very good offensive game for the younger Eagles, as they showed the effects of 10 days without a game.

"With both groups, varsity and junior varsity, the defense has been constant," commented Byrd. "Sometimes our offense isn't very pretty, but defense is effort and our kids play very hard. They're all gamers."

Stats: Jaime Hodson, 9 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals; Monica Slone, 7 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals; Angel Meyer, 6 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals; Erin Henderson, 6 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals; Rachel Stratman, 5 points, 9 rebounds, 4 steals; Dana

Snodgrass, 4 rebounds, 1 assist,
1 steal; and Melynnnda Buck, 2
rebounds.