



SECOND PLACE WINNERS - The Vienna High School junior varsity boys basketball team took second place in the annual Fatima JV Tournament this past weekend. The #5 seed Eagles defeated #4 seed Eugene and #1 seed Linn before falling in the championship game to #3 seed Blair Oaks. Pictured are statistician Beth Stratman, (front left), statistician Erin Stratman, Tyler Willoughby, Tommy Haller, Dustin Evans, Abe Rowden, scorekeeper Amanda Stratman, statistician April Steinman, coach Chuck Woody, (back left), T.C. James, Sam Hagan, Justin Helton, Bobby Asberry, John Wulff, Brandon Farrow and Matt Slone. Not pictured are John Rollins and Clayton Weidinger.

Upset Top Seed Linn JV Boys Take 2nd In Fatima Tourney

The Vienna High School junior varsity boys basketball team captured the second place trophy in the annual Fatima JV Tournament last week.

In first round action, #5 seed Vienna defeated #4 seed Eugene 63-54. Sophomore Justin Helton led the way with 31 points.

"Justin played an outstanding ballgame," said coach Chuck Woody. "Eugene had no answer for him. When the double team came, he would kick out and our guards hit some big shots down the stretch."

In second round action the Eagles faced top seed Linn and won a nailbiter 39-37.

"This was a real struggle," said Woody. "We really couldn't put them away."

Tyler Willoughby led the Eagles with 9 points. Tommy Haller added 8 and Justin Helton chipped in 7.

"I was very proud of our defensive effort. Linn has a good ball club and we just didn't give them a lot of open looks," said Woody.

In the championship game, Vienna faced #3 seed Blair Oaks Falcons. The Falcons came out strong, hitting their first three shots -- all 3-pointers. Blair Oaks defeated Vienna 69-51.

"They are a great shooting ball club all the way up and down the line up," said Woody. "Tommy Haller played outstanding defense and held their leading scorer to just 9 points."

Justin Helton led the way again with 15 points. Haller added 13.

"I am extremely proud of every one of these guys," said Woody. "They really stepped up this week to come from the #5 seed to play for the championship."

Team members include Tommy Haller, John Rollins, T.C. James, Clayton Weidinger, Tyler Willoughby, Abe Rowden, Justin Helton, Sam Hagan, John Wulff, Dustin Evans, B.J. Asberry, Matt Slone and Brandon Farrow.

The JV boys are now 7-3 overall (3-0 in the conference).

pointer), 1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 assist; Ellie Byrd, 7 points (one 3-pointer), 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 5 assists; Diane Weider, 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 assist; Adria Weakly, 2 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals; Tasha Sandbothe, 4 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals, 3 assists; Tori Woods, 1 point, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 blocked shot; Holly Schwartz, 1 point, 1 rebound; Amanda Stratman, 1 point, 2 rebounds, 2 steals; and Sarah Henderson, 1 steal, 1 assist.

Vienna shot 12/50 from the field (24%) and 8/17 from the free throw line (49%). Eldon shot 16/29 from the free throw line (56%).

"We gained some valuable experience in the tournament," said head coach Mick Byrd. "We played two pretty good ball games and we're learning. Our effort was very good."

The JV girls are now 5-6 overall (2-1 in the conference).

Varsity Boys Drop Two In Iberia Tourney

The Vienna High School varsity boys basketball team dropped a pair of games to Crocker and Laquey in the Iberia Tournament last week.

In first round action the #2 seed Eagles faced #7 seed Crocker. The Lions took an 18-