

Lady Eagles win four of five games, finish second in Richland Tourney

The Vienna High School varsity girls softball team was busy and successful last week, winning four out of the five games they played.

Vienna 8, Eugene 7

Vienna traveled to Eugene Tuesday, Sept. 12 and edged the other Eagles 8-7. Eugene had the tying run on third base in the bottom of the 7th inning with one out, but junior right-hander Ellie Byrd struck out the last two batters to end the game.

The offensive star for Vienna was senior first baseman Debra Lee Snodgrass, who went 4-4 with two triples and a double. Amanda Juergens and Jenny Fick each added two hits.

Vienna 10, Cuba 9

The Lady Eagles hosted the

Cuba Wildcats Thursday, Sept. 14 and edged past the Wildcats 10-9 in eight innings.

Cuba tied the game with three runs in the 7th inning and threatened to take the lead in the 8th inning, but a runner was tagged out at the plate on a close play.

Vienna won the game in the bottom of the 8th inning as senior left fielder Jenny Fick walked, Natalie Thornton singled and Amanda Juergens walked. Ellie Byrd ended the game with a solid single to left.

Byrd led the offense with three hits, followed by Amy Hollis with two. Amanda Juergens had three stolen bases.

Richland Tournament

Vienna 10, Cuba 4

The Lady Eagles participated in the annual Richland Round Robin Tournament Saturday, Sept. 16, finishing second.

In their first game, Vienna again defeated Cuba, this time 10-4. Ellie Byrd threw the first six innings, giving up three hits and five walks, while striking out two. She gave up one earned run. Amanda Stratman pitched the last inning, giving up no runs on one hit and one walk.

Amanda Juergens went 4-4 at the plate with five stolen bases. Amy Hollis had three hits while Amanda Stratman and Ellie Byrd each had two hits.

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In their second game of the day, Vienna defeated the highly regarded Crocker Lions 7-5.

Crocker jumped out to a 4-1 lead, but Vienna erupted for five runs in the 3rd inning, with the big blow being a two-run homer by freshman shortstop Jody Weed.

Debra Lee Snodgrass led the offense with three hits. Byrd threw a complete game, giving up no earned runs on six hits and two walks. She also struck out two.

Richland 11, Vienna 1

In the championship game of the tournament, the Lady Eagles were crushed 11-1 on a no-hitter by Richland's senior pitcher Erin Kisling.

"We just ran out of gas," said head coach Mick Byrd. "It was our third game and just their second. Also, their pitcher had just pitched two innings before our game. Our pitcher had worked considerably more. But that is not to take anything away from Richland. they have a fine team and played very well."

"We are making good progress at the plate and running bases," Byrd continued. "We do need to make considerable defensive improvements, however,

Megan James had hits for the Eagles.

Vienna 8, Cuba 3

On Thursday at Vienna, the younger Eagles played a very solid game in defeating Cuba 8-3. Sarah Stokes was the winning pitcher. Lacey Baxter, Diane Weider, Holly Schwartz, Tasha Sandbothe and Lindsay Helton each had hits.

The junior varsity Eagles are now 2-7 overall.

Junior Varsity Games Eugene 14, Vienna 11

On the junior varsity level last week, Eugene edged the younger Eagles 14-11. Sarah Stokes and Jody Weed did the pitching. Holly Schwartz, Leslie Sansoucie, Diane Weider, Tasha Sandbothe, Lindsay Helton, Adria Weakly and particularly in the area of consistency."

The varsity girls are now 9-4 overall.