



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS - The Vienna High School varsity boys basketball team captured first place in the Iberia Tournament this past weekend by defeating Dixon, Richland and Crocker. Pictured are TC James, (front left), Sam Barnhart, Justin Helton, Tyler Willoughby, Sam Barnhart, manager Julie Hayes, (back left), manager April Steinman, John Rollins, Morgan Schiermeier, Rocky Clark, Matt Slone, Nic Romare and Coach Kolzow. The Eagles improve to 11-5 on the season.

Varsity boys win Iberia Tournament

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Throughout the week of January 15, the Vienna High School varsity boys basketball team participated in the Iberia

Tournament. The boys were undefeated throughout the tournament and captured the first place trophy.

On January 15, the #3 seed Eagles opened tournament play against #6 seed Dixon. The Eagles defeated the Bulldogs 71-58.

Justin Helton was the game's top scorer with 19 points, 10 rebounds, 3 blocks and 1 steal.

Other stats for the game were: Sam Barnhart, 14 points, 12 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals; Sam Hagan, 14 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal; TC James, 10 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals; Tyler Willoughby, 8 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal; Rocky Clark, 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal; Matt Slone, 3 points, 2 rebounds; John Rollins, 1 rebound, 1 assist; and Nic Romare, 1 rebound.

In second round action on January 17, the Eagles faced #2 seed Richland. Vienna dominated the game, defeating the Bears 74-48.

Justin Helton was the game's top scorer with 19 points, 13 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 block and 1 steal.

Other scorers were: Sam Hagan, 16 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist; Tyler Willoughby, 13

points, 1 rebound, 6 assists; Sam Barnhart, 12 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals; TC James 10 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 steals; Matt Slone, 2 points, 1 rebound; Rocky Clark 2 points; and John Rollins 2 rebounds and 1 steal.

The Eagles faced top seed Crocker in the championship game on January 19 and defeated the Lions 81-62.

Justin Helton was again the top scorer with a whopping 23 points, 15 rebounds, 2 assists, 6 blocks and 1 steal.

Other stats for the game were: TC James, 13 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block; Tyler Willoughby, 11 points, 3 assists; Sam Barnhart, 10 points, 1 rebound, 4 assists, 2 steals; Sam Hagan, 5 points, 4 rebounds, 7 assists; John Rollins, 4 points, 2 rebounds; and Rocky Clark, 1 rebound.

"We won a big game against an excellent team because the Vienna boys have big hearts," said Coach Kolzow. "When we were down 11 at halftime, teams with lesser character would have quit. My boys believed in each other and believed they could get it done."

The Eagles are now 11-5 overall.