

# Vienna girls fall to Linn, Steelville

The Vienna High School varsity girls basketball team dropped games to Linn and Steelville last week.

On Monday, Dec. 3, the girls dropped a 22-40 decision to the Lady Wildcats of Linn. Vienna trailed 7-24 at the half.

Natalie Thornton led all scorers with 7 points (7/9 free throws), 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Whitney Wieberg, 5 points (one 3-pointer); Misty Willoughby, 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist; Ellie Byrd, 1 point, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist; Adria Weakly, 6 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist; and Amanda Henderson, 4 rebounds, 3 steals.

Vienna shot a dismal 4/49 from the field (8%) and 13/23 from the free throw line (57%).

"Our varsity girls played very well in the second half," said head coach Mick Byrd. "It was a good defensive effort, holding Linn to 40 points and out-rebounding them despite having a huge height disadvantage. However, to win any games, we have to score points. So far this season, we haven't been able to do that."

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the girls dropped their first Gasconade Valley Conference

game with a 42-48 loss against Steelville.

Vienna, who trailed 15-24 at the half, outscored the Cardinals 27-24 in the second half, but couldn't overcome their first half deficit.

Ellie Byrd led the team with 14 points (two 3-pointers), 3 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist; Adria Weakly, 9 points (one 3-pointer), 1 rebound, 3 steals; Whitney Wieberg, 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 blocked shot; Amanda Henderson, 4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2

blocked shots; Amanda Stratman, 4 points, 9 rebounds; Kelly Hollis, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal; Tori Woods, 2 points; Misty Willoughby, 2 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 blocked shot; and Natalie Thornton, 1 point, 3 rebounds, 1 blocked shot.

Vienna shot 15/54 from the field (28%) and 9/17 from the free throw line (53%).

"We played by far our most competitive and best game of the year to date. We out-rebounded them and had a chance to win. We scored almost twice as many points as we had in our previous games," said Byrd.

The varsity girls are now 0-4 overall (0-1 in the GVC).

