

Softball Eagles take second at Richland

Last Saturday, the VHS girls softball varsity team won second place at the annual Richland Bears Softball Tournament.

In the first round, the Eagles defeated Cuba 5-2. Freshman Hannah Schiermeier was the winning pitcher, giving up 0 earned runs, 2 hits and 5 walks while striking out 2. Natalie Thornton led the offensive with 2 hits, 2 stolen bases and 1 RBI. Kelley Wieberg and Amanda Henderson each had 1 hit.

In the second round, Vienna spotted the Crocker Lions a 3-0 lead, but fought back to score 6 unanswered runs and win a 6-3 victory. Beth Stratman, Kelley Wieberg, Whitney Wieberg, Natalie Thornton and Amber

Asher each had 1 hit. Stratman stole 3 bases. Thornton stole 2 bases. Schiermeier was the winning pitcher, giving up 0 earned runs, 4 hits and 3 walks while striking out 3.

The Eagles then faced tournament favorite and two-time defending district champion Richland.

Vienna competed with the Bears toe-to-toe but eventually dropped a well-played 2-0 decision. The Eagles were able to mount just one scoring threat, putting runners on 2nd and 3rd with 2 outs but were unable to score.

Kelley Wieberg had 2 hits for Vienna. Holy Schwartze and Whitney Wieberg added 1 hit

each. Schiermeier did the pitching, giving up 1 earned run on 6 hits and 5 walks while striking out none.

After the tournament, Coach Byrd commented, "With the exception of the start of the game against Crocker, we looked very solid. Hannah threw all 19 innings we played and competed very well. Our defense made some great plays. It was definitely a step in the right direction."

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, Vienna traveled to Eugene and dropped a shabbily-played 9-1 varsity decision. Coach Byrd said, "Very poor defense. Not acceptable."

The JV ended the evening with a positive note, however, as they pounded out a 8-2 victory. Amanda Henderson was the winning pitcher, giving up 4 hits and 1 walk while striking out 4 in 5 innings. She gave up 1 earned run. Offensively, Kelly Vogt had a triple and a single; Lindsay Helton had a triple. Laurel Kingery and Holly Schwartze added singles. Elizabeth Thornton stole 2 bases.

The varsity record is now 6-4 overall and 3-0 in the GVC. The JV is now 5-1 and 3-0 in the GVC.