

Pirates lose home opener to Hornets



were able to get an offensive rebound to take the lead, then hit the front-end of bonus free throws twice, to defeat the Pirates 48-44.

Defensively, the Hornets keyed on Teresa Moenkedick, who finished with 12 points, but that opened things up for her eighth-grade sister, Sarah Moenkedick, who finished with her season-high, 14 points. Jordyn Glenz was held to 2 points, but was able to get a hold of 9 rebounds and 5 steals.

The Pirates struggled offensively, hitting just 25% (17/68) of their field goals.

The Pirates drop to 0-2 in the conference.

*Korfe, Kirstin - 6 points
Glenz, Jordyn - 2 points
Moenkedick, Sarah - 14 points
Schluttner, Jordanna - 8 points
Moenkedick, Teresa - 12 points
Kern, Elyssa - 2 points*

Freshman Elyssa Kern proved just how scrappy she could be as she tried to wrestle the ball away from Henning's MaKenna Kaiser. Jordanna Schluttner provided some help in the paint as she posted up on her allowing her nowhere to go.

by Assistant Coach Samantha Schmitz

After going 2-3 in their first five road games, the young Verndale girls basketball team finally had a chance to compete on their home court.

A thunderous Verndale crowd helped the Pirates jump out to an early 16-7 lead that was capped off by Sarah Moenkedick drawing a Hornets' offensive foul. However, the Henning Hornets were able to capitalize on Pirates' turnovers to close out the first half with a 12-0 run.

The battle continued the second half with numerous lead changes. The game was tied 44-44 with just over a minute remaining, but the Hornets



Sara Moenkedick, with the help of teammate Jordanna Schluttner, tried to grab this loose ball on the rebound.

—photos by Matt Ganz

Sports Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL

December 22, AWAY
Underwood, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

December 22, HOME
Menahga, 7:45 p.m.

Pirates lose overtime thriller to rival Bears



Josh Gilb got this shot off, but not before drawing a foul from the aggressive Bears defense.

—photo by Matt Ganz

by Coach Jordan Hinkle

The Pirates boys took on the Bertha-Hewitt Bears on Friday night in front of a packed house. Verndale came into the game knowing they had to play extremely efficient basketball in order to play with their close rival.

The first half was extremely slow as both teams could not seem to get much offense going. The Bears controlled that half and took a 19-16 lead into it.

The second half was a little different as both teams seemed to find a groove. The Pirates were able to lead for quite a few minutes, but never by more than five.

With under a minute to play, the Bears took the lead by three and were trying to close the door, but a Dallas Ehrmantraut runner in the lane and a James Kveton layup ultimately tied it in dramatic fashion. The Pirates were able to get a last second shot off from long distance, but it did not drop.

Unfortunately for the boys, overtime belonged to the away team. Forced turnovers and good free-throw shooting helped the Bears to outscore Verndale by a 13-2 margin and eventually win the game 58-47.

The loss drops Verndale to 1-3 on the season with a holiday tourney being played on December 19 and 20 and a home game against the Menahga Braves on Thursday the 22nd.

	Pts	Reb	Asst	Blk	TO	Stl	PF
Gilb, Josh	16	11	0	1	2	1	5
Ehrmantraut, Dallas	14	3	7	0	4	5	1
Gomez, Marcos	7	5	0	0	4	4	3
Kveton, James	3	5	3	0	1	2	2
Lollar, Travis	3	7	0	1	2	0	5
Siedschlaw, Christian	2	4	1	0	2	0	2
Denny, Aaron	2	2	0	2	0	0	5
Fisher, Daniel	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	47	37	11	4	15	12	25

Go Pirates!

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