

Veritas Christian Academy Lady Lions Finish Season with a Bang

The Veritas Christian Academy Lady Lions finished their winter basketball season with a tournament appearance, four all-league players, an honorable mention, and the league sportsmanship award. Following a winning season in which the Lady Lions were victorious in five of their nine regular season games, Veritas earned the second place spot in the west division of the Bay Area Christian Athletic League (BACAL). In the first round of the tournament, VCA played third place North Bay Christian Academy from the east division of the league. The Lady Lions beat North Bay 38-29, thus advancing to the second round of the tournament. Next, they went up against the undefeated Calvary Christian School Lady Cougars. The Lady Lions fought hard, but lost to the team who went on to win first place in the tournament. On the final day of the tournament, Veritas met rival Patten Academy of Oakland in a competition for third place. An exciting first half of the game left Veritas ahead by one point, with a score of 17-16. During the second half, the Patten Lady Bulldogs powered ahead. The Lady Lions fought hard, but were defeated by the Lady Bulldogs, finishing the league tournament in fourth place.

Post-season honors gave head Coach Deanna Wallace more of a reason to be proud of the VCA girls' basketball team. "This is only a third year team," she said. "This is the first time that any Veritas athletics team has made it all the way through the league tournament. I am so proud of my girls for their accomplishments." The Lady Lions boasted four players receiving all-league honors and one honorable mention. Lauren Wallace, sophomore guard and co-captain, earned first team all-league honors. Lisette Ngaleo, sophomore forward/center, Megan Magleby, senior forward, and Rebecca Wintermute, sophomore guard all received all-league second team honors. Finally, Atefeh Metanat, junior point guard and co-captain, earned an honorable mention from the league. In addition to the individual awards, the Veritas Lady Lions also received the team sportsmanship award for excellence in Christian character as well as athletic play. "This is the icing on the cake," Coach Wallace remarked. "I am honored that so many of my players received all-league nods, but I am even more proud to have a team of girls who received the sportsmanship award. This speaks not only to their level of play, but to the quality of their character as young women." For more information about the Veritas Christian Academy Lady Lions, visit www.veritaschristian.org.