

# Senior Spotlight



**Kane Davison**  
 • Who is your dream date?  
 Carrie Underwood  
 • What are you driving?  
 I'm driving a black 2007 GMC truck.  
 • What is your favorite restaurant?  
 My favorite restaurant is El Toro, and I'm ordering a Burrito Loco  
 • Are you a gamer? If so, what are you playing?  
 I'm not a gamer.  
 • Where do you see yourself in 10 years?  
 I see myself in 10 years having a family and a house of my own, working in the trade.



# Hook, Line and Sinker

## With Tony Hooker

Anyone that knows me or has continued to read this column for the past six or seven years (Thanks, mom!) knows that I'm a die-hard, dyed in the wool Cardinal fan. What many might not know is that I love baseball at any level. My dream vacation would probably be a trip to Florida during spring training. Fishing in the morning and going to different spring training ball parks in the afternoon. Ahh...heaven. I really like watching games, a trait that is unfortunately not shared by my family. Sigh.

As much as I would love to get out and watch more local baseball and softball games, but unfortunately there's this thing called my "real job" that prevents me from getting to many, and, like today, the weather can wreak havoc on any plans for watching games, as well as for those trying to play them.

Because I haven't been able to see them in person, over the next couple weeks I'll be checking in with the coaches via email to see how things are progressing. This week...VGH Baseball coach Jason Conn weighs in with his thoughts on 2019.

How would you describe your season, so far?

I'm glad we have gotten in several games. I feel like we still have a long way to go. I think we have a good group of players that have been doing what we ask of them. We do need to be more consistent. Defensively we have made too many errors and that is something we can improve on. Offensively our hitting has been better the last few games. Base running mistakes have been hurting us. Most outs on the bases have been by trying to make a play so at least it is a hustle play we misread. I like we're being aggressive.

Anything that's surprised you, good or bad?

We have 5-6 sophomores that are getting their first varsity games under their belt as everyday starters. The good is they are still competing at a high level and without them we would probably not be .500. The bad is getting the game experience and for them to realize that they at the leader that teammates will look up to. That's hard as a sophomore to be expected to step up. We have been

blessed with juniors and seniors in those roles the last few years. And that's not a shot at our upper classmen on the team they are picking up their level of play, just our sophomores have had to "grow up" quickly. Basketball season wrap up

**VGH Girls**  
 Junior Aliya Holloman, who joined the 1000 point club this past season, was a unanimous first team All LOVC SE conference selectee. She was joined on the first team by Kyleigh Block, a sophomore. Both return next season for an experienced team that should be looking to make a post season push.

**VGH Boys**  
 Seniors Will Wilson and Jared Stevens were unanimous first team all LOVC SE selections for the boys

squad, and Jake Eversole, who set a single season steals record for the Hawks, earned second team all-conference honors. The team will say good bye to several seniors, but the cupboard is by no means bare. Junior Jerick Sorenson should be from injury next year, and he'll be joined for his final campaign by a group of sophomores who won the prestigious SJO tournament in their final contest of the season. Logan Nohren, Blake Smith and Jake Eversole all saw significant varsity playing time so the thought here is that the program is beginning to roll and will look to mimic the success of this year's twenty-three win squad.

# WEEKLY SPORTS WRAP-UP

**VG Softball**  
 Scuttle Pirates  
 Jordyn Ray pitched a complete game 4 hitter as VG defeated Cumberland 4-3 on April 1. Regan Baker doubled and scored, and Reagan Cheely, Molly Mixell and Maris Eversole each drove in a run to lead the Blue Devils offensively.  
 Fall to Spartans  
 Maddi Burwell smacked a solo homer, but it wasn't enough as the Blue Devils fell to perennial area power St Joseph Ogden 7-2 on April 2nd. Jordyn Ray went 1-1 with three walks and scored the other run for Villa Grove. Ray also took the loss on the mound for Villa Grove, giving up 7 earned runs in a complete

game effort.  
 Conquer Titans  
 Kyleigh Block and Vanessa Wright combined to throw a 4-inning no-hitter as the Blue Devils defeated Tri-County 25-0 on April 3. VGHs put up 14 runs in the first inning to set the course. Molly Mixell went 3-3 with 5 RBI's and 4 runs scored to lead the attack offensively. Wright matched her with 5 runs batted in, smacking a double and a triple. Reagan Cheely scored 4 times, reaching base in all four plate appearances. Chelsea Harrison made the most of her lone plate appearance, smacking a triple and driving in 3. Maddi Burwell scored 4 runs and drove in 3 to help the cause, and Andrea Hall drove

in 2 runs and scored once for the Blue Devils.  
**VGH Baseball**  
 De-claw Tigers  
 Evan Wilson pitched a 5-inning complete game, scattering 6 hits and allowing no runs, as VGH defeated Pal-Hut 10-0 on April 1. Keagan Patterson homered and drove in 2 runs, Nick Coffin went 3-3 with two RBI's and two runs scored, Kane Davison went 2-3 with a double and knocked in a pair of runs, and Carson Howard went 2-4 with an RBI for the Hawks, who moved to 1-0 in the LOVC SE, 5-5 overall with the win.

**Cage Lions**  
 The VGH bats were alive and well on April 2, as the Hawks put up three in the bottom of the seventh to walk it off against LSA, 17-15. Kane Davison went 3-4 with a homer, a double and 4 RBI's and scored 3 times, Carson Howard scored 4 runs and Ryan Cheatham also homered and drove in 3 and scored three runs to help the VGH cause. Keagan Patterson was the pitcher of record, giving up 5 earned runs in 3 innings of work to earn the victory.

**Herd Buffaloes**  
 Mason Wyant pitched 6 innings of 1-run ball to lead VGH to a 7-3 win over Georgetown-Ridge Farm on April 4. Noah Davison homered and drove in three runs to lead the way at the dish. Carson Howard helped out with a pair of RBI's, and Austin Grimm drove in a run and scored a run to help the Hawks offensively.

**Clean Streaks**  
 Carson Howard threw a 5-inning complete game, giving up just three hits, as VGH blanked Martinsville 10-0 on April 5. Evan Wilson went 4-4 with three RBI's and a pair of runs scored to lead the way offensively, and Howard helped himself by doubling and driving in 2.



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2019 VILLA GROVE/HERITAGE HAWKS BOYS BASEBALL SCHEDULE					record
Mar 11	SJO	L	0-1	0-1	
Mar 12	@ Marshall	ppd		0-1	
Mar 13	@ Salt Fork	ppd		0-1	
Mar 14	Urbana	ppd		0-1	
Mar 16	Paris	W,L	6-5, 8-11	1-2	
Mar 18	@ Monticello	L	0-9	1-3	
Mar 19	@ Armstrong	W	11-0	2-3	
Mar 20	Sullivan	W	5-3	3-3	
Mar 22	@ BH	L	8-11	3-4	
Mar 26	@ Judah	W	11-3	4-4	
Mar 28	Oakwood	L	1-3	4-5	
Mar 29	@ Arcola	ppd			
Mar 30	@ Blue Ridge	ppd			
Apr 01	@ Pal-Hut	W	10-0	5-5	
Apr 02	LSA	W	17-15	6-5	
Apr 04	G-RF	W	7-3	7-5	
Apr 05	@ M'ville	W	10-0	8-5	
Apr 08	@ Cumberland				
Apr 10	Oblong				
Apr 11	@ Fisher				
Apr 12	Tri-County				
Apr 16	Schlarman				
Apr 17	@ Hutsonville				
Apr 18	Arthur Okaw Christian				
Apr 22	Martinsville				
Apr 23	@ Tuscola				
Apr 24	Cumberland				
Apr 25	@ Oblong				
Apr 29	@ Tri-County				
May 04	Neoga (DH)				
May 08	Cerro Gordo				
May 09	ALAH				
May 11	@ Unity				

**HEAD COACH Jason Conn**

**2019 VGH Girl's Track & Field Schedule**

Mar 09	@ EIU invite
Mar 13	@ Uni High (Armory)
Mar 19	@ Arcola
Mar 26	@ Arcola
Mar 28	@ Tuscola
Apr 05	@ ALAH
Apr 09	@ Salt Fork Invite
Apr 12	@ Unity (girls)
Apr 19	@ Tuscola
Apr 23	@ ALAH
Apr 26	@ Monticello
May 03	@ Arcola (LOVC meet)

**HEAD COACH Heath Wilson**

2019 VILLA GROVE Blue Devils GIRLS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE					record
Mar 12	@ MS	L	4-7	0-1	
Mar 13	@ Salt Fork	ppd			
Mar 14	@ ALAH	ppd			
Mar 18	Tuscola	L	3-6	0-2	
Mar 19	@ Unity	L	9-10	0-3	
Mar 20	Urbana	W	11-2	1-3	
Mar 21-24	@ TENN	LLLLW		2-7	
Mar 26	GRF	W	10-9	3-7	
Mar 27	@ AO	W	9-0	4-7	
Mar 28	Windsor	L	1-18	4-8	
Mar 29	Okaw Valley	ppd			
Mar 30	@ Rantoul	ppd			
Apr 01	@ C'land	W	4-3	5-8	
Apr 02	@ SJO	L	2-7	5-9	
Apr 03	Tri-County	W	25-0	6-9	
Apr 05	@ Oblong	ppd			
Apr 08	Martinsville				
Apr 09	Champaign Centennial				
Apr 10	@ Hut-Pal (DH)				
Apr 11	@ Fisher				
Apr 15	vs Heritage				
Apr 16	@ Casey Westfield				
Apr 17	Cumberland				
Apr 18	@ Blue Ridge				
Apr 19	@ Tri-County				
Apr 22	Oblong				
Apr 24	@ Martinsville				
Apr 25	@ Arcola				
May 01	@ Heritage				
May 02	Armstrong-Potomac				
May 08	Cerro Gordo				
May 10	@ PBL				

**HEAD COACH Heather VonLanken**

**2019 VGH Boy's Track & Field Schedule**

Mar 13	@ Uni High (Armory)
Mar 16	@ EIU invite
Mar 19	@ Arcola
Mar 26	@ Arcola
Mar 28	@ Tuscola
Apr 05	@ ALAH
Apr 09	@ Salt Fork Invite
Apr 12	@ Unity (girls) M
Apr 19	@ Tuscola
Apr 23	@ ALAH
Apr 26	@ SJO (boys)
May 03	@ Arcola (LOVC meet)
May 11	@ Shelbyville

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