

WEEKLY SPORTS WRAP-UP

VGH Hawks Baseball Swash buckled by Pirates VGH dropped an 8-3 decision to Cumberland on April 8. Keagan Patterson had the only two hits for Villa Grove Heritage, and Ryan Cheatham drove in a pair of runs.

Cage Panthers Keagan Patterson threw a complete game 3 hitter as Villa Grove Heritage defeated Oblong 12-2 on April 10. Patterson also went 3-4 with a double and 3 rbi's to lead the way offensively. Ryan Cheatham also drove in 3 runs and scored 3 times, and Nick Coffin scored twice to help the cause.

Fricassee Bunnies Mason Wyant pitched a complete game, fanning 5, to lead the Hawks to a 15-2 win over Fisher on April 11. Nick Coffin was the hitting star of the contest for VGH, going 4-4 with 4 RBI's and 4 runs scored. Ryan Cheatham matched his teammate with 4 RBI's of his own. Austin Grimm doubled, and Kane Davison drove in 3 for Villa Grove Heritage.

Remember Titans After allowing 5 unearned Tri-County runs to start the contest, Carson Howard settled in and didn't allow another tally as he pitched

VGH to an 18-5 win on April 12. It was double your fun day at the plate for VGH, as Noah Davison, Nick Coffin, Ryan Cheatham and Keagan Patterson each swatted two doubles. Kane Davison and Carson Howard both got in on the fun with a double of their own, and Kane Davison added a triple for good measure. Davison drove in 4 runs, Cheatham 3 and Coffin and Howard smacked in two each for the Hawks.

VGHS Blue Devils Softball Shut out Streaks Jordyn Ray fired a complete game 2-hitter as Villa Grove blanked Martinsville 15-0 on April 8. Ray, Reagan Cheely and Vanessa Wright each blasted homers to lead the team offensively. Ray drove in 5 runs and Cheely added 4 RBI's for the Blue Devils. Kyleigh Block doubled and tripled, and Addy Fisher went 3-3 with 2 runs batted in and two runs scored to help the cause.

Ground Chargers Reagan Cheely went the distance, scattering 8 hits and allowing just a single earned run as Villa Grove defeated Champaign Centennial 16-6 on April 9. Vanessa Wright homered and doubled,

Kyleigh Block doubled and tripled, and Regan Baker, Molly Maxell, Maris Eversole and Madi Burwell each smacked two-baggers for the Devils. Wright's 4 RBI's led the way at the dish, while Jordyn Ray went 4-5 and scored 3 times.

Cage Tigers in game 1 Kyleigh Block pitched a 4-inning complete game to lead VGHS to a 16-1 win over Pal-Hut in game 1 of a double header on April 10. Vanessa Wright homered for the third consecutive game, and Madi Burwell drove in 4 runs to help. Jordyn Ray, Block and Reagan Cheely scored 3 runs each at the top of the VG order.

Win Game Two Vanessa Wright took her show to the mound for game two, striking out 5 and allowing just two hits in a complete game effort as VG won the nightcap 9-1. Reagan Cheely homered and doubled and drove in 3 to lead the Blue Devils at the dish.

Hopped by Bunnies Fisher scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to walk off a 6-4 extra-inning win over VGHS on April 11. Jordyn Ray was the hard luck loser, pitching 8 and two thirds innings and fanning 5 while allowing only 4 earned runs.

Hook, Line and Sinker With Tony Hooker

This week, we're continuing our mid-season check in with local teams by visiting Villa Grove's softball coach, Jeana Block.

For the second straight season, The Villa Grove Blue Devils traveled to Tennessee for a weekend of competition against much bigger schools. In fact, the enrollments of the teams they faced ranged from nearly 1000 to around 500. I recently caught up with the coach to talk about the experience, and her expectations for the rest of the season.

How would you describe your annual Tennessee trip, a few weeks ago?

While we went 1-4, we faced tough competition and gained lots of valuable game time. The experience of playing in decent weather, against tough competition has proven beneficial over the last two seasons.

Are you seeing progress as the season moves forward?

We've started out with a tough schedule. However, we've been in each game. Everyone, including myself,

is feeling some frustration with our record, but if you take a step back and realize we could easily have started 3-0 against top area teams, it is encouraging. The girls are gaining confidence and I'm seeing our bats come alive. We have several big victories recently, including beating Argenta-Oreana 9-0 and beating Cumberland 4-3.

In talking to those around the team, there remains a quiet optimism that the early experiences playing a very rigorous schedule will pay late dividends. How tough is the schedule the Blue Devils have faced to date?

According to MaxPreps.com, VGHS has played the 3rd toughest schedule of all class 1A teams in the state, earning them a top 30 ranking even though the record is hovering around .500. Those around the program feel that it's better to take some pre-LOVC lumps and make some noise in the conference standings than to polish up a soft schedule with a pristine record and then make an early IHSA

tournament exit. In any event, there are sure to be some fireworks as the Blue Devils and baseball's VGH Hawks make their push into the post season. I can't wait to see how everything shakes out.

Speaking of postseason accolades, several members of the local hoops contingents made their way on to all conference and all-area squads.

For the girls, Aliya Holloman and Kyleigh Block each earned first team All LOVC SE accolades, with Holloman earning News-Gazette All-Area Special mention recognition.

The boys all-conference team representatives included unanimous first team representatives Jared Stevens and Will Wilson and second team All-conference selection Jake Eversole. Wilson was named to the News-Gazette all area special mention squad, while Stevens and Eversole earned honorable mention nods.

Senior Spotlights



Alexis Vandeventer

1. Who is your favorite teacher? Why?

Mrs. Faust. She was so kind and had so much love for her job. She cared for each and every student and always made learning fun. She wasn't just an amazing teacher, but a great friend.

2. What has been your favorite moment in high school?

Working together with my teammates and going to state. I also loved cheering on the sidelines with my cheer squad during football season.

3. What is your favorite



Alexis Vandeventer

restaurant? Why? Texas Roadhouse. They have the best rolls ever and always have great music playing.

4. Who is your favorite singer/band?

Luke Combs

5. Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Hopefully, I've gained my major in speech pathology and I live in a big house in a small town with a bunch of open space with my future husband and kids (And Dogs!)



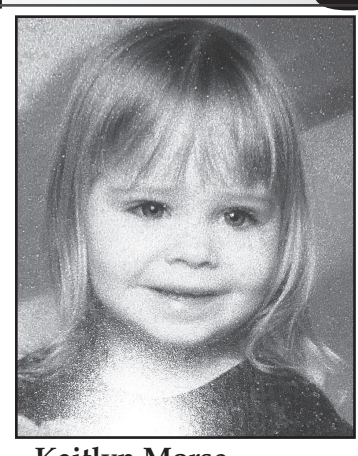
Kaitlyn Morse

1. Who do you HAVE to have tickets to see in concert?

I would love to see Why Don't We in concert.

2. Who is your dream date? What are the two of you doing?

Zach Herron. We would just chill and eat chicken



Kaitlyn Morse

nuggets.

3. What is your favorite food?

My favorite food is chicken nuggets.

4. What are you driving?

I'm driving a Honda Civic. His name is Turbo.

5. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In ten years, I see myself working as a neo-natal nurse practitioner.



Tommie Hooker

1. What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be a very prominent lawyer, somewhere.

2. What is your favorite food?

My favorite food is a baked potato from McAlister's Deli.

3. Who is your dream date? Where are you going?

My dream date is Noah



Tommie Hooker

Centineo. We would have dinner on a beach in Hawaii and watch the sunset.

4. What is your favorite subject in school? Why?

I've always been interested in English, because I really enjoy writing.

5. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In ten years, I see myself being done with college and starting my career as a lawyer. I see myself living in an apartment somewhere, with a puppy, hopefully near my family.



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2019 VILLA GROVE/HERITAGE HAWKS BOYS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Record	Record
Mar 11	SJO	L	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
Mar 18	@ Monticello	L	0-9
Mar 19	@ Armstrong	W	11-0
Mar 20	Sullivan	W	5-3
Mar 22	@ BH	L	8-11
Mar 26	@ Judah	W	11-3
Mar 28	Oakwood	L	1-3
Mar 29	@ Arcola	ppd	
Mar 30	@ Blue Ridge	ppd	
Apr 01	@ Pal-Hut	W	10-0
Apr 02	LSA	W	17-15
Apr 04	G-RF	W	7-3
Apr 05	@ M'ville	W	10-0
Apr 08	@ C'land	L	3-8
Apr 10	Oblong	W	12-2
Apr 11	@ Fisher	W	15-2
Apr 12	Tri-County	W	18-5
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 VILLA GROVE Blue Devils GIRLS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Record	Record
Mar 12	@ MS	L	4-7
Mar 13	@ Salt Fork	ppd	
Mar 14	@ ALAH	ppd	
Mar 18	Tuscola	L	3-6
Mar 19	@ Unity	L	9-10
Mar 20	Urbana	W	11-2
Mar 21-24	@ TENN	LLLLW	1-3
Mar 26	GRF	W	10-9
Mar 27	@ AO	W	9-0
Mar 28	Windsor	L	1-18
Mar 29	Okaw Valley	ppd	
Mar 30	@ Rantoul	ppd	
Apr 01	@ C'land	W	4-3
Apr 02	@ SJO	L	2-7
Apr 03	Tri-County	W	25-0
Apr 05	@ Oblong	ppd	
Apr 08	Martinsville	W	15-0
Apr 09	Centennial	W	16-6
Apr 10	@ Hut-Pal	W,W	16-1,9-1
Apr 11	@ Fisher	L	4-6
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 Jeana Block

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 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	@ Monticello CANCELLED
Apr 19	@ Tuscola
Apr 23	@ ALAH
Apr 26	@ SJO (boys)
May 03	@ Arcola (LOVC meet)
May 11	@ ShelbyVILLE

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