

# Hook, Line and Sinker

With Tony Hooker

With the renewal of hostilities having commenced between the Cubs and Cardinals, I felt it was time to revisit some of the greatest games in the history of the series, and the folks at fangraphs.com have put together a solid list.

As games for these first two games have been for Cardinal fans, they are not without historical precedent. Kyle Hendrix' 81 pitch gem on Friday was good, but on May 15, 1960, Don Cardwell threw the only 9 inning no-hitter in series history to stake Chicago to a 4-0 win. No truth to the rumor that my Cubs friends Steve Douglas and Bryan Hosler were at the game, though if every Cubs fan who claims to have seats at the 2016 world series were telling the truth, attendance would have been about 250K per game.

Likewise, Saturday's grand slam by Taylor Davis, the Cubs' backup catcher, brought up a long repressed, indigestion inducing memory for Cards fans everywhere. On April 22, 1980, Cubs backup catcher Barry Foote lofted a walk off granny that ended a 16-12 ball game. The win allowed the Northsiders to eventually split the season series with the Cardinals, even though they finished dead last in the National League East, (in the days when each league had two divisions) winning a paltry 64 games. The

Birds didn't fair much better, winning 74 games to finish 4th. Both teams watched the Phillies, led by MVP Mike Schmidt, defeat Kansas City in six games in the World Series. A fun fact: Country music superstar Tim McGraw's dad, Tug, recorded the last out of the series, whiffing KC's Willie Wilson. Another fun fact: both managers in the 1980 world series were later employed by the Cubs. Philly manager Dallas Green was hired as VP and general manager after the 1981 season, and KC's Jim Frey would be hired to manage the Cubs prior to the 1984 season, a season which saw the Cubs return to the post season for the first time since 1945.

The Cardinals, too, have had their share of memorable wins in the greatest rivalry (I hear you, Boston and Yankees fans!) in baseball. In a 1955 contest, the Cubs hit 6 solo homers, but were bested in 14 innings. In the 12th, the Cubs had scored twice to take a lead, but Chicago pitcher Bubba Church surrendered a game tying blast to Wally Moon in the bottom of the frame. Moon would later single in Bill Sarni, who had hit a pinch-hit lead-off double, in the bottom of the 14th to allow the redbirds to walk it off.

In 1930, the Cardinals defeated the Cubs 8-7 in 20 innings. Fun fact: Cardinals reliever Syl Johnson pitched

12 innings (!!!) of 2 run relief to get the win.

Of course, no series retrospective, no matter how painful it might be for the writer, would be complete without recalling the dark afternoon of June 23, 1984. That's right, I'm talking about what will forever be known as "The Sandberg" game. (cardinal fans insert colorful profanity here) Here it is, almost 35 years later, and I can still see Sandberg's homers landing in almost the same spot in the Wrigley bleachers

Cardinals pitcher Bruce Sutter's splitter, when right, was almost unhittable, but unfortunately neither of the pitches that "Ryno" (gag!) hit in the ninth to tie, and in the tenth, again tying the contest, were his best. The blasts negated a herculean effort by current Cardinal coach Willie McGee, who homered, tripled and doubled, driving in six runs. To make it worse, former Cardinal Leon "Bull" Durham scored the winning run after stealing second and advancing to third on Cardinals catcher Darrell Porter's errant throw. The pain lingers. At any rate, 2019 promises to be a fun summer, and with both teams showing early promise, the smack talk should reach epic proportions. I can't wait.

# WEEKLY SPORTS WRAP-UP

JH Track  
7th graders win IESA sectional

The Villa Grove track and field squads completed a stellar week of competition, with the 7th grade boys capturing the title at the IESA sectional meet held on May 4 at Tuscola, scoring 98 points to defeat the host school by 9. In all, 12 VGJH athletes qualified for the state meet, to be held on May 10-11 at the East Side Centre, in East Peoria. Here's a list of those who will be making the trip:

- Braydon Dowler: 110m hurdles, 200m, 4 x 100m relay, 4 x 400m relay
- Layne Rund: High jump, 200m, 4 x 100m relay, 4 x 400m relay
- Gunner Cline: 100m, 4 x 100m relay, 4 x 400m relay
- Brady Clodfelder: Discus, 4 x 400m relay, 4 x 100m relay (alternate)
- Mason Carter: 4 x 100m relay, 4 x 400m relay (alternate)
- Parker Kniernim: Discus
- Chloe Reardon: 100m, Long Jump, 4 x 100m relay

Kenzie Cardiff: 4 x 100m relay

Ryan Barrett: 4 x 100m relay  
Kaylee Hodis: 4 x 100m relay  
Peyton Martin: 4 x 100m relay (alternate)

7th graders win conference title  
The Villa Grove 7th graders started the week off by winning the junior high Okaw conference championship. Braden Dowler led the way, winning the 200m, and running on the winning 4x100m and 4x400m champions.

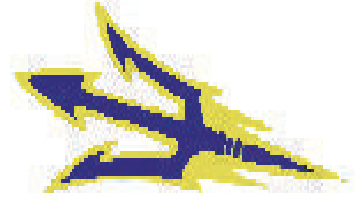
Chloe Reardon turned in a stellar effort for the 7th grade girls, capturing first place in the 100m and the long jump. Gavin Kiser led the 8th grade boys, winning the 110m hurdles, and Maci Clodfelder (discus) and Emma Buesing (1600m) paced the 8th grade girls, finishing second in their respective events.

VGHS Softball  
Cage Hawks  
Reagan Cheely allowed

only one hit, fanning 8, as the Blue Devils defeated Heritage 11-0 on May 1. Madie Burwell went 2-3, driving in 4 runs, to lead the way at the dish.

Jousted by Knights  
The Blue Devils couldn't find offensive traction, falling to ALAH 4-2 on May 3. Jordyn Ray was the hard luck loser, giving up 4 runs. Kyleigh Block doubled and drove in a run, and Molly Mixell had an RBI for VGHS.

VGH baseball  
Remember Titans  
Weather wreaked havoc on the Hawks' baseball schedule, with an 11-0 conquest of Tri County on April 30 being the only game VGH was able to complete. Keagan Patterson picked up the win, going four innings and allowing only 1 hit. Kane Davison led the way offensively, smacking a grand slam to drive in 4.



## Mother's Day

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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	@ C'land	L	3-8	8-6
Apr 10	Oblong	W	12-2	9-6
Apr 11	@ Fisher	W	15-2	10-6
Apr 12	Tri-County	W	18-5	11-6
Apr 16	Schlarman	W	21-0	12-6
Apr 17	@ Hutsonville	W	12-9	13-6
Apr 18	AOC	ppd		
Apr 22	Martinsville	W	15-1	14-6
Apr 23	@ Tuscola	L	2-10	14-7
Apr 29	@ Tri-County	W	11-0	15-7
Apr 30	Cumberland	ppd		
May 3	@ Oblong	ppd		
May 04	Neoga (DH)	ppd		
May 08	Cerro Gordo	ppd		
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 18	Tuscola	L	3-6	0-2
Mar 19	@ Unity	W	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	W	15-0	7-9
Apr 09	Centennial	W	16-6	8-9
Apr 10	@ Hut-Pal	W,W	16-1, 9-1	10-9
Apr 11	@ Fisher	L	4-6	10-10
Apr 15	vs Heritage	W	10-0	11-10
Apr 16	@ Casey	W	2-0	12-10
Apr 17	Cumberland	W	3-2	13-10
Apr 18	@ Blue Ridge	ppd		
Apr 19	@ Tri-County	W (forfeit)		14-10
Apr 22	Oblong (DH)	L,W	3-10, 9-6	15-11
Apr 23	Salt Fork	W	11-1	16-11
Apr 24	@ M'ville	ppd		
Apr 25	@ Arcola	ppd		
May 01	@ Heritage	W	11-0	17-11
May 02	Armstrong	ppd		
May 03	ALAH	L	2-4	17-12
May 08	Cerro Gordo			
May 10	@ PBL			

**HEAD COACH Jeana Block**

**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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