



The seventh grade girls basketball team hurdles before their basketball game against LSA.

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# VG Blue Devils volleyball wrap

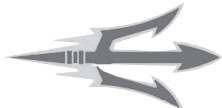
By Tony Hooker

*Clawed by Lions*  
Despite six kills from Madie Burwell, the Blue Devil volleyball squad dropped a road contest at Decatur LSA on March 29 by a score of 18-25, 23-25. Kyleigh Block served up an ace and passed out six assists to help the cause. Block and Burwell also keyed the defense with four digs each, and the pair joined Maci Clodfelder for a block at the net, and Alexa Howard also had a service ace for the blue and gold.

*Weather Storm*

Another night, another trip to Macon County, but this time the outcome was different as the Blue Devils defeated Sangamon Valley in straight sets, 25-20, 25-22 on March 30. The Blue Devils got five kills each from Kyleigh Block, and Madie Burwell, Vanessa Wright had four and Maci Clodfelder contributed three. Kalyn Cordes dished out 12 assists and hammered three aces, and Clodfelder contributed four aces as well. Defensive-

ly, Burwell finished off her well rounded performance with 12 digs, while Block added nine stops of her own. Alexa Howard contributed six digs and Ava Vollmer had five digs of her own for the Blue Devils, who moved their record to 2-3 with the win. VGVB returns to action with four contests next week, facing ALAH at home on April 5, Tri-County at home on April 6, at Heritage on April 8 and at Judah Christian on April 10.



# Blue Devils scuffed by the Pirates Friday night

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When two teams are evenly matched, mistakes will determine the outcome.

Unfortunately, the Villa Grove Heritage Blue Devils found that out in a 34-0 whitewashing at the hands of Cumberland.

The Pirates used a bad exchange on a punt attempt to score their first touchdown, taking a 7-0 lead in the first quarter that would stand up until the fourth quarter, when the wheels fell off for VGH.

With 8:47 left in the game, Cumberland returned an Elijah Kiesel punt 48 yards to set the score at 14-0. Then, with 5:24 remaining, a Blake Smith pass was intercepted and returned for another score to make it 21-0. After an 11 yard touchdown with :57 remaining made the score 27-0, a Pirate defender picked up a Parker Stevens fumble and returned it 34 yards on the last play of the game to set the final margin.

Statistically, the two

teams were nearly identical, with VGH accounting for 161 yards of offense and Cumberland racking up 185. Jack Benschneider led the way, rushing for 91 yards on 19 carries. Luke Zimmerman contributed 37 yards on five attempts to help the cause. Blake Smith finished 4-16 for 19 yards and an interception passing, and also rushed for 15 yards on four carries.

Defensively, the Blue Devils were led by Luke Zimmerman, who had eight assists and two solo tackles. Benschneider helped out with six solos and an assist, Daelin Price had three and three, Tyler Wilson had two solos and two assists, Carson Howard had three assists and a solo, Deandre Reinhart totaled four tackles, as did Parker Stevens. The Blue Devils return to action on April 9 with a home contest versus Sangamon Valley.

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Eighth grade members of the Lady Blue Devils basketball team were honored on March 29 during their game with LSA. Pictured from left to right are Olivia Jones, NeVaeh Thompson-Burton, Jobella Crafton, Lila Thompson-Burton, and Madison Hinds.

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## Villa Grove Varsity Football

Day	Date	Competitor	Time	Location	Result
Fri.	March 19	CGB	7 p.m.	Home	L
Fri.	March 26	Argenta	7 p.m.	Argenta-Oreana	W
Fri.	April 2	Cumberland	7 p.m.	Cumberland	L
Fri.	April 9	Sangamon Valley	7 p.m.	Home	
Fri.	April 16	Tri-County	7 p.m.	Tri-County	
Fri.	April 23	Arcola	7 p.m.	Home	

## Villa Grove Varsity Volleyball

Day	Date	Competitor	Time	Location	Result
Mon.	March 22	Blue Ridge	6 p.m.	Home	L
Tue.	March 23	Arcola-Senior Night	6 p.m.	Home	W
Thu.	March 25	Cumberland	6 p.m.	Cumberland	L
Mon.	March 29	LSA	6 p.m.	LSA	L
Tue.	March 30	Sangamon Valley	6 p.m.	Sangamon Valley	W
Thu.	April 1	CGB	6 p.m.	Cerro Gordo	
Mon.	April 5	ALAH	6 p.m.	Home	
Tue.	April 6	Tri-County	6 p.m.	Home	
Thu.	April 8	Heritage	6 p.m.	Heritage	
Sat.	April 10	Judah Christian	10 a.m.	Judah Christian	
Mon.	April 12	Okaw Valley	6 p.m.	Okaw Valley	
Tue.	April 13	Argenta-Oreana	6 p.m.	Home	
Wed.	April 14	Chrisman	6 p.m.	Chrisman	
Tue.	April 20	Tuscola	6 p.m.	Home	
Thu.	April 22	Salt Fork Coop	6 p.m.	Home	

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