

Community Sports



Weatherbreak gets Villa Grove track and field outside

By Tony Hooker

A break in the weather allowed for both the junior high and high school boys and girls track squads to get up and running. Here's a rundown of all the athletes who scored points at last week's meet.

Boy's High School Track and Field

Results at Tuscola 5 team meet.

The team finished 3rd in the 5-team event. Tyler Williams finished first in the long jump and the triple jump for the Blue Devils. Braydon Dowler was nipped at the line to finish 2nd in the 200. Layne Rund ran 2nd in the 400m and teammate Ryan Schluter finished 6th. L. Kurt Zimmerman finished 2nd in the

3200, Logan Turner ran to a 6th place finish in the 800m, and the VG 4x100m relay team of Danny Galarza, William Jones, Tyson Koeberlein and Layne Rund earned a 3rd place finish.

Girls' High School Track and Field

Results at the Tuscola 5 team meet.

Emma Buesing cruised to a 1st place finish to lead the girls to a 4th place finish in the meet. Other highlights included the 4x800m quartet of Scarlett Howard, Nadia Callison, Madison Logan and Emma Buesing racing to a first place finish, Nadia Callison finishing 3rd in the 100m, and Carly Eads and Ryan Lillard finishing 3rd and 5th respectively in the Discus.

Junior High Track and field meet at Arcola

7th grade boys

Max Wilson finished first in both the shotput and the discus and 3rd in the long jump and Nolan Shadwick's 110m hurdles win, along with Wes Woller's 1st place finish in the 400m, to lead the 7th grade boys to top honors at the Arcola Quadrangular on March 30. The Blue Devils 4x100m quartet of Carter Dowler, Maddux Piercy, Will Schweighart and Max Wilson finished 1st, and Dowler, along with Gavyn Alumbaugh, Nolan Shadwick and Wes Woller, earned 1st in the 4x400 relay, as well. Dowler earned top honors in the high jump, while teammates Piercy and Shadwick finished 4th and 6th, respec-

tively. Alumbaugh and Jacob Christman finished 2nd and 3rd in the 100m, while Dowler, Alumbaugh and Christman went 3-5 in the 200. Caleb Russle finished 6th in the discus, and Thomas Linstead rounded out the scoring with a 6th place run in the 1600m.

8th grade boys

The 4x200m relay team of Cody Witte, Brody Sanders, Silas Jones and Bailey Keith took first place at the Arcola Quad on March 30 to lead the team to second place, just 9 points behind the host school. Landon Chambers and Jacob Golightly finished 3rd and 4th in the 100, and Cole Cardiff ran 4th in the 200. Golightly, Owen Kneer, Cody Witte and Silas Jones finished 2nd through 5th in the 400, Kneer ran 2nd in

the 800, Logan Huersperger ran 2nd and Kneer finished in 4th in the 1600, respectively. Other points scorers for VG included Bailey Keith and Silas Jones, who finished 2nd and 4th in the 110m hurdles, and Peyton Ellis, who finished 3rd in the shot put. Huersperger and Ellis finished 2nd and 4th in the discus, as well. Golightly, Landon Chambers and Cardiff finished up the scoring for the Blue Devils by soaring to 2nd, 3rd and 6th place finishes, respectively.

7th grade girls

Kinleigh Pellum finished 3rd in the shot put for the only VG points at the Arcola Quad meet on March 30.

8th grade girls

Evalice Callison raced to a first place finish in the

1600m, Kori Russel won the shot put, and the 4x400m relay quartet of Rebekka Bloom, Callison, Maddy Alvis and Briella Witt also claimed first place. Other strong performers for the Blue and Gold included Baylee Martin who finished 2nd in the 100 and 200m. The 4x100m relay team of Bloom, Callison, Lauren Carter and Martin finished 2nd, as well. Carter and Bloom finished 4-5 in the 100, Witt ran to a 3rd place finish in the 800, Russell and Alvis finished 3rd and 5th respectively in the shot put and Martin and Carter finished 3-4 in the long jump to wrap up the scoring for Villa Grove Junior High.



BLUE DEVIL ISABELLA DODD (7) watches the ball during the March 28 game against Georgetown. Villa Grove lost 3-0. Photo by Go Time Sports Productions.



BLUE DEVIL ALEXANDRIA BROWN (14) lowers her mitt to catch a ball during the March 28 game against Georgetown. Villa Grove lost 3-0. Photo by Go Time Sports Productions.

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Villa Grove baseball and softball wrapup

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Baseball

Horsed by Trojans
The Blue Devils were blanked by Armstrong Potomac, 11-0 on Monday, March 27. Parker Knierem doubled for Villa Grove's lone extra base hit, and Sam Bender, Luke Zimmerman and Gavin Kiser had the other hits for VGHS. Bender took the loss, giving up 5 runs on 8 hits in 4 and 1/3 innings.

Mauled by Tigers

Six Blue Devil errors led to 9 unearned runs in Villa Grove's 13-1 loss to Westville on Tuesday, March 28. Cooper Clark went 2-3 and Parker Knierem had the only RBI for VGHS. Knierem took the loss, giving up 4 earned runs in 2 innings, and Jake Gilles did yeoman's work in relief, scattering 4 hits and allowing only 4 unearned runs for the

Blue Devils.

Herd Buffaloes

Luke Zimmerman homered and doubled and drove in 5 runs and Gavin Kiser went 2-3 with a pair of doubles, two RBIs and 3 runs scored to lead Villa Grove to a come from behind 11-9 win over Georgetown-Ridge Farm on March 29. The Blue Devils, led by Sam Bender and Thomas Vandeventer's two runs scored, were able to receive contributions from everyone in their lineup to overcome a second straight 6 error night in the field. Brady Clodfelder picked up the win, giving up just a single earned run over four innings in relief of Cooper Clark, who allowed 2 runs in 3 innings of work. Clodfelder struck out three G-RF hitters and walked none.

Softball

Battered by Storm

Villa Grove hit into a lot of loud outs and managed just 2 hits in a 3-0 shutout loss to Salt Fork on March 27. Chloe Reardon doubled and Kayln Cordes singled for the Blue Devils. Logan Lillard was the hard luck loser on the hill, giving up 2 earned runs while fanning 4 in 3 innings.

Bill Buffaloes

Piper Kiser allowed only 4 hits and fanned nine in a complete game shutout, and Izzy Dodd went 2-3 with a homer, 3 RBI's and 2 runs scored as Villa Grove High School blanked Georgetown Ridge Farm 12-0 in five innings on March 28. Kayln Cordes went 2-3 with a pair of runs scored, Emma Bratten Noice doubled and scored twice, and Maci Clodfelder went 2-3 with a run scored. Addi Wilson had a nice day at the plate, going 2-2 with an rbi and a run

scored for the Blue Devils.

Battle Warriors

Villa Grove took Casey Westfield, the state's number one ranked 2A team, to extra

innings before falling 2-1 in 9 innings on March 29. Alex Brown showed that DACC is getting a baller, allowing just 1 earned run in 8.1 innings

of work while striking out 6. Maci Clodfelder doubled and drove in the lone Villa Grove tally, scoring Kayln Cordes.



BLUE DEVIL PITCHER PIPER KISER (11) prepares to throw the ball during the March 28 game against Georgetown. Villa Grove lost 3-0. Photo by Go Time Sports Productions.

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