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CHASE WHITE runs during the 37th Tuscola Open on April 21. White ran a 12:39.71 during the 3200-meter race, beating his season record. Photo by Tracy Hornaday.



CARLY EADS, shortly before launching the discus at the 37th Tuscola Open Track meet on April 21. Eads threw the discus for 92 feet and 3.75 inches, beating her season record. Photo by Tracy Hornaday.

Villa Grove sports wrap for baseball, softball and track

By Tony Hooker

Softball

Josted by Knights

Seven Blue Devil errors led to 6 unearned runs in VG's 10-9 extra inning loss to ALAH on April 17.

Alex Brown took the loss, tossing all 8 innings, allowing 14 hits and 4 earned runs while fanning 5 and walking none. Alison Pangburn continued her recent tear, going 3-4 with 2 doubles and a home run, driving in 2 runs and scoring 3 of her own. Maci Clodfelder also did work at the plate, going 4-5 with a triple, 3 RBI's and 2 runs scored to help the cause. Brown went 3-4 with a double and 2 runs scored, and Izzy Dodd went 2-4 with a double and 2 RBI's. Piper Kiser continued to impress for VG, going 2-5 with a double and 2 RBI's, and Kayln Cordes scored twice for VGHS. Hood Falcons

Olivia Jones went 2-3 with a run scored, as VG defeated

GCMS 8-6 on April 18. Hayden Thomas gave a strong effort from the lead off position, going 2-4 with 2 runs scored, Alex Brown was up to her usual tricks, going 1-1 with a double and an RBI while drawing 3 walks and scoring 3 times. Maci Clodfelder only stroked one hit but made it a good one by doubling and driving in a run.

Piper Kiser went the distance on the hill for the Blue Devils to earn the win, giving up 6 hits and 6 runs (2 earned) while fanning 8. Kiser also went 1-3 with 2 RBI's and Izzy Dodd stroked a double and drove in a run.

Cage Hawks

Alex Brown pitched a complete game four hitter, allowing no runs while fanning 5 as Villa Grove defeated Heritage 15-0 in 4 innings on April 19. Alison Pangburn went 2-3 with a double and 3 runs scored to lead the way at the plate. Maci Clodfelder went

1-2 with 3 RBI's and 2 runs scored, Brown helped her cause by going 1-2 and scoring 3 runs, and Jayna Martin drove in a pair of runs. Piper Kiser continued her tear, going 2-3 with 2 RBI's and 2 runs scored for the Blue Devils.

Baseball

Defeated by Knights

Ten VG errors led to 9 unearned runs as Villa Grove dropped an extra inning contest to ALAH by a 15-13 count on April 17. Brady Clodfelder went 3-5 with a pair of doubles, 3 RBI's and a run scored to pace the Blue Devil attack. Sam Bender went 3-5 with 2 runs scored and an RBI and Gavin Kiser stroked a pair of doubles on his way to a 2-5 day. Kiser also drove in 2 and scored twice and Cooper Clark went 2-4 with a double, 2 RBI's and a run scored, and Thomas Vandeventer went 2-4 with a double and 2 runs scored. Luke Zimmerman continued his steady contribution at the

plate, going 2-4 with a triple and 3 runs scored. Bender was the hard luck loser, giving up 9 runs, of which 7 were unearned, in 4 innings. Bender struck out 5 on the day.

Different night, Different Knight, Different Result

Sam Bender went 1-3 with a triple, 4 RBI's and 2 runs scored to lead Villa Grove to a 13-0 win over Blue Ridge on April 21. Gavin Kiser went 3-4 with a pair of doubles, 2 RBI's and 2 runs scored for VG. Luke Zimmerman drove in a pair of runs, as did Thomas Vandeventer. Brady Clodfelder went 1-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored to chip in. Clodfelder also earned the win on the mound, going 3 innings, allowing 2 runs on 2 hits while walking 2 and fanning 6. Parker Knierim came on and pitched the final 2 innings, allowing 1 run on 1 hit, Parker Stevens went 1-2 with 2 runs scored and Cooper Clark went 1-1 with a pair of rocks and 2 runs scored.

Boys Track and field

Run well at Tuscola meet

Braydon Dowler sprinted to a first-place finish to lead Villa Grove's efforts at Tuscola on April 21. Layne Rund flew to a 2nd place finish in the high jump and Kyler Williams followed suit, leaping to a second-place finish in the triple jump. Williams also finished 4th in the long jump. The 4x200m relay quartet of

Gunner Cline, Rund, Dowler and Luke Zimmerman earned a 3rd place finish.

Girls Track and Field

Tuscola Results

Scarlett Howard raced to a personal record in the 800m in finishing 4th to lead Villa Grove at Tuscola on April 21. Carly Eads finished 4th in the discus, as did the 4x800 relay squad of Emma Buesing, Madison Logan, Nadia Callison and Howard. The quartet's time set a personal record for the crew.

Junior High Track and field

7th grade boys nab Arcola Invitational title

The 4x400 relay quartet of Carter Dowler, Nolan Shadwick, Daniel Gent and Wes Woller rolled to a 1st place finish to lead VG to a 1-point victory over ALAH at the Arcola Invitational on April 22. Dowler, Maddox Piercy, Will Schweighart and Max Wilson teamed up to place 2nd in the 4x200 relay, as well. Shadwick finished second in the 110m hurdles and Robert Mitsdarfer finished 6th. Jacob Christman raced to a 2nd place finish in the 200, with teammate Gayvn Alumbaugh coming in 4th. Alumbaugh also finished 5th in the 100. Wilson placed second in the shot put and 4th in the discus for VGJH, while Carter Dowler finished 4th in the high jump and 3rd in the

400m while Carson Kappes soared to a 4th place finish in the long jump.

8th grade boys finish 5th

Jacob Golightly cruised to a 1st place finish in the 110m hurdles ran 3rd in the 400 and finished 4th in the long jump to lead VGJH to a 5th place finish at the Arcola Invitational on April 22. Logan Hauer-sperger finished 4th in the 1600 and Landon Chambers finished 3rd in the long jump and 5th in the 100m dash for the Blue Devils. Hauer-sperger, Cole Cardiff, Golightly and Chambers teamed up to finish 3rd in the 4x100m relay, while the 4x200m quartet of Cody Witte, Bailey Keith, Silas Jones and Kendrick Roy ran 5th. Hauer-sperger, Roy, Cardiff and Witte also ran 5th in the 4x400m relay.

8th grade girls run 6th

Evalice Callison soared over the bar at 4'10" to win the high jump at the Arcola Invite on April 22. Callison also finished 4th in the 1600m run. Baylee Martin finished 3rd in the 100m dash, the 4x100m relay quartet of Rebekka Bloom, Callison, Lauren Carter and Martin earned 4th place, the 4x200m relay team of Taylor Duke, Lyndsay Zoch, Briella Witt and Lila Thompson-Burton finished 6th and the 4x400 relay squad of Bloom, Witt, Zoch and Callison finished 4th. Lauren Carter leaped to a 5th place finish in the long jump for VGJH.



CADYN CAMP is in the middle of a long jump during the 37th Tuscola Open on April 21. Camp jumped for 15 feet and 7.75 inches. Photo by Tracy Hornaday.



BRADYN DOWLER launches off during the 4x200 meter relay race during the 37th Tuscola Open on April 21. The team ran the race in 1:37.22 and included Layne Rund, Kurt Zimmerman and Mason Carter. Photo by Tracy Hornaday.



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