

# Community Sports



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JAKE GILES pitches the ball during the April 28 game against Arcola. Villa Grove lost 10-3. Photo by Nancy Rairden.



BRADY CLODFELDER lunges out to pitch the ball during the April 28 game against Arcola. Villa Grove lost 10-3. Photo by Nancy Rairden.



COOPER CLARK goes to tag the sliding Arcola player during the April 28 game. Sam Bender is in the background. Villa Grove lost 10-3. Photo by Nancy Rairden.



LUKE ZIMMERMAN swings for the incoming ball during the April 28 game against Arcola. Villa Grove lost 10-3. Photo by Nancy Rairden.

## Villa Grove sports wrap for softball, baseball and track

By Tony Hooker

### Softball

*Bust Broncos*

Maci Clodfelder went 4-4 with 6 RBIs and 2 runs scored to lead Villa Grove to a 15-0 4-inning win over Cerro Gordo Bement on April 24. Alex Brown allowed only one hit while fanning 7 to earn the

win. Piper Kiser had the lone extra-base hit for the Devils, going 1-2 with a double and two RBIs. Addi Wilson helped the cause by going 2-3 with a pair of RBIs.

*Come out to play with Warriors*

Chloe Reardon went 2-3 with a homer and 2 RBIs to lead Villa Grove to a 6-4 win

over Tuscola on April 25. Piper Kiser also homered and drove in 2 for Villa Grove High School. Kiser was the winning pitcher, going 7 innings and allowing 4 earned runs on 9 hits while whiffing 4.

*Hasenpfeffer Bunnies*

Alex Brown pitched a complete game five-hit shutout, fanning 8 hitters and not

giving up a walk as the Blue Devils whitewashed Fisher 7-0 on April 26. Chloe Reardon homered for the second day in a row and drove in 3 runs, and school career home run leader Maci Clodfelder also knocked in 3 with a big fly of her own. Brown helped herself at the plate, going 2-4 with a pair of runs scored.

*Cage Wolves*

The Blue Devils made short work of Okaw Valley, winning 18-0 in 4 innings. Maci Clodfelder went 2-2 with a pair of doubles, 2 walks, 3 RBIs and 3 runs scored to lead the way offensively, while Alex Brown allowed just one hit while fanning 8 to earn the win. Izzy Dodd drove in 2 runs, Ella Schweighart tripled and scored twice, Olivia Jones scored a pair of runs and Kay-In Cordes doubled and scored three times. Alison Pangburn also dented the plate 3 times

for the Blue and Gold.

### Baseball

*Scuttle Pirates*

The Blue Devils pushed across a run in the top of the eighth inning and Cooper Clark made it stand up by throwing a scoreless bottom of the frame as Villa Grove High School defeated Cumberland 10-9 on April 24. Clark earned the win, throwing 3.2 innings of 1 run ball, striking out 3 Pirate batters. Luke Zimmerman drove in 4 runs, Sam Bender scored 3 times and Thomas Vandeventer drove in a pair of runs for Villa Grove. Zane Hosler scored a pair of runs to help the cause.

*Clawed by Tigers*

Paris scored 3 runs in the top of the seventh inning to earn a 9-7 win over the Blue Devils on April 27. Brady Clodfelder went 2-4 with 3

Rbi's to lead the way at the plate, while Parker Knierem took the loss, giving up 8 runs in 6.2 innings.

*Bucked by Riders*

Villa Grove dropped a 10-3 decision to LPC for Arcola on April 28. The Blue Devils managed only 4 hits against the Riders, while striking out 15 times. Brady Clodfelder took the loss, giving up 8 runs in 4 innings of work. Jake Gilles did a solid job in relief, allowing just 2 runs while striking out 5.

### Boys Track and Field

*At Spartan Classic*

Braden Dowler and Layne Rund were the only top 10 finishers for Villa Grove on Friday, April 28. Dowler took sixth in the 200m and Rund soared to an eighth-place finish in the high jump.



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