

# Golfers improve at Stone Ridge

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The Illinois Valley High School golf team is improving its confidence after playing at Stoneridge golf course on Thursday, April 7.

After a slightly shaky start at Eagle Point March 29, golf coach Matt Knight said the team played well overall and less seasoned players have covered a lot of ground since the start of the season.

"We have a lot of improvement coming from the guys at the bottom of the roster," Knight said. "We improved on our team score from the previous week and I

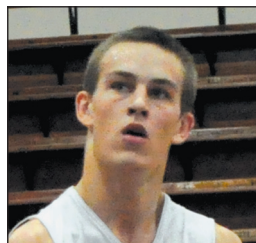
hope we can continue in the right direction."

Roger Hulst led the team with a score of 81, followed by Fred Hulst with 83. Tyler Robbins hit a 98 and Matt Coultas scored 105.

With the team in a new special district this year, Knight said there are no league matches, which means the Cougars will have to prove themselves in the District tournament at Eagle Point Golf Course on May 5.

"It will come down to how well we can perform at [Districts]," Knight said. "If we can continue to get better until then, we have a good shot at taking an individual or two to state if not the entire team."

Lady Cougar golfers were scheduled to play Wednesday, April 6 at Hidden Valley and are set to play again at Centennial Golf Course with host Phoenix today, April 13.



Fred Hulst



(Photos by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Freshman Catcher Keyanna Augustadt held her own when an Ashland player tried to steal home April 9 2011



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Senior first baseman Sabrina Vantassel prepares to crack one deep April 9 against Ashland.

# Cougars find bats

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The Lady Cougars dropped two to Ashland Saturday, April 9 at Illinois Valley High School. In the first game the ladies started slow but eventually found their bats and scored some runs. "We spent all practice Friday in the batting cages and

it showed" said head coach Cathy Pope.

The final score of the first game was 2-12 in the favor of Ashland. Game two the team picked up where they left off scoring four runs to end the game at 4-14.

The next game was scheduled at Glide High School on April 12. On April 14th the girls are set to travel to Hidden Valley.



Cindy Moore rounds first heading to second April 9.

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