

Sports



(Photo by Mark Jordan, *Illinois Valley News*)
Senior #2 Tyler Andrews prepares to throw during an early season home game against Bandon March 30. The next home game is Saturday April 27.

IVHS softball and baseball teams suffer more losses

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The Illinois Valley baseball team recently lost three games, the first of which took place on Tuesday, April 16, at IVHS against Cascade Christian and the following two in a doubleheader at St. Mary's. Cascade, whose record is 13-3,

shutout the Cougars with 13 runs in five innings. Pitching for the Cougars for the first 3 innings was Mason LaFlamme, who was later relieved by Zach Welch. The Cougars had no hits against Cascade and gave up two errors, while Cascade had 10 hits with no errors. "The Cascade Christian Challengers are defending state

champs," said head coach Javier Aranzubia. "They really played a good game." On Saturday, April 20, the Cougars headed to Medford to play the St. Mary's Crusaders, a team with a 13-5 record, and lost both games in the doubleheader (8-1 and 6-0.) Pitching for the Cougars in the first game was Welch up until the fourth inning when he was relieved

by Seth Arias, who pitched out the remainder of the game. Mason LaFlamme pitched the entire second game and William Housel caught for both games. "We played well, but we're still having trouble getting our bats going," Aranzubia said. Next on the schedule for the Cougars is an April 27 doubleheader against Rogue River, a team with a 6-9 record.

IVHS Softball loses two

In softball, the Lady Cougars played Cascade Christian, a team with a 5-11 record, at home and lost 18-6. The Lady Cougar's record now rests at 0-13.

IVHS track team competes at Crater Classic

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The Illinois Valley High School track team competed at the Crater Classic on Saturday, April 20, at Crater High School in Central Point. The IVHS girls' team finished 20th with a total of eight points. The boys' squad did not place in the competition, but Joshua Allen earned ninth in the pole vault (11-6). Grants Pass was awarded first place in both the boys' and girls' sides of the competition, earning 68.5 points and 89 points respectively. "Crater is a 6A school," said Head Coach Ray Yarborough, who couldn't attend the meet last week. "The Crater Classic is one of the biggest meets in the state and it oftentimes pushes the kids to their personal best." Hanola Jackson did particularly well, placing fifth in the triple jump (32-02), seventh in the 400 meters (1:02.46) and ninth in the 200 meters (27.29). "By looking at some of the times, I can see that Jackson pushed herself pretty good," Yarborough said. Theresa Frederick, meanwhile, took seventh in the high jump (4-10).

The next meet for the Cougars is the Bob Newland Frosh/Soph Invitational on Friday, April 26, at South Medford High School, which is strictly for freshmen and sophomores. Field events start at 4:00 p.m. and track events start at 4:30 p.m.

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