

Sports



Senior Miliya Stewart winds up for a pitch against Del Norte Saturday, March 22.

(Photo courtesy of Kelli Augustadt for The Illinois Valley News)

IVHS baseball wins double-header, Lady Cougars struggle to score

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The IVHS baseball and softball teams had their first pre-season games this past week.

On Tuesday, March 18, the IVHS baseball team went up against Del Norte during a home game. Although IVHS has some seasoned players, Del Norte was able to dominate the game with a 13-1 win. Head coach Jesse Dugas feels that the team was nervous about the first season game and needed to get the jitters worked out.

On the plus side, senior Zach Welch pitched four innings, helping the Cougars to stay in a competitive mode most of the game.

During Saturday's double-header against

Prospect, IVHS came together as a team and won both games. In the first game, the Cougars won 9-1. Zach Welch pitched seven innings, allowing only three hits. He had eight strikeouts and one walk. Eric Miller went two for three with one RBI. As a whole, the Cougars hit .375 and only had four strikeouts for both games.

In the second game, the Cougars took their second victory by a final of 13-4. Jason Bardeimeier, a sophomore, pitched seven innings with 10 strikeouts. Welch went three for three with a double and a triple. Lander Nordal went three for four with two doubles. The Cougars as a team hit .455. They had five doubles, two triples and nine RBI's. The boys also managed to get two steals in.

"If the team continues to progress, things should go their way," said Dugas.

Although the Lady Cougars are becoming a team, they seem to be struggling during games.

"They have the talent to do it, they just need to believe it," said head coach Bobbie Loyd of the girl's ability to be competitive.

The girls lost 0-19 to Del Norte during their first home game on Tuesday, March 18. Loyd is encouraging the girls, letting them know that this is a new season with a new start. The girls seem to be doing well during practices, but lose that confidence come game time.

On Saturday, March 22, the softball team went up against Prospect in a double-header while at home. The Lady Cougars struggled during the first game, losing again by a final of 0-19. Keyanna Augustadt was able to get in a single.

During the second game, the girls were able to get in a few runs. Shelby Mason, Emily Deters, Augustadt and Tayanita Stewart all were able to hit singles, while Anderson had two singles during the game. The girls still seemed to have a few pre-game jitters they were trying to work out, but Loyd is confident that they will pull through and come together as a team to win a few games.

Even with the girls fighting and playing their hardest, Prospect was dominant, taking the win 17-7.

The Cougars are scheduled to go up against Del Norte while on the road Tuesday, March 25. IVHS will have a home game, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 29, against Lost River.

IVHS track team off to a great start

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The IVHS Cougars had their first track meet on Monday, March 17, during St. Mary's Crusader Relays. The team currently has 26 athletes, most of them being fairly new to the sport of track.

Head coach Ray Yarbrough is confident in the athletes' abilities and hopeful that at least six members of the team will go to state to represent the Illinois Valley.

As a team, the girls took second during the meet, while the boys were able to place in a few events. While Yarbrough feels that the guys are strong this year, the girls seem to be dominating and could be a force to be reckoned with. Theresa Frederick and Halona Jackson are two returning athletes that qualified last sea-

son at state. Between the two, the girls' team has another good shot at qualifying for state again this year.

In the men's 3,000 meter race, Tyler Blind finished fifth with a time of 12:04.00. Myles Hodge, Keith Lewin, Skylar McClahanan and James Thompson placed fourth in the Men's 4x400 with a time of 3:50.70. Ross Gaynor placed seventh in the men's shot put with a score of 26-01.00. In discus, Ross Gaynor had a throw of 56-10, placing him in ninth place followed by teammate Seth Kitchens with a throw of 48-09 for tenth place. In varsity javelin Joshua Allan took ninth with a score of 85-07. In JV javelin, Seth Kitchens took 12th with a score of 39-03.

In the women's 3,000 meters, Alia Parker placed second with a time of 15:37.90. Allyssa Norriss took fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 21.00. Theresa Frederick placed first in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 53.60. In the 4x100 meter relay Aundrea Miller, Nacy Segura, Norriss and Jackson

took fifth with a time of 58.20. In the sprint medley relay, Jackson, Roza Jonas, Victoria Johnson and Savannah Baez took third place with a time of 2:09.00. Alex LaFlamme ranked fourth in the 4kg shot put with a score of 30-00.00. LaFlamme also placed fourth in javelin. With a score of 60-01, Miller ranked fifth in the women's JV javelin. Baez placed third in the women's high jump with a score of 4-03.00. In the long jump event, Johnson placed sixth with a score of 12-01.00, followed by Jonas, who took tenth place with a score of 10-07.50. In the women's JV long jump event, Miller took second with a score of 11-03.00, with teammate Alia Parker scoring 10-00.50, taking seventh. Jackson had a score of 30-00.00, taking first place in the women's varsity triple jump.

The Cougars next track meet is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 while on the road.

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