

Sports



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

#5 Junior Eric Miller brings on some heat during a 4-3 loss against Lakeview, Saturday, May 3

Baseball, softball squads both struggle to find wins

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The IVHS Cougars baseball team went up against St. Mary's while at home on Monday, April 28, in a continuation game. The game was called due to a heavy hail storm on Friday, April 25. The Cougars and the Crusaders held each other at bay the whole game until the last inning when the Crusaders were able to step up to the plate and score one more run. Zach Welch pitched the game, holding off the Crusaders with seven strikeouts and four walks. St. Mary's won the game, though, by a final of 4-3.

The boys struggled against St. Mary's in the second game due to the loss of four starters during the first game. The Cougars were not able to hold their own and lost the second game 1-11. St. Mary's won 11-1. Even with a tough loss, freshman Mason Thornhill pitched an eight inning game with five strikeouts and only four walks.

On Tuesday, April 29, the boys went up against the Rogue River Chieftains while at home. Eric Miller pitched the game, which lead to extra innings. Miller had one strikeout and two walks.

"It was a very close game," said head coach Jesse Dugas. With extra innings and the players out due to injuries, the

Cougars lost to the Chieftains 5-6.

This last Saturday, May 3, also proved to be a long day for the Cougars. They traveled over four to Lakeview for a double-header. With the long trek to play, the boys had trouble getting their feet back under them.

Senior Zach Welch pitched in the first game and had eight strikeouts and six walks. The Honkers were just one step ahead of IVHS the whole game, ultimately taking the win, 3-2.

During the second game, Eric Miller pitched seven innings. Miller had two strikeouts and five walks. The Cougars were able to score three runs in the first inning, but went scoreless after that. Lander Nordal scored a triple and Welch hit a double. The Honkers took the second game 4-3.

With five games in one week, Dugas feels the team is still very competitive.

"We got banged up a bit physically, but we stayed competitive," said Dugas.

The boys were scheduled to go up against Prospect/Butte Falls on Tuesday, May 6, after this paper's deadline.

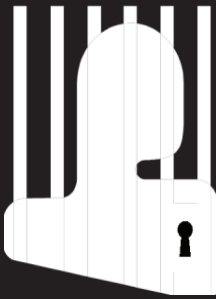
On Tuesday, April 29, the Lady Cougars squad went up against the Chieftains during a home game. The ladies were unable to contain Rogue River and lost 11-13.

On Saturday, May 3, the girls traveled with the guys to Lakeview to compete against the Lady Honkers in a double-

header. Following the long drive, the Lady Cougars were not able to keep up with the Honkers and lost both games. The first game's score was 0-13 and the final score of the second games was 0-16.

Like the boys, the Lady Cougars were scheduled to play Prospect/Butte Falls in a home game on Tuesday, May 6.

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