

Sports

Current losing streaks have not kept Cougars out of playoff contention

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The summer is near and with that brings the end of the baseball and softball regular seasons for I.V. High School (IVHS). The two teams will host their season finales on Saturday with doubleheaders against the Rogue River High School Chieftains and Lady Chieftains, respectively.

Lady Cougars looking to finish season strong

The Lady Cougars and head coach Beth Boatman are coming down the stretch

of the 2018 season and only have two more games to play. At 6-10 overall and 1-4 in 2A/1A Special District 6 despite being mired in a current five-game losing streak capped by 12-6 and 10-4 losses at Lakeview High School over the weekend, the Lady Cougars are still hanging on in regards to a postseason spot.

Illinois Valley is currently in second place in the region standings and is a game ahead of Rogue River. The two-game season-ending series between the two teams could be for a state playoff spot.

The only senior on the team is third baseman/outfielder DeDe Ellis.

Cougars in third place, looking up at playoff possibility

An eight-game losing streak has not kept the Cougars from fighting for their playoff lives this week starting with one of three home games to close the regular season. The Cougars will host the Crusaders of St. Mary's High School Tuesday before hosting Rogue River High School Saturday.

St. Mary's is currently in last place in region 3A-6 at 0-5 but the Cougars are not in a much better situation with just one

region victory to their name. Rogue River on the other hand is firmly in postseason position in second place in the region. Victories over either or both teams will do a lot to better the playoff possibilities for the Cougars.

Illinois Valley lost a doubleheader at Lakeview High School Saturday 10-0 and 6-0. The Cougars had not been shutout in consecutive games all season.

The Cougars' seniors include Dane Alvarez, Andrew Bell and Isaiah McLanahan.

Garden Club to sell plants for education

The Illinois Valley Garden Club is having a Spring plant sale Saturday, May 12 at 9 a.m. in the True Value parking lot on Hwy 199.

Fifty percent of the proceeds go towards Illinois Valley High School student scholarships. This year the I.V. Garden Club will be giving away two student scholarships.

It is recommended you come early because in the past they have sold out quickly. This year they will be having a special Mother's Day table, a kid's table with low-priced gifts for mom, and also a Country Store and, weather permitting, garden

bouquets. There will also be a bake sale going on.

Everything will sell at very reasonable prices. This can be a great chance to add a variety of vegetables, floral and other plants to your home and gardens. There will be veggie starts, common and rare plants, bulbs, tubers, shrubs, trees, annuals and perennials.

You can like the I.V. Garden Club on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ivgardenclub. For more information call President DeeAnn Qualls at 541-287-2111.



Aarika Brooks (right) and Haleigh Freitas (center) compete in the 100 meter dash at the varsity track tournament at IVHS Friday, May 4.

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