

Lady Cougars lose to Ashland; boys bring home 1 win from North Lake

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With the sun back in the sky and practices returning to the great outdoors, the Illinois Valley baseball team (2-6, No. 46) was able to pick up a win last week at North Lake in a double-header, but the Lady Cougars (1-7, No. 45) couldn't quite cut it against Ashland here at home.

On Friday, April 26, the Cougars made the five and a half hour trip to North Lake to play the Cowboys (2-6, No. 47) for a double-header in which they lost the first game (6-7) and claimed victory in the second (8-3).

"They scored the final run in the bottom of the seventh inning and beat us by one," said head coach Jesse Dugas. "Took us a while to settle in but once we settled in we played really well."

Both games were marked by a number of great hits and a solid team effort by all players.

According to Dugas, Elijah Polk had a double, Tanner Jolley had a couple of doubles, and Bryce Bruner hit really well, as did Noah Herrera and Tyi Brummett.

"There was no individual that really stood out. Everybody played really well," Dugas said.

Then Thursday, May 2, the boys take the Hosanna

Christian Lions (5-2, No. 20) for another double-header that kicks off at noon and despite their record, Dugas and the boys still have hope.

"I still think we're gonna match up well," Dugas said. "We started to find our stride again. We've been hitting well which is good. Defensively we've been playing well. Had some younger kids stepping up to some new positions. We're excited to play on Thursday."

And the on the softball side, the Lady Cougars played the Ashland Grizzlies in a non-league home game Tuesday, April 23, and lost 1-14 in the fifth inning.

Aidan Peters scored on an RBI and Mallorie Menning

had six strikeouts and no walks.

Lisa Wylie had recently transitioned into catcher, according to head coach Beth Boatman. This was her first home game and she was a complete wall behind the plate.

"We're just struggling with positions for everybody," Boatman said. "We've got five freshmen and six returners. We're just trying to put our best foot out there."

Tuesday, April 30, the girls face off against the Loggers at Butte Falls (2-5, No. 32) beginning at 4:30 p.m. and then Saturday, May 4, they head to Ashland for a double-header. The first game begins at 10 a.m.



No. 9 junior Jessie Page attemps to catch a ball during the home win against Butte Falls.



(Photo by Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

IVHS prom was held Saturday, April 27, and the following students stopped for a photo shoot with their limo: Abbigail Jones (left), Tierra Pfeiffer, Meron Jonas, Matthew Jones, Michaela Holsclaw, Sarah Maschmeyer, Chris Setzer, Alexis Milner and Jacob Wade.

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