

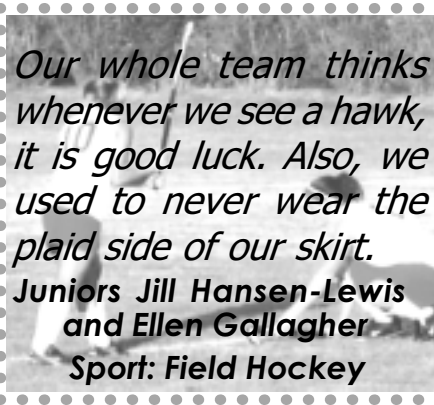
*I can open the gates in the dugout before a game but I can never close them. It started when I first started coaching. I shut the gate and my team had a bad inning, so I have never shut one since then.*

**Coach Kelly Kavanaugh**  
Sport: Softball



**Junior Dan Allen**  
Sport: Football

*My brothers and I have always worn these bands on our arms during every game.*



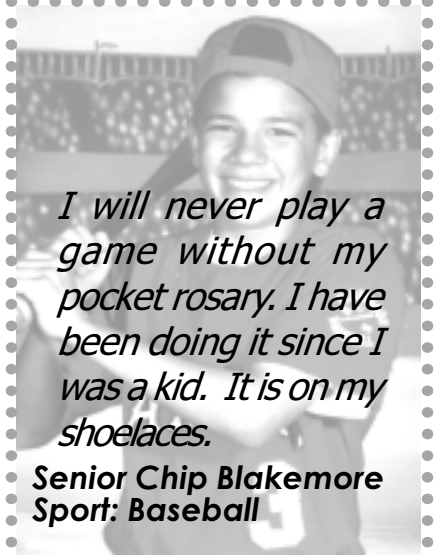
*Our whole team thinks whenever we see a hawk, it is good luck. Also, we used to never wear the plaid side of our skirt.*

**Juniors Jill Hansen-Lewis and Ellen Gallagher**  
Sport: Field Hockey

*Before every game our team gathers around in a circle and pray together. We feel that if the Lord hears us, we will do good.*



**Senior Andre Walker**  
Sport: Basketball



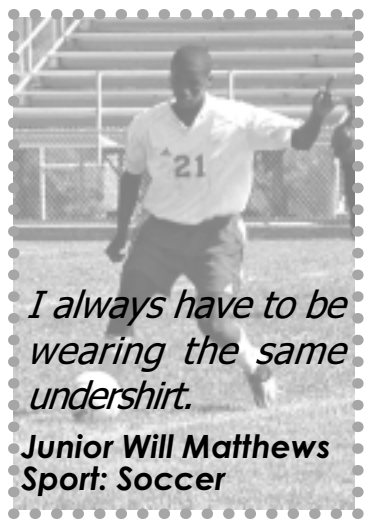
*I will never play a game without my pocket rosary. I have been doing it since I was a kid. It is on my shoelaces.*

**Senior Chip Blakemore**  
Sport: Baseball

# Sports Superstitions

*I run with a penny in my right shoe. I found a penny on a run and stuck it in my shoe. The next race I ran well, so I have not taken it out.*

**Junior Lindsey Geodeker**  
Sport: Track



*I always have to be wearing the same undershirt.*

**Junior Will Matthews**  
Sport: Soccer

Step on a crack and it could break your mother's back. Be careful not to cross the path of a black cat and person will forever have bad luck. Never open an umbrella inside; it is another sign of bad luck.

Superstitions are everywhere, and many people have them. In the above picture, the Girls' Varsity volleyball team prepares for a game. Before each game, the starting six go out on the floor and have a pep talk. Right before they take their spots, they huddle up and put their hands together to do a good luck cheer.

Superstitions are very common among sports. Many teams perform rituals, say prayers, or simply wear specific articles of clothing such as socks or arm bands that they think will bring them good luck.

Although many superstitions are left unsaid, *the Voyager* takes a closer look as athletes tell all on their personal superstitions.

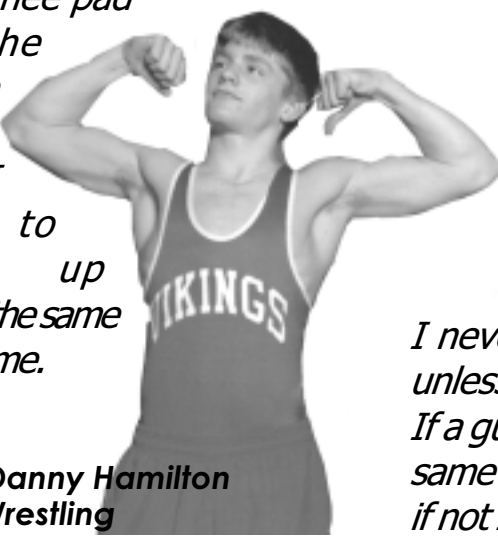


*I always have to be the last one out of the locker room. It is just a pre-game thing I always do.*

**Junior Kyle Hoefler**  
Sport: Hockey

*I always have to wear the same knee pad on the same knee, and I have to warm up exactly the same every time.*

**Senior Danny Hamilton**  
Sport: Wrestling



**Junior Tim Noe**  
Sport: Baseball

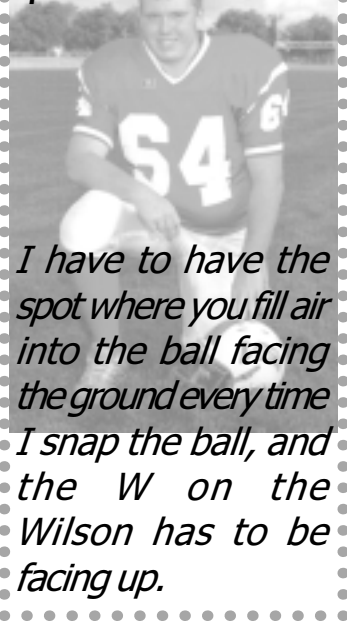
*I never step on the foul lines unless I am running the bases. If a guy is pitching well I do the same routine before the pitch--if not I switch it up.*



*I always have to keep these key chains in my bag. I have been doing it ever since I was little, I just think they are good luck.*

**Sophomore Chelsea Jones**  
Sport: Soccer

**Senior Kevin Lawlor**  
Sport: Football



*I have to have the spot where you fill air into the ball facing the ground every time I snap the ball, and the W on the Wilson has to be facing up.*