

## By the Numbers

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Overtimes in the Varsity Boys' Basketball Super-Sectional game against Thornwood.

# 66-15

Goals given up vs. goals scored for the Varsity Boys' Water Polo team in four games at the Fenwick Tournament last Saturday.

# 73

Number of consecutive free throws Sophomore Kevin Dillard made during a practice.

# 21.313

The new H-F Boys' Freshman/Sophomore indoor track record for long jump, in feet, set by Sophomore Jamar Walter last Saturday.

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The number of seniors each on the Varsity Girls' Soccer, Softball, and Boys' Tennis team.

## Despite major injury, baseball looks for successful season in new SWSC

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The Varsity Boys' Baseball season is now in full play and they have lots of things to look forward to this season.

The boys started way back in December when they conditioned daily in the weight room and in the field house. Hitting league started in January, and continued until tryouts.

The challenge will be on as the team, like many other sports, has switched into a new conference: the South West Suburban Conference (SWSC).

"We play all these teams every year anyway, but now we will be playing some of them more than once and facing their top pitchers," said Head Coach Todd Sippel. "It will be very challenging, but in the end I think that's a good thing for tournament time to get us ready," he

said.

The Vikings are currently facing a major setback and having to watch one of their star players, Senior Jake Lowe, suffer an injury. Lowe is out with a hip injury until further notice. "We're trying not to dwell on it," said Sippel. "Obviously it is not a good thing, but we are just trying to move

forward," he said.

Though Lowe is down, the boys have plenty of seniors to look up to. Seniors Nathan Weglarz and Mason Holman are the team's two returning starters from last year, and hope to step up even higher and point the team in the right direction.

Major League experience is also being brought to the Vikings this year as new pitching coach, Marvin Freeman has been helping the team. Freeman played professional ball for 11 years and was on various teams.

"A lot of our boys have experience in the frosh/soph level, but not yet in Varsity. We are lacking a little experience, but that only comes from playing a few games," said Sippel.

The Vikings first game was Wednesday against Hinsdale.

They will play a double-header tomorrow at home against Richards.



Photo by Joanna Dau

**High and mighty** Seniors Chip Blakemore, Brandan McAtee, Trenton Sanders, Bobby Price, and Mason Holman will lead the Vikings this year.



# S p r i n g



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## Looks like baseball and softball

## Softball looks to excel under junior leadership

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The softball team, as well as the baseball team, will work to find their place in their new Conference this year: the South-West Suburban Conference.

"Our players will be forced to work hard each day in practice to make themselves better players. In return, we will continue to get better as a unit," said Head Coach Kelly Kavanaugh.

The girls will look for a leader as they are made up of nearly all juniors, with three sophomores and just one senior. "[Having] one senior will not really affect us because most of our juniors are returning starters and that will help us. We are young in age, but not young in experience," said Kavanaugh.

The girls welcome new assistant coach Sandy Lessentine who will help guide the Vikings alongside Kavanaugh and assistant coach Larry Connor. "Coach Lessentine is a great asset to our club this year. She brings a very positive and motivating attitude that we need to succeed to the girls. She will force the girls to bring their competitive

ability to give 110 percent everyday," said Kavanaugh.

The girls will look up to many returning players that are ample in experience.

Juniors Stacy Struzynski and Ali Wojack have played on the Varsity level since they were freshmen, and are a very experienced pitcher/catcher duo. Juniors Sara Conroy and Carly Herweck have also played at higher levels since freshmen year, where they started up on the sophomore team and played on Varsity as sophomores.

"We hope to get better everyday, learn from our mistakes, to win in conference play and to do well in the post season," said Kavanaugh.

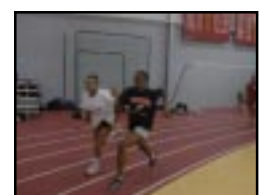
The girls will travel to Carbondale today and take part in a weekend tournament. Their first home game will be on Tuesday against Thornton at 4:30.



**Strut your stuff** Junior Stacey Struzynski has been playing with Varsity since she was a freshman. She looks to lead the Vikings this year.



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