

By the Numbers 27

Goal attempts by the Girls' Water Polo team in their game against Andrew

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Difference, in seconds, between first place and third place in the 100-meter dash during the Varsity Boys' H-F Track Invite last Saturday where Junior Mike Lavizzo came in third

13

Strikeouts by pitcher Junior Stacey Struzynski in Tuesday's game against Bolingbrook

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Personal best records set by the Varsity Girls' Track team last Saturday at the Rock Island Invite

9

Home runs the Varsity Baseball team has hit this season



Fast Facts

Senior Nathan Weglarz has launched three homers and is batting **.469**

Pitcher Senior Nick Baratta is leading the team with **21** strikeouts

Senior Mason Holman leads the team with an on base percentage of **.488**



*Statistics as of Tuesday

Baseball evens record at eight

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The Varsity Boys' Baseball team has gotten off to a little bit of a rocky start, but as of Tuesday had leveled their record at 8-8.

Head Coach Todd Sippel and the boys are 0-2 in conference play with losses to Lockport and Sandburg. Monday's game against Bolingbrook was called off due to a previous rainfall. They dismantled the Bolingbrook Raiders on Tuesday, shutting them out with a 10-0 score.

"I think we are playing well and with our great coaching we should be able to turn things around," said Junior Ben Huegel.

Though the boys are making quick progress there is a little room to improve. "There are a few plays we are not making; it's just bad timing," said Senior Brandan McAtee. "We need to focus a little bit harder, we are not playing to our potential," he said.

Senior Nick Baratta has lit up the mound and pitched very satisfyingly for the Vikings. Senior Nathan Weglarz has been shining all season with three home runs, two in one game alone.

The boys hope to take their strong points with them into the second half and polish a few areas. "We need to keep working hard on defense. We have defensive breakdowns way too often," said

Sippel. "If we start making all the plays, we can beat anybody."

Senior Trenton Sanders analyzes the season and puts together the main ideas on what the boys need to do. "It might seem like we're off to a slow start, but last year we were off to a slow start; then we picked it up somewhere between the middle to the end of the season. Our pitching is doing great, our fielding is a little [down] at times but our bats our coming around again. Once [Lowe] comes back, it will enhance our teams capability to score some runs and put us back to the elite H-F baseball team that we have been in the past," said Sanders.

The boys will go head to head against rival Marian Catholic today at 4:15 pm.

Softball team falls short to Bolingbrook 0-1

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The Varsity Girls' Softball team had a very quiet game against the Bolingbrook Raiders on Tuesday and was shut out 0-1. Junior pitcher Stacey Struzynski threw a solid game, striking out 13 batters, but her team could not quite hold her up with runs.

Despite Tuesday's loss, Head Coach Kelly Kavanaugh and the girls have been off to a booming start and are recently coming off a ten-game winning streak. The long awaited match up against archrival Marian turned out as a nail biting 2-1 victory for the Vikings. The girls hold a record of 13-7.

The calamity of the Vikings' bats in Tuesday's game earned them an uncharacteristic total of four hits in the game. Struzynski coasted through the first inning with no trouble and a strong defense from third-baseman Erin Fitzpatrick kept Bolingbrook down to two base runners. The girls went scoreless in the bottom of the first and were back on the field to try and



All wound up Junior Stacey Struzynski has been a sensation for the Vikings so far this year.

hold the Raiders. A costly error turned into a run and the Vikings were suddenly down by one.

Junior Becca Dobrez reached on a walk in the second. Unfortunately, the following

batters were not able to bring her around to score. "We didn't play like we can play," said Dobrez. "We weren't hitting, and we didn't get hits when we needed to. We made errors, but it is alright because our problems are fixable," she said.

Junior Sara Conroy lead-off the bottom of the fourth with a single to left but was forced out at second on a fielder's choice. Dobrez was next to reach base but the semi-rally came to an abrupt end.

Struzynski continued throwing heat and struck out another three batters in the top of the fifth. The bottom of the fifth was off to a promising start with a single by Fitzpatrick. Junior Emily Haderlein came out to run for Fitzpatrick but was later stranded at third base and the Vikings remained scoreless. "We played better today and we are gaining our spirit back and hoping to end our losing streak," said Struzynski.

The Vikings fell just short and were defeated 0-1.

The girls will look to redeem themselves tomorrow when they travel to and face off against Crete Monee at 11 am.

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