

VICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Athletic Highlights

2013-2014



“Athletics the best value in Education”

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The student athletes of the 2013-14 school year have continued to build on the traditions of the past while raising the bar for future generations. As with previous years, student athletes have continued to reap the benefits of participation in interscholastic athletics including character, discipline, leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The Vicksburg Community Schools' coaches continue to expect our student athletes to be quality citizens, model students and hard-working athletes; and our athletes have answered that call.

The Vicksburg Community Schools' athletic program has many people to thank for its continued success this year. The first and most obvious goes to the coaches for their countless hours of dedicated service both on and off the field.

The next note of thanks goes to Rubie Gaudette who has been with Vicksburg High School, via WMU/KVO, this past year and continues to go above and beyond the call of duty for our student athletes in order to best ensure their safety and speedy recovery from injuries.

In addition, Rhonda VanderKamp coordinates the many tasks of the athletic department. Here are just a few of the many jobs that Rhonda does to help the athletic department run smoothly: on a daily basis she provides the coaches and me with the comfort of knowing that paperwork will be on time and completed accurately, that schedule conflicts will be minimal or avoided due to the double checks she makes, that cash boxes, rosters, and eligibility are ready and accurate, and that officials will be here for scheduled contests because she has verified their schedules.

Special recognition should be given to the transportation, maintenance, grounds, and custodial department for their efforts. Without them athletics would not be possible.

Finally, I would like to thank the administration, including you, the Board of Education; High School Principal, Mr. Keevin O'Neill; High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Adam Brush; VMS Middle School administrators Mrs. Laura Kuhlman and Mr. Matt VanDussen, and Superintendent, Charlie Glaes for their continued support, confidence and leadership that enables me to do the best job I can for the student athletes of Vicksburg Community Schools.

As you will see in the attached pages, Vicksburg Community Schools has had another very successful year in athletics.

Respectfully Submitted,

-Michael Roy, CMAA
Athletic Administrator

VISION STATEMENT

To provide the highest quality educational athletic program for Vicksburg Community Schools, students, staff and community members that will meet the educational, technological and facility demands and expectations of its participants.

ALL WOLVERINE ACADEMIC TEAM

**Daniel Kosiba
Alexandria Oswalt
Kathryn Thamann**

The Wolverine Conference has instituted the “All-Academic Team” to promote the concept of the student/athlete. Vicksburg High School had an outstanding group of student/athletes recognized for this honor. Honorees must have earned two varsity letters during their final three years of high school in MHSAA sponsored sports and attained at least a 3.3 G.P.A. or above, at the conclusion of their seventh high school semester. With the reality of only 1 in 12,000 receiving an athletic scholarship, emphasis on the student/athlete is critical.

MHSAA Committees Served

Golf Rules
Baseball Umpires
Softball Umpires
Awards

WHAT CAN CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS?

Fundamental Motor Skills – Skills for Recreation and Leisure
Social Competence – Moral Integrity
Loyalty to a Common Cause – Respect for Others
Respect for the Letter and Spirit of Rules
Emotional Stability Under Stress
Enjoyment of Competition
Accepting of Constructive Criticism
Respect for Authority – Positive Self-Concept

Excerpt taken from Fair Play...”Let’s Get Back to the Game”

VICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL HAS DEMONSTRATED A LEADERSHIP ROLE AS A HOST IN THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENTS

MHSAA Tournaments

Semifinal Football
Team District Wrestling
Individual District Wrestling
Team Regional Bowling
Individual Regional Bowling
Class "C" Basketball Quarterfinal
Girls District Soccer
Boys District Golf

Greater Kalamazoo Tournaments

Girls Golf
Boys Golf

Wolverine Conference Tournaments

JV Boys Tennis
Bowling
Baseball

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Vicksburg Athletic Booster Club Awards six \$500 scholarships and two \$1,000 scholarships. These awards are presented to four male and female athletes. Coaches along with the Athletic Director vote to determine the \$1,000 recipients basic on athletic achievements and character. To be eligible, the student must be a senior, a 4-letter winner and must have been accepted by an institution of higher education.

Female

*Jenna Fort
Cara Hoover
Kristen Jones
Sydney Taylor

Male

*Lucas Mallery
Brad Spieldenner
Wade Stacey
Hayden Waterhouse

*Denotes \$1,000 recipients

MHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD NOMMINEES

Alexandria Oswalt
Hanna Ouvry
Anna Roodbergen
Kathryn Thamann

Austin Dinzik
*Daniel Kosiba
Matthew Lowes

* Denotes MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Finalist

The greater the unity of **parents**, **student/athletes**, and **coaches**, the better the learning environment – the result is increased student outcomes! When students improve, everyone is a winner.

2013-14 TEAM SUMMARIES

(Information provided by coaches' end-of season packet)

Football

Coach Tom Marchese (6th Year)
Divisional Finish: 4th
Overall Record: 4-5
MVP: Lucas Mallery
MIP: Cody Cousins

Girls Cross Country

Coach Sue Oesterle (6th Year)
Wolverine Place: 1st
Divisional Finish: 1st
MVP: Gabrielle Perrin, Layna Steele
MIP: Victoria Thamann
Academic All-State
Coach of the Year: Sue Oesterle

Boys Cross Country

Coach Jon Langworthy (2nd Year)
Wolverine Finish: 4th
Divisional Finish:
MVP: Hayden Waterhouse
MIP: Tyler Lewis

Boys Soccer

Coach Steve Devries (7th Year)
Wolverine Finish:
Divisional Finish:
Divisional Record:
Overall Record:
MVP: Jacob Windle
MIP: Jude Wisser
Academic All-State

Volleyball

Coach Katrina Miller (4rd Year)
Wolverine Finish: 2nd
Divisional Finish: 1st
Divisional Record: 6-0
Overall Record: 36-19-6
MVP: Olivia Welch
MIP: Morgan Bullock
Academic All-State

Fall Cheerleading

Coach Nicole Laster (1st Year)
MVP: Brooke Bowers
MIP: Kayla Davenport

Boys Tennis

Coach Warner Offord (6th Year)
Wolverine Place: 4th
Divisional Finish: 3rd
Divisional Record: 2-2
MVP: Mitchell Wilson
MIP: Chase Tyre
Academic All-State

Girls Golf

Coach Jennifer Baldwin (2nd Year)
Wolverine Place: 6th
MVP: Hanley Truhn
MIP: Kendallyn Freeland

Boys Basketball

Coach Shawn McGuire (4th Year)
Wolverine Finish: 9th
Divisional Finish: 4th
Divisional Record: 4-6
Overall Record: 7-14
MVP: Brad Spieldenner
MIP: Mitch Wilson
Academic All-State

Girls Basketball

Coach Paul Gephart (1st Year)
Wolverine Finish: 11th
Divisional Finish: 6th
Divisional Record: 1-9
Overall Record: 5-16
MVP: Grace Welch
MIP: Layna Steele

Wrestling

Coach Doug Fuller (4th Year)
Wolverine Finish: 4th
Divisional Finish: 2nd
Divisional Record: 3-2
Overall Record: 19-9
MVP: Cody Cousins/Lucas Mallery
MIP: Dustin Fuller
Coach of the Year: Doug Fuller

Competitive Cheer

Coach Stacy Childs (6th Year)
Wolverine Place: 4th
MVP: Ciera Rance
MIP: Kasey Tassell
Academic All-State

Girls Bowling

Coach Ed Mullins (1st Year)
Wolverine Place: 3rd
Overall: 8-8
MVP: Dani Kalleward
MIP: Sarah Waldron

Boys Bowling

Coach Jim Ellinger (2nd Year)
Wolverine Place: 3rd
Overall: 8-8
MVP: Sam Gustavson
MIP: Kyler Ridenour

Baseball

Coach Brian Deal (16th Year)
Wolverine Finish: 2nd
Divisional Finish: 1st
Divisional Record: 9-0-1
Overall Record:
MVP: Brad Spieldenner
MIP: Mitchell VanSchoick
Coach of the Year: Brian Deal

Softball

Coach Paul Gephart (2nd Year)
Wolverine Finish: 2nd
Divisional Finish: 1st
Divisional Record: 9-1
Overall Record:
MVP: Shaidan Knapp
MIP: Carlie Kudary
Academic All-State
Coach of the Year: Paul Gephart

Girls Soccer

Coach Mike Moldaven (2nd Year)
Wolverine Finish: 9th
Divisional Finish: 6th
Divisional Record: 0-5
Overall Record: 8-10-2
MVP: Brianna Wines
MIP: Faith Morris
Academic All-State

Boys Track

Coach Dave Smith (16th Year), Jon Kachniewicz (33rd Year)
Wolverine Place: 6th
Divisional Finish: 1st
MVP: Liam Ward
MIP: Jude Wisser

Girls Track

Coach Sue Oesterle (6th Year)
Wolverine Place: 1st
Divisional Finish: 1st
MVP: Gabrielle Perrin
MIP: Emily Barnum
Coach of the Year: Sue Oesterle

Boys Golf

Coach Rob Johnson (20th Year)
Wolverine Finish: 2nd
Divisional Finish: 2nd
MVP: Mitchell Fevig
MIP: Adam Grabowski

Girls Tennis

Coach Warner Offord (7th Year)
Wolverine Finish: 3rd
Divisional Finish: 2nd
Divisional Record: 4-1
MVP: Alex Oswalt
MIP: Rachel Blough
Academic All-State

Lacrosse

Coach Daniel Mills (4th Year)
Conference Record: 3-6
Conference Finish: 6th
Overall Record: 7-12
MVP: Matt Lowes
MIP: Brad Mellinger
Coach of the Year: Dan Mills

**What we are we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.**
-Aristotle

ALL WOLVERINE HONORS

FALL

Football – 1st Team Nick Wallace, Lucas Mallery, Chad Hettinger, Wade Stacy, Matt Lowes, *Honorable Mention* Dalton Ketelaar, Keenan Erb, Cody Cousins, Jarrad Whited, Lucas Mallery

Volleyball – 1st Team Olivia Welch, Shannon Scott, Alex Oswalt, *Honorable Mention* Michaela Osterle

Boys Cross Country – 1st Team Hayden Waterhouse

Girls Cross Country – 1st Team Gabrielle Perrin, Layna Steele, Ali Chioda, Vicotria Thamann, Anna Roodbergen, Cara Hoover

Boys Tennis – 2nd Team Kaleb Lewis, Chase Tyre, *Honorable Mention* Daniel Gwin, Logan Tassell, Mitchell Wilson, Quintin Haring

Boys Soccer – 1st Team Jacob Windle

Girls Golf – 1st Team Hanley Truhn

WINTER

Boys Basketball – 1st Team Solomon Barwegen, *Honorable Mention* Brad Spieldenner

Girls Basketball – *Honorable Mention* Grace Welch

Wrestling – 1st Team Cody Cousins, Wade Stacey, 2nd Team Luke Mallery, Chad Hettinger, *Honorable Mention* Colin Morgan, Kaleb Lewis, Hayden Waterhouse

Competitive Cheer – 1st Team Ciera Rance, Kacey VanDerbos, Cayla Klimach, *Honorable Mention* Makayla Peacock, Brooke Bowers, Kasey Tassell

Boys Bowling – 1st Team Logan Tassell, Sam Gustauson

Girls Bowling – 1st Team Jamie Reenders, Dani Kalleward

SPRING

Baseball – 1st Team Brad Spieldenner, Mitchell VanSchoick, Trace Slancik, Brenden Lovell, *Honorable Mention* Conner Henderson, Dalton Ketelaar

Softball – 1st Team Shaidan Knapp, Kayla Davenport, Jenna Fort, Amber Beal, *Honorable Mention* Rachel Peterman, Grace Stock, Olivia Holmes

Girls Soccer – 1st Team Brianna Wines, *Honorable Mention* Hailey Klingele

Boy's Golf – 1st Team Mitchell Fevig, Adam Grabowski, *Honorable Mention* Tyler Leach

Girls Track – 1st Team Gabrielle Perrin, Kacey VanDerBos, 2nd Team Michaela Oesterle, Layna Steele, Cara Hoover, Emily Barnum, Natalie Glaes, Olivia Welch, Liz Weddon, *Honorable Mention* Skylar Rogenski, Desiree Gonzalez, Renee DeBault, Sydney Taylor

Boys Track – 1st Team Kevin Couk, Austin Hallam, John Hughes, Tyler Lewis, *Honorable Mention* Liam Ward, Dustin Fuller, Jacob Windle, Tanner Mendham, Jordan Hallam, Deondre Lovell, Mark Batican, Jacob Root, Alex Knox, Jude Wisser, Riley Skrzypek, Lucas Mallery, Nicholas Wallace, Zach Bowman

Girls Tennis – *Honorable Mention* Alabina Zaganjor, Alex Oswalt, Marie Ludemann, Julia Cantu, Calista Kaufman, Claire Mutch, Katie Reed, Rachel Blough, Karissa Wilson

Lacrosse – 1st Team Matt Lowes, 2nd Team Justin Gearig, *Honorable Mention* Scott Vreeman, Blake Rankin

SUSAN LITTLE AWARD

Each year Vicksburg High School presents this award to the most outstanding female athlete in her graduating class. This award is given as a memorial to the late Susan Little.

Emily Barnum

C.F. LINTON AWARD

This award is presented each year as a memorial to the late C.F. Linton, former teacher, principal and coach. It is presented to the most outstanding senior male athlete.

Lucas Mallery

2013-14

WOLVERINE DIVISION & CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

EAST DIVISION WEST DIVISION CONFERENCE

FALL SPORTS

Boys Cross Country	Otsego	South Haven	Otsego
Girls Cross Country	Vicksburg	Edwardsburg	Otsego, Vicksburg
Football	Paw Paw	Edwardsburg	-----
Girls Golf	-----	-----	Comstock, Plainwell
Boys Soccer	Plainwell	South Haven	Plainwell
Boys Tennis	Otsego	Edwardsburg	Allegan
Volleyball	Vicksburg	Three Rivers	Three Rivers

WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball	Otsego	Edwardsburg	Otsego
Girls Basketball	Otsego	Three Rivers	Three Rivers
Boys Bowling	-----	-----	Coloma
Girls Bowling	-----	-----	Paw Paw
Competitive Cheer	-----	-----	Paw Paw
Wrestling	Allegan	Edwardsburg	Allegan

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball	Vicksburg	Edwardsburg	Paw Paw
Boys Golf	Otsego	Dowagiac	Otsego
Girls Soccer	Paw Paw	Edwardsburg	Paw Paw
Softball	Vicksburg	Coloma	Coloma
Girls Tennis	Allegan	Berrien Springs	Allegan
Boys Track	Vicksburg	South Haven	Three Rivers
Girls Track	Vicksburg	Three Rivers	Vicksburg

SPECIAL HONORS

FALL

Jacob Windle- Soccer, All-District Team, Academic All-State
Keenan Erb- Soccer, All-District Team
Nati Nuzzi- Soccer, All-District Team
Danny Kosiba- Soccer, Academic All-State
Austin Arnott- Soccer, Academic All-State
Kevin Couk- Soccer, Academic All-State
Olivia Welch- Volleyball, All-Regional Team
Shannon Scott- Volleyball, All-Regional Team
Hanna Ouvry- Volleyball, Academic All-State
Alexandria Oswalt- Volleyball, Academic All-State
Layna Steele- Cross Country, All-Region and All-State
Gabrielle Perrin- Cross Country, Academic All-State, All-Region and All-State

WINTER

Ciera Rance- Competitive Cheer, All-District, Academic All-State
Meredith Moore- Competitive Cheer Academic All-State
Brooke Bowers- Competitive Cheer Academic All-State
Dori Mulder- Competitive Cheer Academic All-State
Sarah Stasik- Competitive Cheer Academic All-State
Cayla Klimach- Competitive Cheer, All-District
Dustin Fuller, Wrestling- Regional qualifier
Brad Willis, Wrestling- Regional qualifier
Chad Hettinger, Wrestling- 100 career wins mark, finished his career with 143 wins. Regional qualifier, MHSAA State Qualifier
Wade Stacey, Wrestling- 100 career wins mark, Finished his career with 122 wins. Conference Champion, District Champion, Regional qualifier, MHSAA State qualifier
Luke Mallery, Wrestling- District Champion, Regional qualifier, MHSAA State Qualifier, State Placer, Academic All-State
Cody Cousins, Wrestling- Conference Champion, District Champion, Regional Champion, MHSAA State Qualifier, State Placer, Academic All-State

SPRING

Girls Tennis Team- State Qualifiers (first time in school history), 2nd Place Regional Finish
Alexandria Oswalt- Tennis, Regional Champion
Girls Track Team- Conference Champions, 2nd Place Regional Finish
Kacey VanDenBos- Track, Conference Champion 100M and 300M hurdles, State Qualifier 100M Hurdles, 15th at the MHSAA State Meet in the 300M Hurdles
Gabrielle Perrin- Track, Conference and Regional Champion 1600M and 3200M, State Qualifier 1600M and 3200M, 13th at the MHSAA State Meet in the 1600M run and 11th in the 3200M run
Brianna Wines- Soccer, Academic All-State, All-District Team
Shelby Getsinger- Soccer, Academic All-State
Sarah Westman- Soccer, Academic All-State
Hailey Klingele- Soccer, All-District Honorable Mention
Brittney Moldovan- Soccer, All-District Honorable Mention
Haley Nohava- Soccer, All-District Honorable Mention
Jenna Fort- Softball, Academic All-State, All-District Team
Shaidan Knapp- Softball, All-District Team
Carlie Kudary- Softball, All-District Team
Alexis Francisco- Softball, Academic All-State
Kristen Jones- Softball, Academic All-State
Rachel Peterman- Softball, Academic All-State
Liam Ward- Track, State Qualifier 300M Hurdles, 12th at the MHSAA State Meet in the 300M hurdles
Matt Lowes- Lacrosse, Conference Academic Player of the Year, Regional and Honorable Mention All-State
Justin Gearig- Lacrosse, Regional and Honorable Mention All-State

2014 Bulldogs playing at the next level

Abbey Sibley, Soccer- Chicago State University
Brad Spieldenner, Baseball- Kellogg Community College
Mikala Smith, Softball- Kellogg Community College
Savannah Johnson, Softball- Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Jessica Kelley, Softball- Glenn Oaks Community College
Alexandria Oswalt- Tennis Kalamazoo College