



Freshly paved
 The project to resurface Highridge Road was nearly completed last week when workers paved the asphalt surface of the road, which is located just north of Willowbrook High School. The project included the milling and resurfacing of Highridge from Ardmore Avenue to the village's west limits. The photo, taken Saturday, shows a westward view of the newly resurfaced road. Members of Villa Park's public works department stated at recent village board meetings that the road would be resurfaced before Aug. 17—the first day of Willowbrook's 2016-17 school year. According to information in Villa Park's capital improvement program, the overall project to resurface Highridge Road carried an estimated cost of \$436,000. Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner stated at a recent board meeting the project came in under budget. A federal grant reportedly covered approximately half of the project's cost.

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Police department issues release about fundraising

The Metropolitan Alliance of Police (M.A.P.) is the labor union representing patrol officers employed by the Villa Park Police Department for collective bargaining and legal representation purposes. Typically, M.A.P. solicits all residents and businesses within Villa Park once a year and that time is here.

The Villa Park Police Department would like to remind residents and business owners within Villa Park that solicitations made on behalf of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police are, without exception, made by employees of professional fundraising enterprises and not Villa Park police officers.

No Villa Park police officers are involved in the practice of soliciting money from residents or businesses over

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Donations requested in the name of M.A.P. fundraising efforts go to support union activities and are not given to the Villa Park Police Department. A good way to identify this type of solicitation is when the solicitor offers to send a representative to your home or business to collect your donation.

This practice has been common amongst professional fundraising firms used by M.A.P. locally in the past. Solicitors who claim that donated monies directly assist the police department are simply misrepresenting the facts.

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involves the reconstruction of Astor Court from Summit to Myrtle avenues and Myrtle from Park Boulevard to Highland Avenue. The road reconstruction portion of the project—about \$660,000—is funded with proceeds from the November 2014 referendum. The overall project, however, includes the installation of storm sewer to separate the combined sewer system. The unfunded sewer separation component of the project has an estimated cost of about \$840,000.

Another project that may require direction from the board consists of the replacement of existing water mains on North Iowa Avenue (from Stone Road to Vermont Street), on North Michigan (also from Stone to Vermont) and on Vermont (from Wisconsin to Harvard avenues). The water mains in the project area reportedly have a high incidence of breaks.

Additionally, some of the existing mains are 4 inches in diameter and provide insufficient capacity. The project—labeled in the village's capital improvements plan as the College Streets Improvement Project—includes an IEPA loan of over \$2 million to pay for new water mains. The overall project also includes about \$900,000 in pavement improvements covered by funds from the November 2014 referendum.

The last two board meetings have included several references to the project that includes the reconstruction of Michigan Avenue between Park Boulevard and Madison Street. In addition to reconstruction of the road, the project includes the installation of new storm sewers, which will reduce the frequency of flooding, as roadway drainage will no longer be connected to the combined sewer system. A combined system conveys both storm water and sanitary sewage through the same pipe. Juskelis said during the Aug. 8 meeting that about one third of the village's overall system still consists of combined sewers.

The total overall cost of the project on Michigan between Park and Madison is about \$3.1 million. The road improvement portion of the project

will cost about \$875,000, which will be paid for with funds related to the November 2014 referendum. The storm sewer installation portion of the project will cost nearly \$650,000. The largest cost of the \$3.1 million project is an expense of about \$1.3 million for the installation of a new 10-inch ductile water main that will increase the capacity of the village's water supply system. Keehner said during the July 11 board meeting Villa Park was unable to apply for an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan for the water main expense because the village could not guarantee repayment of the loan. IEPA loans are payable over 20 years at an interest rate of about 2 percent.

"NEVER PLEASANT TO ASK FOR MONEY" FROM TAXPAYERS

If voters approve the referendum to raise the sales tax, the money generated from the increase could be used to fund components like water main replacement. Juskelis stated during the Aug. 8 meeting the IEPA recently confirmed that the village could use sales tax proceeds to pay off an IEPA loan.

"It's all the underground stuff we're looking for money now to fund," said Bulthuis, who asked Juskelis if the water and sewer components of road projects funded by the November 2014 referendum had priority over pieces of projects not connected to that \$23 million bond issue.

"Our first priority is referendum projects," said Juskelis, who said the village has a finite time to complete the road work with funds related to the referendum of November 2014.

Explaining his support of the decision to seek the sales tax increase, Bulthuis stated that raising the rate would lessen the burden on village residents, as non-residents who shop in Villa Park would contribute some of the funds that would pay for underground projects.

"It's never a pleasant thing to go to the taxpayers and ask for money," added Wagner, who said the upcoming town hall meetings would be im-

portant to engage in a dialog with residents and make the case for the need to increase the sales tax.

"My only concern about this is, when we did the road referendum, we spent a lot of time engaging the public, and in fact, we had about two months from the time that we had discussed maybe putting something on the ballot to when we actually put something on the ballot," said Bullwinkel, referring to the process leading up to the voter-approved referendum of November 2014. The village president then suggested that the board put the sales tax referendum on the ballot in April 2017 to allow more time to provide information about the issue to residents.

"People who have been in Villa Park forever know that it's not easy getting referendums passed in this town," added Bullwinkel, who asked Keehner about the option of borrowing money from the village's corporate fund to pay for underground components of road projects. Keehner responded by stating the village currently has a balance of about 140 days in the corporate fund, meaning the fund has enough money to operate the village for 140 days. He said the village presently operates on about \$56,000 per day.

That amount—\$56,000—multiplied by 140—would indicate that the corporate fund's current balance is about \$7.8 million. He said the village's bondholders prefer Villa Park to hold a corporate fund of at least 90 days. The balance stood between 40 and 50 days when Keehner became Villa Park's village manager in April 2011.

"We're going to get the town hall meetings going," said Bullwinkel moments after board members voted to move the proposal to the formal agenda. The 6-1 vote during the formal agenda to approve the placement of the referendum question on the Nov. 8 ballot took place several minutes later. Bullwinkel then encouraged residents to attend the town hall meetings and engage in discussion about the issue.

"It's going to be a quick process," she said.

State education and health agencies issue reminder for student immunizations

DuPage High School District 88, which includes Willowbrook High School, recently forwarded information from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) regarding the importance of childhood immunizations. August marks National Immunization Awareness Month.

"As students are beginning to head back to school, the ISBE and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) encourage parents and guardians to ensure their children's immunizations are up to date," stated a news release from the ISBE.

According to the release, changes to school immunization requirements for the 2016-17 school year include:

- Students in kindergarten and grades two, six, seven, eight, nine, 10 and 11 must show proof of having received two doses of varicella. Students in all other grades must show proof of one dose of varicella. The two-dose rule formerly applied only to students entering kindergarten and grades six, seven, nine and 10.
- Students entering grades six, seven, and 12 must show proof of immunization for meningococcal. This immunization formerly was required only of sixth- and 12th-graders.

The vaccination revisions are supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

"The State of Illinois requires children have vaccinations before they enter school to protect them from a variety of diseases," stated the ISBE release. "For school entrance, students must show proof of vaccination against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, haemophilus influenza type B, hepatitis B, and varicella, as well as pneumococcal and now meningococcal (depending on age) vaccinations."

The release added that in addition to immunizations, all students enrolling in kindergarten—in a public or private school—and any student

enrolling for the first time in Illinois (with the exception of preschoolers) must also have an eye examination. The eye exam needs to be performed by a licensed optometrist or medical doctor who performs eye exams and is licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Additionally, all students enrolled in kindergarten, second grade, and sixth grade are required to have a dental examination.

"Also, all children must complete a physical examination prior to entering Illinois schools for the first time, prior to the date of entering kindergarten or first grade, prior to entering sixth grade, and prior to entering ninth grade," the release stated. "The exam includes gender and date of birth; an evaluation of height, weight, body mass index (BMI), blood pressure, skin, eyes, ears, nose, throat, mouth/dental; cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, genito-urinary, neurological, and musculoskeletal evaluations; spinal examination; evaluation of nutritional status; lead screening; and other evaluations deemed necessary by the health care provider."

According to the release, these student health requirements for entry apply to all schools in Illinois—public, charter or private.

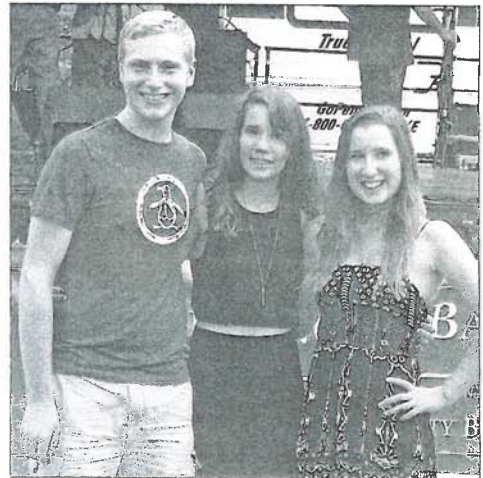
"It is important to keep an immunization record card for your child's entry into school," the ISBE release continued.

Students who do not show proof of the health examinations and/or immunizations by Oct. 15, or an earlier date established by their local school board, are to be excluded from school until the requirements are met.

"Excluding students from attendance assures that students and staff are protected from certain diseases," stated the release.

The IDPH provides additional immunization information on its website at www.dph.illinois.gov.

A special summer for local musicians



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The musical trio of (left to right) Dominic Glase and his cousins—sisters Caitlin and Meghan Foley—have enjoyed a memorable summer with their group—Fenced In. Glase and Meghan Foley both graduated from Willowbrook High School earlier this year. Caitlin Foley is a member of Willowbrook's Class of 2018. The three musicians recently competed in the Suburban Chicago's Got Talent event and won the fan favorite portion of the event on Aug. 6. The fan favorite award was decided by online votes after the competition's Top 20, Top 15 and Top 10 performance rounds. As the winner of the award, Fenced In received an entertainment package including gift cards from local restaurants, theaters and attractions valued at over \$600. Meghan Foley won the same honor last year as a solo singer and songwriter. On July 31, Fenced In won the Algonquin Regional competition of the Illinois Battle of the Bands. The victory gave the band a berth in the competition's state finals, which will take place Saturday, Aug. 20, in Springfield.

Montini lacrosse standout named an all-star at national tournament

Lombard's Taylor Minauskas, who is beginning her senior year at Montini Catholic High School this week, recently represented Illinois at the 2016 Brine All-American National Lacrosse Classic, which took place July 19-22 at the River City Sportsplex in Midlothian, Virginia, just outside Richmond. The tournament, which gives collegiate coaches an opportunity to scout some of the nation's top high school lacrosse players, featured 16 teams and more than 300 players in the girls division.

Minauskas began playing lacrosse during her freshman year at Montini. She spent most of her freshman season on the junior varsity team before being called up to the varsity squad for the post-season. She played on the varsity team throughout her sophomore and junior seasons. Before beginning her junior season for the Broncos earlier this spring, Minauskas took part in a tryout to represent Team Illinois at the Brine event in Virginia. Brine, a sporting goods manufacturer that was acquired by New Balance about 10 years ago, produces a wide range of lacrosse equipment, including sticks, helmets, gloves and protective gear.

Minauskas played in four games for Team Illinois at the event, taking part in battles against lineups from Ohio, New York, Delaware and Washington, D.C. She completed her time in Virginia by playing in an all-star game featuring standout players from the tournament's 16 teams. The coaches of the tournament's state teams selected the players for the all-star contest.

"I didn't think I was going to make the all-star team," said Minauskas. "It was so cool playing with girls from so many different areas. I made a lot of new friends and had a great time."

Before attending Montini, Minauskas went to Park View Elementary School from kindergarten through fifth grade and Sacred Heart School from sixth to eighth grade. She participated in a variety of sports at Sacred Heart, but not lacrosse.

"I didn't even know what lacrosse was," said Minauskas, who was interested in playing basketball when she arrived at Montini. "I was in a basketball camp, and the coach [Montini girls head coach Jason Nichols] said I should try lacrosse because of my aggressiveness and speed."

In addition to playing lacrosse at



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Taylor Minauskas is pictured attempting a shot for Team Illinois during the Brine All-American National Lacrosse Classic, which took place last month in Virginia. Minauskas is shown during her team's game against a team of players representing Washington, D.C. A Lombard resident and a senior at Montini Catholic High School, Minauskas is planning to play lacrosse in college. She's been a member of the Montini lacrosse program since her freshman year.

Montini, Minauskas played basketball during her freshman and sophomore years. She did not play basketball as a junior, but will return to the Broncos' basketball program for the 2016-17 campaign.

While Montini's lacrosse season takes place in the spring, Minauskas plays the sport year-round as a member of club teams in the summer, fall and winter. She has primarily played defense for the Broncos, but as a club player, she spends most of her time at the midfield position.

"Taylor is an intense person," said Michelle Sebastian, the head coach of Montini's varsity lacrosse team. "She does her best in everything. She works very hard, and she's always looking for ways to improve as a player."

Minauskas will continue to play lacrosse at the collegiate level. She has visits lined up at a few schools in the next couple of months.

"I'm definitely playing in college," said Minauskas, who added that she enjoyed the competition and style of play at the Brine event in Virginia. Minauskas, who is exploring the options of playing collegiately at the Division II level, said a majority of girls who played at the Brine tournament

have already committed to playing collegiately at a specific school, including some perennial NCAA Division I lacrosse powers like Maryland and Syracuse. Maryland has won three NCAA national titles since 2010. Syracuse has earned a pair of runner-up finishes in the NCAA tournament since 2012.

"They really let you play out there, which I like," Minauskas said after her experience in Virginia. She stated that the officials at the high school level in Illinois tend to stop the action frequently by blowing their whistles to signal an infraction. "It was a lot of fun, and the level of competition made me a better player."



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Taylor Minauskas of Lombard recently represented Illinois at the Brine All-American National Lacrosse Classic in Midlothian, Virginia. Minauskas, who's beginning her senior year at Montini Catholic High School this week, played in four games for Team Illinois at the event, which took place from July 19-22. Team Illinois was one of 16 teams at the tournament, which gave collegiate coaches an opportunity to evaluate some top-flight high school players. On her last day at the tournament, Minauskas played in the competition's all-star game. The coaches of the event's 16 teams selected the players for the all-

Area high schools hold pre-season events on Friday

The athletic programs at Glenbard East, Willowbrook and Montini will hold events at their respective high schools on Friday, Aug. 19, to kick off the fall sports season.

Glenbard East's Red and Black Pre-Season Night will feature scrimmages by the Rams' fall teams. The varsity girls volleyball team will begin its scrimmage at 5:30 p.m. in the main gymnasium. The varsity boys soccer team will take the stadium field at 6 p.m. for a brief scrimmage. Glenbard East's band will perform at the stadium at 6:40 p.m. The dance team will then deliver its own performance. The varsity football team will begin its scrimmage on the stadium field at 7:15 p.m. The Rams' co-ed cheerleading squad will give a performance after the football scrimmage begins. A parade of the Rams' fall sports teams will take place at the end of the football scrimmage.

The concession stand will offer pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, cold beverages and snacks during the pre-season night. Proceeds will

support the Glenbard East Boosters.

Willowbrook will hold its Silver and Blue Community Night event from 5-9 p.m. on Friday. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted, and tickets for a split-the-pot contest will be available. Proceeds will benefit District 88 students.

In addition to showcasing Willowbrook's fall sports teams, the event will recognize the school's clubs and performing arts students.

Montini's football team, which won the IHSA Class 6A state championship in 2015, will hold its Maroon vs. Gold scrimmage event at the school's stadium field on Friday. The scrimmage will begin at 6 p.m.

All three area high schools will begin the 2016 football season on Aug. 26. Glenbard East will kick off its season with a home game against Lake Forest. Montini will travel to Park Ridge to battle Maine South, while Willowbrook will open its season with a game at Grayslake North.



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ATHS celebrates 50th anniversary

Golf outing, alumni
hockey held; more
events planned

By Dee Longfellow

FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

On July 29 and 30, Addison Trail began its year-long 50th anniversary celebration with a golf outing and a hockey game.

More than 80 people attended the golf outing held at Indian Lakes Golf Course in Bloomingdale including Village of Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra, former Village of Addison Mayor Larry Hartwig and Village of Addison Trustee Harry Theodore. Despite inclement weather, Addison Trail alumni and friends, as well as administrators from the school and District 88, enjoyed a fun gathering and dinner.

The golf outing rain date has been scheduled for Sept. 23. For details, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2967.

Coach Gould returns, cheers on former students

The 50th Anniversary Alumni Hockey Game featured two games (divided by graduation year). In the first game, the Orange Team beat the White Team 9-3. In the second game, the Orange Team beat the White Team 8-7. Gary Gould, who coached the Addison Hockey Team from 1973 to 1979, was there to cheer on his former players.

Addison Trail will host events throughout the 2016-17 school year to celebrate 50 years of Blazer Pride. To stay up to date with those happenings, go to dupage88.net/AT50th-Anniversary. AT grads should be to register in AT's alumni database at dupage88.net/ATalumni.



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Make the most of your mentor

A mentor stops to greet a table of new teachers at District 4. It was part of the new teacher's orientation meeting and workshops held recently to prepare for the new school year, which is just around the corner. Full story and more photos elsewhere in this issue.

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Addison Trail football team gets back to work

Blazers enjoy productive summer, first week of fall practice

By Mike Miazza
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail football team rolled up its collective sleeves this summer.

Blazers coach Paul Parpet Jr. scaled back on the number of 7-on-7 events the team attended and instead focused on instruction.

"We had a good summer from a varsity standpoint," the coach said. "Actually, it was a really good summer. We steered away a little from the passing leagues and coached them a little more because we are young again. We are young, but with more experience. There's

some upside to having that."

Addison Trail hosted the West Suburban Conference 7-on-7 event and also participated in events at Lake Park and Conant.

"We didn't go to Wheaton-Warrenville South this year, it was more local and low-key venues," said Parpet Jr.

In assessing the progress the group made, Parpet Jr. said there is optimism on the offensive side of the ball.

"We have some skill on offense," he said. "Guys like Darrion Conrad, Stevan Jones, Ricky Perez and Nick D'Ambrose are back. Bobby Daniels was the quarterback the last two games. We bring back a lot of skill on offense."

Parpet Jr. is equally excited about

the offensive line's prospects. "And then you throw in the most important guys on the field, the line. We have three guys back there with Mike Renc, Jack Simko and Randy Petrbok," the coach explained. "You put that together with the skill players we have back and I think we will be pretty potent on offense. I think we'll be able to do some good things."

One question mark heading into fall practices is speed on defense. "That's the No 1 question mark right now," said Parpet Jr. "How fast can we be on defense? How quickly can we fly to the ball and stop the run? That's my concern right now."

Addison Trail wrapped up its first week of fall practices last week and

Parpet Jr. saw many of the same positives transfer over from the summer session.

"We have been going at night from 4-9 p.m., we were on the field from 6-9 p.m.," he said late last week. "We turn the lights on and we get our work in. The last couple days we had a little speed bump with it being so warm. We got through it and got our work done. It's been a good first week. We're getting better every day and that's what we hoped to take away from it."

Addison Trail started school earlier this week, which necessitated a change in the practice schedule. "Once schools starts, we'll cut it back a little bit," said Parpet Jr.

As part of the school's 50th anni-

versary celebration, Addison Trail will hold its Blue and White scrimmage Friday at the stadium. The event also will include the varsity boys' soccer team holding its scrimmage.

"The band and cheerleaders will be there. It's going to be a nice event," said Parpet Jr.

Parpet Jr. also has seen some added motivation thus far.

"Everybody has a bad taste in their mouths from last year, the coaches included," he said. "We're going to still be young in some key spots, but we have experience. We had four sophomores up with us last year who played significant time. That definitely is going to help us this year. These guys want to prove something."

Youth is the name of the game for Willowbrook boys golf team

Warriors have no seniors on 2016 roster

By Mike Miazza
CORRESPONDENT

When a team loses a large amount of seniors to graduation, by process of elimination the following year's roster tends to have a more youthful look to it.

Such is the case for the Willowbrook boys golf team, which has no seniors on its 2016 roster.

"Our team is super-young," said Warriors coach Gary Walker. "We have no seniors. Last year we had eight seniors and no juniors. It's been kind of strange that way the last two years. It's a great group of kids, but we're a young team."

Walker reported a strong turnout for tryouts last week. He ended up keeping 22 golfers in the program. "We have some strong golfers," he said. "It's going to be a fun season watching these kids develop."

The Warriors will be led by the likes of juniors Tim Keefe and Buddy Martens, along with sophomore Joey Guthrie.

Walker said he has high hopes for a trio of two sophomores and one freshman that he plans to rotate in and out of the lineup. "We'll see how that shakes out," he said. "If those guys do what they are supposed to do I see them being legitimate sectional qualifiers and shooting scores in the 70s in the next few years. They have some good talent."

Walker added this year's squad will be focused on season-long development with an eye toward being at its best during the championship portion of the season (confer-

ence tournament and state series).

"We're playing a competitive schedule," said Walker. "We take practice and our schedule very seriously. My assistant (Scott Forcash) and I talk about this every year. The kids improve so much in the two months we have them. We're confident this particular group will improve even more so because of the talent it has."

Walker said Downers Grove South is the favorite in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division. "And everybody else will fight it out for second place," he said.

Willowbrook got right into the thick of things earlier this week by opening the season in a pair of 18-hole invitationals hosted by St. Laurence and Addison Trail. The Warriors open the WSC Gold portion of its schedule on Sept. 2 against Hinsdale South.

"18-hole tournaments is the only way to go," said Walker. "You have to provide that opportunity for our kids."

Walker noted he again has a group of golfers of high character on and off the course. "These kids are great," he said. "They are some of the best kids in the school. Last year, of our eight seniors, seven were academic all-conference. These are great kids from great families. They are great students who wind up most of the time going on to study at Division I universities. I'm lucky."

After opening up conference play against Hinsdale South, the Warriors will host the annual John Hamann invitational at Sugar Creek in Villa Park on Sept. 3.

Willowbrook girls golf team ready for 2016 season

Longtime coach White lauds team's character

By Mike Miazza
CORRESPONDENT

The one thing that stands out the most for Willowbrook girls golf coach Jim White is a trait all coaches love to have.

"The strength of this team is how class the girls have become," he

said. "They all are willing to help each other to compete at a higher level. They all seem to want to improve as a team and as individuals."

Top returners for the Warriors include seniors Jocie Trausch, Maggie Karcz and Olivia Hartshorn, along with junior Sophia Parrillo. White said juniors Arielle Alibudbud and Olivia Rundgren also will

help. Freshman Julianna Paulsen is a newcomer to the team.

"The focus this year is to improve scores every practice and every match," said White. "The outlook for this year is to play and compete against the toughest teams in the state of Illinois and in one of the tougher conferences in the state (West Suburban Conference). Let's go out and have some fun."

IC Catholic Prep football team ready to tackle challenges ahead

Knights kicked off fall practices last week

By Mike Miazza
CORRESPONDENT

It was all systems go for the IC Catholic Prep football team last week.

The Knights kicked off fall practices and coach Bill Krefft reported a strong first week of drills. "It went real good," he said. "We are healthy and we have great senior leaders again. We'll be kind of young with younger players contributing. Overall, it was a good first week."

Krefft, whose team advanced to the state semifinals last year, liked what he saw on both sides of the football.

"We were in rhythm on offense specifically with Luke (Ricobene) back at quarterback, Robert Vitek at center and Jordan (Rowell) at running back," said Krefft. "We're in a rhythm way earlier than we have been. All the kids have a passion and are working hard. They are fired up. On defense we're running some schemes nicely and checking off on what we see. We're further along than we have been in the past. It's nice to have kids with experience who have

been through the fire."

Krefft also noted veteran Jimmy Kenneally is back at right tackle and defensive end. "He's another guy who has seen significant time for us and will be a big help," the coach said. "It's nice when you have the entire right side of the offensive line back."

Over the summer, the Knights took their annual retreat trip to Illinois Wesleyan and also did a pair of 7-on-7 competitions, including one at Evanston.

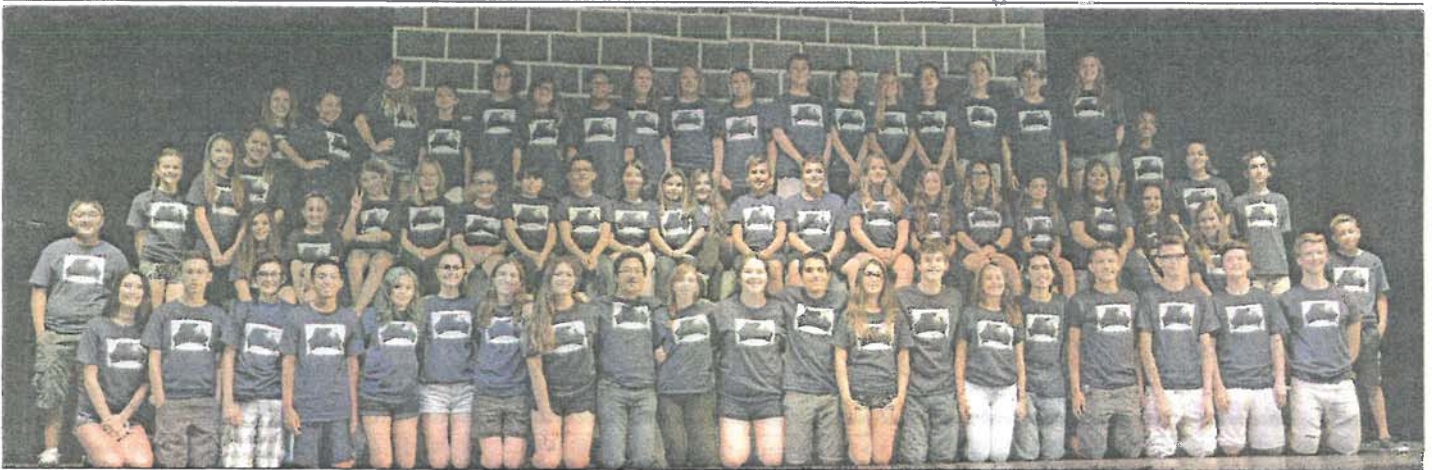
"The kids did a nice job this summer," said Krefft. "We kept it light in the summer and went real slow in getting everybody up to speed. Another key thing is our coaching staff continues to gel. They've come together even more now after having worked together a couple years now."

Krefft said a key leading into the regular-season opener next week will be to continue to install systems on both sides of the ball. "We're still at a base level where we haven't put a lot of things in yet," he said. "We'll get to that point. We also do not have the depth chart totally solidified yet with

who will be at each spot. We'll have some two-way players but not as significant as it has been in other years. One of the key things is to make sure we get things down from a personnel standpoint."

This year's captains include Kenneally, Vitek, Matt Sutton and Ricobene. "Our captains are leading us well," said Krefft. "It's a real tight group that has a lot of passion and motivation. All those captains have been there before and for the most part have been there for three years."

Krefft admits the team's motivation is sky high coming off last year's banner season. "We have to still take it one day at a time," he said. "We have to make sure we win tomorrow. There's definite buy-in with this group and you can see that from the level of work in practice. They come to practice every day with a workman-like mentality. To come in and see that is a joy. It's almost like late-season practices where the kids are running things a lot more. These guys are getting quality reps all the time. The level of buy-in with this group is significant."



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Pictured are students who attended Addison Trail's summer theatre camp. The camp took place from Aug. 1 to 5 and involved nearly 60 participants.

ATHS hosts summer theater camp for youth

From Aug. 1 to 5, Addison Trail Theatre hosted a summer camp for children to experience what theatre is all about.

This is the second year Addison Trail has hosted the camp, and nearly 60 students participated this year. Theatre Director Anna

Jakubka said the experience is an opportunity for kids to learn skills such as script memorization, blocking, acting techniques, painting, set construction, costume design, running lights and sound and more.

The camp was run by Jakubka, Addison Trail Theatre Tech Assistant Alex Holod, Addison Trail Career and Technical Education teacher Amy Murphy and Addison Trail students who comprise the Theatre Board.

"This camp is a way for kids to learn about theatre in a fun atmosphere," Jakubka said. "My goal is to expose them to the stage to en-

courage them to join theatre when they come to Addison Trail. I also want to spread awareness about the arts in the community."

On Aug. 6, camp-goers performed a one-hour show entitled "I Hate Shakespeare!" In the comedic play, Hamlet takes the audience through famous Shakespeare works to show how they can be lighthearted and entertaining. Jakubka said she chose that play because it allows for an expandable cast.

For more information, Jakubka can be reached at ajakubka@dupage88.net or 630-458-4168.

Little Italy Fest West opens Thursday Salute to The Bronx runs through Sunday

On Aug. 18-21, Ron Onesti's Little Italy Fest-West comes to Addison, this year for A Salute to The Bronx. The Fest, which will take place at Lake St., just east of Rte. 53 (Rohlfing Rd.), will include food, family fun, a carnival for kids and other activities, authentic Italian merchandise and more. A Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday.

The talent line-up includes The Bronx Wanderers; Chazz Palminteri and Louis Vanaria from the movie "A Bronx Tale"; The Bella, a girls singing group from The Bronx who will offer a salute to Connie Francis; and Sonny Averona Jr. and Johnny Bones, from Brooklyn who will channel Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis and Frank Sinatra.

There will be a culinary presentation by David Greco from The Bronx and kids are invited to make their own pizza.

Hours are Thursday, 5-11 p.m. (free admission); Friday, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, 12 noon to 11 p.m.; and Sunday 12 noon to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each for adults; free admission for kids. For more information, visit Oshos.com or call 630-962-7000

DuPage County earns national achievement award for Vactor Receiving Station

DuPage County has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

County Board Member Jim Healy (District 5), chairman of the County's Public Works Committee, was presented the award recently at NACo's annual conference. The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents.

NACo recognized the County's Vactor Receiving Station, a shared services initiative that reduces the cost of disposal of public works waste and debris and aims to keep pollutants out of area water supplies.

The station provides a cost-effective and environmentally-friendly method for waste processing, and ensures that liquid runoff is treated through the wastewater treatment plant. Currently, the station is used by seven municipalities and three contractors. DuPage won the NACo Award in the category of County Resiliency: Infrastructure and Sustainability.

"We are honored to receive such prestigious recognition from our peers in County government," DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin said. "The Vactor Receiving Station is another example of how shared services can provide real savings, an essential part of DuPage County's ACT Initiative which aims to make local government as efficient as possible."

"The Vactor Receiving Station is not only environmentally-friendly, but provides cost savings to DuPage County and to our municipalities. I'm thrilled that DuPage is recognized for our efforts to answer a community need, share resources and save taxpayers money while preserving our environment," said Public Works Committee Chairman Jim Healy.

NACo President Sallie Clark, commissioner, El Paso County, Colo., said, "County governments are leading the way in providing better, more innovative services to residents. The National Association of Counties applauds these Achievement Award-winning counties for outstanding efforts to strengthen communities across the country."

Nationally, awards are given in 21 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, environmental protection, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

NACo will recognize award-winning counties at its 2016 Annual Conference and Exposition July 22-25 in Los Angeles County, Calif.

Started in 1970, NACo's annual Achievement Award Program is designed to recognize innovative county government programs. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.

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Where DuPage districts stand after summer contract talks

Of six DuPage County school districts waging teacher contract talks during summer vacation, four were able to negotiate new agreements that either have been approved or are expected to be finalized soon.

But with the 2016-2017 academic year looming, two other districts still remain at the bargaining table. Here's a look at where those two districts stand, and the deals that have been made in the other four:

Addison Dist. 4

Negotiators have requested to meet with a federal mediator after making little progress in the latest round of talks.

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At the end of a bargaining session last week, the two sides agreed that they "would probably be best served by starting to work with a federal mediator," Superintendent John Langton said.

Since early March, the Addison Teachers Association and the district's negotiating team have met nearly a dozen times. The previous contract expired in June, and talks on a new deal have not resolved salaries and benefits issues, Langton said last week.

The union has more than 300 members in the district, where about 4,300 children are taught in an early learning center, seven elementary schools and one junior high. Students in first through eighth grades are due to resume classes Aug. 23.

Wood Dale Dist. 7

Teachers and the school board in Wood Dale Elementary District 7 are scheduled to return to the table later this month and again during the first week of September.

The two sides have met 11 times since talks began Jan. 14. The most recent teachers contract expired after two years on June 30.

The Wood Dale Education Association represents 92 teachers and 27 paraprofessionals in the district, which serves 1,176 students in four elementary schools and one junior high in Wood Dale.

Neither Superintendent John Corbett nor WDEA spokesman Joe Krause would comment on what, if any, issues remain on the table.

"We're hopeful to settle as soon as possible," Corbett said previously. "We always are."

Krause previously said negotiations are progressing. "We are hopeful this process can be completed before the upcoming school year," he said.

Bloomingtondale Dist. 13

Teachers are expected to ratify a tentative contract agreement one day before students return to school in Bloomingtondale Elementary District 13.

Members of the Bloomingtondale Council of Teachers are set to vote on the proposed pact Tuesday, Aug. 16. Students will begin classes the next day.

School board President Diane Birkley has said she won't disclose the terms of the agreement until the two sides approve it. The board is due to vote on the deal during its meeting Monday, Aug. 22

Negotiators brokered an agreement in late July, about a month after the previous, three-year contract expired. Talks also involved a federal mediator.

The district enrolls roughly 1,300 students who are taught in two elementary schools and one middle school.

Lombard Dist. 44

The Lombard Elementary District 44 board of education and the Lombard Education Association approved a new 4-year contract on June 26, after approximately five months of bargaining.

The new agreement began Aug. 1 and eliminated the traditional "step and lane" schedule, replacing it with a new salary structure. For the first year of the contract, all returning teachers will receive a salary increase of \$3,950.

In the second year, teachers will receive a 3 percent increase. In the third and fourth years, the increase will be tied to the consumer price index and fall between 2 and 4 percent.

The contract also added 20 minutes to the teachers' work day, one extra work day to the yearly schedule, seven early release days, capped health insurance contributions and modified and eliminated some retirement benefits.

The Lombard Education Association represents about 250 teachers who instruct about 3,180 students in six elementary schools and one middle school.

DuPage Dist. 88

The DuPage High School District 88 board of education and the DuPage District 88 Council Local 571 of the American Federation of Teachers approved a two-year contract on June 13.

The deal went into effect July 1. For the first year of the contract, salary increases will amount to 50 percent of the consumer price index, plus step and lane increases.

There will be no raises based off the CPI in the second year of the contract, but teachers will receive step and lane increases.

The union represents about 240 teachers who instruct roughly 4,000 students at Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools.

Lisle Unit Dist. 202

A tentative agreement has been reached between Lisle Unit District 202 and its teachers, the result of multiple meetings held since March, officials said.

Members of the Lisle Education Association -- the union representing roughly 150 teachers and other certified staff -- are expected to take a vote this week on the proposed three-year contract.

"I'm very pleased by the entire process and both sides working together," said Superintendent Keith Filipiak, adding that negotiations were amicable. "In the end, I'm hoping we'll have a positive vote."

If the proposed pact is approved by the teachers, the school board will vote on it during a yet-to-be scheduled special meeting.

District 202 enrolls roughly 1,500 students in one high school, one junior high and two elementary schools.

- Daily Herald staff writers Robert Sanchez and Justin Kmitch contributed to this report.

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Quarterback Tanner Westwood will quarterback Waubonsie Valley this season.

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The Top 50 football players in DuPage County

Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.
Luke Anthony	Wheaton North	6-2	190	QB
Josh Bean	Hinsdale Central	6-2	205	QB
Greg Bogdanski	St. Francis	6-1	220	TE-LB
Dylan Butts	Fenton	6-2	190	RB-LB
Trevor Campbell	Naperville Central	6-5	285	OL
Darrion Conrad	Addison Trail	5-10	175	WR-RB
Sean Cooke	Glenbard South	5-9	188	RB
Deontae Curry	Hinsdale South	6-0	220	LB
Matt Dohse	WW South	6-0	195	QB
Josh Dominik	Waubonsie Valley	6-1	195	LB
Marty Dosen	Benet	5-10	190	WR-RB
Bryce Effner	Metea Valley	6-5	270	OL
Grant Ericksen	Naperville North	6-1	190	DB
D.J. Ficarella	Glenbard West	5-11	180	RB
Jackson Goleash	Glenbard West	6-1	190	DB-RB
Cam Hardy	Naperville North	6-1	195	DB
Tyrik Henderson	Glenbard North	5-11	165	DB-WR
Jace James	Glenbard North	6-1	165	WR-DB
Jack Jessen	Willowbrook	5-11	189	RB-LB
Jon Kelso	Willowbrook	5-10	178	DB-WR
Jim Kenneally	IC Catholic	6-1	235	OL-DL
Alec McEachern	Benet	6-1	220	DB-RB
Mark McGrath	Lisle	6-2	200	RB-DB
Cam Moore	WW South	6-1	199	WR
Dionte Moorehead	Glenbard West	6-4	210	DL
Erik Mueller	Wheaton North	6-2	225	LB
Greg Newsome	Glenbard North	6-1	170	DB-WR
Jacob Panasiuk	Lake Park	6-4	270	DL
Matt Paulauskas	Lake Park	6-3	255	DL
Owen Piche	Neuqua Valley	6-3	210	WR
Dorion Pollard	Hinsdale Central	6-0	210	LB
Isaiah Robertson	Neuqua Valley	6-3	195	WR-DB
Charles Robinson	Waubonsie Valley	6-4	210	TE
Michael Robinson	Metea Valley	5-10	185	DL
Justin Ross	West Chicago	6-0	280	OL-DL
Jordan Rowell	IC Catholic	6-2	195	RB-DB
Drew Shelly	Downers North	5-9	165	RB
Laddie Skarecky	Naperville Central	6-0	205	LB
Jack Sznajder	Benet	6-2	205	QB
Joe Spivak	Montini	6-1	195	OL-DL
Harrison Taylor	Wheaton Academy	6-2	180	WR-DB
Marquis Thomas	Westmont	5-10	170	WR-DB
Vittorio Tricase	Glenbard North	5-7	170	RB
Luke Turner	Naperville Central	6-1	200	DB
Danny Walker	Wheaton North	6-3	210	LB
Prince Walker	Montini	5-9	185	RB
T.J. Walsh	Glenbard East	6-4	280	OL
Mitch West	Montini	5-11	185	DB-WR
Connor Yukna	Waubonsie Valley	5-11	175	DB
Jake Zeiler	Neuqua Valley	6-4	280	OL

DVC's best is anybody's guess

By KEVIN SCHMIT
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Football

If anyone tells you they know how the DuPage Valley Conference football season will turn out, don't believe them.

The DVC's coaches sure won't.

"To me it's totally up in the air," said Glenbard North coach Ryan Wilkens. "I don't see a poor team in the conference."

With last year's struggling teams all looking improved, the DVC could be as balanced as ever. Glenbard North, though, might be the closest thing you'll find to a "favorite."

No team in DuPage County boasts the Panthers' skill level with fourth-year varsity running back Vittorio Tricase, who last season rushed for 1,072 yards, returning quarterback Shane Conway and Northwestern-bound receiver-defensive back Jace James.

Throw in college-caliber defensive backs Greg Newsome and Tyrik Henderson, and other two-way standouts like Jayleen Fitzpatrick, and it should be a special season for

Glenbard North.

All that talent still won't make it easy for the Panthers to win their first DVC title since 2013. Waubonsie Valley, a Class 8A semifinalist last year, returns 16 starters from a group that beat last season's top two teams — Naperville Central and Glenbard North.

Replacing all-everything Max Ihry and quarterback Jack Connolly — 85 percent of last year's offense — will be tough, but the Warriors have much to lean on. New quarterback Tanner Westwood proved himself as a playmaker last season, and he's got one of the area's top targets in 6-foot-4 tight end Charles Robinson.

Speaking of targets, they don't play much better than Neuqua Valley's Isaiah Robertson, a Notre Dame recruit who last season caught 50 passes and made 81 tackles at defensive back. Paired with Navy-bound Owen Piche, the big-play potential is tremendous.

Defensively, Neuqua Valley

is just as strong. Anthony Ippolito, Jon Rhattigan and Casey Larson are all back at linebacker. JaQuere Williams is among the DVC's top cornerbacks.

"If we can accept our roles and do our part, we could have a very successful season this year," said Wildcats coach Bill Ellinghaus.

Defending DVC champion Naperville Central won't relinquish the top spot without a fight even though, beyond Western Michigan-bound lineman Trevor Campbell, the Redhaws suffered tremendous offensive graduation losses.

Naperville Central reloads with its defense, headlined by safety-linebacker Luke Turner, linebackers Laddie Skarecky and Troy Hudetz, and lineman Joe Gannon.

Naperville North eyes a major program revival after two down seasons. Sixteen starters return, nine on defense. The entire defensive line is back in addition to linebackers Derek Amend and Jake Jegglie, and defensive backs Grant Ericksen, Cam Hardy and Kiser Floyd.

Like the last couple of years, Lake Park is tying its playoff hopes to its defensive play. It's in good hands again with linemen Jacob Panasiuk, a Michigan State recruit, and Matt Paulauskas. Strong line play also holds true at Metea Valley, where Charles Anderson and Michael Robinson lead the defense.

"When we joined the DVC we committed to having a great defense, and now we're starting to balance that out," said Lake Park coach Chris Roll. "Now we're working to build our offense."

Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South uncharacteristically failed to make the playoffs last year, but both teams plan to change that. The Falcons are led by one of the DVC's top linebacker groups in Erik Mueller, Nevada recruit Danny Walker and Bo Neidballa. WW South builds on its summer 7-on-7 success with quarterback Matt Dohse.

"At one point I thought we had 20 Division I kids in our conference, and I think I cut it short," said Naperville North coach Sean Drendel. "It might be closer to 30."

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Boys golf

Tuesday's late results

LAKE PARK 148, WAUBONISIE VALLEY 163
At Indian Lakes
Lake Park — Tylus (36); Pace (26); Danowkey (37); Green (37).
Waubonsie Valley — J. Troy (34); W. Troy (39); Gray (39); Ko (41).

Girls golf

Wednesday's results

MICHIGAN WARRENVILLE SOUTH 162, WHEATON NORTH 203
At Arrowhead (par 38)
WW South — Novotenski (38); Muris (41); Danneberg (41); Daniel (43).
Wheaton North — Stevens (48); Danielson (51); Zander (52); DeFalco (52).

REGENT 156, PROVIDENCE 64
Regent — Beaudreau (38); Abdulah (38); Bitto (40); Green (41).
Providence — Gromala (3).



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Willowbrook's Renee Perez hits a volley in Wednesday match against Montini.

WILLOWBROOK D. BARTLETT 25-16, 19-25, 25-1
Willowbrook — Hoffman (1 dig); Baletts (1 kit), 2 aces, 1 dig; Celi (1 kit, 17 dig); Pomsbakker (1 aces, 1 aces, 3 dig); Chaves (1 kit, 3 dig); Eskin (1 aces, 2 dig); Lipocki (20 aces, 4 dig); Chappett (8 dig); Mancilla (1 aces, 2 dig); Sogura (0 kit, 2 dig); (1 kit).

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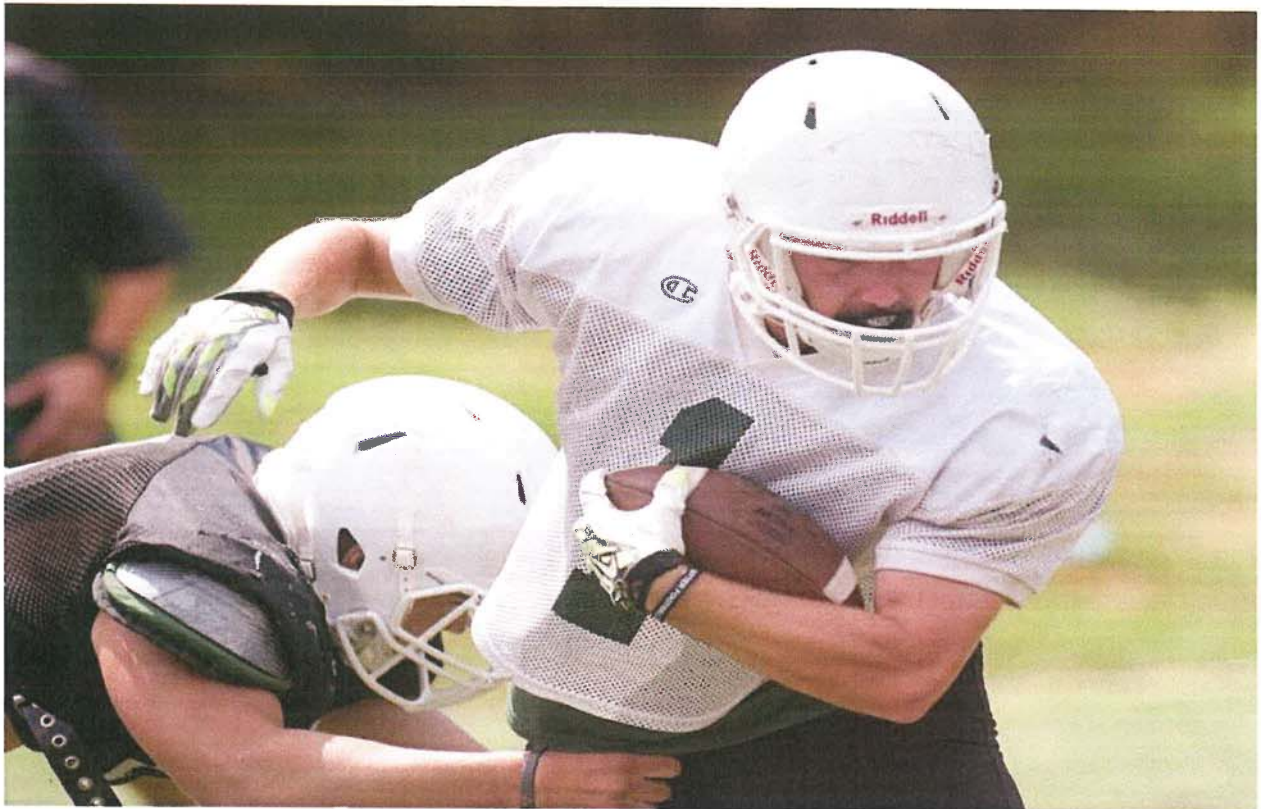
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Could WSC be even better than last year?



- Mark Black/mblack@dailyherald.com Glenbard West varsity football's D.J. Ficarella.

One champion won the Class 7A title while the other came three points shy of reaching the Class 6A final.

Just another season of football in the West Suburban Conference.

Glenbard West extended its Silver Division winning streak to 30 straight last year and rolled to the Class 7A championship. Hinsdale South became the fourth team in as many years to sit atop the Gold standings, and the Hornets used that as a springboard through the 6A bracket.

Both teams look to keep the momentum going.

"We don't talk about the streak a lot, but I sure remember our last loss in 2010 to Lyons," said Hilltoppers coach Chad Hetlet, whose program has won at least a share of the last eight Silver titles. "I really think it's a tossup between maybe four teams."

Glenbard West remains atop the list of favorites despite significant graduation losses, including record-breaking running back Sam Brodner, now at Wisconsin. This year's team will be led early by an experienced defense, where six starters return headed by safety Jackson Goleash and lineman Dionte Moorehead.

Running back D.J. Ficarella is one of four returning starters on offense. Once again, the Hilltoppers will be a handful for the rest of the Silver challengers.

"Every year it's the same thing...until someone knocks off Glenbard West, they're the team to beat," said Hinsdale Central coach Dan Hartman. "We have the talent, but we need to be mentally tough to pull out those big games."

With Columbia-bound quarterback Josh Bean and Ball State-bound linebacker Dorion Pollard, Hinsdale Central definitely has the talent to compete for the Silver title. Oak Park quarterback Jeremy Hunt and Lyons Twp. quarterback Ben Bryant, offered by Wisconsin, also have their teams thinking about unseating Glenbard West.

As York and Downers Grove North join the many teams trying to survive the tough Silver field, nearly everyone in the WSC Gold plans to scramble for that division's title.

"The thing I like about the Gold is that it's so competitive," said Hinsdale South coach Mike Barry. "If you just go after one team it could bite you. You always have to keep the big picture in mind."

Hinsdale South is determined to be one of the rare teams to defend the Gold title in recent years, but the bulk of last season's blistering offense graduated. Receiver Destin Talbert and running back Shawn Wimberly look to restore the explosiveness, while linebacker Deontae Curry is back to power the defense.

Willowbrook finished second in the Gold in three of the last four years. Bolstered by two-way standouts Jon Kelso, Kevon Dobbins and Jack Jessen, the Warriors hope to vault to the title.

"I think everybody overall is better this year," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth. "Our goal is to be in the mix for the title. That's the expectation every year."

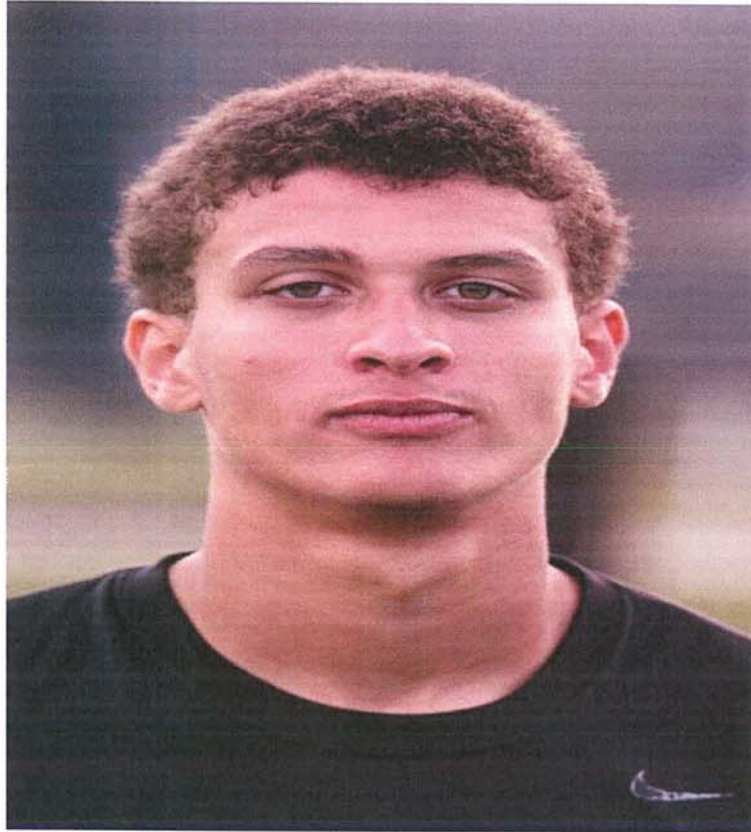
With returning receiver Stevan Jones and running back-receiver Darrion Conrad, Addison Trail's focus shifts to offense while a young defense gets up to varsity speed. Downers Grove South is energized by a junior class that went unbeaten at the sophomore level.

Another Gold team to keep an eye on is Leyden, which returns quarterback Michael Wilms and receiver Jalen Moore, committed to Southern Illinois.

"I think the Gold is better than it's been in years, and last year showed it," said Addison Trail coach Paul Parpet Jr. "It's not going to be easy for any of us."

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Scouting the Addison Trail Blazers



- Paul Michna/pmichna@dailyherald.com Stevan Jones of Addison Trail football

Addison Trail's football tradition is all about defense.

Tradition may be tweaked this season as the Blazers' offense preps for a big year. A return to the playoffs, though, still hinges on defense ... inexperienced or not.

"Usually it's defense or bust for us," said Blazers coach Paul Parpet Jr. "This year we're definitely more experienced and explosive on offense. We'll score some points. I'm just very concerned about how we're going to stop people on defense."

Last year, for the second straight season, Addison Trail suffered an injury at quarterback that forced a junior into action. Now with a few varsity games under his belt, Bobby Daniels will be under center with a slew of confidence.

He'll also have a slew of targets to throw to, a list headed by Stevan Jones and Darrion Conrad, who last season combined for 37 catches, 544 receiving yards and 6 touchdowns. Throw the experience of Ricky Perez into the mix, and the passing game appears strong.

Three offensive linemen return in senior Jack Simko and juniors Mike Renc and Randy Petrбок, but for the first time in a few years the Blazers don't have an experienced running back to carry the unit. Nick D'Ambrose had 27 carries as a sophomore and scored 3 touchdowns.

Addison Trail's most important defensive player might be an offensive convert. Andrew Felix, an offensive lineman last year, is shifting to linebacker. Two returners include defensive backs Conrad and D'Ambrose, whom Parpet hopes will be the team's only two-way players.

Linebacker Nick DiBernardo and lineman Zach Ullrich bring back varsity playing time, but that's about it for the defense. Cornerback Chris Purdy and linebacker Dom Zumpano will be welcome additions to the back seven.

"No matter what side of the ball we're talking about, we have to take advantage of the opportunities we get," Parpet said. "If we have a scoring chance on offense or we have a chance to get a three-and-out on defense, we have to do it."

One to Watch: Week 3

WSG play opens with the District 88 rivalry game at home against Willowbrook.

The breakdown

Coach: Paul Parpet Jr. (seventh year, 30-28).

2015 record: 4-5, 3-3, tied for third in West Suburban Gold.

Top players: Darrion Conrad (WR-RB-DB, 5-10, 170, sr.), Nick D'Ambrose (RB-DB, 5-7, 180, jr.), Mike Renc (OL-DL, 6-0, 275, jr.), Randy Petrбок (OL-DL, 6-3, 185, jr.), Jack Simko (OL, 5-10, 200, sr.), Stevan Jones (WR, 6-2, 180, sr.), Ricky Perez (WR, 6-2, 170, sr.), Bobby Daniels (QB, 6-0, 180, sr.), Andrew Felix (LB, 5-8, 200, sr.), Nick DiBernardo (LB, 6-0, 180, jr.), Zach Ullrich (DL, 6-1, 215, sr.), Chris Purdy (DB, 5-6, 143, sr.), Dom Zumpano (LB, 6-0, 170, sr.).

-- Kevin Schmit

Schedule

Addison Trail

Fri, 8/26, Glenbard South at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, 9/2, Oak Park-River Forest at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, 9/9, Willowbrook at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, 9/16, Addison Trail at Downers Grove South, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, 9/23, Addison Trail at Leyden, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, 9/30, Hinsdale South at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, 10/7, Addison Trail at Morton, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, 10/14, Proviso East at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.

Sat, 10/22, Addison Trail at Glenbard West, 1:30 p.m.