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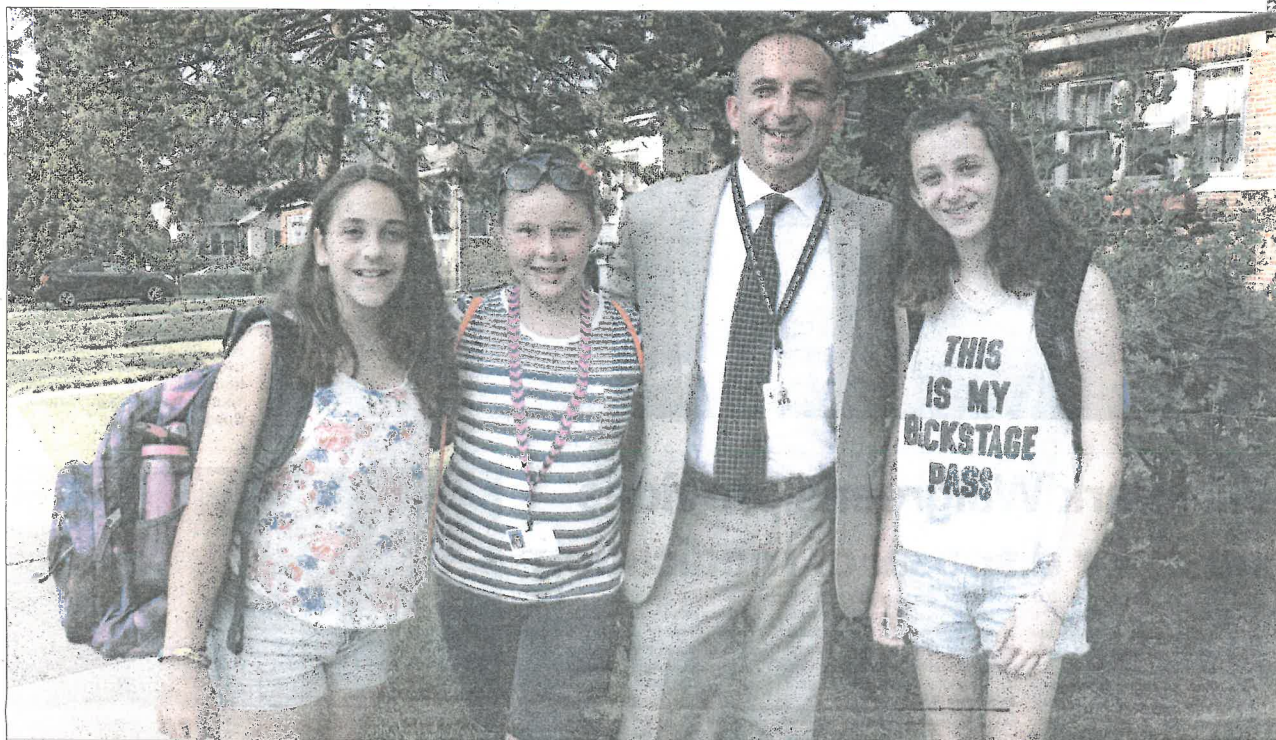
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## Back to school

School District 45 Superintendent Anthony Palmisano rode the bus with students headed to Jackson Middle School for the first day of school on Aug. 17. Before he became the superintendent of the district in 2013, Palmisano was the principal of Jackson Middle School. He is pictured with Jackson students (left to right) Natalie Gercone, Gabrielle Knudtson and Melanie Gercone. All three students are Villa Park residents. Natalie Gercone and Knudtson are both sixth-graders, while Melanie Gercone is an eighth-grader.

## Warrior pride on display

Friday's Silver and Blue Community Night at Willowbrook High School included performances by the school's marching band and color guard, cheerleaders and pom team. Willowbrook's 2016-17 school year began on Aug. 17. The event also included scrimmages by the boys varsity soccer team and the football team. Both teams begin their seasons this week. Additionally, the evening featured the introduction of players and cheerleaders from the Villa Park Warriors Youth Football and Cheer organization.



Junior Ashley Wright (left) and senior Ali Gonzalez (right) of the Willowbrook varsity cheerleading team are pictured during the team's routine at Friday's Silver and Blue Community Night at the school stadium.



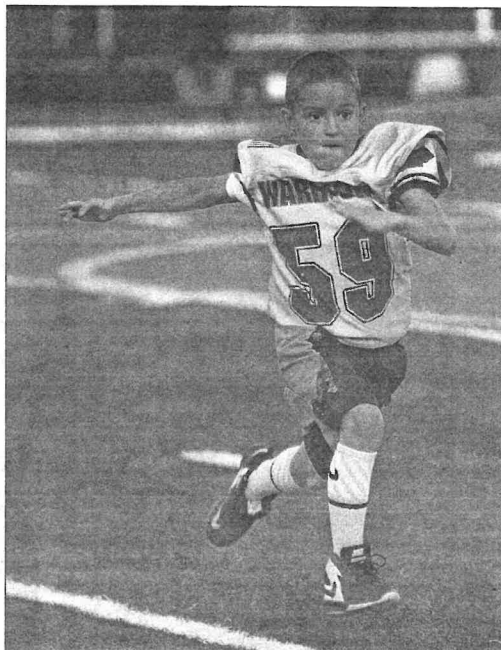
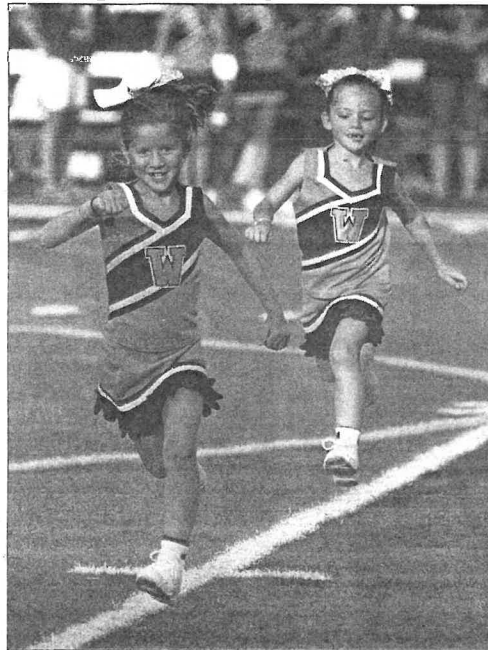
Members of Willowbrook High School's marching band and color guard gave a performance on the field during Friday's Silver and Blue Community Night event.



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## Young Warriors join Warriors to celebrate Silver and Blue Community Night



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Willowbrook High School showcased several of its students during Friday's Silver and Blue Community Night event at the school's stadium. The evening included performances from the school's marching band, cheerleaders and pom team, as well as brief scrimmages by the boys varsity soccer team and the varsity football team. Members of all of Willowbrook's fall athletic teams were introduced. Moments after the completion of the football scrimmage, the members of the Villa Park Warriors Youth Football and Cheer program were introduced to the crowd. The players and cheerleaders ran from the east side of the field toward the audience as they were introduced. The Villa Park Warriors feature five football teams and five cheerleading squads this season. The program's teams are preparing to begin the 2016 season in the Chicagoland Youth Football League (TCY-FL). In the photos, (far left) cheerleaders Matea Mockler (foreground) followed by Allyson Rovaneck (background) take the field as they are introduced, along with Warriors Youth Football player Matthew Cudden (left).

## Villa Park Walgreens provides kiosk for disposal of medication

The Villa Park Walgreens at 200 E. Roosevelt Road, which is open 24 hours a day, is one of 45 Walgreens locations in Illinois offering a kiosk for safe medication disposal.

According to information provided by Walgreens, the company launched its medication disposal kiosk program on Aug. 8. The launch is reportedly part of an effort to install the kiosks at over 500 Walgreens locations across the country. The kiosks are currently available in over 300 Walgreens pharmacies in 24 states.

"The kiosks provide a safe and convenient way year-round to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired prescriptions, including controlled substances, and over-the-counter medications at no cost," stated a news release issued by Walgreens.

"By making safe medication disposal kiosks available in select Illi-

nois stores and expanding to other states this year, Walgreens is taking an important first step to help reduce the misuse of medications throughout the country," added Alex Gourlay, co-chief operating officer of Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc., in the news release. "We are committed to doing our part in not only our home state, but other states as well, and being part of a comprehensive solution to reverse this epidemic."

Citing the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the release from Walgreens stated more Americans die from drug overdoses than from motor vehicle crashes.

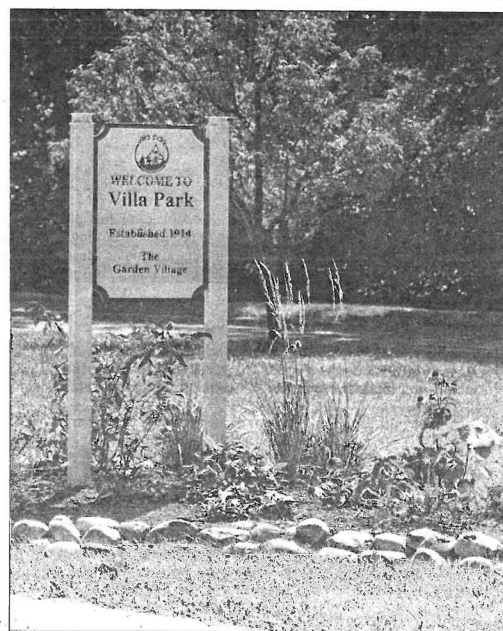
In addition to offering the kiosks for people to dispose of their medications, Walgreens continues to participate in DEA sponsored National Prescription Drug Take Back Days, serving as a collection point in communities for law enforcement to

collect unwanted, unused or expired medications for safe disposal.

The company is also collaborating with the American Pharmacists Association Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies to continue to offer a substance-abuse education program for pharmacists and student pharmacists.

## Villa Park Village Board meeting canceled

The Village of Villa Park announced last week that the Villa Park Village Board meeting scheduled for Aug. 22 has been canceled. The next village board meeting will take place Monday, Sept. 12. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Villa Park Village Hall, 20 S. Ardmore Ave.



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## Garden Club spruces up sign along Prairie Path

Members of the Garden Club of Villa Park spruced up the village last month by building a small garden bed around the village's welcome sign along the Illinois Prairie Path. The sign is located at the western edge of the village and is visible to path users who enter Villa Park from Lombard. The sign was under renovation when the Garden Club of Villa Park members created the raised garden bed in July. The photo from Sunday shows the renovated sign and the garden bed. The Garden Club of Villa Park is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. The club was founded as the Men's Garden Club of Villa Park in 1936. The non-profit group welcomes male and female gardeners 15 and older. For more information about the club, visit its website at [www.homegardening.org](http://www.homegardening.org).

## Pride Commission holds Paws on the Path on Sept. 10

The Villa Park Community Pride Commission will hold its annual Paws on the Path/Pet Adoption event on Saturday, Sept. 10. The free community event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. near the Rugaard Gazebo, which is located near Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard.

Residents are invited to bring their pets to the event, which will feature representatives from shelters with

adoptable animals.

Other attractions of Paws on the Path include live music, a children's activity tent and a pet costume contest.

Residents are encouraged to bring dog or cat food to contribute to a pet food drive for shelter animals.

For more information, e-mail the Villa Park Community Pride Commission at [pride@invillapark.com](mailto:pride@invillapark.com).



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## Bosses ride the bus

Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left) and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton rode a bus to school with students to celebrate the beginning of the 2016-17 school year on Aug. 17. According to District 88, over 98 percent of Willowbrook students attended the first day of classes at the school, which has a total enrollment of more than 1,900 students. Staff members wore 2016-17 Warrior Pride T-shirts on the opening day of school.



# Sports

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## Rams, Warriors and Broncos set to kick off the 2016 season



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Glenbard East held its Inaugural Red and Black Pre-Season Night on Friday to celebrate the beginning of the fall seasons for the school's athletic teams. The event included a brief scrimmage by the varsity football team in the stadium. The other photo shows the players of the Rams girls volleyball program, who held indoor scrimmages. Glenbard East's girls volleyball and football seasons both begin this week. The football team will open the 2016 season with Friday's home game against Lake Forest.



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The 2016 high school football campaign won't feature what had become a familiar season opener in our area.

The Glenbard East Rams and the Willowbrook Warriors battled in 11 consecutive season-opening games from 2005-15. The two teams aren't renewing their neighborhood rivalry in 2016. The schools resumed their annual gridiron battle in 2005 after an eight-year hiatus.

Glenbard East won nine of the 11 recent contests against the Warriors. The Rams won last year's meeting 42-21 in Lombard. Willowbrook last beat Glenbard East in 2012.

The Rams will kick off the 2016 season with Friday's non-conference home game against Lake Forest. Glenbard East will travel to Glen Ellyn to take on Glenbard South in a Sept. 2 non-conference game. The Rams will open the Uptate Eight Valley Conference season with a Sept. 10 battle at South Elgin. This will be Glenbard East's third season in the Uptate Eight Valley Conference. The Rams left the DuPage Valley Conference after the 2013-14 school year.

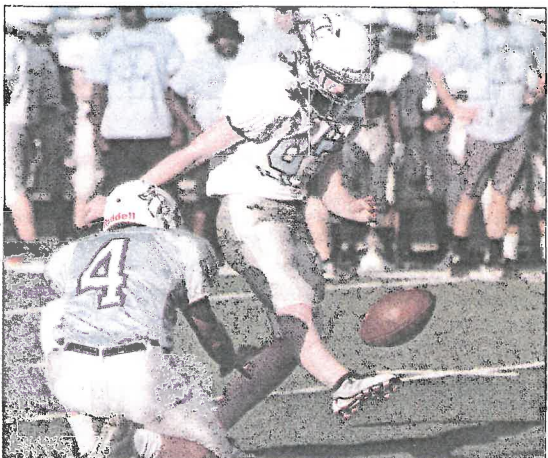
The Rams, who posted a 4-5 record in 2015, have not qualified for the IHSA post-season since 1999, when the school won three straight playoff games and advanced to the Class 6A semifinals.

Willowbrook will start its season with Friday's non-conference battle at Grayslake North. The Warriors will play their home opener on Sept. 2, when they will take on Proviso West in a non-conference game. Willowbrook will begin its West Suburban Gold Conference season with a Sept. 9 meeting at its District 88 rival—Addison Trail.

The Warriors finished the 2015 season with a 5-4 record. Despite the winning record, they did not qualify for the playoffs. Willowbrook last made the playoffs in 2013. The Warriors last won an IHSA post-season football game in 1990.

Montini, which won last year's IHSA Class 6A state championship with a perfect 14-0 record, will open the season with Friday's game at Maine South. The Broncos will play their home opener against Lake Zurich on Sept. 2.

Montini has qualified for the IHSA playoffs in each of the previous 23 seasons dating back to 1993. The Broncos have won six IHSA state championships under Chris Andriano, who is beginning his 38th season as the program's head coach. Montini won its first state football title at the Class 4A level in 2004. The Broncos won four straight Class 5A championships from 2009-12 before losing in the Class 5A title contests in 2013 and 2014. Montini beat Crete-Monroe 38-15 in last year's Class 6A championship game at Northern Illinois University's Huskie Stadium.



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### The kick is good

Friday's Silver and Blue Community Night event at Willowbrook High School included a scrimmage by the varsity football team. Junior kicker Betty-Ann Garrett is pictured making a field-goal attempt of over 25 yards during the brief scrimmage. Garrett also converted an extra-point kick later in the exhibition. The Warriors will start the 2016 season with this Friday's game at Grayslake North. Willowbrook will play its first home game of the year on Sept. 2 against Proviso West.



### First meet of the season

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Junior Sophia Parrillo of the Willowbrook girls golf team hits a shot during the Warriors' season-opening Aug. 16 meet against York and Maine South at York's home venue—Sugar Creek Golf Course in Villa Park. York posted a winning team score of 170. Maine South earned a score of 176, while Willowbrook turned in a 221. Parrillo fired the Warriors' best round of the meet, carding a 51 on the 9-hole course. Senior Maggie Karcz shot a 55, while juniors Sarah Cismesia and Olivia Rundgren contributed rounds of 56 and 59, respectively, to account for Willowbrook's team score of 221 (51+55+56+59). Willowbrook's schedule for this week includes three meets at its home course—Twin Lakes Golf Club in Westmont.



# Addison names appear on list of DSCC honorees

## Agency holds Volunteer of the Year awards

By Dee Longfellow

FOR THE INDEPENDENT

Each year, the DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) selects

Volunteer of the Year award winners in several categories, recognizing exceptional individuals and organizations who have given their time and talent.

The Volunteers of the Year award went to Catherine and Stan Janusz who volunteer at the York Township Senior Center in Lombard.

The couple was awarded at the 16th Annual Volunteer Celebration

at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst on July 24.

Volunteers from Addison made the list of award recipients including Ken Vairo and Marie Gerth, who were among the list of 11 Nutrition Site Volunteers of the Year. Frank Plekavic and his family of Addison were named Chore Days Volunteers of the Year.

In addition, Addison resident Ken

Vairo made the list of Ambassador Club awardees, having volunteered more than 200 hours.

Each year, volunteers give more than 100,000 hours to DSCC, a value of more than \$2 million, DSCC said. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals, socialize with seniors, help conduct well-being checks, and help with home and yard tasks.

The DuPage Senior Citizens

Council (DSCC) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), volunteer-driven organization, dedicated to helping seniors live with safety and dignity. Since 1975, DSCC has provided a variety of programs and services for seniors, including Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels), Community Dining, Home Maintenance and Chore Days, Health and Wellness Education, and Well-Being Checks.

# Addison resident provides support for People with Disabilities

Addison resident Greg Czajka is what you would call a "handyman," not only because he is a carpenter by trade, but also because he's always using his skills to make others happy.

These days Czajka has been using those skills to help people with disabilities at Ray Graham Association (RGA), a non-profit that empowers people with disabilities throughout DuPage County and the surrounding area.

Almost 10 years ago, he learned about the organization from a co-worker whose son was receiving services from RGA.

"I saw the difference Ray Graham was making and wanted to know how I could help," he said.

Soon after, he and some other carpenters were doing regular landscaping projects and minor repairs at a large, specialized residential facility in Addison operated by RGA.

Czajka's love for RGA continued to grow and in 2008, he and his co-workers found themselves participating in a candy drive to raise funds for the organization.

Today, he is the vice president of Carpenters Local Union 839 and coordinates the event now known as Candy Days, which relies on union members and their families to stand at local intersections requesting donations to support RGA.

Under Czajka's leadership, the event that once had a team of nine volunteers and raised just over \$1,000 has grown to a group of 80 and generates over \$8,000 a year. He hopes to continue to grow Candy Days and make it more than a two-day event every August. He says what keeps him going is having a personal connection and seeing the difference in the lives of those he cares about, as well as their families.

"It is the people who work at Ray Graham and the progress they make with those served at Ray Graham that keeps me doing what I do," he said.

Candy Days will be held on Aug. 26-27 and volunteers are still needed to work local street intersections in several suburban areas such as Downers Grove, Hoffman Estates, Elmhurst, and Addison. For more information, visit raygraham.org.

## Community calendar

### Thursday, Aug. 25 Luncheon features Illinois Department of Labor director

From 11:30 -1 p.m., there will be a multi-Chamber luncheon held at Lincoln Inn Banquets, 1345 So. Batavia Ave. in Batavia, featuring an address by Hugo Chaviano, director of the Illinois Department of Labor. Chaviano will talk about issues facing employers today including minimum wage, overtime rules,

workplace safety and more. Tickets are \$25 for Chamber members, \$35 for non-members. To register, call 630-543-4300 or send an e-mail to: addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net.

### Ongoing events

#### • Addison Center for the Arts hosts Fournier exhibit

From Aug. 31 through Sept. 30, the Addison Center for the Arts will be holding an exhibit titled Love and Music by Joe Fournier. The opening reception is Wednesday, Aug. 31 and a special performance given by the

artist on Friday, Sept. 16. All events are open to the public, free admission. Info: addisoncenterforthearts.com or call 630-458-4500. The Addison Center for the Arts is located at 213 No. Lombard Rd. inside Addison Trail High School.

#### • Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at

6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.cfsites.org.

#### • Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

#### • TOPS meetings held on Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off

Pounds Sensibly is still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Friday mornings at Grace Lutheran Church 950 S. York Road, Bensenville. Weigh in 9:30 a.m., and meet from 10-11 a.m. Info: email Millie at johnreiter@sbcglobal.net

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: QuestPublishing@aol.com. Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

## Volunteers sought for Addison Mentor Program

### Help make a difference in the life of a student

The Addison Mentor Program is looking for community members and business professionals to serve as mentors for students at Addison Trail and at Indian Trail Junior High School in Addison School District 4.

The purpose of that program is to identify students "on the brink of success," who will benefit from having a positive role model. Adults from the local business community are matched with students and meet once a week for a half hour during the school day on campus. Make a difference in the life of a student - become a mentor.

To see a video and a presentation about the Addison Mentor Program, go to [dupage88.net/site/page/580](http://dupage88.net/site/page/580). To become a mentor, or for more information, contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or [dbrink@dupage88.net](mailto:dbrink@dupage88.net).

# District 4 staff gets back to grindstone

## Institute Days offer information, inspiration, fun

By Dee Longfellow

FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

Addison School District 4 staff was back in full force on Thursday and Friday of last week, kicking off the 2016-17 school year with Institute Days. On Thursday, teacher and building meetings were held, where principals reviewed procedures and offered inspiration for the new year.

On Friday, following a "welcome back" breakfast, the faculty, staff and administrators were greeted with a presentation led by Superintendent John Langton, followed by School Board President Dave Williams, and Addison Teachers' Association co-presidents Stacy Hahn and Bob Wojtach. Each of the district's nine principals also spoke, introducing new staff members.

To bring smiles and a few laughs to the room, there was a friendly competition with "Minute To Win It" tasks and games among teams from each school. The Ardmore School team received a traveling trophy after winning the contest.

STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) learning was the final topic at the Institute. Small groups worked together on various tasks that illustrated ways to encourage students to think and to solve

problems.

Addison students in grades 1-8 were slated to return to schools on Tuesday, August 23 for

the first day of classes. Kindergartners begin on Thursday, August 25 and preschool students begin on Monday, August 29.



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During a presentation at Institute Days on Friday, Aug. 19, Superintendent of Schools John Langton greeted District 4 faculty and staff to the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. Langton spoke following a welcome-back breakfast at Venuti's.

## SPORTS

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## Willowbrook football team ready to open season

## Warriors boys golf team competes in Addison Trail invitational

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook football team will look to improve upon last year's 5-4 overall record that did not earn the team a playoff berth despite it being playoff eligible. The Warriors fell short on the play-

off points tiebreaker formula the IHSA uses.

Willowbrook returns three offensive starters including senior offensive lineman Lucas Olson (6-2, 260), senior wide receiver Jonathan Kelso (5-10, 178), junior running back Jack Jessen (5-11, 189) and junior offensive lineman Brandon Loth (6-0, 203).

Defensive starters back include Kelso (DB), Jessen (linebacker), Loth (linebacker), senior Freddie Clay (5-11, 169, DB) and junior Kevon Dobbins (6-0, 183, DL).

Other key returners include seniors M.J. Ranieri (6-0, 189, QB-DB), Luke Halloran (6-3, 260, OL-DL), Zak Walenga (6-3, 256, OL-DL), Dylan Worden (5-9, 210, OL-LB), Will Schuller (6-0, 187, TE-DL) and Mike Dembowski (6-1, 180, K-WR).

A key newcomer to the team is senior wide receiver-defensive back Khalif Copeland (5-10, 181). Willowbrook also will be bolstered by a junior class that went 8-1 as sophomores.

"If we take the ball away, mini-

mize third-and-long, do not turn the ball over, tackle and block, we can give ourselves the opportunity to win some football games," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth.

The Warriors last qualified for the playoffs in the 2012 and 2013 seasons. The Warriors finished second in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division last year with a 4-2 mark, behind 5-1 Hinsdale South.

Willowbrook opens the 2016 season Friday on the road in a non-conference game against Gray-

slake North.

## Willowbrook boys golf

The Willowbrook boys golf team finished 19th at the recent rain-shortened Addison Trail invitational held at Blackhawk Trace in Bloomingdale (par 72, 6,400 yards).

Scores were counted as one's total over par after 13 holes. Junior Buddy Martens was 15-over, while junior Tim Keefe was 16-over. Junior Max Venchus and junior Greg Danielson both were 21-over.

## Fenton football team ready to move forward

## Bison have sights set on a return to the postseason

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

One of the Fenton football team's main goals this year is simple.

Get back to the playoffs.

"That has to be the goal," said Fenton coach Mark Kos. "Our program always should have that goal. The day we stop setting that goal of making the playoffs is the day I shouldn't be coaching this team anymore."

Fenton is coming off a 2015 season where it went 2-7. But Kos is optimistic about the group he has returning, as well as the newcomers who have been added.

On offense, Fenton returns seniors Danny Lucas (6-6, 335, center), Angelo Duvall (6-4, 340, right tackle), Greg Cazares (5-7, 155, running back), Tony Cantarelli (6-1, 190, wide receiver), Tyler Santagata (6-2, 195, wide receiver), Tim Wolf (6-1, 195, left tackle) and junior Dylan Butts (6-2, 190, RB).

Newcomers on offense include sophomore quarterback Kyle Cacioppo (5-11, 160), junior wide receiver DJ Kelly (5-6, 147), junior wide receiver Carlos Mercado (5-10, 185), senior wide receiver Nick Mercado (5-8, 155), junior offensive lineman Anthony Park (5-10, 195) and junior offensive lineman Colton Fredericks (6-1, 210).

"We have versatility on offense," said Kos. "We did some real good things this summer. We allowed the kids to kind of put their own signature on things within the rules of our offense. The kids have embraced the offense. They have been like sponges. They are looking to soak up more knowledge. It was an incredible summer in terms of work ethic. I'm happy with the skill kids, I'm happy with our backfield, I'm happy with our quarterback and our No. 2 quarterback and I'm confident our offensive line is going to be the offensive line we need them to be. We'll have to be a little patient at the beginning of the year, but once we get going it's going to be a very dynamic offense capable of producing."

Defensive returners for Fenton include senior

defensive end Ivan Rodriguez (5-11, 210), senior inside linebacker Oliver Aguirre (5-11, 180), Butts (outside linebacker), junior outside linebacker Brian Jaramillo (5-11, 195), Nick Mercado (defensive back) and senior safety Dominic Prunotto (5-9, 160).

Other key contributors on defense include junior safety Amari Baldwin (6-0, 172), Carlos Mercado (cornerback), senior inside linebacker Nikko Castaneda (5-6, 175), Wolf (defensive end), Park (defensive end) and senior nose tackle Kyle Higgins (5-7, 185).

"I like our aggressiveness, communication and discipline on defense," said Kos. "We have more experience returning on defense. We had a great summer with the defense. I'm really excited about what this group can do. We return experience and we have versatility. That will help us expand what we can do defensively. We weren't afraid to throw too much at the kids this summer. I'm excited to see what this group is capable of becoming."

Kos has seen this group make big strides since last season. "We definitely were very young last year," he said. "We were re-watching game film from the Week 1 game last year," he said. "It's amazing to see the kids who are still in the room with us. We really brought a team to varsity football. We have great senior leadership and that has shown through. There is no sense of class divisions with the kids. They just want the 11-best players on the field who give us the best chance to win. This is a hungry group. They hold each other accountable and push each other in practice. That makes the lives of the coaches much easier. We can focus on the Xs and Os instead of focusing on some of the behind-the-scenes stuff."

Kos sees another year of tough matchups on Fenton's side of the Metro Suburban Conference. "We have to get back to competing for conference championships," he said.

"We have expectations we've set for ourselves. We are not satisfied with the manner in which we played the last two seasons. We're excited for the opportunity for redemption. There's only one way to go and that's up and that's our goal without a doubt. It's been a long time since Week 9 last year. We're ready to play football."

Nick Mercado, Butts and Prunotto are the Fenton team captains this year.

## Experience on the side of Addison Trail boys soccer team

## Blazers look to improve upon 12-win season from a year ago

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Experience? The Addison Trail boys soccer team has it in spades.

And it's that experience the Blazers hope will help them surpass last year's 12-7-2 mark that included a 3-3 showing in the competitive West Suburban Conference Gold Division. Addison Trail has seven returning starters back this season.

"We are really looking forward to the season," said Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini. "We have a lot of seniors on the team (12 of the 18 players are seniors). As a coach, I have been really looking forward to seeing what this team can do once the majority of them were seniors. Five seniors have been on the varsity since they were sophomores so we have a lot of experience. It's a very experienced group of soccer players. We are eager to start playing games."

Back for the Blazers are the likes of senior center-midfielder Tom Kania, who had eight goals and seven assists last year and is a four-year varsity starter.

He has 26 career goals. Senior defender Brian Ramos also is back, along with senior forward Enrique Luna, who had 12 goals and six assists last season.

Senior defender Uriel Martinez is a four-year varsity starter and

was an all-WSC Gold and all-sectional choice a year ago.

Key newcomers to the team include Senior defender Edmond Montano and junior goalkeeper Jean Avila.

"Edmond is from the Chicago Magic Academy and has great size and speed, and is dangerous in the air."

Dini cites strong team speed as a key strength and notes the team must continue to work on defending star players and working together in the midfield.

"Our team speed and ball-control style should give teams a lot of trouble," he said. "We have a lot of excellent players, but they need to get more chemistry on the soccer field."

Addison Trail had a prosperous summer session where it won a summer league title with a 10-0 record. "We had a great summer league," said Dini. "We beat teams such as Lyons Township, Oak Park and Lane Tech to name a few."

Dini likes the caliber of teams that appear on the Blazers' schedule this season. "Our schedule is very difficult this year," he said. "We host the Joe Novy tournament and are playing in the Pepsi tournament. We are looking to finish in the top half of the conference and compete for a Top 6 seed in the sectional."

The Blazers are looking for their first regional title since 2001.

Addison Trail hosts Fenton Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on alumni night.

The Blazers welcome WSC Gold powerhouse Morton on Sept. 6 and will head to Willowbrook for the District 88 showdown on Sept. 27.



## Addison Trail girls volleyball team looking to take next step

*Blazers coming off 2015 season where they won 22 matches and shared the conference title*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The good news: The Addison Trail girls volleyball team won 22 matches last season and shared the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title with Downers Grove South with a 5-1 record.

The even better news: The majority of contributors from last season are back a year older and stronger for the Blazers and coach Dan Styler.

"We have experience," he said. "We've been in situations the last few seasons where we were able to give a lot of young talent in the program a lot of experience. We're very happy to have a great senior class this season and some other strong returning players. It gives us a greater sign of maturity and that's something we've seen the last few years."

Addison Trail returns eight seniors including Sarah Petrbok (outside hitter), Keara Schmitt (right-side hitter), Anastasia Labadessa (setter), Alyssa Pham (defensive specialist), Alyssa Ramir

(defensive specialist), Danielle Tulke (defensive specialist), Sarah Garces (outside hitter) and Michelle Krefft (middle blocker).

Others who will help the Blazers include sophomore Nina Muell (outside hitter), juniors Nicci Scorza (middle blocker) and Giovanna Scabbaggio (middle blocker) and freshman Jess D'Ambrose (outside hitter). Muell played on the varsity as a freshman and D'Ambrose, Styler said, is expected to be a key contributor.

"We have a really well-rounded group," said Styler. "We looked very good over the summer and we're looking to get even better. We do not have a tall team. Height is not our biggest strength. Our players are well-rounded and have good speed and athleticism. That makes us a tough matchup despite the size limitations we have. The girls have worked very hard during the off-season. They had a taste of success and they know they can continue to get better. We have some very lofty goals this season. So far the work ethic has matched the task that has been set forth and the goals we've established."

One of those goals is another conference title. "That's a goal every year," said Styler. "Last year was the first time we won the conference in nine years. We have a great group here returning and winning conference is definitely one of the primary goals. We have other goals that expand beyond those six matches we play in conference."

The Blazers opened the season earlier in the week against Lake Park.

## Week 1 Preview

### Glenbard South at Addison Trail

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Addison Trail High School, Addison

Last year: Addison Trail 19, Glenbard South 14

**Outlook:** Addison Trail is looking to improve upon last year's 4-5 mark. The Blazers welcome in a Glenbard South team that went 6-5 last year, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs after qualifying with a 5-4 record. Addison Trail plays its first three games at home this season with Oak Park-River Forest and District 88 neighbor Willowbrook to follow.

## Week 1 Preview

### Willowbrook at Grayslake North

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Grayslake North High School, Grayslake

Last year: Teams did not play

**Outlook:** For years, Willowbrook started the season with a neighborhood game against Glenbard East. This year, the Warriors will head north to face former Fox Valley Conference member Grayslake North. The Knights are now members of the new Northern Lake County Conference. Grayslake North is coming off a 2015 season where it went 7-4 and made it to the second round of the state playoffs. Willowbrook went 5-4 last year and finished second in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

## Week 1 Preview

### Fenton at Leyden

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Leyden High School West Campus, Northlake

Last year: Leyden 42, Fenton 7

**Outlook:** Fenton coach Mark Kos is no stranger to the Leyden program. Kos started coaching with Tom Cerasani Sr., at Schaumburg High School. Cerasani's son, Tom Jr., is the head coach at Leyden. "This is a good matchup for our kids," said Kos. "Leyden's an 8A school and is the type of team that we want to play. They are physical and they won't back down. We don't kid ourselves with Leyden. We know they are a good program."

## Week 1 Preview

### Bishop McNamara at IC Catholic Prep

When: Friday, 7:15 p.m.

Where: Lewis Stadium at Plunkett Athletic Complex, Elmhurst

Last year: McNamara 49, IC Catholic Prep 32; McNamara 42, IC Catholic Prep 14 (state semifinals)

**Outlook:** Well, this one ought to be interesting. A Week 1 high-school matchup doesn't get much more exciting than this. The Knights will confront the team that knocked them out of the Class 3A state semifinals last year at home. Bishop McNamara went on the next week to win the Class 3A state title in convincing fashion (50-7). IC Catholic Prep returns plenty from last year's team, including Northern Illinois University-bound running back Jordan Rowell and quarterback Luke Ricobene. These two teams also met in Week 1 last year in Kankakee where McNamara won 49-32.

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## Fenton girls volleyball team has sights set high

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

How much potential does the Fenton girls volleyball team have?

"This is the best team Fenton has had in quite some time," noted Bison coach Kelly Kleidorfer. "Last season we had the most wins of any Fenton team in the 2000s."

Fenton is coming off a 2015 season where it won 13 matches. "However, we still are looking for that first conference win since the Metro Suburban Conference expanded," said Kleidorfer. "We have come close the past two years and certainly feel that this is the season we experience success in conference play."

Fenton also had a winning record in two of the four tournaments it played in last year. "This season, we are looking to make that happen in all four tournaments," Kleidorfer added.

The Bison return the likes of seniors Paulina Milanowski (setter), Natalie Skop (outside hitter), Maggie Rusiecka (outside hitter) and Melinda Boehm (middle blocker), along with junior Isabella Wielga (defensive specialist) and sophomore Mackenzie Miller (setter).

"Our seniors have meant so much to the program becoming competitive again and our younger players are following the lead of the seniors and working each day to make sure

we have success," said Kleidorfer. "We ask the team a lot, 'Are we going to be the hammer or the nail?' After too many years of being the nail, we are working toward being the hammer this season."

Milanowski, the team captain, had 374 assists and 135 digs last year. Skop had 122 kills and 136 digs, while Rusiecka had 102 kills and 33 blocks. Boehm had 68 kills and 43 blocks. Wielga had 85 digs and Miller registered 37 assists.

"We have a core group of girls playing their third season on varsity who are using their experience to elevate everyone else on the team," said Kleidorfer. "We also have the most depth we have ever had. No team wants any injuries, but we feel we have a solid contributor at each position."

Key newcomers include sophomores Vicky Krzyszkowski (middle blocker), Ashley Lira (libero) and Agata Kukiello (outside hitter).

Rusiecka moved to outside hitter to replace all-conference player Emmy Burris. Krzyszkowski will play a middle position, while Milanowski and Skop have played together the last two seasons. "We are shaping up quite well offensively," said Kleidorfer. "Maggie has had an outstanding preseason. Vicky gives us another solid hitter in the front row and Paulina and Natalie have

been connecting with each other for kills the last two years and have only improved their play entering the season."

Milanowski and Miller both will set. "Paulina is doing an amazing job as our setter and has taken Mackenzie under her wing," said Kleidorfer. "We brought Mackenzie up as a freshman and she has made unbelievable improvement since the end of last season. We are quite confident setting won't be an issue."

Fenton continues to work on its serving as well as defense. "We continue to work on serving every day," said Kleidorfer. "Our serving is fine. However, we want it to also become a weapon that can get us points when needed. Our serve-receive has been a weakness in the past and we aren't quite where we would like to be as of yet."

Fenton's side of the Metro Suburban Conference again will be filled with competitive teams. "Our conference is absolutely loaded," said Kleidorfer. "Glenbard South is a highly ranked team each season, Riverside-Brookfield is a very skilled team and has a 6-7 girl that gives everyone major problems. IC Catholic Prep is a downstate threat each season. Wheaton Academy has been really good and we also add Illiana Christian to our division this year and they always are competitive."





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## Scenes from Addison Trail's first day of school

(top): District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (center) and Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden (right) welcome sophomore Alicia Acevedo to the 2016-17 school year. Helton and Bolden rode a bus with students to celebrate the beginning of the school year on Aug. 17. (below): District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (left) and Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden (right) ride a bus with students to celebrate the beginning of the 2016-17 school year on Aug. 17.



District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (center) and Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden (right) welcome freshman Joshua Sundling to the 2016-17 school year.

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## Back to school for Willowbrook students

(top left): Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left) and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (right) ride a bus to school with students to celebrate the beginning of the 2016-17 school year on Aug. 17. (top right): Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause takes a selfie with students during a bus ride on the first day of the 2016-17 school year, Aug. 17. (bottom): Willowbrook Drum Line members spread school spirit as they perform throughout the school on the first day of the 2016-17 school year, Aug. 17.



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# Addison TrailBlazers

game appears strong.

Three offensive linemen return in senior Jack Smiko and juniors Mike Renc and Randy Petbok, 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

**One to Watch: Week 3**

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

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.

## 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 Petbok (OL-DL, 6-3, 185, jr.), Jack Smiko (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.).

## Schedule

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, Addison Trail at Downers Grove South, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 9/16, Addison Trail at Lisle, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 9/23, Addison Trail at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 9/30, Hinsdale South at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sat. 10/1, Addison Trail at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sat. 10/22, Addison Trail at Glenbard West, 1:30 p.m.

# BenetRedwings

It didn't take long last season for Benet to realize it had a special defensive football player in Alec McEachern.

The Redwings realized how special when they also put him in the offensive backfield.

McEachern bulled his way to 300 yards in the final three games, a surprising addition to a batch of skill players who also included quarterback Jack Snajder and speedy running back Marty Dosen.

All three remain in the mix as Benet aims to compete for a East Suburban Catholic Conference title and extend its unprecedented streak of four straight postseason appearances.

"It's going to be one of those 'high expectations' kind of years," said Benet coach Pat New. "We've got a quarterback going into his third starting season and an inside-outside attack with our running backs."

Dosen, who will shift to a hybrid position in the slot as McEachern stays in the backfield, rushed for 607 yards

while Snajder, who's started 21 straight games, threw for 1,784 yards and 14 touchdowns. Linemen Tom Walsh and John Philipp and receiver C.J. Birck also return to the unit that has the potential to vault past the 24 points a game it averaged last year.

"This is the first time in my seven years we've had a senior

## One to watch: Week 5

The first four weeks are tough, but Nazareth is a whole different beast in the ESCC.

starting quarterback," New said. "Probably not a lot of quarterbacks in the state have that many starts, so we're pretty excited."

The same star power may not exist on defense, but it's still a typically stout group with experience at each level. John D'Angelo and Ryan Liszka are back at linebacker while McEachern, Danny O'Malley and Erik Jones return to the secondary. Brett Kerger and Steven Arrowsmith saw time on the line.

## The breakdown

**Coach:** Pat New (seventh year, 37-26)

**2015 record:** 8-3, 5-2, tied for third in East Suburban Catholic Conference.

**Top players:** Alec McEachern (RB-DB, 6-1, 220, sr.), Jack Snajder (QB, 6-2, 205, sr.), Marty Dosen (RB-WR, 5-10, 190, sr.), John D'Angelo (LB, 6-4, 217, sr.), Ryan Liszka (LB, 6-2, 195, sr.), Danny O'Malley (DB, 6-0, 195, sr.), Erik Jones (DB, 5-11, 180, sr.), Jack Eschenbach (WR, 6-7, 190, jr.), Thomas Walsh (OL, 6-4, 300, sr.), John Philipp (OL, 6-1, 220, sr.), C.J. Birck (WR, 5-11, 185, sr.), Ben Cooney (DB-RB, 5-10, 155, jr.), Brett Kerger (DL, 5-10, 215, sr.), Steven Arrowsmith (DL, 6-3, 240, sr.).

## Schedule

Fri. 8/26, St. Lawrence at Benet, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 9/2, Benet at Notre Dame College Prep, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 9/9, St. Lawrence at Benet, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 9/16, St. Lawrence at Benet, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 9/23, Nazareth at Benet, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 9/30, Benet at Marian Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 10/7, Benet at Benet, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 10/14, Benet at Benet, 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri. 10/21, Benet at Benet, 7:30 p.m.



# WillowbrookWarriors

Win the West Suburban Gold and the rest will take care of itself.

That's the attitude of Willowbrook's football team, which finished second in the Gold in three of the last four seasons.

While that was good enough for the Warriors to qualify for the playoffs in 2012 and 2013, they missed out on the postseason last year despite having a 5-4 record.

This season Willowbrook wants to take no chances.

"We haven't taken that step forward as a program and we've been talking to this group about being the one to break through," coach Nick Hildreth said. "We always gauge ourselves on our conference first. It'd mean a lot for us to win the title."

Expect to see a handful of two-way players leading the charge. Receiver-defensive back Jon Kelso, running back-linebacker Jack Jessen and offensive lineman-linebacker Brandon Loth all contributed on both sides of the ball last year.

The list will extend further this year, including Lucas Olson and Kevon Dobbins as part of a lineman rotation. Even quarter-

back M.J. Ranieri, who started a couple varsity games behind center as a sophomore, played defensive back last year.

All four classes are represented on the roster. Keyed by seniors, it also features a junior class that went 8-1 last year despite having Jessen — who last season rushed for 1,067 yards — Loth and Dobbins up on varsity.

## One to watch: Week 4

It's a chance to knock off Gold favorite Hinsdale South for a second straight year.

The defense was hit by the graduation loss of three all-Gold selections, but experience at all three levels returns.

"There are still a lot of holes to fill on defense," Hildreth said. "But we'll figure it out."

On both sides of the ball, it's that mix of experience and incoming talent the Warriors hope to blend together to make history.

The goal is the program's first Gold title and first conference title since 1982.

"We're capable of playing with

anybody if we do our job," Hildreth said. "If we don't do our job, it's going to be tough for us."

## The breakdown

**Coach:** Nick Hildreth (sixth year, 20-27).

**2015 record:** 5-4, 2-2, second in West Suburban Gold.

**Top players:** Jon Kelso (WR-DB, 5-10, 178, sr.), Jack Jessen (RB-LB, 5-11, 189, jr.), Brandon Loth (OL-LB, 6-0, 203, jr.), Lucas Olson (OL-DL, 6-2, 260, sr.), Freddie Clay (WR-DB, 5-11, 169, sr.), Kevon Dobbins (OL-DL, 6-0, 183, jr.), M.J. Ranieri (QB-DB, 6-0, 189, sr.), Luke Halloran (OL-DL, 6-3, 260, sr.), Zak Walenga (OL-DL, 6-3, 256, sr.), Dylan Worden (OL-LB, 5-9, 210, sr.), Will Schuller (TE-DL, 6-0, 187, sr.), Mike Dembowski (K-WR, 6-1, 180, sr.), Khalif Copeland (WR-DB, 5-10, 186, sr.).

— Kevin Schmit

## Schedule

Fri. 8/26, Willowbrook at Galesburg North, 7:15 p.m.  
Fri. 8/27, Willowbrook at Hinsdale South, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8/28, Willowbrook at York, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8/29, Willowbrook at York, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8/30, Willowbrook at York, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/1, Willowbrook at York, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/2, Willowbrook at York, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/3, Willowbrook at York, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/4, Willowbrook at York, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/5, Willowbrook at York, 7:30 p.m.

# YorkDukes

One ball. Four running backs. Call it the perfect problem for York's football team.

"In our system four running backs on the field at one time is not unusual," said Dukes coach Matt Monken. "It'll be fun to see all those guys out there."

Making for even more fun are the four returning offensive linemen — 6-foot-7, 290-pound Chuck Walsh, John Chrisman, Ron Graziano and Cal Widener — and a fifth lineman, Blake Quarrie, who also played last season. That size and experience should help the Dukes rush for much more than the 140 yards they averaged last season.

Between Keith Freeman, Grant Mellon, KeVon Robinson and Santiago Vazquez, York will have plenty of options in its run-heavy offense that'll be quarterbacked by junior Charlie Pakenas.

"Our offensive line is going to be pretty strong, and that's what you want in an offense like ours," Monken said. "And we've definitely raised the bar with our talent at the skill positions."

Although strong safety Luke Sacksteder was second on last year's team with 48 tackles and

lineman Chris McCoy had 2.5 sacks, little experience returns to the defense. New linebackers Hale and Zane Heemsoth and Austin Waterwall have talent, but they'll need to hit the ground running.

"We're young on that side of the ball," Monken said. "We're a ball-control offense so we're always looking to keep our

**Top players:** Keith Freeman (RB, 5-9, 148, sr.); Grant Mellon (RB, 5-11, 200, jr.); Chris McCoy (DL-TE, 6-5, 210, sr.); Luke Sacksteder (DB, 6-1, 200, sr.); John Chrisman (OL, 6-1, 165, sr.); Chuck Walsh (OL, 6-7, 290, sr.); Ron Graziano (OL, 6-0, 230, sr.); Cal Widener (OL, 6-3, 255, sr.); Santiago Vazquez (RB, 5-10, 229, sr.); Mike Riley (WR, 6-3, 170, sr.); Charlie Pakenas (QB, 6-1, 170, jr.); KeVon Robinson (RB, 6-0, 185, so.); Blake Quarrie (OL, 5-10, 220, sr.); Hale Heemsoth (LB, 6-2, 190, sr.); Zane Heemsoth (LB, 6-5, 195, so.); Austin Waterwall (LB, 5-11, 210, sr.).

## One to watch: We

Glenbard West looms in Week 3, so the Dukes need some momentum against Leyden.

defense off the field. That'll be important early in the season." York hasn't had a winning record since 2011, but back-to-back 4-5 seasons show how close the Dukes are to turning the corner and returning to the playoffs. Even while grinding through the West Suburban Silver, the postseason is within their reach.

"We want a very similar season where we're in games and we're putting ourselves in a position to win games," Monken said. "We're right there. Now what we need to do is get over that

hump."

## The breakdown

**Coach:** Matt Monken (third year, 8-10).

**2015 record:** 4-5, 2-4, tied for fourth in West Suburban Silver.

**Top players:** Keith Freeman (RB, 5-9, 148, sr.); Grant Mellon (RB, 5-11, 200, jr.); Chris McCoy (DL-TE, 6-5, 210, sr.); Luke Sacksteder (DB, 6-1, 200, sr.); John Chrisman (OL, 6-1, 165, sr.); Chuck Walsh (OL, 6-7, 290, sr.); Ron Graziano (OL, 6-0, 230, sr.); Cal Widener (OL, 6-3, 255, sr.); Santiago Vazquez (RB, 5-10, 229, sr.); Mike Riley (WR, 6-3, 170, sr.); Charlie Pakenas (QB, 6-1, 170, jr.); KeVon Robinson (RB, 6-0, 185, so.); Blake Quarrie (OL, 5-10, 220, sr.); Hale Heemsoth (LB, 6-2, 190, sr.); Zane Heemsoth (LB, 6-5, 195, so.); Austin Waterwall (LB, 5-11, 210, sr.).

## Schedule

Fri. 8/26, New Trier at York, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8/27, York at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8/28, York at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8/29, York at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8/30, York at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/1, York at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/2, York at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/3, York at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/4, York at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9/5, York at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.



# Scouting this weekend's high school football games

## The High Five

### Bishop McNamara at

### IC Catholic Prep

Nonconference

**Game time:** 7:15 p.m. Friday.

**Last year:** Bishop McNamara 49, IC Catholic 32; Bishop McNamara 42, IC Catholic 14 (Class 3A semifinals).

**Outlook:** After last year's semifinal at Plunkett Park, McNamara beat Tonolowby 50-7 to win the Class 3A title. Now The Associated Press ranks Bishop Mac and IC Nos. 1 and 4, respectively, in 3A. Coach Rich Zmanni, with the Fighting Irish a whopping 42 years, graduated quarterback Kobe Shuttler, star running back Jonathan Ward and linebacker-hullback Jarrico Johnson but returns left-side linemen Brandon Lowe and standout Dylan Deatherage. Also back is receiver Chris Bell, who caught 34 passes for 881 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior. Plus, ICGP coach Bill Krefft noticed a lot of lower-level talent at the skill positions. His Knights have a lot of skill as well with featured back Jordan Rowell and Lazenck Edmen plus smart quarterback Luke Robbene. IC has lost the last two openers against McNamara, plus the semifinal, and a faster start is key. Linebackers Khal Saunders, Matt Jordan and Kemon Reese will slide from up the gut to off the edge against the stout Irish front.

**Next week:** Bolingbrook at Bishop McNamara; IC Catholic at St. Laurence.

### Glenbard North at

### Naperville Central

DuPage Valley Conference

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**Last year:** Naperville Central 13, Glenbard North 12.

**Outlook:** The DVC race gets off to a blazing start. Last season Glenbard North surrendered a 12-7 fourth-quarter lead to the defending conference champions, but returning Panthers tailback Vittorio Trncase had a huge game with 125 yards rushing, 84 receiving and touchdowns both ways. The ground game is Glenbard North's strength, though three-year starting quarterback Shane Conway looks to gain momentum, surrounded by such athletes as Northwestern-bound Jace James. It's a tremendous opening test for a Naperville Central defense that figures to be the strength of the team. Luke Turner, who holds several college offers, could play at any level of the defense but he'll be counted on for run support. Linebackers Laddie Skarecky and Troy Hudetz obviously will be key to that effort along with lineman Joe Gannon. The offense got an off-season overhaul, with Pat Ryan taking over at quarterback and junior A.J. Deinhart stepping in at running back.

**Next week:** Waubonsie Valley at Glenbard North; Naperville Central at Neuqua Valley.

### Glenbard West at

### Bolingbrook

Nonconference

**Game time:** 7 p.m. Friday

**Last year:** Glenbard West 28, Bolingbrook 7.

## The Rest of the Best

### American Fork (Utah) at Hinsdale Central

**Game time:** 7 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** An unusual opener for the Red Devils, but when American Fork came looking for an out-of-state trip, they responded. Columbia-bound quarterback Josh Bean, a part-time starter last season, takes over Hinsdale Central's lightning-quick offense.

### Downers Grove South at Homewood-Flossmoor

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** After giving up 56 points last year, the Mustangs face an H-F team ranked fourth in The Associated Press 8A rankings. Quarterback Matt Greenwald and running back-receiver Blake Freko must keep the Vikings' offense off the field.

### Fenton at Leyden

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Fenton has a surplus of backs who look to help improve upon the 89 points it scored all last season, including a 42-7 opening loss to the Eagles. The surplus extends to quarterback, where D.J. Kelly and Kyle Cacioppo bring diverse abilities.

### Glenbard South at Addison Trail

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** As a sophomore Raiders quarterback Jack Crouch threw for 18 touchdowns to only 7 interceptions. He's since added polish. The Blazers don't want to rely on two-way play, but it's tough to keep Darrion Conrad and Nick D'Ambrose on the sideline.

### Hinsdale South at Prospect

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** This is a new season opener for the Hornets, who are hoping to start on a similar path as last year's run to the 6A semifinals. They have a pair of strong options at quarterback in Brian Rudolph and junior Justin Kolzow, an Oswego East transfer.

### Lake Forest at Glenbard East

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** This is a mystery foe for Glenbard East, but a good one: Lake Forest has reached at least the second round of the 6A playoffs each of the last six years. The Fams are new in skill spots, but there's buzz about sophomore quarterback Bret Bushka.

### Lake View at Westmont

**Game time:** 7 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Westmont aims for a third straight opening win after beating Chicago Christian in 2014 and 2015. That Brenton Baldwin will pass the ball is a given. The Sentinels also seek to establish the running game led by Robbie Russo and lineman Josh Thime.

### Leile at Sandwich

**Game time:** 7 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Sandwich coach Chris VanDyke, former Naperville Central assistant and immaculate Conception coach, returns quarterback Justin Sartori and running back Zach Boser. Lions linebacker Mark Pivek will attempt to make them uncomfortable.

### Lockport at Downers Grove North

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

## Football Top 20

Team	Comment
1. Glenbard West (14-0)	Defense key to 7A repeat
2. Glenbard North (7-3)	College-bound talent everywhere
3. Cary-Grove (11-2)	7A semifinalist returns bulk of lineup
4. Palatine (10-3)	Oles reloads with new talents
5. Waubonsie V. (8-5)	16 starters back for 8A semifinalist
6. Neuqua Valley (7-4)	Robertson heads 15 returning starters
7. Montini (14-0)	Aiming for 8th straight title game
8. Stevenson (7-4)	Marchese bros., QB O'Connell lead Pats
9. St. Charles N. (7-3)	Shooting for breakthrough season
10. Huntley (10-1)	DE Oladipo, QB Mooney ready to lead
11. Hinsdale Central (7-3)	Bean among state's top QBs
12. Batavia (10-2)	Huge O-line will pave the way
13. Barrington (9-2)	Broncos boast four D-1 talents
14. Libertyville (13-1)	Jumbo linemen back for 7A runner-up
15. Benet Academy (8-3)	Explosive offense led by QB Sznajder
16. Naperville C. (10-2)	Don't count out Redhawks in DVC
17. Jacobs (7-3)	QB Katrenick enters 3rd varsity season
18. Rolling Meadows (6-4)	Eager for shot at MSL East title
19. Fremd (5-5)	Back to basics behind big O-line
20. Naperville N. (2-7)	Poised for big turnaround



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**Waubonsie Valley's Will Troy reacts to almost holing out his chip shot to the third green Thursday during the Geneva boys golf invite at Mill Creek Golf Course in Geneva.**

## Warriors 3rd at tourney

### Boys golf

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The Geneva boys golf team took advantage of some home cooking Thursday afternoon at Mill Creek.

Then again, with five return-

The younger Troy fired a top-10-earning 75, which Kenny Ko duplicated for Waubonsie Valley.

Jack Troy settled for a 78



