

Annual open house at the fire department

The Villa Park Fire Department held its annual open house on Saturday at Fire Station No. 81 at 1440 S. Ardmore Ave. Visitors included 6-year-old Blake Koolma of Villa Park, who tried on kid-sized firefighting gear with some help from Firefighter/Paramedic John Banks. The open house took place at the end of Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15), which is sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association. This year's theme of Fire Prevention Week was "Don't Wait—Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."

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State agency aims to crack down on alternative energy supplier scams

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Lawmakers could approve new rules this fall to crack down on electricity supplier scams.

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is accepting comments on its newest rule proposals that would make deceptive marketing practices by alternative energy suppliers illegal. Some companies scam consumers into signing up and gouging them with hidden fees or skyrocketing rates. The new rules would keep these suppliers from using utility logos on their material and require more transparency in their pricing. Lawmakers could consider the new rules in early December.

"It's like the wild west out there," Citizens Utility Board spokesman Jim Chilsen said. "You have to be careful and have your eyes open whenever you're offered any type of plan. These are salespeople that come to your door and offer you a rate. These are salespeople that call you over the phone or mailers that you get. Even online advertisements."

Chilsen said his organization has fielded countless complaints about these scams.

"We were getting hundreds of complaints or questions," Chilsen said. "These were anywhere from 'Is this a good deal?' to 'Wow, I just looked at my bill and had no idea that

I was signed up for a different energy supplier and am now paying rates that are up to six times higher."

Chilsen said the consumer is often his or her own best advocate.

"Consumers have to be aware, and they have to be very careful," Chilsen said. "We always tell people to look for red flags and ask questions before being offered a deal."

Chilsen also said consumers should never give out their utility information because the companies can sign people up for their services without their knowledge, an illegal practice known as slamming.

Some of the proposed ICC rules include prohibiting alternative suppliers from using a public utility's name or logo, requiring suppliers to give prospective customers a year of pricing history for an offer, and requiring that suppliers notify customers of a rate increase of 20 percent or more.

"These rules ensure a robust competitive market balanced with strong consumer protections," ICC Executive Director Cholly Smith said in a statement. "With today's action, we look forward to entering the public-comment period of the rulemaking process."

Plug In Illinois said more than 2 million Illinoisans are using alternative energy suppliers.



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Fired up

Freshman Peyton Ceh of the Willowbrook girls volleyball celebrates after her team won a point late in the second game of a recent match against Glenbard East. The Rams won the first game of the match, but the Warriors won the second game. Glenbard East captured the decisive third game to claim a 25-22, 22-25, 25-10 victory in Villa Park.

Sports

**LOMBARDIAN
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Warriors lock up a playoff berth by pounding Mustangs 31-7

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook football team clinched an IHSA playoff berth with

Friday's convincing 31-7 West Suburban Gold Conference victory at Downers Grove South. The Warriors, who scored a touchdown as the first half ended to take a 17-0 halftime

lead, shut out the Mustangs until the game's closing seconds. Downers Grove South scored its touchdown on an 18-yard pass with less than 30 seconds to play.

The Warriors, who earned their fourth straight win, improved to 6-2 overall and 4-1 in conference action. Willowbrook, made its last playoff appearance in 2013, will wrap up the regular season with this Friday's home game against conference leader Leyden. The Eagles are 6-2 overall and 5-0 in the conference.

A win over Leyden would give the Warriors their first conference championship in football since 1982. A victory over the Eagles might also provide some redemption from last year's regular-season finale. The Warriors needed to beat Leyden in last year's Week 9 meeting to clinch a playoff berth. The Eagles spoiled Willowbrook's playoff hopes, defeating the Warriors 16-7 in Northlake. Willowbrook finished the 2015 season with a 5-4 record.

"We talked about embracing the opportunity," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth of this week's tilt against Leyden. "We need to continue to get better to give ourselves an opportunity to win the game."

Hildreth, a 2000 Willowbrook graduate and standout receiver on the football team, noted that he was born in 1982—the last year the program captured a conference championship.

The Warriors scored 17 second-quarter points to take the 17-0 halftime lead over Downers Grove South, which dropped to 2-6 overall and 2-3 in conference play. Senior Mike Dembowski gave the Warriors a 3-0 lead when he connected on a field-goal attempt of about 30 yards. Junior Jack Jensen scored Willowbrook's first touchdown of the evening on a short run later in the quarter.

The Warriors closed out the half when senior quarterback M.J. Ranieri scrambled on a broken play and

fired a pass intended for senior Jonathan Kelso. As the first half expired, Kelso tipped the pass toward senior Khalif Copeland, who caught the deflection in the end zone for a 34-yard touchdown reception.

Ranieri threw his second touchdown pass of the game in the middle of the third quarter, when he fired a long pass to Dembowski, who caught the ball on the run and sprinted into the end zone for a 67-yard TD reception. Jensen added his second short touchdown run of the game during the fourth period to help the Warriors increase their lead to 31-0.

"We did have a couple of mental errors, but overall I thought we did a pretty decent job," said Hildreth after the game. Hildreth also noted that earning a trip to the playoffs was one of the team's pre-season goals.

"We always talk about each team having a heartbeat," he said. "When that season ends, it will never be the same. You'll never get that same exact group back."

By making the playoffs, the 2016 Warriors extended their heartbeat by at least one week. Before focusing on the playoffs, however, the Warriors will concentrate on this week's conference battle with Leyden.

"We've still got that bad taste from last year," said Ranieri, referring to the loss to the Eagles that kept Willowbrook out of the 2015 playoffs.

Willowbrook hasn't lost since it suffered a 30-27 defeat to Hinsdale South on Sept. 16 in Villa Park. The loss stung the Warriors, who felt like they beat themselves in their homecoming game against the Hornets.

"We learn from everything, and we learned from that loss," said Dembowski of the disappointing result against Hinsdale South.



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Senior Mike Dembowski (No. 3) of the Willowbrook football team sprints toward the end zone for a 67-yard touchdown reception during the third quarter of Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game at Downers Grove South. Dembowski's scoring reception from senior quarterback M.J. Ranieri gave the Warriors a 23-0 lead. Willowbrook defeated the Mustangs 31-7. The Warriors, who earned their fourth straight victory, improved their overall season record to 6-2. Willowbrook also secured a berth in the IHSA playoffs. The Warriors will finish the regular season with this Friday's conference home game against Leyden. The Eagles will enter the contest with an overall record of 6-2 and an unblemished conference mark of 5-0. If Willowbrook beats Leyden, it will earn the school's first conference title in football since 1982.



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Willowbrook junior running back Jack Jensen (No. 24) carries the football during the third quarter of Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game at Downers Grove South. Jensen ran for a pair of touchdowns to help the Warriors beat the Mustangs 31-7. Willowbrook improved its overall record to 6-2 and clinched a berth in the IHSA playoffs.



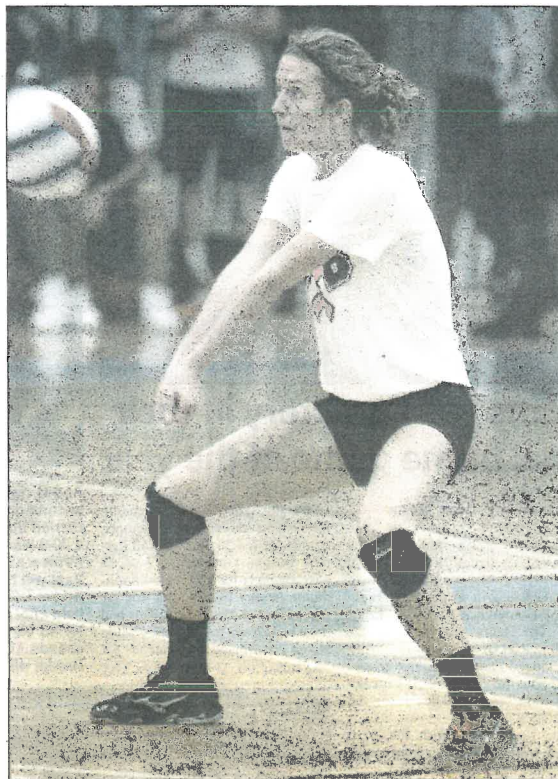
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Net coverage

Senior Mackenzie Bell of the Glenbard East girls volleyball team tips the ball over the net for a winning point during Friday's match against Hononegah at the Rams' 24-team Autumnfest Tournament. Glenbard East earned a 25-22 win in the first game against Hononegah. The Indians earned a 25-19 in the second game to force a decisive third game. The Rams built a 24-16 lead in the third game, but Hononegah proceeded to win 10 straight points to pull out a 22-25, 25-19, 26-24 victory. Glenbard East lost its next match on Friday, falling 25-19, 25-21 to St. Charles East. The Rams won two of three matches during Saturday's tournament play. Their overall season record stood at 17-15 at the end of the event. See story on page 15.

Warriors battle the Dukes

Senior Olivia Pennebaker of the Willowbrook girls volleyball team receives a serve during last week's home match against York. The visiting Dukes defeated the Warriors 25-17, 25-19 in Villa Park. Pennebaker hit a team-leading seven kills for Willowbrook. Senior Milena Sogura added five kills. Senior Emily Ligocki provided 12 assists, while freshman Peyton Ceh made 11 digs. The Warriors won one of five matches at Glenbard East's Autumnfest Tournament, which took place Friday and Saturday in Lombard. Willowbrook's overall season record stood at 14-18 at the end of the event. The Warriors earned their lone win in the tournament with a 25-23, 25-22 victory over Wheaton Warrenville South on Saturday. Senior Jamie Chiappetta connected for a team-leading six kills. The Warriors will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season with an Oct. 24 regional-quarterfinal match at the York Regional.



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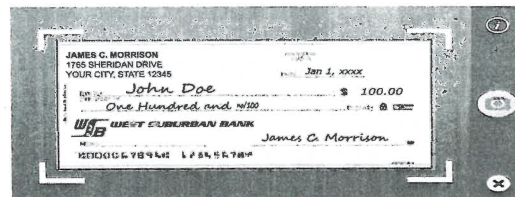
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Warriors run at West Suburban Gold Conference Meet

Willowbrook's girls and boys cross country teams competed in Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Katherine Legge Memorial Park in Hinsdale. The Warriors ran to a fourth-place finish in the girls meet, which included six full teams. The boys team posted a fifth-place finish out of seven full teams.

Sophomore Victoria Palma delivered the Warriors' best finish in the girls race by posting a ninth-place time of 19 minutes, 59.5 seconds. The trio of junior Evelyn Yao (21:23.0), freshman Ellie King (21:23.9) and junior Lydia Bauernfreund (21:34.1) placed 21st, 22nd and 23rd, respectively. Junior Angela Klingelhoff (22:37.8) provided a 32nd-place finish. Junior Briana Jones (23:13.6) placed 36th, while senior Grace Guthrie (24:06.6) turned in a 38th-place finish.

Senior Casey King produced Willowbrook's best time in the 3-mile boys race when he crossed the finish line in a 12th-place time of 16 minutes, 41.8 seconds. Junior Michael Isaacson (16:55.0) ran to an 18th-place finish, while senior Jacob Christiansen (17:27.8) wound up in 27th place. Junior Alex Gruchalski (17:39.9) and senior Evan Carter (17:43.4) placed 32nd and 35th, respectively. Junior Ian Costello (18:18.0) rounded out the Willowbrook lineup with a 40th-place showing.

Willowbrook's boys and girls teams will return to Katherine Legge Memorial Park this Saturday to run in the IHSAA Class 3A Hinsdale Central Regional.

The top six teams in the boys and girls races at the regional will advance to the Marist Sectional, which will take place Oct. 29.

Firefighters battle athletes in charity basketball game on Oct. 22

The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) will face a team of sports legends in a charity basketball game that will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Glenbard East High School. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

The players on the team of sports legends will include Glenbard East athletic director D'Wayne Bates, who played with the Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Vikings. Before playing in the National Football League, Bates was a standout receiver for Northwestern University. The IFCA's basketball team will include Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik, who is the current president of the DuPage Fire Chiefs organization.

Funds raised from the event will support the IFCA's annual scholarships to members of the fire service to continue their professional development. Individual scholarships are awarded in various amounts up to \$2,000. The IFCA's 2015 scholarship program awarded 89 scholarships. The total monetary value of the scholarships was nearly \$76,000.

Tickets for the event are \$15. Admission is free for children 6 and under. To order tickets, or for more information, call 630-592-9646.

Lombardian and Villa Park Review offices to move Oct. 21

The offices of the Lombardian and Villa Park review will move on Friday, October 21, from 116 South Main Street in Lombard to 929 South Main Street, Unit 102 in Lombard. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information call 630-627-7010.



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Students honored

Ten Willowbrook High School students were recognized as Outstanding Students during a recent breakfast held in their honor. To be chosen for the school's Outstanding Students award, students must demonstrate extraordinary achievement, outstanding effort and commendable attitude and motivation. Those students must also maintain a continuous exemplary performance while showing the ability to overcome obstacles. Principal Dan Krause and Assistant Principal Doug Wildes welcomed the students and their family members to the Oct. 13 breakfast in the school cafeteria. Staff members from Willowbrook's various departments nominated the honored students for the awards. Each of the recognized students received a certificate of honor. The award winners (pictured left to right) are: (front row) senior Rachel Wiedman (music), junior Julia Cicero (English), senior Kellie Lanigan (career and technical education), senior Lisa Wallace (art) and senior Lesly Montoya (world languages); (back row) sophomore Max Polanek (physical education), sophomore Uzair Ali Syed (literacy), senior Vineet Patel (math), junior Nathan Kelly (social studies) and senior Jonathon Staunton (science).

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Kern, York ready for postseason run

By BILL STONE

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ELMHURST – As the top returning finisher from the 2015 Class 3A boys cross country state meet, York junior Charlie Kern brings with him high expectations.

Trying to meet those expectations for his return to Peoria's Detweiller Park for the state race Nov. 5 and the races leading up to the state meet contributed to Kern finishing fourth at the West Suburban Silver meet at Lyons Township on Oct. 15.

Second at state last year, Kern 5:07.7 over 3 miles) finished behind free returning top-10 all-staters at the WSS meet.

"It's crazy how deep our conference is," Kern said. "I was pretty disappointed, but I know I'll be fine for state. We had a few weeks of pretty hard workouts, so my legs were still feeling it."

The top-10 rated Dukes (88 points) edged top-10 Hinsdale Central (93) for third behind top-three rated Downers Grove North (48) and LT (52).

Junior Sean MacGregor was a breakthrough sixth (15:10.7) at the WSS meet. Freshman Ethan Kern, Charlie's brother, junior Jackson Bode and senior Liam Hill were 25th, 26th and 27th, respectively.

MacGregor and Bode were the team's No. 5 and 6 finishers for last year's fourth-place state team.

On Oct. 1, Charlie Kern's personal-best 14:21.5 won the Peoria Invite. It was the fastest time at Detweiller this season.

"That was incredibly encouraging," Kern said. "Definitely [for state] I would not be satisfied with anything but the No. 1, the win. I'm also running for my team, so that's just more meaningful."

After state, York runners will compete independently. Charlie Kern is considering competing at both the Nike and Foot Locker regionals after qualifying for the 2015 Nike nationals Dec. 5 in Portland, Ore.

"We worked [Charlie] more than we should to be ready for the conference meet, but we're very confident in those big ones that he'll be back where he expects to be," York co-coach Charlie Kern Sr. said. "Yes, we want to do the best we can at the state meet, but we also want to be aware of what



Bill Ackerman - For Shaw Media

York's Charlie Kern makes his way toward the finish line Oct. 15 during the West Suburban Silver meet at Lyons Township. Kern placed fourth and the Dukes were third in the final race before the start of the postseason.

could be out there beyond. I want to give him enough [mileage] work."

State will be especially emotional with the retirement of head coaching legend Joe Newton. The Dukes have won 28 state titles since his start in 1960. Newton remained in Arizona this season but returns the week of state to accompany the Dukes to Peoria.

"I'm really looking forward to having him back," Charlie Kern said. "Even if it's just for a week, you know he's going to say something to really inspire us."

In the WSS girls varsity race, York's Sarah May was fifth (18:05). Erin Davies (12th, 18:51) added a top-16, all-conference finish as the Dukes placed fourth as a team.

Both York teams will compete in the Class 3A Lake Park regional Oct. 22. The girls race starts at 1 p.m. with the boys race to follow at 2 p.m.

Postseason kicks off for girls volleyball

By JASON ROSSI

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The high school girls volleyball regular season is winding down and teams are about to start the postseason with the goal of reaching the state finals at Redbird Arena in Normal on Nov. 13 and 14. Here's the playoff outlook for area teams:

Glenbard East

Class: 4A

Regional: Glenbard East

Sectional: Addison Trail

Sectional seed: No. 7

First match: 6:30 p.m. Oct. 25 vs. No. 10 Oak Park-River Forest

Outlook: In a season of mixed results, East has played better volleyball coming down the stretch. Playing at home in the regional should give the Rams a boost against OPRF, and if they get past that match the intensity will ratchet up higher as No. 2 sectional seed Riverside Brookfield likely would be waiting in the regional final Oct. 27.

IC Catholic

Class: 2A

Regional: IC Catholic

Sectional: Latin

Sectional seed: No. 1

First match: 6 p.m. Oct. 25 vs. No. 7 Collins/No. 11 Manley

Outlook: After a rocky start the Knights made some lineup adjustments and have seen the results improve as the season has progressed.

"These young ladies are excited about the postseason," head coach Nancy D'Amore said. "They understand that the high level of competition we play ... has prepared us for what is ahead. Our mental strength at this point becomes just as important as the physical skills."

Setter Tess Reardon, who played on the 2013 state championship team, leads the offense, senior libero Giana Curran is a stalwart on defense, and sophomore middle Nailah Landon has made an impact on both sides of the net.

IC will enjoy the home surroundings in the regional and supersectional, if it gets that far. A win in the opener moves the Knights into the regional final Oct. 27.

Timothy Christian

Class: 3A

Regional: Trinity

Sectional: Montini

Sectional seed: No. 1

First match: 5:30 p.m. Oct. 25 vs. No. 16 Noble St.-Rauner/No. 17 Phoenix Military Academy

Outlook: Last year's third-place team in Class 2A moved up this season, but the Trojans still have the potential to make a state run, thanks to eight returning players.

"When everybody is on the same page and working together, we can be very hard to stop," head coach Scott Piersman said.

Ava Venema, Kendra Tuene, Emily DeBoer and Ruth Hruska-Kelley lead the attack, Tracy Westra runs the offense, and Zoe Stanton leads the defense. All return from the state team.

The Trojans were 29-5 heading into their regular-season finale and look to add more wins to that total. A possible date with Trinity in the regional final Oct. 27 and a loaded sectional field will present challenges.

Willowbrook

Class: 4A

Regional: York

Sectional: Addison Trail

Sectional seed: No. 11

First match: 6:30 p.m. Oct. 25 vs. No. 22 Noble St.-ITW

Outlook: The Warriors have been up and down for most of the season, but they will still be favored to win their opener, which would bring a date with No. 6 seed Jones in a regional semifinal Oct. 25. Win that one and it's on to the regional final and a likely date with No. 3 York.

York

Class: 4A

Regional: York

Sectional: Addison Trail

Sectional seed: No. 3

First match: 4:30 p.m. Oct. 25 vs. No. 14 Payton/No. 18 Lincoln Park

Outlook: The Dukes have the pieces needed to make a long playoff run, including senior setter Sarah Rose and senior hitters Sydney Bonthron and Kristie Paus who are capable of taking over a match. The rest of the team is relatively inexperienced at the varsity level, which led to some inconsistent play in the regular season.

The Dukes could play for the title at their own regional Oct. 27, and if they bring their "A" game they could advance and make some noise in the sectional.

DuPage Valley Conference considering expansion

BY KEVIN SCHMIT

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In a statement released on Thursday, the DuPage Valley Conference announced it is exploring expansion.

Currently a conference of nine schools, the DVC's move comes as a response to four of the schools — Glenbard North, Lake Park, Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South — engaging in talks with Batavia,

Geneva, St. Charles East and St. Charles North to form a new conference.

"We think it is time to bring in some like-minded schools who have high academic standards as well as healthy sports and activity programs," wrote Metea Valley principal Darrell Echols, the president of the DVC.

After years of stability as an eight-school conference, the

DVC reduced to six schools in 2014 when Lake Park joined the league and Glenbard East, West Aurora and West Chicago left for the Upstate Eight Conference. The DVC grew to nine schools a year later with the addition of Metea Valley, Neuqua Valley and Waubonsie Valley.

Citing enrollment disparities with Naperville Central, Naperville North and the three

Valley schools, the Wheatons, Glenbard North and Lake Park announced two weeks ago they were pursuing a new conference with the four Tri-Cities schools. DVC bylaws dictate that those schools must decide to leave by Dec. 1 to form the conference in time for the 2018-19 school year.

"Exploring the possibility of expansion may include arriving at an even number of

schools, which is helpful for conference scheduling," the statement reads, meaning the DVC is expected to try adding an odd number of schools regardless of whether or not the four schools depart the DVC.

The statement notes that "preliminary conversations with potential schools" are scheduled for the end of October. No schools, she said.

statement says, have notified the DVC Board of Control of their intention to leave the conference.

"Our desire to expand is based on our efforts to provide more opportunities for our students to compete with schools that have similar philosophies on equity and excellence as well as a strong focus on academic achievement," Echols said.

Scouting this weekend's high school football games

The High Five

Leyden (6-2, 5-0) at

Willowbrook (6-2, 4-1)

West Suburban Gold

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

Last week: Leyden 48, Morton 6; Willowbrook 31, Downers Grove South 7.

Last year: Leyden 16, Willowbrook 7.

Outlook: Last year Willowbrook came into this season finale in need of a win to seal a playoff berth. With the loss, however, the Warriors missed the postseason despite being a 5-win team. Having already earned a playoff spot with last week's win over Downers South, the sole focus for Willowbrook is a victory to share the Gold title with the Eagles. With quarterback Michael Wilms and running back Donovan Brown, Leyden has plenty of skill to go with its physical offensive line. It'll be a good matchup against Willowbrook defensive linemen Will Schuller and sophomore Matt Knudtson. If Wilms tests the Warriors' secondary, he'll feed into the unit's strength with Jon Kelso and others. Offensively, Willowbrook will take whatever Leyden provides. Last week M.J. Ranieri threw for 120 yards and touchdowns to Khalif Copeland and Mike Dembowski. Two-way standout Jack Jensen continues to lead the ground game, but fellow junior Chris Diaz offers a nice change of pace in the backfield.

Neuqua Valley (8-0, 7-0) at

Glenbard North (6-2, 5-2)

DuPage Valley Conference

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

Last week: Neuqua Valley 38, Lake Park 12; Glenbard North 29, Metea Valley 15.

Last year: Glenbard North 42, Neuqua Valley 28.

Outlook: Likely having secured a first-round home playoff game, Neuqua targets the outright DVC title and its first unbeaten regular season since 2017. But Glenbard North beat the Wildcat last year in Week 9. Moreover,



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Waubonsie Valley hosts Wheaton North tonight with both teams needing a victory to be eligible for the playoffs.

Oak Park (7-1, 4-1) at

Hinsdale Central (8-0, 5-0)

West Suburban Silver

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

Last week: Oak Park 27, Lyons Twp. 3; Hinsdale Central 28, Hinsdale South 14.

Last year: Oak Park 39, Hinsdale Central 7.

Outlook: The Red Devils keep rolling through the toughest part of their schedule. Having already wrapped up at least a share of its first Silver title since 2004, Hinsdale Central athletes only need one more win to

St. Edward (4-4, 0-4) at

Wheaton Academy (5-3, 1-3)

Metro Suburban Blue

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

Last week: Riverside-Brookfield 56, St. Edward 13; Wheaton Academy 53, Fenton 7.

Last year: Did not play.

Outlook: At 38 playoff points (combined wins by opponents) St. Edward is a likely win-and-in. In 2014 Wheaton Academy missed a playoff spot by the fourth tiebreaker, number of playoff opponents. Owning an iffy 34 "points" the Warriors don't want to leave it to chance. To get that sixth win they'll have to play pass defense. Quarterback Dylan Minarich, one of the rare Green Wave players to stay healthy, has thrown for 2,579 yards, 30 touchdowns, 19 interceptions. St. Edward, led by sophomore Angel Garcia's 391 yards rushing, averages 322 passing to 71 rushing. Four players have caught at least 33 passes led by Tyler Holte with 52 for 649 yards, 7 touchdowns. The Warriors, though, anticipated the pass superbly last week with linebacker Dimitrie Skakavac's 40-yard pick-6 one of 5 Wheaton Academy interceptions plus a Nori Kasai sack. Due to injury St. Edward is down to sophomore linebackers who must diagnose Harrison Taylor's jet sweeps and Kent Harmon between the tackles.

Wheaton North (4-4, 3-4) at

Waubonsie Valley (4-4, 3-4)

DuPage Valley Conference

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

Last week: Wheaton North 45, Naperville Central 27; Naperville North 17, Waubonsie Valley 14.

Last year: Wheaton North 9, Waubonsie Valley 7.

Outlook: It's pretty simple. The winner becomes playoff eligible and likely reaches the postseason with a sufficient number of playoff points. The

Rest of the Best

Addison Trail (4-4) at Glenbard West (5-2)

Game time: 1 p.m. Saturday.

The quick hit: With the Blazers needing a win to become playoff eligible, expect a bunch of two-way play beyond Darrian Conrad. Glenbard West's backfield got a boost from Tyquan Cox coming up from the sophomore team and rushing for 100 yards last week.

Carmel (5-3, 4-2) at Bonet (5-2, 5-1)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Benedictine University in Lisle.

The quick hit: Benet's hopes for an ESCC title faded with its loss to Marist, but the Redwings can improve their playoff seeding with a win. Benet loves to lean on its defense, and it's no wonder with players like safety Alec McEachern, who picked off two passes last week.

Crystal Lake South (2-5) at West Chicago (1-7)

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

The quick hit: In 2015 West Chicago had a total of 672 yards rushing. This season senior fullback Devonte Pascal has run for 683. That and Zach Stefan's touchdown passes to Alex VanDoren and Trey Lally give the Wildcats a little momentum entering their finale.

Downers Grove South (2-5, 2-3) at Proviso East (0-8, 0-5)

Game time: 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

The quick hit: Thinned out because of key injuries, the Mustangs hope to end the season by breaking a three-game losing streak. Parker Jones took over at quarterback for injured Matt Greenwald, and the Mustangs have started to lean more on running back Sam Adank.

Glenbard East (2-5, 2-2) at Bartlett (2-5, 2-2)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Millennium Stadium in Streamwood.

The quick hit: Glenbard East seeks its first above-.500 UEC Valley record. Sophomore quarterback Bret Bushka comes off a great day, and the Rams offense returns running back Jack Oberli. Rams defensive tackle Brandon Raines confronts Bartlett's ground attack.

Minsdale South (3-5, 3-2) Morton (1-7, 1-4)

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

The quick hit: The Hornets will miss the playoffs after a tough loss to Hinsdale Central, but they'll try to close the season on a high note. D.J. Anderson remains a playmaker in the secondary. Last week he returned his second interception for a touchdown.

IC Catholic (8-0, 4-0) at Fenton (3-5, 1-3)

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

The quick hit: After successive 50-0 victories IC quarterback Luke Ricobene & Co. pursues the program's first 9-0 record. On Fenton's senior night, despite the odds coach Mark Kos seeks a disciplined 48 minutes to send out seniors like tackle Angelo Duval in style.

Lake Park (2-5, 1-5) at Naperville Central (3-5, 3-4)

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

The quick hit: Turnovers keep hammering the Redhawks, who committed four last week. No matter the score, A.J. Deinhart kept running hard in a 111-yard effort. Despite mass injuries Lake Park



Naperville North hosts Wheaton Warrenville South tonight. Naperville Central is home against Lake Park.

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gets healthier with the return of defensive lineman Christian Cestone.

Lisle (4-4) at Streator (2-5)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Whether Lisle's guaranteed 36 playoff points can earn a playoff slot is moot without a win. Streator's record may be deceiving as the team pulls from an enrollment nearly twice that of Lisle. Quarterback Jay McGrath is charged with finishing drives.

Wesley Valley (2-5) at Lincoln-Way Central (5-2)

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

The quick hit: A solid effort against Glenbard North propels the Mustangs. Tailback Alonzo Taylor-Jones needs 135 yards rushing for 1,000 on the season. A big line push by Will Hanegan, Bryce Effner, Max Cussans, Robert Finch and Bobby Paplernik could get him there.

Proviso West (1-7, 0-5) at Downers Grove North (3-5, 1-4)

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

The quick hit: As tough as the season started, the Trojans are poised to wind up just shy of a playoff berth. Last week Jailyn Jacobs and Jason Bell returned interceptions for scores. The Trojans also recovered two fumbles while holding York to 142 total yards.

Niles-Southbrookfield (3-2, 3-1) at Glenbard South (5-3, 3-1)

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

The quick hit: Glenbard South feels good about this game for second in the Metro Suburban Blue. Sean Cooke and Jack Crouch will run inside and out — until R-B loads the box, then Crouch throws to Mike Paprota, Ryan McConville, Peter Jeske and Bryan Maroney.

St. Francis (1-7, 0-3) at Mendota (5-3, 2-1)

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

The quick hit: St. Francis' Gabe Meyer has been a reliable blocker for wingback Sam Sidari and now Nolan Pechan. For Montini the pressure is off after beating Mt. Carmel. Receiver-safety Mitch West came up big. Not yet 100 percent, QB Brad Norgle did return.

Westmont (1-7) at Plano (5-2)

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

The quick hit: Fast starts haven't been Westmont's forte but will need to be against this Interstate Eight Large heavy. In last week's loss to Streator, Sentinel's senior Marquis Thomas became the program's all-time receiving yardage leader with 1,697 yards.

WW South (2-5, 2-5) at Naperville North (7-1, 6-1)

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

The quick hit: WW South's tough trip to Michigan last week had some high points, including strong two-way play by lineman Zack Hryck. Naperville North didn't put up huge offensive numbers in last week's win, but Cross Robinson had another 100-yard rushing performance.

York (2-5, 1-4) at Lyons Twp. (5-2, 3-2)

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

The quick hit: Defensively, the Dukes must find a way to slow Lyons Twp. junior quarterback Ben Bryant. Chris McCoy boasts four of York's 15 sacks on the season. Expect ball control from the offense with quarterback Charlie Pakenas and running back Keith Freeman.

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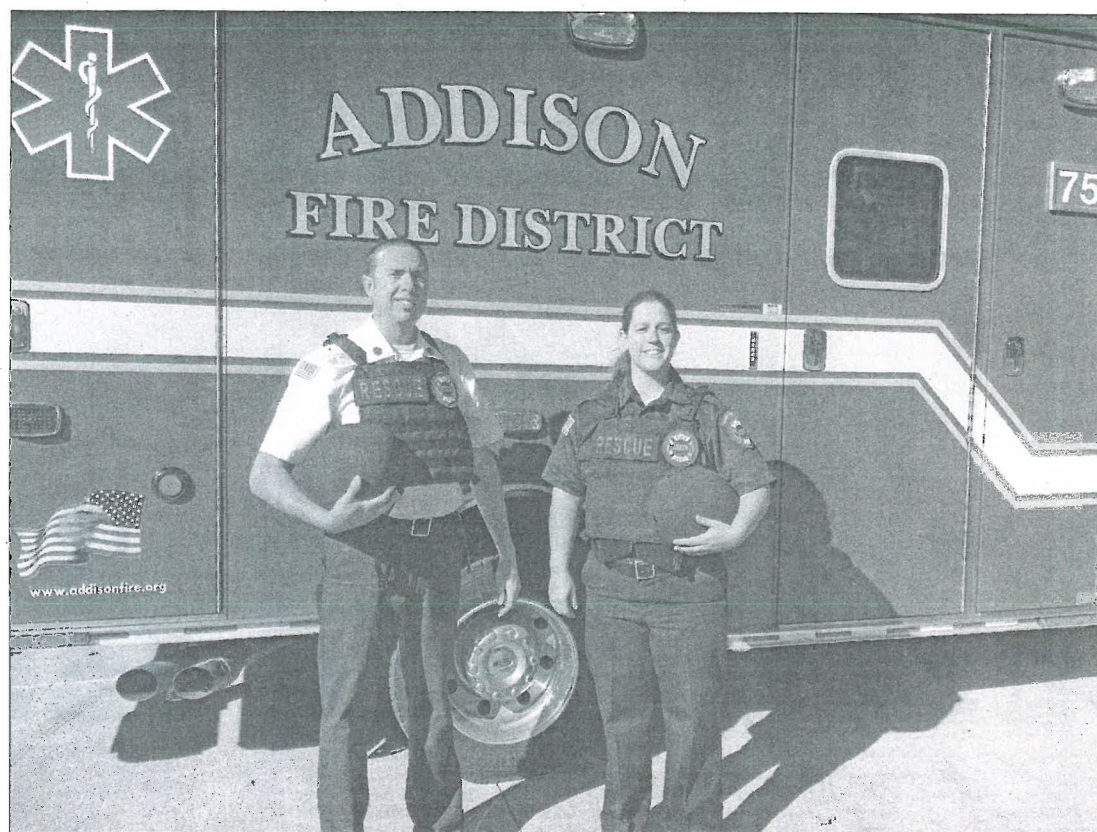


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Firefighters, paramedics receive protective vests, helmets

These two Addison firefighters wear bulletproof vests and hold ballistic helmets that were recently approved for purchase by the Addison Fire Protection District. "We can no longer be passive," said Addison Fire Chief Joe Leone. "We must respond with the police and render emergency medical care in a timely manner."

Farm Bureau visits Army Trail fourth graders

Mrs. Anderson from the DuPage County Farm Bureau visited 4th grade classrooms at Army Trail School last week. As part of the Bureau's "Ag in the Classroom"

program, Mrs. Anderson talked to the students about the life cycle of a pumpkin.

She read Pumpkin Jack, a story about a boy who grew a pumpkin

using seeds from his Halloween Jack-o-lantern from the year prior. She also shared the information that Illinois is the top producer of pumpkins, growing more pumpkins than any other state in the union.

Students worked on a craft—a

pumpkin chain that students can use to tell of story of the plant's development from seed to leaf to blossom to pollination to pumpkin. The also had a chance to see, touch, and smell some pumpkins that Anderson brought with her.

ACA presents Lyric Opera in the Neighborhoods

To perform *Jason and the Argonauts* on Oct. 26

The Addison Center for the Arts will be welcoming the Lyric Opera in the Neighborhoods for the 21st year. Addison was the first community in the entire Chicagoland area to have this event come to schools.

On October 26, the Lyric will be presenting "Jason and the Argonauts" to students in grades 4-6 at two performances at 10 a.m. and 12 noon in the auditorium of Addison Trail High School.

The production, by Lyric Unlimited, dedicated to education, community engagement and new

artistic initiatives, is designed to educate and entertain students with little no previous experience with the operatic art form.

"Jason and the Argonauts" tells of Jason and his talented companions set off aboard his ship, the Argo, on a quest for the Golden Fleece and his rightful place on the throne. Along the way they face perils and trails ultimately teach them what it means to be a true hero, based on the ancient Greek myth.

This program is partially funded by the Addison Center for the Arts and the Illinois Arts Council Agency. Busing is provided by Addison School District #4 and the auditorium and stage crew by Addison Trail High School.



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These fourth graders touch the outside of a pumpkin brought into the classroom by Mrs. Anderson from the County Farm Bureau, who shared the life cycle of a pumpkin and how Illinois is the top grower of pumpkins in the nation.

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Willowbrook football team qualifies for playoffs

Addison Trail football team defeats Proviso East, keeps playoff hopes alive

By Mike Miazga
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The Willowbrook football team is headed back to the state playoffs.

By virtue of the Warriors' 31-7 West Suburban Conference Gold Division road win at Downers Grove South, the team earned its sixth victory and an automatic playoff berth.

Willowbrook moved to 6-2 overall and 4-1 in WSC Gold play.

The Warriors now have won four games in a row.

The Warriors last qualified for the

playoffs in 2013. It's the third playoff berth in coach Nick Hildreth's fifth season at the helm.

Willowbrook now turns its attention to Friday's home game against Leyden. If Willowbrook defeats Leyden it will share the conference title with the Eagles, who come to Villa Park unbeaten in conference play at 5-0.

Addison Trail football

The Addison Trail football team kept its playoff hopes alive thanks to

a 48-12 win against Proviso East at home.

The win moved the Blazers to 4-4 overall and finished West Suburban Conference Gold Division play with a 3-3 record.

Addison Trail can become playoff eligible in Week 9 if it defeats Glenbard West Saturday in Glen Ellyn. Game time is 1 p.m.

Addison Trail led 21-0 after the first quarter and 41-0 at halftime.

Quarterback Bobby Daniels was 5-for-6 for 135 yards and threw

three touchdown passes.

Running back Nick D'Ambrose ran 13 times for 171 yards (13.2 yards per carry) and scored three rushing touchdowns.

Addison Trail ran for 205 yards on 21 carries.

Darrian Conrad caught a 57-yard touchdown pass, while AJ Parnell caught a 40-yard touchdown and Stevan Jones caught a 27-yard TD.

D'Ambrose had 208 all-purpose yards (171 rushing and 37 kick return).

Andrew Felix led the defense with nine tackles. Nick DiBernardo had eight tackles, while Vittorio Venuti had six tackles.

Jose Sanchez and Chris Lasanta each had two tackles for loss, while DiBernardo, Zach Ullrich and Venuti each had one tackle for loss.

Addison Trail also racked up six quarterback sacks for 42 yards in losses. Sanchez and Lasanta each had two sacks, while Ullrich and Venuti each had one QB sack.

Chris Long and Christian Cici each had an interception.

Conrad had a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Sanchez and Jones each kicked three extra points.

Fenton football team loses to Wheaton Academy

Bison boys soccer team No. 2 seed in sub-sectional

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton football team dropped a 53-7 Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division game to Wheaton Academy in West Chicago.

The Week 8 loss dropped Fenton to 3-5 overall and 1-3 in MSC Blue play.

The loss eliminated Fenton from playoff consideration.

The Bison close out the season Friday at home at 7:15 p.m. against unbeaten IC Catholic Prep (8-0).

Fenton girls tennis

The Fenton girls tennis team finished tied for eighth place at the recent Class 2A Glenbrook South regional in Glenview. Fenton did not advance any individuals to the state tournament.

Fenton boys soccer

The Fenton boys soccer team

opened Class 2A regional play at Redmond Park in Bensenville against St. Francis earlier this week.

If Fenton won the semifinal game against St. Francis, it will play for the regional title Friday at 4:30 p.m. against either Timothy Christian or Marmion Academy.

Fenton is the No. 2 seed in sub-sectional A of the St. Francis sectional. St. Francis is the No. 7 seed. Timothy is the No. 3 seed and Marmion is the No. 6 seed.

Fenton cross country

Both Fenton cross-country teams will compete in Class 2A regionals Saturday.

The Fenton boys team will run in the eight-team St. Viator regional at Melas Park in Mt. Prospect at 11 a.m.

The Bison girls team runs at Melas Park at 10 a.m., in a regional field that features 10 teams.

Advancing teams and individuals out of the St. Viator regional will compete in the Class 2A Fenton sec-

tional at Fenton High School next Saturday where berths in the state finals will be on the line.

IC Catholic Prep (8-0, 4-0) at Fenton (3-5, 1-3)
When: Friday, 7:15 p.m.

Where: Fenton High School, Bensenville
Last week: IC Catholic Prep 50, Glenbard South 0; Wheaton Academy 53, Fenton 7
Last year: IC Catholic Prep 56, Fenton 15

Outlook: The steamroller that is IC Catholic Prep football concludes its regular season in Bensenville against Fenton. The Knights are in search of their first-ever 9-0 regular season. IC Catholic Prep has scored less than 40 points only once this season and registered point totals of 63, 56, 72, 50 and 50 in games. The Knights also have shut out five of their eight opponents so far this season. Fenton needed a win last week against Wheaton Academy to still have playoff aspirations.

Addison Trail (4-4) at Glenbard West (6-2)

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.

Where: Glenbard West High School, Glen Ellyn
Last week: Addison Trail 48, Proviso East 12; Glenbard West 49, Proviso West 6
Last year: Glenbard West 48, Addison Trail 23

Outlook: This is a must-win game for Addison Trail. The Blazers need to get to 5-4 overall in order to become playoff eligible. This exact same scenario occurred last year with Addison Trail being 4-4 and facing Glenbard West at home in Week 9. The Hilltoppers did not win the West Suburban Conference Silver Division title this year, dropping conference contests to Lyons Township (28-14) and Hinsdale Central (31-30) in back-to-back weeks. Hinsdale Central leads the WSC Silver at 5-0 heading into Week 9.

Leyden (6-2, 5-0) at Willowbrook (6-2, 4-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Willowbrook High School, Villa Park
Last week: Leyden 48, Morton 6; Willowbrook 31, Downers Grove South 7
Last year: Leyden 16, Willowbrook 7 (at Leyden)

Outlook: This game is simple. Both teams already are in the playoffs, but the more immediate prize is the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title. Leyden gets no worse than a share of it, while Willowbrook needs to win here to get half the title. Leyden's conference victories have come by scores of 43-0 (Proviso East, home), 34-19 (Addison Trail, home), 14-0 (Downers Grove South, away), 26-20 (Hinsdale South, away) and 48-6 (Morton, home). Willowbrook's conference victories come by scores of 38-7 (Addison Trail, away), Morton (49-20, home), Proviso East (42-0, away) and Downers South (31-7, away). Willowbrook lost 30-27 at home to Hinsdale South.

Willowbrook girls volleyball team wins two matches at Elk Grove invite

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team won a pair of matches at the recent Elk Grove invitational.

Willowbrook started the tournament with a 25-17, 25-20 win over Crystal Lake South. Bri Hoffmann had one dig. Taylor Balsitis had one block, while Payton Ceh had two aces and 11 digs. Olivia Pennebaker had two kills and seven digs. Grace Chantos had five digs. Jessica Ragucci had six kills and one dig. Emily Ligocki had one block, 16 assists and 10 digs. Jamie Chiappetta had one kill and two digs. Marissa Marcello had one kill, one ace, one assist and one dig. Milena Sogura had eight kills and two blocks.

In a 25-16, 25-14 loss to Chicago Resurrection, Balsitis had one kill. Ceh had three digs, while Pennebaker had two kills and two digs. Chantos had three digs. Ragucci had one assist and two digs, while Ligocki had nine assists and three digs. Chiappetta had seven kills, while Marcello had one ace, three assists and one dig. Sogura had three kills.

In a 25-22, 26-24 win over Elk Grove, Hoffmann had one ace. Balsitis had one kill and two blocks. Ceh had three aces and six digs. Pennebaker had six kills, one ace and six digs. Chantos had four digs. Ragucci had three kills. Ligocki had three kills and 14 assists. Chiappetta had seven kills, one ace and one dig. Marcello had seven assists and Sogura had five kills.

Willowbrook also lost 25-7, 25-18

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Having a blast

Junior Betty Ann Garrett is a female kicker on the successful Willowbrook football team

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Betty Ann Garrett has a strong soccer background. The Willowbrook junior plays club soccer with a program based out of Hinsdale.

But there was one sport she's always wanted to try.

"I always wanted to play football," she said. "Coming into freshman year that was my chance to try it out."

"We all understand the game and have put our skills and strength together. We're doing very well."

**— Betty Ann Garrett,
female kicker**

Garrett ended up being the place-kicker on the Willowbrook freshman B team. She was part of the Willowbrook sophomore team last year that went 8-1. Players from that team are now contributors to a 2016 Willowbrook team that has earned a state playoff berth with a 6-2 mark and has a chance to earn a share of the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title Friday at home against conference leader Leyden.

Through seven weeks, Garrett had made six extra points in as many tries. She shares the varsity kicking duties with senior Mike Dembowski. Garrett said she's kicked off a couple times as well.

"Kicking gives you a really free feeling," she said. "There are a lot of different ways you can interpret it. You can kick it a certain way and it goes a different way than anybody is expecting. I enjoy it."

Garrett said her demeanor helps her when lining up a kick. "I'm really mellow and don't get nervous," she said. "I process it through my head. Here goes another extra point. I'm going to put it through the posts."

Garrett said she's prepared to make a tackle if necessary while on special teams. "It depends," she said. "I will size the other team up. If someone is my size or smaller, I'll tackle them, but if they are a little bigger, I'm not sure if I could do it, but in the end I know I can."

Garrett said she assisted on one tackle on a kickoff in a mid-season game. "As a freshman, I played up one game when the sophomore kicker was hurt and I assisted on another tackle against Downers Grove South," she recalled. "You get a good rush of adrenaline, for sure."

Garrett said there's no issue being a girl on the football team. "At our school, they enjoy it," she said. "They feel like they have a mom on the team. Guys leave their water bottles around and I'll fill them. Our team is cool about it. Sometimes it's different with other teams. They will be like, 'Oh my gosh, why are you here? This is a guy's sport.' I let that stuff go over my head and I ignore them. I've known a lot of the players on our team since middle school. They've been great."

Garrett, who runs track in the spring, already knows what she would like to do in the future. "I want to get into forensic psychology," she said. "I really want to work with criminal profiling and criminal investigation."

In her spare time, Garrett enjoys photography and used her photo-taking skills during an Easter Seals volunteer project. "Easter Seals is a lot of fun," she said. "I spent time with one of the children and took photos of him that shows who he is as a person."

Garrett said Willowbrook is thriving on the football field this season

because of the mix of players it has. "The guys I played with as sophomores have come up with a lot of

confidence and have played well," she said. "They have mixed well with the senior guys who are very

strong. We all understand the game and have put our skills and strength together. We're doing very well."

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Addison Trail-Willowbrook girls swimming team defeats Morton

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The Addison Trail-Willowbrook co-op girls swimming team split a pair of recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division wins against Morton and Hinsdale South.

In a 123-47 victory over Morton, AT-Willowbrook won the 200 medley relay in 2:05.26. That team included Anna Christiansen, Annalise Morrone, Grace Roucka and Klea Gjonaj.

Elissa Haake won the 200 in 1:58.37, while Michelle Ramirez was second at 2:11.82. Madison Walsh took second in the 200 IM at 2:56.46. Jessica Berson was third at 2:56.84.

Gjonaj won the 50 free in 29.38. Roucka won the 100 butterfly in 1:14.74. Haake won the 100 in 54.72. Christiansen was second in 1:02.41.

Ramirez won the 500 in 5:55.42. AT-Willowbrook won the 200 relay in 1:46.26 with Haake, Chris-

tiansen, Ramirez and Morrone.

Christiansen won the 100 backstroke in 1:08.98. Morrone won the 100 breaststroke in 1:14.93.

AT-Willowbrook also won the 400 relay in 4:07.02 with Haake, Roucka, Gjonaj and Ramirez.

In the frosh-soph contest, AT-Willowbrook lost 85-75 to Morton. AT-Willowbrook took second in the 200 medley relay at 2:33.70 with Kelsey Fitzgerald, Ryley Goles, Elizabeth Romero and Sabrina Edwards.

Jessica Whiting took fourth in the 200 free. Edwards was third in the 200 IM. Sara Whiting won the 50 free in 32.60. Julianna Tamayo was second in the 100 butterfly. Fitzgerald won the 100 with a time of 1:14.37. Melissa Bouharati won the 500.

AT-Willowbrook won the 200 free relay in 2:10.94 with Goles, Sara Whiting, Jessica Whiting and Edwards.

Emy Hayes took second in the 100 backstroke. Goles won the

breaststroke in 1:32.84. Romero was second.

AT-Willowbrook also won the 400 relay in 4:58.05 with Edwards, Goles, Tamayo and Sara Whiting."

AT-Willowbrook also competed in the recent St. Charles North invitational and finished 10th with 79 points.

Haake was third in the 100 with

a time of 54.06.

AT-Willowbrook also lost 50-44 to Leyden in WSC Gold action. The frosh-soph team defeated Leyden 48-45.

Addison Trail girls tennis team ties for third at WSC Gold tournament

Willowbrook logs four fourth-place finishes

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls tennis team ended up tied for third at the recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division tournament.

The Blazers tied for third with 22 points and combined with their 23 dual-meet points ended up in fourth place overall in the conference.

Pamela Kobeszko had one of three Addison Trail third-place finishes in the tournament. She went 2-1 at No. 2 singles and won the third-place match by a 6-1, 6-1 count.

The Addison Trail No. 1 doubles team of Jessica Bach and Gianna Sarli also took third after going 2-1. They won their third-place match by scores of 6-1, 6-1.

The No. 2 doubles team of Meryem Ahmed and Viany Ortiz added the other third-place finish. They also went 2-1 and won the third-place match by scores of 6-3, 6-2.

No. 1 singles player Mariana Tollko won a match and finished fourth. No. 3 singles Tamara Kruc-

also took fourth and had one win.

The No. 4 doubles team of Greta Qano and Tracy Pham won the fifth-place match by scores of 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. The No. 3 doubles team of Lucero Bustamante and Shannon Abraham took sixth.

Willowbrook girls tennis

The Willowbrook girls tennis team finished fifth at the WSC Gold tournament with 17 tournament points. That coupled with 12 dual-meet points put the Warriors in fifth place overall in the conference.

The Warriors' No. 1 doubles team of Millie Zachariah and Renee Parzgnat took fourth and had one victory (6-5, 1-6, 6-3).

The No. 2 doubles team of Andrea Zulawski and Catherine Storck had a win and took fourth, as did the No. 3 doubles team of Leah Gillono and Hailey Vogt (1 victory). The No. 4 doubles team of Kellie Lanigan and Emily Schmitt took fourth as well and had one win.

Bianca Galicia took fifth at No. 3 singles. She won the fifth-place match by a 6-2, 6-1 score. No. 1 singles player Grace Wachholz also took fifth.

She won the fifth-place contest by scores of 6-2, 6-1. Priscilla Del Valle took sixth at No. 2 singles for the Warriors.

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Addison Trail boys soccer team finishes regular season 19-1

Blazers opened playoffs earlier this week

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys soccer team closed out the regular season on another tear.

The Blazers upped their record to 19-1 overall and 5-1 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action after triumphs over Leyden (2-0), Nequa Valley (2-0), Proviso West (5-2) and Hinsdale Central (2-1). Addison Trail finished second in

the conference behind Morton.

Through the end of the regular season, Addison Trail had 14 players who scored at least one goal. And of those 14, a dozen had at least two goals and three players have at least 10 goals. Addison Trail scored 71 goals in the 20 regular-season games.

"We have a lot of guys who can put the ball in the net," said Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini. "Our offense is very balanced and several players can contribute on any given day. I like how quickly we can create dangerous opportunities out of only two or three passes. We are a fast team and use our speed to our advantage."

On the assists front, 18 players

had at least one assist through the end of the regular season and five had at least five assists.

Goalies Jacob Grygo and Jean Avila combined to allow 16 goals in the 20 regular-season games. Dini noted each played one half almost every game this season. Addison Trail had nine shutouts as a team heading into the playoffs.

"Both keepers are juniors so they will be back next year," he said. "Their goals-against-average is 0.80 a game. That is outstanding."

Addison Trail's excellence on defense extends beyond its goaltending. "I think the numbers speak for themselves," said Dini. "We have only let up 16 goals on the season.

Our defense is full of senior leadership and does a great job of marking other team's best players. They want to shut out every team we play and take pride when we do so."

Individually, the Blazers have benefitted of late from the play of Uriel Martinez and Ruben Amaro.

"Uriel is a senior who has come back from injury the past three games," said Dini late last week. "He is coming into form for us and gives us another dangerous player to add to the mix. I am really happy for him. Ruben is a senior who can play any midfield position. He does a good job of doing whatever we ask of him and he makes our team better because of it. I am proud of how

much he has grown up over the past year."

If Addison Trail won its regional semifinal game earlier this week, it will play for a Class 3A regional title Friday at 6 p.m., at home.

"I'm impressed with our ability to find a way every game to win," said Dini. "We have been able to beat teams in so many ways this year, whether it's with our speed, our corner-play execution, direct kicks or just on combination play. Our guys find a way to score. Our senior leadership and how close our team is also impresses me. It's been an outstanding season and I credit our players for believing in our system and playing for one another."

Addison Trail boys cross-country team readying for state series

Diaz, Lopez medal at Leyden invite for Blazers' girls cross-country team

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys cross-country team has made late-season strides in preparation for the upcoming state series.

The Blazers recently placed 20th at the St. Charles North invitational where senior Demetrio Cervantes clocked in at 17:41.

"Demetrio is back and healthy," said Addison Trail coach Brad Donaldson. "He had a strong race at St. Charles."

Donaldson noted Danny Bueno has been the team's "most consistent and solid runner all year." "He has been gradually improving each

week," he added.

Sophomore Ricardo Arreguin and junior Luis Vargas also have improved. "Ricardo has come on very strong the last half of the season," said Donaldson. "Luis has had a very solid year as well. They are dropping more than a minute off their times."

Vargas was one of the team's top two finishers in races at Leyden and St. Charles. "Luis had a very strong second cycle for us," said Donaldson. "This is his first year in cross-country and he has done a real nice job for us."

Donaldson also has seen his younger runners take steps forward. "The younger runners still are learning how to 'race,'" he said. "They are very comfortable running, but still are learning how to compete with other runners and adapt to the changing paces of a race."

The coach has been pleased with

his squad's team-first attitude. "The group overall has been a great group of kids," he said. "We have had a number of our top runners hurt so a lot of meets have not been as competitive as they could have been, but everyone has been willing to step up and do what they can to help the team out when asked."

Addison Trail will compete in a Class 3A regional Saturday. "We're looking forward to the state series," said Donaldson.

"Our top runners should all be back and healthy, ready to race so we hope to make things interesting. We are in a tough regional again this year."

Addison Trail girls cross country

Blazers' girls cross-country coach Kirsten Olson said her team has benefitted from the contributions of some new faces this season.

"Both these young women have really contributed to the positive atmosphere of this year's team. Each demonstrates a daily dedication and work ethic that sets the bar for the rest of the team."

— Kirsten Olson,
Blazers' girls cross-country coach

"There are several newcomers to the program who have been key contributors this season," she said.

That group includes sophomore Natalie Diaz and Lizbeth Balbuena. Diaz was a medalist at the Leyden invitational.

"They have held key roles on the varsity team this season," said Olson.

Other newcomers include junior Melissa Krefft and senior Marie Baumgartner. "They are running consistently at the varsity level," said Olson. "Both these young women have really contributed to the positive atmosphere of this year's team. Each demonstrates a daily dedication and work ethic that sets the bar for the rest of the team."

Returning sophomore Mercedes Lopez and senior Suhei Valbuena

also have been key contributors. Lopez was a medalist at the Leyden invitational as well. "Mercedes and Suhei have led the team as the top two runners throughout the season," said Olson. "Mercedes and Suhei push each other to be better while also supporting one another. They both are highly competitive and always strive to run a personal record at each meet."

Olson noted late last week that senior co-captain Maria Ramos, senior Julissa Rodriguez and juniors Diana Grinyuk and Karina Martinez were in contention for the final varsity spot.

Addison Trail competes in the Lake Park regional Saturday.

"We hope to qualify some individuals to the sectional meet," said Olson.

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to Mundelein Carmel. Hoffmann had one dig. Ceh had 11 digs. Denise Perez and one ace, three assists and one dig. Pennebaker had three kills, one block and five digs. Chantos finished with two digs. Stephanie Ebeling had one kill. Ragucci had one assist. Ligoeki had three kills, five assists and two digs. Chiappetta had two aces, one assist and one dig. Marcello had one kill and one assist, while Sogura had five kills.

In a 25-15, 25-21 loss to DeLaSalle, Hoffmann had one dig. Ceh had one kill and 13 digs. Perez had one kill, three assists and one dig. Pennebaker had four kills and seven digs. Chantos had four digs. Ragucci had one dig. Ligoeki had four kills, nine assists and six assists. Chiappetta had five kills, one assist and

two digs. Marcello had one assist, while Sogura had one block.

In other recent action, the Warriors lost 25-17, 25-19 to York in a West Suburban Conference cross-over contest. The loss put Willowbrook at 13-14 overall. The Warriors were 3-2 through their first five WSC Gold Division games.

In the York contest, Hoffmann had one ace and one dig. Ceh had three aces, one assist and 11 digs. Perez had one dig. Pennebaker had seven kills, one ace and seven digs. Chantos had four digs.

Ragucci had one kill and one dig. Ligoeki had one kill, 12 assists and three digs. Chiappetta had three kills, one ace and one dig. Marcello had four assists, while Sogura had five kills and two blocks.



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Willowbrook happy to go extra mile

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Every year the honor goes to some unlucky football team.

This season the award for DuPage County's longest first-round playoff road trip goes to Willowbrook. The Warriors (6-3), seeded 23rd in Class 7A, travel to No. 10 Quincy (8-1) to take on the Blue Devils.

It'll be about a 600-mile round-trip journey that coach Nick Hildreth and the Warriors are looking forward to more than dreading.

"It'll be a good experience for our guys," Hildreth said. "I think everyone's looking forward to it."

Willowbrook will load up the buses right after school on Friday and head to Quincy for a 1:30 p.m. game on Saturday. The Warriors aim to come home with their first playoff win since 1990.

"I'm glad it's a 1-32 bracket because we get games like this

Football notes

against teams we don't normally get to play," Hildreth said. "I think it's good for us to see someone different."

Mighty Mo:

Beyond its record, seeding and bracket in Class 7A, No. 11 Benet (7-2) has reason to feel good about its chances heading into the playoffs for a program record fifth straight time.

Coming off an impressive 38-14 win over Carmel, the Redwings are playing some of their best football of the season.

"I feel much better than I did a year ago," said Benet coach Pat New. "We had injuries. We had players who were out. I feel like this year we're on an incline heading into the playoffs. Last year I didn't like the momentum. I didn't like the way we went into the playoffs."

New even liked the way

his team played in a Week 8 loss to Marist, especially on defense, where the Redwings only allowed a pair of touchdowns. The defense has been steady all season, and the offense has become more consistent with quarterback Jack Sznajder and Marty Dosen, who has settled in at running back.

The Redwings hope to keep the momentum going in Friday's first-round matchup against No. 22 Hoffman Estates (6-3) at Benedictine University.

"I really like the way we're playing right now," New said. "Our offense is really clicking right now and our defense is playing as well as it has all year."

The long run:

After Mt. Carmel's streak of 30 straight playoff seasons got snapped this season, Stevenson now holds the distinction of most consecutive playoff qualifications, at 28.

St. Joseph-Ogden, which

visits IC Catholic Prep in a Class 3A first-round game on Saturday, trails only Stevenson with 26 straight appearances. Maine South is third with 25 and Montini fourth at 24.

Montini's current championship run — a record-tying seven straight title-game appearances — began shortly after former Broncos offensive coordinator Lewis Borsellino brought principles of Maine South's spread offense to Lombard.

Class 3A includes four teams with playoff streaks of at least 20 years. St. Joseph-Ogden is followed by Tolono Unity, Wilmington and Auburn with respective spans of 23, 21 and 20 seasons.

The briefest most consecutive-appearance streak comes in Class 5A where Marion's made the postseason the last 12 years. Joliet Catholic had made it 18 years straight until failing to advance this season.

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Willowbrook will head to Quincy for a Saturday afternoon first-round playoff game.

It bears repeating that Wheaton Academy advanced into the Class 4A playoffs behind a sterling eight-minute flurry from receiver-defensive back Miles VanderKlok.

As Daily Herald correspondent Craig Brueske reported, VanderKlok scored 4 touchdowns over 8 minutes, 37 seconds spanning the second and third quarters of the Warriors' 44-30 victory over St. Edward, which was fighting for its playoff life.

The junior's 19-yard touchdown catch 21 seconds before

halftime gave Wheaton Academy a 20-14 halftime lead. In the third quarter he caught a 29-yard touchdown pass and followed 22 seconds later with a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown.

VanderKlok's 35-yard touchdown catch with 3:45 left in the third quarter gave Wheaton Academy a 38-14 lead. He finished with 5 catches for 134 yards, plus 5 tackles.

"He keyed us pulling away from St. Ed's," said Warriors coach Brad Thornton.