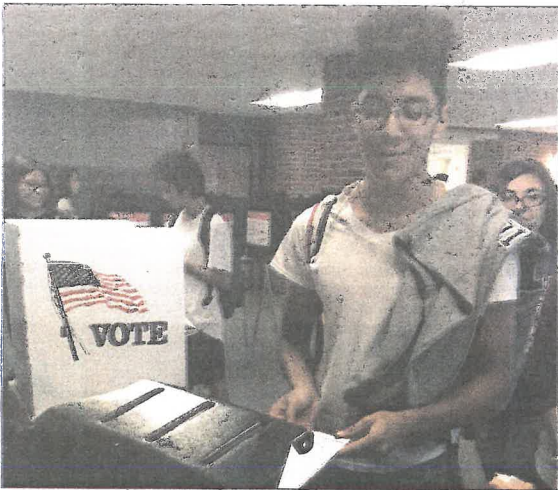




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Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools host Mock Elections

Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools recently hosted Mock Elections to teach students about the democratic process and allow them to gain firsthand experience with voting.

(Left) Addison Trail junior Mena Severino and senior Carlos Alvarez (bottom left) participate in Addison Trail's Mock Election on Oct. 6.

Hosted by the Social Studies Department, in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, ATHS held a Mock Election on Oct. 6, and more than 300 ballots were cast.

WBHS also hosted its own Mock Election on Nov. 8, and nearly 800 ballots were cast.

The event was hosted by Willowbrook's Social Studies Honor Society, Civitas.

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Uncommon surgery done for cancer in both kidneys

Procedure for Addison man was first-ever in Chicago's western suburbs

Michael DiGangi's life has two speeds — fast and stop.

"I'm a non-stop guy, it runs in the family," said DiGangi, a 64-year-old resident of Addison.

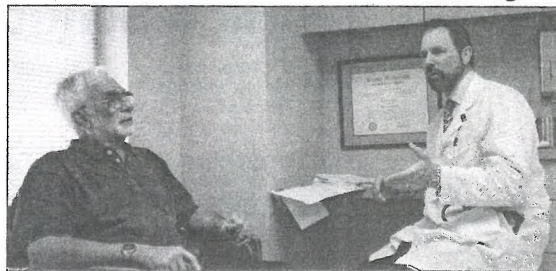
So, when a routine visit to the doctor during the summer of 2016 eventually led to a diagnosis of cancer in his left kidney, he didn't stop. He didn't even pause. He plowed straight ahead to tackle the disease.

"As soon as you hear cancer, it sure scares the hell out of you," said DiGangi.

He contacted his sister and brother-in-law, who both work in healthcare, for information and advice. They suggested he meet with and get a second opinion from Gordon (Jay) Kinzler, MD, a urologist with Elmhurst Hospital.

An MRI ordered by Dr. Kinzler not only confirmed the cancer in DiGangi's left kidney, but resulted in another jolt of bad news — there was also cancer in DiGangi's right kidney that was undetected in previous testing done at his original healthcare facility.

"Usually in a case like this, we take out part of one kidney and then,



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Dr. Gordon (Jay) Kinzler (right), a urologist with Elmhurst Hospital, removed the cancerous portions from both of Michael DiGangi's kidneys during a single surgery, using a procedure believed to be a first for a community hospital in Chicago's western suburbs.

two or three months later, remove the cancerous section of the other kidney," said Dr. Kinzler.

"But, he said, 'Doc, I have to get back to work [as an automotive technology instructor at Triton College in River Grove].'"

In addition to accommodating DiGangi's desire to quickly return to his job, Dr. Kinzler thought a single surgery to treat both kidneys would be advantageous for other reasons as well.

"I gave him the option of doing both kidney tumor removals at one operation because I knew it would save him recovery time and potential side effects," he said. "And, there are always risks with major surgery, which would potentially double with two surgeries.

"It's hard to remove part of both kidneys during the same laparoscopic operation. Both renal arteries are temporarily cross-clamped and there is a possibility that if both kidneys do not recover immediately, [DiGangi] would need dialysis for a time after the surgery. I said, 'I'll start by doing the left side, and if everything goes smooth and I think it's safe, we'll proceed and do the right side.'"

On July 11 at Elmhurst Hospital, Dr. Kinzler performed what he believes was a first for a community hospital in Chicago's western suburbs — single-setting bilateral hand-assisted laparoscopic partial nephrectomies with bilateral renal artery cross clamping.

In layperson's terms, he removed the cancerous portions from both of

DiGangi's kidneys during one procedure, using a hand-assisted laparoscopic, minimally invasive form of surgery in which several small ports are made in the abdomen. This is an alternative to traditional "open" surgery, which uses a larger, single incision.

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The "hand-assisted" element comes in via an additional incision that allows the surgeon to insert a hand to aid in the more complex maneuvers required to perform the procedure.

In total, it took Dr. Kinzler about eight hours to remove about a fourth of DiGangi's left kidney and a smaller section of his right kidney.

Afterward, Dr. Kinzler confirmed the cancer from either kidney had not spread, the margins of both kidneys were free of tumor and that DiGangi's kidneys were functioning normally. He was home a few days later.

After a brief recovery period, DiGangi didn't waste any time. He shifted back to the speed he prefers — fast.

"I let it roll off my shoulder and just keep on going," he said. "I feel like I have a lot of years left."

For more information visit eehealth.org/services/surgery.

Addison man sentenced to 10 years for selling cocaine to undercover officer

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin announced last week that Alfonso Rodriguez, 23, of Addison, had been sentenced to ten years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) for selling cocaine to an undercover officer on more than one occasion.

On August 19, 2016, following a three-day long trial, a jury found Rodriguez guilty of three counts of Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance. The offense is a Class X Felony because the sale occurred within 1,000 feet of a school on one occasion and within 1,000 feet of a park on another. Judge Daniel Guerin handed down the sentence, which will be served at 50%.

Rodriguez is a Chief of the Latin Counts, a violent Hispanic street gang that originated in Chicago in the mid-1960s. He was previously sent to the IDOC for unlawful sale/delivery of a Firearm and Aggravated Battery and was currently on mandatory supervised release on these charges when he was arrested for this offense.

Prior to his arrest, Rodriguez was the subject of an ongoing investigation conducted by the Addison Police Department and the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMeg). On December 23, 2015, Rodriguez was arrested and taken into custody by an Addison police officer after completing the cocaine sale. The sale occurred on Michael Lane in Addison. This was the second such sale of cocaine conducted by Rodriguez.



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Mario Tricoci visits Addison Women's Club

In anticipation of the holiday season, stylists from the Mario Tricoci salon in Bloomingdale provided make-up and hair styling tips at the Women's Club of Addison meeting last week. In the picture above, Daniela demonstrated the proper techniques for applying make-up on volunteer Karen Grady. Hair shaping techniques were demonstrated by stylist Aubrey. In addition, members took the opportunity to sign up for an "evening of beauty" scheduled for a future date at the salon in Bloomingdale. For more information on upcoming activities or membership, please visit the Women's Club of Addison Facebook page.

SPORTS

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Willowbrook football team loses to East St. Louis in quarterfinals

2016 Warriors first multiple playoff win team since 1990

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook football team's impressive run in the state playoffs has come to a

conclusion.

The Warriors dropped a 60-27 decision to East St. Louis in the Class 7A state quarterfinals in a game played in Villa Park.

Willowbrook was the No. 23 seed in the Class 7A bracket. East St. Louis is the No. 2 seed.

Willowbrook was in the state quarterfinals for the first time in 26 years and only the fourth time in school history. The 1974, 1975 and 1990 teams also won two playoff games.

Willowbrook also snapped a string of 10 straight one-and-outs in the playoffs with its quarterfinal appearance this season.

East St. Louis (12-0) jumped out to a 14-0 lead after the first quarter and led 26-7 at halftime and 40-7 at one point. Willowbrook pulled to within 40-27 at one point, but East St. Louis scored the final 20 points of the game in the fourth quarter.

Willowbrook finished the season at 8-4 overall.

Jon Kelso and Khalif Copeland each caught touchdown passes in the game and Copeland also returned an interception for a touchdown.

East St. Louis will return to DuPage County again this week for a Class 7A semifinal game against Benet Academy. Benet Academy is the No. 11 seed in the bracket and has a 10-2 record. The winner of East St. Louis-Benet plays for the state championship against either No. 16 seed Plainfield North (10-2) or No. 4 seed Fenwick (11-1).

Girls swimming team places third at WSC Gold meet

Haake a double conference champion in 100 and 200

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook co-op girls swimming team had some successes at the recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet.

The AT-Willowbrook varsity team placed third in the conference.

AT-Willowbrook was third in the 200 medley relay in 2:03.47. That

team included Anna Christiansen, Annalise Morrone, Grace Roucka and Klea Gjonaj.

Elissa Haake won the 200 in 1:57.96. Kaitlyn Fox was seventh in 2:20.15. Michelle Ramirez placed fifth in the 200 IM in 2:34.73. Christiansen was sixth in 2:36.98.

Morrone was third in the 50 freestyle in 26.44. Gjonaj took eighth in 28.15. Roucka was seventh in the

butterfly in 1:12.35, while Madison Walsh took eighth in the event at 1:16.75.

Haake won the 100 with a time of 54.86. Her nearest competition was 56.31. Savannah Catalano was eighth in the 100 in 1:04.55.

Ramirez placed third in the 500 in 5:56.33. Fox was eighth.

AT-Willowbrook was second in the 200 relay with a time of 1:45.56 with Haake, Christiansen, Ramirez and Morrone.

Christiansen placed third in the backstroke in 1:07.75. Isabelle Hernandez was eighth in 1:22.98. Morrone was fifth in the breaststroke in 1:12.61, while Roucka was sixth in 1:21.96.

AT-Willowbrook was fourth in the 400 relay in 4:01.46 with Haake, Roucka, Gjonaj and Ramirez.

In the JV meet, AT-Willowbrook was third in the 200 medley relay. That team included Aleksandra

Daszkiewicz, Jessica Berson, Hannah Hippensteel and Maria Briseno.

Melissa Bouharati was seventh in the 200 free. Berson placed third in the 200 IM.

Daszkiewicz won the 50 free in 30.92. Hippensteel was fifth in the butterfly. Briseno was sixth in the 100. Bouharati was sixth in the 500.

AT-Willowbrook was third in the 200 relay with Berson, Briseno, Jocelyn Gallegos and Daszkiewicz. Estefani Karasek was eighth in the backstroke.

Berson was fourth in the breaststroke. AT-Willowbrook was fifth in the 400 relay with Bouharati, Briseno, Hippensteel and Daszkiewicz.

In the frosh-soph meet, AT-Willowbrook was fourth in the 200 medley relay with Emy Hayes, Brianna Richardson, Sabrina Edwards and Kelsey Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald was fourth in the 200 freestyle, while Elizabeth Romero was fifth. Hayes was eighth in the 200 IM. Juliana Tamayo was sixth in the butterfly in 1:30.86. Fitzgerald was fourth in the 100.

Richardson took fourth in the 500, while Jessica Whiting was fifth in the event.

AT-Willowbrook was second in the 200 freestyle with Edwards, Jessica Whiting, Sara Whiting and Ryley Goles.

Jessica Whiting was fifth in the backstroke, while Cassidy Paul was seventh. Goles was fifth in the breaststroke and Richardson was sixth.

AT-Willowbrook also placed second in the 400 relay with Richardson, Sara Whiting, Fitzgerald and Goles.

AT-Willowbrook placed third as a team in the JV meet and also took third in the frosh-soph competition.

Knights run away with another playoff victory

Rowell, Ricobene each run for 200 yards in IC Catholic Prep quarterfinal football win

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The IC Catholic Prep football team's march to a state-championship game continues.

The Knights ran their record to a perfect 12-0 after a 48-14 victory over Wilmington in the Class 3A state quarterfinals held at Lewis Stadium at Plunkett Athletic Complex in Elmhurst.

IC Catholic Prep, the top seed in the top half of the Class 3A bracket, heads to the state semifinals for the second year in a row. The Knights will hit the road for the first time in the playoffs when they face No. 6 seed Monticello in a game likely to be held on Saturday in Monticello.

In the game against Wilmington, IC Catholic Prep got things done on the ground and then some. The Knights ran for a whopping 499 yards on only 35 carries (14.3 yards per carry).

Jordan Rowell ran the ball 15 times for 208 yards and scored two touchdowns. He had a long run of 70

yards.

Equally impressive was the outing for quarterback Luke Ricobene, who ran only eight times and gained 200 yards (25 yards per carry). He had a 64-yard long run and also scored two touchdowns. Lazerick Eatman ran seven times for 54 yards.

And for good measure, Ricobene completed six passes for 146 yards and threw two other touchdowns.

Matt Sutton caught two passes for 87 yards and a touchdown, while sophomore Khalil Sanders had one catch for a 42-yard touchdown.

On defense, Chris Johnson had 18 tackles. Kemon Reese had 13 tackles, while Jordan had 10 tackles. Khalil Sanders had nine tackles. Matt Jordan had one pass deflection and Khalil Saunders had a fumble recovery.

Khalil Saunders had a two-point conversion and Sam Buffo kicked four extra points and also booted a pair of field goals, including a 40-yarder.

IC Catholic Prep's semifinal opponent Monticello reached the final four in Class 3A after upsetting No. 2 seed Farmington 48-17.

The winner of the semifinal game will face either No. 4 Carlinville (11-1) or No. 3 Virden North Mac (11-1) on Friday, Nov. 25 for the Class 3A state title in Champaign at Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Illinois.

Week 13 preview

IC Catholic Prep (12-0) at Monticello (12-0)

What: Semifinals of the Class 3A state football playoffs

When: Likely Saturday; Check www.ihsa.org for official date and time.

Where: Monticello High School

Seeds: IC Catholic Prep is the No. 1 seed in the top half of the Class 3A bracket; Monticello is the No. 6 seed in the bottom half of the Class 3A bracket.

Last week: IC Catholic Prep 48, Wilmington 14; Monticello 48, Farmington 17

Outlook: IC Catholic Prep is in the state semifinals for a second year in a row after racking up nearly 500 rushing yards in its quarterfinal win against Wilmington. Jordan Rowell and quarterback Luke Ricobene each ran for 200 yards in the win. Rowell has a shot at 2,000 rushing yards depending on how things shake out the rest of the season. He's at 1,723 on only 122 carries (30 touchdowns). Lost in all the hoopla over IC Catholic Prep's destruction of teams on offense is the fact its defense has surrendered 22 points total in the three playoff contests. Monticello, located in east-central Illinois between Decatur and Champaign, also brings an undefeated record into the game. Monticello played four teams during the regular season that either had winning records or finished the season 5-5 (two with winning records and two with 500 records). Once again, these two teams have a common opponent in St. Joe-Ogden. IC Catholic Prep defeated St. Joe-Ogden 49-8 in the first round of the playoffs while Monticello downed St. Joe-Ogden 44-22 during the regular season.

Up next: The winner heads to the Class 3A state-championship game the day after Thanksgiving in Champaign.

AT-Willowbrook's Haake qualifies for state swimming finals; Co-op team swims to seventh place in sectional

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The AT-Willowbrook co-op girls swimming team placed seventh at the recent York sectional.

AT-Willowbrook finished with 88 points. York won the sectional title.

AT-Willowbrook sophomore Elissa Haake qualified for state in two events. Haake won the 200 freestyle in 1:56.48 and also won the 100 freestyle in 1:52.09.

Haake will represent the team and compete as an individual in this weekend's state finals meet at Evanston Township High School.



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Students at Fullerton School cast ballots for two issues. The students voted for President of the United States — resulting in 408 votes for Hillary Clinton, 59 votes for Donald Trump, 38 votes for Gary Johnson, and 33 votes for Jill Stein. The students also voted to determine whether the Student Council should host a Grade Level Color Day (229 votes) or a Professional Future Day (258 votes).

District 4 holds mock elections for President, other school issues

Clinton beats Trump at Lincoln, Fullerton, ITJH

By Dee Longfellow

FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

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Wesley School students voted on a different issue. Students were given the opportunity to choose their favorite design for the cover of the school's yearbook. The winner of that election was the Entry 2, de-

signed by Helen Qano.

Indian Trail "elects" Clinton, Duckworth

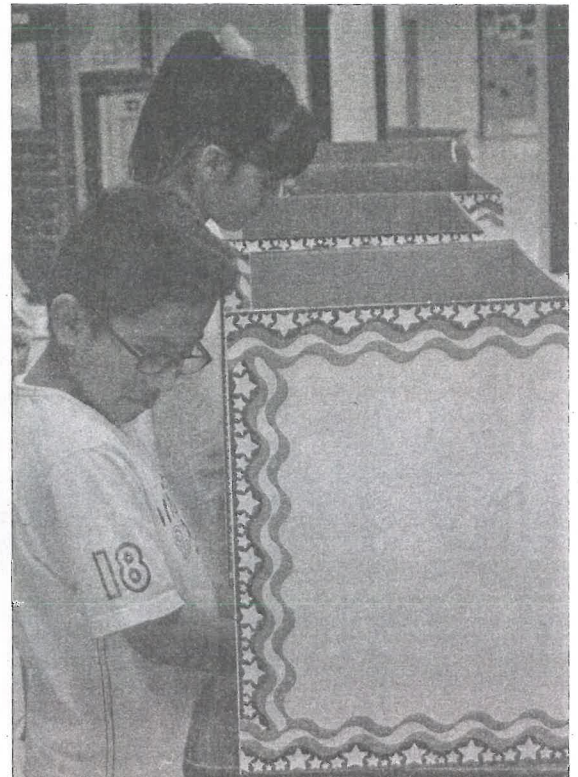
Junior high school students at Indian Trail voted during their social science classes for the offices of President of the United States and U.S. Senator. The results were:

President of the United States:

Clinton — 830
Trump — 248
Johnson — 31
Stein — 32

U.S. Senator:

Tammy Duckworth — 693
Mark Kirk — 255
Scott Summers — 61
Kenton McMillen — 46



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• Election (Continued from front page)

won his second term of office in Illinois Senate District 23 by a vote of 42,731 (50.83%) to 41,342 (49.1%).

Incumbent Deb Conroy won a staggering victory over Heidi Holan 23,161 to 16,192, garnering 58.85% of the vote.

In other area races, Republican incumbent Peter Breen beat challenger Steve Swanson 30,618 (56.65%) to 23,433 (43.35%) in Illinois State House District 48.

In Illinois House District 77, Democrat Kathleen Willis held her seat for another term, beating Republican challenger Anthony Airdo 8,271 (63.34%) to 4,787 (36.66%).

Here are the results in the County Board Races:

District #1, 2-year term:

Sam Tornatore (R) beat Richard Accomando (D) 32,573 (56.13%) to

25,454 (43.87%)

District #1, 4-year term:

Donald Puchalski (R) bested Roland Waller (D) 32,314 (55.68%) to 25,716 (44.32%)

District #2, 2-year term:

Richard F. Blass (R) squeaked past incumbent Elizabeth Chaplin (D) 36,515 (50.08%) to 36,405 (49.92%), by just 110 votes.

District #2, 4-year term:

Elmhurst resident Sean Noonan, the Republican incumbent, ran unopposed and received 56,789 votes.

Readers should be reminded that these results are unofficial.

These numbers are updates from the Independent's report that appeared on the web site after Election night, but they are still unofficial, according to various election commissions.



(left): Village of Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra (right) presents Addison Trail sophomore Josiah Varghese with an award of appreciation during the Nov. 7 Village of Addison Board of Trustees meeting. Also pictured is Addison Director of Police Timothy "Bill" Hayden. Varghese was recognized for filming and editing a recruitment video for the Addison Police Department. (below): Varghese (center) holds up his award. With him are members of the Addison Police Department as well as AT Principal Michael Bolden (right).



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AT's Varghese honored for recruitment video

During the Nov. 7 Village of Addison Board of Trustees meeting, Addison Trail sophomore Josiah Varghese was honored with an award of appreciation.

Varghese was recognized for filming and editing a recruitment video for the Addison Police Department. The project highlights the department's facilities, the community of Addison and the training involved with becoming a police officer. To

view the video, go to tinyurl.com/qacvd5q.

Addison Detective Cristobal (Cris) Soto, who also is the community liaison police officer at Addison Trail, saw Varghese's YouTube channel and was impressed with his work. He asked Varghese to assist in making the recruitment video. Varghese, who plans to pursue a career in acting, said it took him and his family about three months to complete the project.

Willowbrook Warriors: Playoff football action



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Above: The Warriors' senior QB M.J. Ranieri throws against East St. Louis on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Above right: The Willowbrook band plays at halftime of the Class 7A quarterfinals contest in Villa Park.

Right: Willowbrook senior Jonathan Kelso caught a TD in the Warriors' 60-27 playoff loss.



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Junior Jack Jessen turns the corner. Willowbrook ended the season with an 8-4 record.

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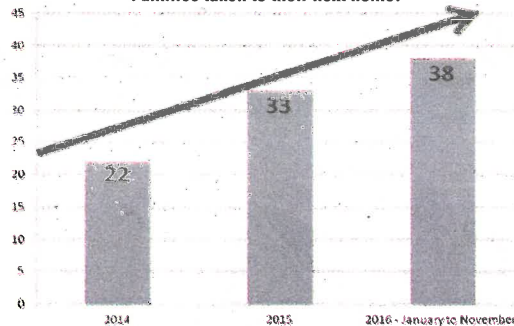
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Scenes from Willowbrook's Mock Election



(above and below): Sophomore Nikki Linardakis participates in Willowbrook's Mock Election on Nov. 8.



Seniors Ben Espinoza (left) and Zach Kjeldsen cast their votes.



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Members and sponsors of Civitas, the Social Studies Honor Society, help register students to vote.

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Catch the holiday spirit by joining the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County at a number of events and programs.

"Let the Forest Preserve District help you get in the holiday spirit with programs that offer fun for the whole family," said Forest Preserve District Commissioner Tim Whelan, District 4.

A Cast-Iron Cooking Thanksgiving, Nov. 22, 11 a.m.—1:30 p.m., Churchill Woods. Celebrate Thanksgiving by helping prepare a traditional meal over an open campfire as you learn tips for cooking with cast iron. Ages 7 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 per person ages 13 and up; \$5 ages 7—12. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

Holiday Sweets, Nov. 26 and 27, 12:30—3:30 p.m., Kline Creek Farm. Learn how to make bright, colorful hard candies, and take home recipes to start your own holiday tradition. Programs begin on the half-hour. All ages. Free. Registration not required. For more information, call 630-876-5900.

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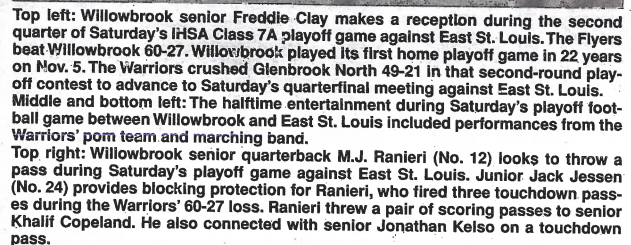
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By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER

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East St. Louis, which improved its season record to 12-0, will meet Benet Academy in this weekend's Class 7A semifinal contest. Willowbrook completed its season with a record of 8-4.

See the sports pages for more about the Warriors' game against East St. Louis.

Villa Park voters rejected a referendum proposal in the Nov. 8 election that would have raised the village's sales tax from 7.5 to 8 percent.

According to unofficial election results provided by the DuPage County Election Commission, 4,793 residents voted against the proposal to raise the sales tax, while 4,471 residents voted in favor. The "No" votes outnumbered the "Yes" votes by a margin of about 51.75 percent to 48.25 percent.

• Villa Park Village Board members voted during their Aug. 8 meeting to place the proposal on the ballot in the Nov. 8 election. If the proposal had been approved, the increased sales tax rate reportedly would have generated another \$1.5 million for the village. That money would have been used to pay for village infrastructure projects, including the installation of storm sewers and water mains.

Villa Park's sales tax rate was 7.75 percent until June 1, when it dropped to 7.5 percent as

a result of the expiration of the DuPage Water Commission sales tax. Villa Park's neighboring communities, including Addison, Lombard, Elmhurst and Oakbrook Terrace, all have a current sales tax rate of 8 percent.

Six years ago, in the election of November 2010, Villa Park voters rejected a proposal to increase the village's sales tax from 7.75 to 8.25 percent. The proposal failed by a margin of about 52.7 to 47.3 percent. Voters rejected a similar proposal in the February 2010 election

by a margin of about 55.5 percent to 44.5 percent.

Two years ago, in the election of November 2014, village voters approved a referendum allowing the village to borrow up to \$23 million to pay for road improvements.

The funds related to that referendum can only be used to pay for road work and cannot be directed to pay for related underground projects like the installation of sewers and water mains.



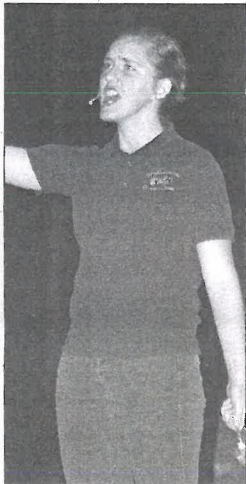
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VFW Post No. 2801 holds annual ceremony

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 held its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Friday morning. Speakers during the service included State Sen. Tom Cullerton (above, left), a veteran who served in the United States Army from 1990-93. Cullerton is pictured with longtime post member Sid Bergh, who served as master of ceremonies for the service at the post, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. Bergh served in the United States Navy during World War II. Other speakers during the service at the post included Villa Park Village President Deborah Builwink, Villa Park Police Chief Robert Pavelchik and Jim Blankshain, the post's junior vice commander. Post commander Tim Connolly, who spoke at Willowbrook High School's Veterans Day service earlier in the morning, returned to the post and spoke briefly at the end of the service. Connolly, a Vietnam War veteran, is pictured with World War II veteran Rich Rentner (right) at the event at Willowbrook. Rentner, who will soon celebrate his 90th birthday, retired in 2015 after working at Willowbrook for 32 years. Connolly presented Rentner with a certificate for a commemorative memorial brick paver.



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Willowbrook High School students will present "Mary Poppins" this week in the school auditorium. Each of the three performances (Nov. 17, 18 and 19) will begin at 7 p.m. Junior twin sisters Julia and Kathleen Cicero will portray the part of magical English nanny Mary Poppins. Julia Cicero is pictured (above left) during one of last week's rehearsals. Also pictured is junior Genevieve Corkery, (above right) who plays the evil nanny—Miss Andrew.

Willowbrook students present 'Mary Poppins' this week

Willowbrook High School's theater department will present its fall musical—"Mary Poppins"—this week. The three performances will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17, 18 and 19. Each performance will begin at 7 p.m. in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium. The school is located at 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park.

About 130 students are participating in the production of the popular musical about a magical English nanny. P.L. Travers wrote eight Mary Poppins books from 1934 to 1988. Walt Disney's 1964 musical film "Mary Poppins" was an adaptation of Travers' early books. A stage mu-

sical of the same name ran on Broadway from 2006 to 2013.

The musical is rated PG with a running time of 2 hours, 15 minutes. There will be a 15-minute intermission.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and students/children 12 and older. Tickets are \$8 for students with an activity pass and children 11 and under. Admission is free for senior citizens with a gold card. The box office, which is located in the foyer of the auditorium, will open at 6 p.m. on the night of each performance.

For more information, contact Regina Wathier at 630-782-2860, or at rwathier@dupage88.net.

VFW Post welcomes donations for annual Thanksgiving dinner

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 will continue its annual tradition of serving Thanksgiving dinner to recruits from Naval Station Great Lakes. The post is expecting up to 200 recruits for this year's holiday event on Nov. 24.

The recruits will arrive by bus at the post around 9 a.m. About 100 volunteers will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to the recruits at

about noon. The recruits will depart from the post in the late afternoon.

The post, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road, welcomes donations of sodas, snacks and desserts. Cash donations would also be appreciated.

The post's office is open from 9 a.m. to noon on weekdays. For more information, call the post at 630-834-8791.

Kiwanis Club holds spaghetti dinner fundraiser before Willowbrook's musical on Friday

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Willowbrook High School from 5-6:45 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18. The dinner will take place before the school's 7 p.m. presentation of "Mary Poppins" in the Doris E. White Auditorium.

Proceeds from the spaghetti dinner will go to special projects to help families and children in the commu-

nity. Tickets for the dinner are \$7 for adults, \$6 for teenagers and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Kids 5 and under eat for free.

Tickets for the musical are sold separately and can be purchased in the school lobby.

For more information, call Sandra Hill—the president of the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park—at 630-834-1164, ext. 111.

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park is a service organization including caring men and women. The club's objective is to bring aid to children in need.

Club members meet every Wednesday morning at 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant, located at 425 W. St. Charles Road. Newcomers and visitors are welcome to attend the meetings.

Man charged following narcotics investigation

At approximately 9 a.m. Nov. 4, members of the Villa Park Police Department executed a search warrant in the 800 block of W. North Ave. This search warrant was the result of a narcotics investigation conducted by members of the Villa Park Police

Department.

As authorized by the warrant, investigators searched the residence. The search resulted in the recovery of suspected heroin and cocaine. Albert G. Fesby, 59, was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of

a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance with an intent to deliver—both felony offenses.

Fesby is currently being held at the DuPage County Jail pending court proceedings.



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Barks and Boots presents check to fire department

Villa Park resident Theresa Bauer, who founded the Barks and Boots charity nearly one year ago, donated a \$1,600 check to the Villa Park Fire Department last week. Bauer (right) is pictured with Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik on Friday at Villa Park Fire Station No. 81, located at 1440 S. Ardmore Ave. Barks and Boots is a not-for-profit organization with a primary focus of sending care packages to military personnel serving overseas, and to K-9 military dogs and K-9 officers working in law enforcement. Bauer, who is a member of the Villa Park Community Pride Commission, planned a recent fundraising breakfast that would benefit Villa Park's first responders. "We just wanted to show our appreciation for what they do," said Bauer. Barks and Boots held the pancake breakfast at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 on Oct. 8. All of the proceeds were donated to the village fire department. The \$1,600 donation will be used to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED). "This was our first big fundraiser," said Bauer. "I was surprised we raised so much money." Rakosnik said the AED could be placed at one of the village's two community pools, or possibly at the Villa Park Public Library. The sponsors of the breakfast included Training for Warriors DuPage, Bob Goldin—State Farm, Villa Park Ace Hardware, Tina Janopoulos—J.W. Reedy Realty, J&R Cycle & Ski, Nikro Industries and Tom Higgenson. For more information about Barks and Boots, visit its website at barksandboots.com.



Jane Charmelo

out & about

Providing a meal with a side of hope

Lombard resident aims to help repair broken lives

When Larry Eisner got involved with the youth group at Parkview Community Church in Glen Ellyn, he didn't imagine that his ministry would lead him to some dark and lonely places, but it did, and he would not have it any other way.

The Lombard resident and his wife, Karen, have launched a ministry called Hope Brigade, where they tend to the immediate, outer needs of the homeless, but more importantly, focus on their inner spirit—looking for a way to help these individuals regain a sense of hope.

As Eisner tells it, about six years ago he and the youth group were reading "The Irresistible Revolution" by Shane Claiborne, which essentially challenges readers to put their Christian faith into action. The youth leader, in turn, challenged the teens to live their faith through service to others—and came up with an idea that hits close to home.

He remembers telling them, "Here's what we'll do. We will visit with the homeless folks that meet at our church on Sunday for lunch. No agenda, no preaching or anything. Just talk to them, listen to their stories and simply see what God does with it."

Eisner recalled how he realized this was "a simple way for my group to do and serve rather than living insular."

At the time, he continued, he was not involved with, nor had any interest in, that type of ministry, but after listening to the stories of the church's guests, "When I left, God broke my heart. I finally saw their humanity, not just their issues."

Visiting Canada with the youth from his church, he encountered a group called Light Patrol, an outreach program of Youth Unlimited Toronto, which meets the homeless on their terms—living on the streets. The program helps steer young people away from street life—with a motor home that travels around the city to offer food, warmth and con-

versation; and a mobile health unit. The program also helps girls avoid the vulnerabilities of living on the streets and offers transition assistance to help young people find a place to live.

It was that "personal, relational aspect" of the group that struck him, Eisner recounted—he found it to be "so important on so many levels"—and added that he learned some of the Light Patrol folks had once been homeless themselves.

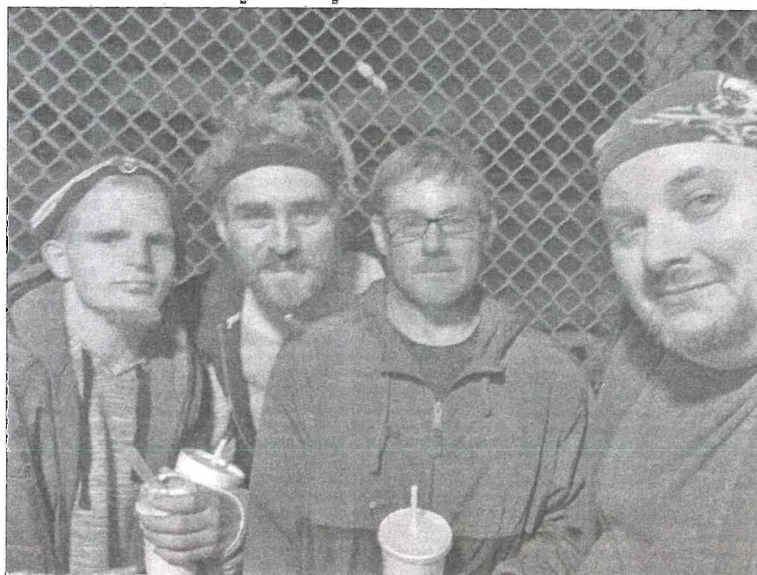
Eisner brought back the idea of modeling a homeless ministry after some of what the Light Patrol does. While there are many organizations and ministries in the suburbs and Chicago that provide food, clothing and shelter, he wanted to reach out for conversation, to encourage individuals not yet "entrenched"—such as teens to the mid-30s age group—and help them find hope and value in their existence "in tangible and measurable ways."

Eisner said his goal was to develop "lasting bonds, deep relationships and foster real trust in and among the homeless community," not just by handing out food and clothing, but "by hearing people's stories, by affirming their humanity and their unique value."

"My wife and I decided this is what we wanted to do," added the stay-at-home father of four. He and Karen are Willowbrook High School graduates. Their children are ages 2-11.

Eisner said he relied at first on his own money and donations, deciding to focus on younger homeless individuals in the city of Chicago, where he would bring necessities—such as footwear, clothing and toiletries—and an invitation to share a meal. He has been walking as much as 10 miles around the city once a week.

He said he does not carry cash but uses a debit or credit card to pay for a meal for one or two homeless individuals at a time—or as many as six or seven, he estimated—and takes

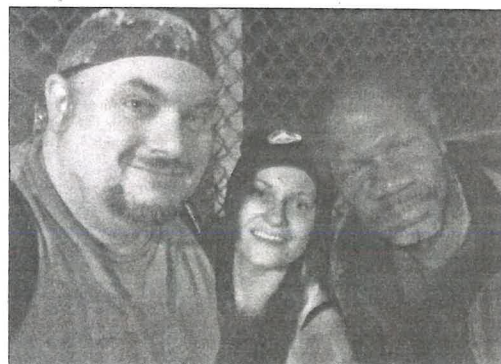


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Through a ministry called Hope Brigade, Larry Eisner ministers to the homeless on their turf, listening to their stories and looking for ways to offer them a sense of hope. Eisner wants to build the brigade by adding volunteers and has also started a gofundme page to help pay for expenses like train tickets to and from the city, and for meals he buys for the homeless. He is also planning a winter coat drive.

time to engage in conversation to hear their stories.

What he discovered was that there are skills among the people with whom he interacts—one with a beautiful voice, another who had been a



gymnast, for instance. Still another knew where to send those who had lost their ID to get a government replacement.

In other words, Eisner said, there was a network of skills among the homeless, and he wanted to help those individuals realize it as well and use it to their advantage.

During the course of a meal and conversation, he related, he was looking to "meet people, make connections with them in their community."

"It's a joy, getting to hear their story," Eisner added.

While there are emergency relief programs and agencies out there, for him the "No. 1 issue is for them to find hope in themselves," Eisner shared, because some of them—those who have lived the lifestyle for a long time—"just don't have the hope."

However, he is taking the chance that with younger homeless individuals, they are "not resigned to that life."

Offering support and a listening ear, and bringing people together to provide opportunities, Eisner said, may offer them "a reason to keep going."

He likened the affirmation of the humanity and unique value of these homeless individuals to "Imago Dei," or "the image of God bestowed upon them by our creator," adding, "Importantly [I think of vast importance] is that we, too, are flawed. We too are in need.

"Perhaps not of shelter or food

or money or whatever, but we are in need of companionship, of hope, of affirming our own Imago Dei. Of seeing and being seen. Of having value to others and the world at large. And in this, we are so very much alike with our homeless brothers and sisters."

He aspires to gain more funding, enlist more volunteers and especially keep track of the individuals he visits. It costs about \$300 a month to cover expenses, Eisner said, which is why he launched a gofundme page. He also wants to establish Hope Brigade as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charity and is hoping to get "someone legal- and business-minded" to assist him.

"We have made many relationships with a handful of folks downtown, and we are trying to build an even larger, deeper network," he emphasized. "With this, we hope to establish trust within the community [as you can imagine, it is difficult to trust anyone when you are on the street] as well as a team of people that people will know have their back."

And, Eisner summed up, he is aware that building a charitable organization—just as earning the trust of the people he serves—takes time, commenting, "Nothing big happens quickly."

To learn more about Hope Brigade, read stories or to make a donation (Eisner is also looking to organize a coat drive), visit <https://www.gofundme.com/HopeBrigade>, or contact Eisner at hopebrigadeinfo@gmail.com.

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Warriors' playoff run ends with quarterfinal loss to East St. Louis

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook football team's memorable 2016 season ended with Saturday's 60-27 loss to East St. Louis in the quarterfinal round of the IHSA Class 7A playoffs. The War-

riors, who advanced to the quarterfinals with two post-season victories, finished the year with a record of 8-4.

East St. Louis, which improved to 12-0, scored two first-quarter touchdowns to take an early 14-0 lead over the Warriors in Saturday afternoon's battle in Villa Park, which took place

in cool and sunny conditions. The Flyers built a 26-7 lead by halftime.

Their lead grew to 40-7 in the third quarter before Willowbrook scored 20 unanswered points to cut the East St. Louis lead to 40-27 with about nine minutes left in the game. The Flyers responded with their own

20-0 run, which included a short touchdown run with about 15 seconds to play.

"These kids don't stop, no matter what," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth of the Warriors' second-half surge of three consecutive touchdowns that cut the Flyers' lead to 40-27. "They continue to fight and battle and approach every situation the same way."

Playing in his final game as a Warrior, senior Khalif Copeland scored three of Willowbrook's four touchdowns in Saturday's contest. Copeland provided his team's first points of the day when he caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback M.J. Ranieri midway through the second quarter. Senior Mike Dembowski made the extra-point kick to cut the Flyers' lead to 20-7. Copeland scored his next touchdown as a defender. Late in the third quarter, he intercepted an East St. Louis pass and ran 75 yards for a touchdown. Dembowski's kick after Copeland's return cut the Flyers' advantage to 40-20.

"We knew we could do it," said Copeland in describing the Warriors' second-half rally. "We've got trust in each other. Making that play gave us a spark."

Minutes later, Copeland snared an 11-yard touchdown pass from Ranieri on a third-and-goal play. The ensuing extra-point kick trimmed the East St. Louis lead to 40-27 with 9:11 remaining in the game.

The Flyers' 20-point outburst to close out the final period included a 10-yard touchdown run with 6:17 to play. Moments later, after intercepting a Willowbrook pass, East St. Louis broke a 44-yard touchdown run. The speedy Flyers finished the day with well over 300 rushing yards.

Senior Jonathan Kelso delivered Willowbrook's second touchdown of the game when he grabbed a 3-yard scoring reception from Ranieri with 2:59 left in the third quarter. The Warriors failed to convert the subsequent 2-point try, leaving the East St. Louis lead at 40-13.

This is the fourth time in the history of the Willowbrook football program the team has posted two playoff wins in a season. The Warriors also achieved the feat in 1974, 1975 and 1990. Willowbrook went 26 years without winning any post-season

games until the team's thrilling 34-13 victory at Quincy on Oct. 29. The Warriors, who trailed the Blue Devils 13-6 midway through the fourth quarter, scored 28 straight points in the game's final five minutes. Seven days later, Willowbrook played its first playoff home game in 22 years. The Warriors routed Glenbrook North 49-21 in the Nov. 5 battle in Villa Park. Willowbrook raced to a 42-7 halftime lead against the visiting Spartans.

"We always talk about taking that next step," said Hildreth, whose team had a chance to win its first conference title in 34 years with a victory in its regular-season finale. (The Warriors lost that game to Leyden, which claimed sole possession of this year's West Suburban Gold Conference championship.) "I think they've set the bar high for the next groups coming in. It's something to be proud of."

"We just did what everyone thought we wouldn't do," said Copeland in summing up the Warriors' playoff run. "We knew we could do it. We put in the time, the hard work."

"It was a great experience that no one here has felt in so long," added Copeland in discussing this season's playoff success.

As freshmen, Copeland and his teammates from Willowbrook's Class of 2017 posted a 2-7 record.

"When you're that young, you don't know much; you're just out there playing," Copeland said in recalling the current seniors' first season in the Willowbrook program.

"You grow as a person and a player."

At the end of the game, Hildreth and the team's assistant coaches addressed the team. The Warriors then lined up at the north end of the field, forming a sort of receiving line for the players and coaches to have one-on-one meetings. It was an emotional scene for several players, especially the seniors who had just completed their Willowbrook football careers.

"It hurts not being able to play with them again," said Copeland of his fellow seniors.

East St. Louis will meet Benet Academy in one of this weekend's Class 7A semifinal games. The winner will face Fenwick or Plainfield North in the state-championship contest, which will take place Nov. 26 in Champaign.

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Willowbrook senior Khalif Copeland scored three of his team's four touchdowns during Saturday's IHSA Class 7A playoff game in Villa Park. Copeland made a pair of touchdown receptions and returned an interception 75 yards for a touchdown during the Warriors' 60-27 loss to East St. Louis in the quarterfinal playoff contest. He is pictured scoring his third touchdown of the day—an 11-yard reception in the fourth quarter. The ensuing extra-point kick after the touchdown completed Willowbrook's run of 20 unanswered points and cut the Flyers' lead to 40-27 with about nine minutes to play.



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Senior Jonathan Kelso of the Willowbrook football team runs in the open field during the fourth quarter of Saturday's playoff game against East St. Louis. The visiting Flyers beat Willowbrook 60-27 in Villa Park. Kelso contributed a 3-yard touchdown reception during the third quarter. His scoring catch began a 20-0 scoring run for the Warriors. The Flyers closed out the game with their own 20-0 burst. Willowbrook finished the season with an overall record of 8-4.

Senior lineman Luke Halloran (No. 50, left) of the Willowbrook football team prepares to block his East St. Louis counterpart during Saturday's playoff game in Villa Park.

Haake qualifies for state swimming meet

Willowbrook sophomore Elissa Haake earned a trip to the upcoming IHSA girls state swimming meet with her performances at Saturday's sectional at York High School in Elmhurst. Haake, who is a member of the Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op team, qualified for the state meet with sectional victories in a pair of events. Haake won the 200-yard freestyle title with her first-place time of 1 minute, 54.09 seconds. She also swam to the individual sectional title in the 100-yard freestyle event. She won that race in 52.09 seconds. The top two finishers in each sectional event earned automatic berths in the state meet, which will take place this week at Evanston High School.

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York wins sectional, sends seven to state

By DAVE OWEN

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ELMHURST – York's swimming team is ending the season at a two-decade high-water mark.

The team will have seven representatives in four events at the state meet in Evanston after the Dukes' 264 points at the York sectional Nov. 12 earned the squad its first sectional title since 1995.

Glenbard co-op was second (236).

"We've been working for this," York senior Sarah Lewand said. "Last year we lost [sectionals] by less than 10 points. Coming back this year, we wanted to give it our all and go for the win, and we did it."

Lewand, Ailie Orzak and Meghan Quinn swam on both the winning 400-yard freestyle relay (3:36.78) and the 200 freestyle relay (1:38.42) that made the state cut by two one-hundredths of a second. Amanda Polach also was on the 400 freestyle relay, and Winona Asher was on the 200 freestyle relay.

Orzak was a late addition to the 200 freestyle relay, aiding York's 4.6-second time drop in the event.

"Ailie Orzak swam her best times in every event," York coach Sarah Krizmanic said. "She left no regrets, just swam out of her mind."

Freshman Moleigh Waldherr was York's lone individual qualifier, winning the 100-yard breaststroke (1:09.00). Teammate Nicole Bednarik was second (1:09.21), just off the state qualifying pace.

"The breaststroke swimmers Moleigh and Nicole stepped up and filled a void," Krizmanic said. "The heat was up for grabs, and they decided they wanted it, which was awesome."

"I didn't even know if I would go to sectionals when I started," Waldherr said. "I was hoping to drop time and I did that, and to make state, too – it's just a great experience."

"It's an amazing atmosphere on this team, like a family."

York divers Birgitte Kammerdiener (third, 420.6) and Katie Fischer (fourth, 396.8) also advanced to state. Fischer was 42nd at state last year.

Orzak and Lewand both swam on state relays in 2015 and now end their York careers in style.

"It's bittersweet because it's my last season," said Orzak, who also was second in the 100 freestyle. "This is one



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York's Emily Polach swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley Nov. 12 at the York sectional. Polach was part of the winning 400 freestyle relay that booked a state berth for the Dukes.

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- **WHAT:** Girls swimming and diving state meet
- **WHEN:** 9 a.m. Nov. 18; noon Nov. 19
- **WHERE:** Evanston High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston

of the toughest seasons I've had practice-wise. We put in a lot of yardage going into the last meet, and then the taper worked really well."

"A lot of ups and downs, but we pulled through," said Lewand, who also was second in the 500 freestyle and third in the 50 freestyle. "Everybody killed it in the end."

"It's a dream to make it to state and be with the people you've worked so hard with."

Quinn, Delaney Tase, Meaghan McIntyre, Nicole Demare and Samantha Harrington also had top-six finishes in individual events to add points to the York sectional title run.

"The team title means a lot," Krizmanic said. "It's a culmination of all those individuals together."



York's Winona Asher (right) swims the backstroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay Nov. 12 during the York sectional. Asher swam the third leg of the 200 freestyle relay that earned a state berth.

Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op

Sophomore Elissa Haake earned a pair of individual event wins at the York sectional to make her way to state. Haake won the 100-yard freestyle in

52.09 seconds and also captured the 200 freestyle title in 1:54.09.

As a team, Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op finished seventh with 88 points.

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Mysliwicz and his teammates on the line helped pave the way for 499 yards rushing and 146 passing in a 48-14 quarterfinal playoff win against Wilmington.

As any football coach would say, the play along the offensive and defensive lines can set the tone for a team. Consider the job done for Mysliwicz and his linemates, who helped the Knights gain nearly 650 yards on offense while limiting Wilmington's power running game to 338 hard-fought yards. Mysliwicz, the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week sponsored by Gracik Makinney Real Estate Group, spoke with sports editor Jason Rossi about the game, the play of the line and the Nov. 19 semifinal game against Monticello. Here's an edited transcript:

Rossi: What did it take to get past Wilmington and into the semifinals?

Mysliwicz: It took a bunch of teamwork. We're all like a brotherhood. We're close, we do everything together. We do our homework together. We're all close, from freshmen to seniors, on and off the field, which is why we click together so well on the field.

Rossi: How about that effort of the

guys on the line?

Mysliwicz: Honestly, Jimmy Kenneally and Robert Vitek do a great job. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be aligned right. All credit goes to them.

Rossi: How will you spend the time on the bus ride to Monticello?

Mysliwicz: I'll talk to coaches, like coach [Roger] Kelley to see my assignments and what I need to do. And I'll listen to music to get pumped up.

Rossi: What's on your playlist to get pumped up?

Mysliwicz: I got a bunch of stuff. I got Future, I got some Lil Wayne, some Meek Mill, a bunch of people on my playlist.

Rossi: So you're looking forward to the semifinals?

Mysliwicz: Yeah, a hundred percent. We look forward to every day, every practice, every moment and every play. We're such a close brotherhood we just look forward to playing together.

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Willowbrook's Jack Jessen avoids a tackle Nov. 12 during a Class 7A quarterfinal game against East St. Louis. Jessen had 38 yards rushing in a 60-27 loss.

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Warriors' quarterfinal run a memorable one

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VILLA PARK – As freshmen, Willowbrook's senior class went 2-7 on the football field, needing the final two games of the season to salvage a pair of wins.

What a difference four years makes.

This fall, the Warriors became only the fourth team in program history to win a pair of playoff games (joining the 1974, 1975 and 1990 squads) before bowing out of the Class 7A postseason with a 60-27 loss against East St. Louis in a quarterfinal game Nov. 12.

"It's been a process to get to this point," Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth said. "They were 5-4 the following year and 5-4 again the following year. We talked about taking the next step, and that usually refers to a conference title. But I'll take going to the quarterfinals every year over a conference title."

Willowbrook reached the quarters with victories over Quincy (34-13) and Glenbrook North (49-21) in the first two rounds of the playoffs.

"This was a great experience that nobody has felt here in so long," senior Khalif Copeland said. "We did what everyone thought we couldn't do. But we knew we could do it. We had the players and we put in the time and the hard work."

"I love each and every one of my teammates and all of the coaches. It hurts, not being able to play with them again."

The Warriors put a scare into the 13-time state champion Flyers, pulling to within 40-27 with 9:11 left in the fourth quarter after scoring 20 unanswered points. Jonathan Kelso caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from quarterback M.J. Ranieri before Copeland returned an interception 75 yards for a score. Ranieri and Copeland then connected on an 11-yard TD.

"We came out very flat," Copeland said, "and they jumped on us like everyone thought they would. We had to come back and play like we know how to play."

Willowbrook then nearly recovered the onside kick after Copeland's touchdown catch before East St. Louis went down and scored to quell the comeback.

"These kids don't stop," Hildreth said. "No matter what, there is no stop. They continue to fight and they approach every situation the same way."

Ranieri threw for 191 yards. Kelso had 11 catches for 101 yards.

Now the Warriors, who finished 8-4 on the season, must say goodbye to 23 seniors who fueled the run to the quarterfinals.

"They've set the bar high for the next group," Hildreth said.

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Addison Trail**Coach:** Brendan Lyons.

Last year: 14-15, 4-8, fifth in West Suburban Gold; lost 63-48 to Willowbrook in Class 4A Benet regional quarterfinals.

Top players: Colton Noel, sr. F; Jack Kalbas, sr. G; Michael Williams, sr. F; Stevan Jones, sr. F; Bobby Daniels, sr. G; Cyril Mathew, sr. G; Eric Lynch, sr. F; Mike Pudlo, jr. F; Adem Mehmeti, so. G.

Scouting report: Led by three returning starters — Noel, Kalbas and Williams — the Blazers have hopes as high as they've been in about a decade. "We feel good about the progress we've made as a program," Lyons said. "Athletically and in terms of basketball ability, this might be the best team we've had in years." The returning trio represents three of last season's top four scorers with a combined 22.6 points a game. Six-foot-six Noel brings a post presence, 6-5 Williams a wing threat who can drive to the basket, and Kalbas a perimeter talent from 3-point range. Daniels is an experienced point guard and Jones also played a bunch last season. Having Mathew's ball-handling in the mix will help take that pressure off Kalbas. "We're talented but the intangibles will be important," Lyons said. "We need offensive and defensive consistency."

Benet**Coach:** Gene Heidkamp.

Last year: 31-4, 8-1, tied for first in East Suburban Catholic Conference; lost 65-59 to Curie in Class 4A championship game.

Top players: Jack Nolan, sr. G; Liam Lyman, sr. G-F; Justin Enochs, sr. G; Matt Teglia, sr. G; Ryan Liszka, sr. F; Dan Veselik, sr. G; Colin Crothers, fr. C.

Scouting report: For the second time in three years, the Redwings enter the season trying to reload from a runner-up finish in Class 4A. The program's notched seven straight 20-win seasons and, despite another brutally tough schedule, Benet's ready to make

Trojans a darkhorse in the Silver. "I don't think we'll have anyone with gaudy numbers, but we've got a lot of capable guys. That'll hopefully make us tougher to guard as a team."

Downers Grove South**Coach:** Kris Olson.

Last year: 21-10, 10-2, first in West Suburban Gold; lost 77-55 to Hinsdale South in Class 4A Glenbard East regional final.

Top players: Denis Alibegovic, sr. G; T.J. Clifford, sr. F; Tyree Spencer, sr. G; Dylan Kaczmarek, sr. G; Darnell Wallace, sr. G; David Roubalik, sr. F; Hayden Cotter, sr. F; Tim Sims, sr. G; D'Andre Raven, sr. G.

Scouting report: A favorite to win a second straight Gold title, the Mustangs also have the experience and talent to make a deep playoff run. Clifford, committed to Western Michigan, and Alibegovic are third-year starters while Spencer and Kaczmarek played extensively last season. "It's a skilled group and they're all very smart basketball players," Olson said. "They don't just excel physically but also mentally." Six-foot-six Clifford averaged 12 points and 5.6 rebounds last year while Alibegovic knocked down 78 3s and averaged 14 points. Spencer, who averaged 7.9 points and 2.4 assists, and Kaczmarek add fuel to the backcourt. Developing post depth with 6-5 Roubalik would help for a team looking for contributions beyond its top seven. "This is a good group," Olson said. "Our sights are set as high as they can be."

Fenton**Coach:** Chaz Taft.

Last year: 7-19, 2-10, seventh in the Metro Suburban West; lost to Schurz in a Class 4A Whitney Young regional quarterfinal.

Top players: Brian Andrade, sr., G; Ethan Guerra, sr., G-F; Bryan Larsen, sr., G-F; Danny Lucas, sr., C; Javy Sanchez, sr., G; Tyler Santagata, sr., F; Nick Schaub, sr., G.

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Name	School	Yr.	Pos.
Denis Alibegovic	Downers South	Sr.	G
Luke Anthony	Wheaton North	Sr.	G
Tai Bibbs	West Chicago	Sr.	G
T.J. Clifford	Downers South	Sr.	F
Chris Johnson	Naperville North	Jr.	F
Mitch Lewis	Naperville North	Sr.	G-F
Rowan McGowen	Wheaton North	Sr.	G-F
Mark McGrath	Lisle	Sr.	G-F
Blaise Meredith	Neuqua Valley	Sr.	G
Jack Nolan	Benet	Sr.	G
Austin Reed	IC Catholic Prep	Sr.	F
Ethan Schuemer	Willowbrook	Jr.	C

should still compete in the UEC Valley with length, ballhandling and scoring by Chriske, Kimbrough and the 6-3 Davis, who last year led Rams sophs at 20 points a game. The 6-4 Nixon is raw but could excel in the paint. If controlled, transition speed will serve this team well. "We do have pieces, so we just kind of have to put them together," Scott Miller said.

Glenbard North**Coach:** Joe Larson.

Last year: 7-19, 3-13, eighth in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 75-69 to Metea Valley in Class 4A Glenbard East regional quarterfinals.

Top players: Myles Moore, sr. G-F; Chamar Flanigan, sr. F; Kibet Chepyator, sr. F; Greg Newsome, jr. G; Adam Jaszka, sr. G; D'errick Sawyer, sr. F; Aaron Hausner, sr. F; Wendell Pamfilio, sr. G; Aquil Spates, sr. G; Marvelle Coleman, sr. F.

Scouting report: With the experience they have this season, the Panthers expect to vastly improve their win total and vault in the DVC standings. "Our leadership is pretty strong," Larson said. "These guys have really been working hard." Moore, who averaged 8.4 points last year, and Flanigan are both third-year starters. Newsome was the starting point guard as a sophomore and led the team with 4.2 rebounds and dished

Billy — now an Illinois State footballer — could shoot outside, 6-6 Charlie is ready to unleash the 15-footer he's had all along. Jeske's athleticism characterizes a team strength, and point guard Whiteside came from nowhere to play key minutes in last season's playoff run. Other than that Hardtke will compete against Riverside-Brookfield, IC Catholic, Aurora Central and the rest of the newly named Metro Suburban Blue while testing his fresh roster at game speed. "We'll be a little bit of young and a whole lot of inexperienced," he said.

Glenbard West**Coach:** Tim Hoder.

Last year: 25-4, 10-2, first in West Suburban Silver; lost 41-32 to York in Class 4A East Aurora sectional semifinals.

Top players: Connor Mullins, sr. G; Chris Langan, sr. G; Alex Pihlstrom, sr. F; Evan Taylor, so. F; Logan Morrison, sr. F; Mark Mattson, sr. F; Kevin Nelson, sr. F.

Scouting report: Graduating their top six scorers — including all-stater Justin Pierce — is forcing the Hilltoppers to rebuild a bit, a process again being complicated by the delayed return to the program of a half-dozen players still competing in football. "It's going to be interesting seeing this team develop," Hoder said. "We've got some talent, but it's a different looking group," Mullins

with four players returning experience. "Our style of play will be vastly different," Latorre said. "You have to play to your strengths as much as you can, and that's what we'll continue to do this year." The perimeter play is extremely strong with Eck, Misiunas, Hamilton and Holberg returning a combined 54 3-pointers and 21 points a game. Eck, Misiunas and Hamilton had 168 assists. Opposing defenses will struggle to match the Red Devils' quickness, but they'll have to work at team rebounding and post defense. "With a smaller team our margin for error will be smaller," Latorre said. "It has to be a group effort on both ends."

Hinsdale South**Coach:** Brett Moore.

Last year: 22-10, 9-3, tied for second in West Suburban Gold; lost 60-43 to Benet in Class 4A East Aurora sectional semifinals.

Top players: D.J. Anderson, sr. G; Karol Lipiszko, sr. G; Mike Stoltz, sr. G; Christian Lopez, sr. G; Ethan Ashmore, sr. F; Terreon Hopkins, sr. F; Nick Perry, sr. G; Zion Griffin, jr. F.

Scouting report: For the first time in eight years there won't be a Benson — Brock or Barret — controlling the post. With both moved on to the next level, including Barret at Northwestern, it'll be a much different looking Hinsdale South team this season. "We don't have Barret Benson anymore, or that one guy everyone's going to go after with double- and triple-teams," Moore said. "What we have is a team with the quickness to play at a very fast pace." Anderson's the lone returning starter, tough and explosive going to the basket. He averaged 7 points, 3 assists and 3 rebounds last year. Two key additions are Perry, a transfer from Homewood-Flossmoor, and Griffin, a leader on last year's sophomore team. He and Lopez, each 6-foot-4, need to anchor a thinned out inside game. "It's a different group," Moore said. "This is a team that'll get better as the season goes along."

Scouting report: For a second straight season injuries are hampering the Lancers' ability to reach their potential. With Smith and Fant both out to the year, others must step in. "They're both key players for Virostko said. "We need the both to be all-conference caliber players for us to be successful. The Lancers graduated their four scorers, but several players return experience, including Vega, Spejcher and Olenek, who came up to varsity as a sophomore to play point guard in the depleted lineup. When Smith and Fant do return, they'll be back a combined 10.3 points, 5.3 rebounds. Smith also was one of the area's top defensive players, which falls in line with Lake Park's primary focus. The scoring we graduated, so defense needs to be very good," Virostko said.

Lisle**Coach:** Mark LaScala.

Last year: 17-13, 9-2, tied second in the Interstate Eagle Conference; lost to IC Catholic in a Class 2A Aurora Christian regional semifinal.

Top players: Grant Haen, sr. G; Isaiah Hunter, sr., G; Josi Jamison, sr., G; Mark McGrath, sr., G-F; Brian O'Connell, sr. Trevor Stitt, sr., G; David Witt, sr., F.

Scouting report: Versatile; All-Area selection McGrath is Lions' only returning starter coach LaScala said he hasn't had this many seniors since first season in 2006-07, when Lisle went 21-11. Haen is in third season on varsity, and the players listed above were the regular rotation last season. At 6-foot-2 the tireless McG can play any position on the court — and will, due to an athlete yet vertically challenged team interchangeability parts. McGrath averaged 18 points, 10 rebounds and led Lisle in steals and blocks but will need help from inside-outside shooter O'Connell and others after two double-scorers graduated. Still, Lisle excelled last season turning

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layers: Ray J Dennis, so., chale Hyland, jr., G; Yousef ell, jr., F; Matt Morrissey, jr., Michael Orr, sr., G; Anthony pson, so., G; Jayston ms, jr., G-F.

ling report: Regardless ord Montini was wholly aining to watch last n, a freewheeling crew inly undersized young rs coached by an Illinois legend. Not too much range in Thomas' second n (well, he hopes the se will) except the Broncos eeper and taller overall with ditions of 6-foot-4 players sey and Mitchell, giving rmer Indiana Hoosier ability er with different lineups. rconos graduated 6-6 Kevin mann and 3-point ace Jack rkamp but are now flush mall forwards who could to be up-tempo matchup ms, able to dribble the ball ore it. Especially the 6-2 ms, who in one stretch as nomore scored 24, 25 and ints. "It will be fun to watch, for sure," Thomas said. yone that's on the floor can it."

arville Central

Coach: Pete Kramer.
ear: 16-12, 9-7, tied for in DuPage Valley Confer- lost 41-37 to Benet in Class net regional final.

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ling report: Despite ating the bulk of last n's scoring, the Red- s remain potent thanks ouple of experienced s. Kramer is back as the urning starter. Expect o drastically increase last n's averages of 6.1 points 2 rebounds. Six-foot- Wolf showed flashes as a more, and those flashes

Neuqua Valley

Coach: Todd Sutton.

Last year: 11-19, 6-10, seventh in the DuPage Valley Conference; lost to Joliet West in a Class 4A Neuqua Valley regional semifinal.

Top players: Alex Filo, sr., C; Connor Gentry, sr., F; Noah Herdman, jr., G; Ryan Kelsen, so., F; Blaise Meredith, sr., G; Christian Oliveras, sr., G; Nathan Scott, sr., F; Will Stankus, sr., F; Jonathan Tan, jr., G.

Scouting report: The Wildcats look to rebound following their third sub-. 500 season in the program's 18 seasons and the first since 1999-2000. The 6-foot-8 center Filo, 6-6 Scott, 6-4 power forward Stankus and 6-3 forwards Kelsen and Gentry give Neuqua decent across-the-board height. Meredith, who took 24 charges last season, heads a stronger defensive unit trying to improve upon foes' 36 percent 3-point shooting, 45 percent overall. Tan, Kelsen and Herdman get kudos from coach Sutton on their defense as well. Scoring must be picked up since Filo and Meredith are the top returning scorers at a respective 7.5 and 5.6 points a game last year. "We're going to shut people down," Sutton said. "If an opponent can only score 41 or 42 points we're going to be knocking on the door."

St. Francis

Coach: Erin Dwyer.

Last year: 11-19, 1-8, tied for eighth in the Chicago Catholic League North; lost to Burlington Central in a Class 3A Glenbard South regional semifinal.

Top players: John Brundage, sr., G; Mike Cascella, so., G; Matt Cooney, jr., G; John Detloff, jr., F; Andrew Harvey, jr., F; Bryan Murray, sr., F; Alex Rueth, jr., G; Tim Sullivan, sr., G.

Scouting report: After gradu- ating 11 seniors and losing big men Shane Walker to injury and Greg Bogdansk to wrestling, the Spartans' top returning scorer is Brundage at 0.6 points a game.

Team

1. Conant (23-7)
2. Naperville North (23-5)
3. Jacobs (23-7)
4. Benet (31-4)
5. Downers South (21-10)
6. Stevenson (24-7)
7. Wheaton North (18-9)
8. Prospect (15-12)
9. York (20-13)
10. Grayslake North (24-4)
11. West Aurora (8-18)
12. Fremd (22-7)
13. Larkin (15-12)
14. Libertyville (16-11)
15. Geneva (22-7)
16. Willowbrook (11-19)
17. Elgin (17-13)
18. St. Charles East (18-13)
19. Downers North (14-14)
20. Batavia (20-10)

Strube made 40 percent of his 3-point shots and Williams is that 5-4 pest Timothy always seems to have. There's loads of primarily backcourt depth though a concern is getting the junior newcomers up to varsity speed. "I'm cautiously optimistic," LeGrand said.

Waubonsie Valley

Coach: Jason Mead.

Last year: 5-22, 1-15, ninth in the DuPage Valley Conference; lost to West Chicago in a Class 4A Lyons Twp. regional quarterfinal.

Top players: Blake Blanz, jr., G-F; Eric Cannon, so., G; Luke Gregorio, sr., G; Justin Mullinax, sr., G; Brian Phillips, sr., G-F; Chuck Robinson, jr., F; Kyle Schroeder, jr., F; Nick Stokes, jr., G.

Scouting report: Hoffman Estates alumnus Mead arrives after going 80-65 in five years at Dixon. He plans to install a motion offense plus a base man defense, and has honorable-mention all-DVC point guard Cannon to help run it. Mead says

Preseason Top 20

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- Sotos, MSL champs back for more
- Four starters return to DVC champs
- Krutwig leads group with big expectations
- Vying for 8th straight 20-win season
- Third year for Alibegovic, Clifford
- Smith looming large in senior season
- Entire starting lineup is back
- Promising returning talent quotient
- Four straight regional titles for Dukes
- Thomas, Connolly lead the way
- Siler, Donatian, Cross & Cross return
- Vikes will be able to shoot it
- Negron out, but Royals still dangerous
- Peterson ready to power up
- Navigato brothers, Johnston return
- Schuemmer leads experienced cast
- Versatile Maroons can go big or small
- Hardy among many proven leaders
- Legit darkhorse in WSC Silver
- Heavy losses, but great potential

Top players: Tai Bibbs, sr., G; Jason Gimre, jr., G; Alen Mahmic, jr., F; Devonte Pascal, sr., F; Luke Seeman, jr., G.

Scouting report: Tai Bibbs, a silky 6-foot-3 point guard, returns from a team whose 22 wins were the most since 2004, a Wildcats squad that won its first boys basketball conference title in West Chicago High's 113-year history, sharing the UEC Valley title with Glenbard East. A three-year starter, Bibbs committed to Drake in September after receiving more than a dozen offers. Last season he averaged 16.2 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 1.7 steals. Recchia thinks even better things are ahead. The Wildcats have pieces such as outside shooter Gimre, lanky 6-3 youngster Mahmic and Pascal, a strong 6-3 defender who grabbed 4.4 rebounds last season and should improve on his 6-point average. He'll need to, because as Recchia continues employing up-tempo offense and brash defense there's not a lot of varsity experience. Recchia seeks mental toughness. "If they learn

13 points as a freshman, can play inside and out. The regular rotation doesn't get any taller, though, Asa also standing 6-2. Only four seniors on the roster, but O'Leary, Thompson and aggressive 5-4 guard Schlichter all joined Anderson as freshmen playing key minutes as Etheridge looked toward the future. Transfers Wilmington (Naperville North) and Winston (Curie) lend welcome athleticism and some rebounding ability, which the Sentinels need along with better defense. "I definitely think we're moving in the right direction again," Etheridge said.

Wheaton Academy

Coach: David Osborn.

Last year: 11-16, 6-6, fourth in the Metro Suburban Conference West Division; lost to St. Francis in a Class 3A Glenbard South regional quarterfinal.

Top players: Michael Callentine, jr., C; William Fan, jr., G; Stephen Garrison, jr., F; J.D. Gunn, jr., G; Jimmy Paganis, so., G; Sam Scharnowski, sr., F; Jameson Teuscher, sr., G.

Scouting report: The Warriors look to continue improving under second-year coach Osborn, who is expecting his first child with wife Amber on New Year's Eve. Ascent may initially prove difficult because all-conference senior forward Tommy Blum tore knee ligaments in the last open gym before practices began and is lost for the season. Blum and the graduated Anthony Polinski scored the bulk of Wheaton Academy's points last season, points the players listed above need to replace. The good news is the 6-4 Gunn, 6-6 Scharnowski, Paganis, Teuscher and, late in the year, 6-5 Garrison all played quality minutes. Teuscher camping in the corner and hitting 3s will again be a familiar site. Camaraderie is solid, and Osborn hopes attention to detail also will be. "We've got to do the little things and we've got to execute and play as a team,"

G; Chase Stebbins, jr. G; Augy Pinto, sr. F.

Scouting report: The Tigers graduated 91 percent of their scoring and 87 percent of their rebounding, but there's still reason to believe they can stay in the top half of the DVC. "Everyone on the court will be a threat to score," Mike Healy said. "We have a lot of inexperience but everyone knows their role." With experienced seniors like Drew Healy and 6-foot-3 Durrett leading the way, the roster's bolstered by a junior class that won the DVC title at the sophomore level. Drew Healy and Robinson will run the point for a team loaded with shooters. A shorter team than last year, the Tigers' defensive rebounding and interior defense are focal points for a group capable of going about 10 deep. "We don't match up well on defense with a lot of teams," Mike Healy said, "but hopefully we'll create some matchups problems for other teams on offense."

Willowbrook

Coach: Chris Perkins.

Last year: 11-19, 3-9, sixth in West Suburban Gold; lost 56-46 to Benet in Class 4A Benet regional semifinals.

Top players: Ethan Schuemmer, jr. C; Sikander Zafar, jr. G; Matthew Myers, jr. F; Matas Masys, so. G; Freddie Clay, sr. G; Neil Paxton Jr., jr. G; Marshawn Phillips, jr. G; Terry Lewis, jr. G; Diyahvion Skinner, jr. G; Martique Barksdale, jr. G; Ryan King, sr. F.

Scouting report: Look for the Warriors to continue the strong finish they showed at the end of last season. Six players return who either started or gained significant experience. "Last year was a big confidence builder for us," Perkins said. "They realized the high level they could compete at." Six-foot-seven Schuemmer averaged 14.3 points and 10.3 rebounds as a sophomore. The backcourt of Clay, who averaged 7 points,

end after a tremendous son. "It's going to come to us being consistent, me out, and I think we'll re," Pete Kramer said. dhawks will have four on the court much of e, and they'll all be able t. Kramer showed his g ability last year. He'll imeter help from Swope, and Raab. Kramer, ra and Meier can attack ket. "I know we'll battle 'll be competitive," Pete said. "But we need to to finish games."

ville North

Jeff Powers.

ar: 23-5, 15-1, first in Valley Conference; lost o York in Class 4A Lyons gional final.

yers: Mitch Lewis, sr. G; hinson, jr. F-C; Winston sr. G; Cam Hardy, sr. Carlson, sr. G; Chris , sr. G; Tabo Tarun, sr. G; elch, so. G-F; Scott Smith, Derek Amend, sr. F; Merabet, sr. G.

ig report: The area's mplete team is heav- ed to repeat as DVC on and make a run at "Obviously the goals are be pretty high," Powers ou want to be confident over the top." Six-foot-six who last season averaged ints and 5.1 rebounds, DVC's player of the year. an Johnson and Elston re named all-conference, ansive specialist Hardy is th returning starter. With int threat from Carlson, 0 points per game are dd the big-game experi- m state champion soccer ullivan, and there's little n is missing. "We've got xperience and we've of other guys who can nd play," Powers said. got to keep working hard get big heads."

Dwyer, though, sounds taken by this team's energy, chemistry and athleticism, with "guys who want to get after it." That usually is the Spartan way particularly on defense, and fielding a mid-size team with the exception of the 6-foot-4 Harvey and 6-5 Detloff. St. Francis may try to pressure foes with quickness. Despite lacking varsity minutes, Dwyer said he's got several solid shooters including Harvey, Cooney, Detloff and point guard Sullivan. The coach called Rueth "my Shane Battier," committed to doing the little things that lead to wins. Dwyer thinks this group will surprise people. "We're young and we're looking forward to the challenges ahead," he said.

Timothy Christian

Coach: Jack LeGrand.

Last year: 11-17, 6-6, fourth in the Metro Suburban Conference East Division; lost to Aurora Christian in a Class 2A Aurora Christian regional semifinal.

Top players: Jimmy Allen, jr., G; Joey Davidson, sr., G-F; Brandon Orange, jr., F-C; Nick Huisman, jr., F-C; Ty Merrick, jr., G; Jonny Strube, sr., G; Nick Tameling, sr., F; Michael Thomas, jr., G; Trayvon Williams, sr., G.

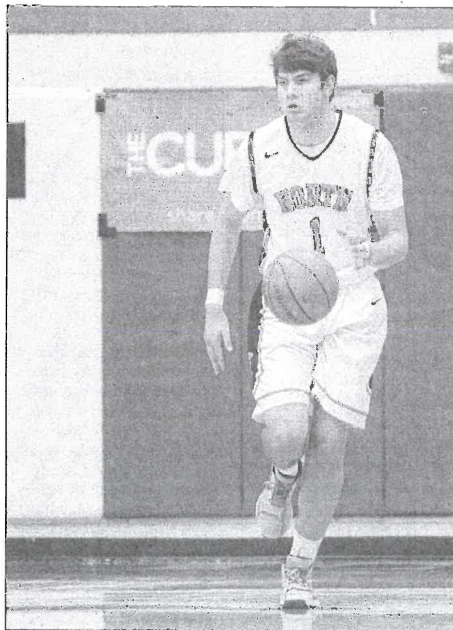
Scouting report: Many aspects give LeGrand belief the Trojans could win the newly renamed Metro Suburban Red. First, Davidson. The three-year starter made all-conference last season averaging 14.6 points and 4.5 rebounds; a strong 6-foot-2, 220 pounds, he's comfortable banging or shooting the 3. Dual 6-6 juniors Orange and Huisman (nephew of Timothy grad and former Royals pitcher Rick Huisman) and 6-3 returner Tameling must be respected either running the break or in half-court sets, allowing Davidson more room. Merrick is a 6-2 point guard, the 6-3

several players routinely came in early to shoot, great news after last season's 34 percent shooting from the floor. In what the coach forecasts as mainly a half-court offense to start, Phillips, Cannon, Mullinax and Gregorio will shoot the 3. The 6-foot-4 Robinson ("definitely one of the best athletes I've ever coached," Mead said) will have ample opportunity to rebound for a short Class 4A team. Mead likes the "buy-in" and the chemistry, and that's a good start. "I think it's a year where we're going to try to set a tone for what Waubonsie Valley basketball is going to look like," the coach said.

West Chicago

Coach: Bill Recchia.

Last year: 22-7, 7-3, tied for first in the Upstate Eight Valley; lost to York in a Class 4A Lyons Twp. regional semifinal.



Naperville North and Mitch Lewis hope to defend their DuPage Valley Conference championship this season.

quick it is equate to a successful season," he said.

Westmont

Coach: Craig Etheridge.

Last year: 8-21, 2-9, 10th in the Interstate Eight Conference; lost to Lisle in a Class 2A Aurora Christian regional quarterfinal.

Top players: Caden Anderson, so., F; Sam Asa, sr., F; Ben Ledwon, jr., G; Matt O'Leary, so., G; Troy Schlichter, so., G; Michael Thompson, so., G; Tyreke Winston, jr., G; Jalen Wilmington, jr., G.

Scouting report: After a couple down years Etheridge believes this group is starting to turn the corner. Kyle Domin dominated inside last season; his graduation leaves a smaller yet more athletic, deeper team that doesn't have huge holes. The 6-2 Anderson, who made 41 3-pointers and averaged

ne said.

Wheaton North

Coach: Dave Brackmann.

Last year: 18-9, 11-5, second in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 52-50 to Hinsdale Central in Class 4A Hinsdale Central regional semifinals.

Top players: Luke Anthony, sr. G; Rowan McGowen, sr. F; Ethan Block, sr. G; Jack Bennett, sr. G-F; Michael Gehl, sr. F-C; Matt Brcka sr. G-F; Josh Sorenson, jr. F-C; Mason Biegalski, jr. G; Brayden Anthony, jr. G; Deng Reng, so. F.

Scouting report: The Falcons' lineup will look annoyingly familiar to opponents this season. That's because all five starters are back, headed by McGowen and Anthony. Combined they averaged 33 points and knocked down 129 3-pointers. "Last year we were very dependent on Luke and Rowan," Brackmann said. "This year we've got more guys who are confident in their ability to score." Between 6-foot-6 Sorenson, 6-6 Reng and 6-3 Gehl, the Falcons have better ability to score in the post. Bennett, Block and Brcka also will pitch in points. If the Falcons can consistently rebound and improve defensively, they'll challenge for the DVC title and beyond. "With the experience we have we'll be able to hit the ground running a little bit better than we have in the past," Brackmann said.

WW South

Coach: Mike Healy.

Last year: 17-12, 9-7, tied for fourth in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 48-42 to Naperville Central in Class 4A Benet regional semifinals.

Top players: Drew Healy, sr. G; Dillon Durrett, sr. F; Jake Ruggles, sr. F; Matt Dohse, sr. G; Paul Kienzie, sr. G; Jake Healy, jr. G; Parker Robinson, jr.

and Masys, who hit 41 3-pointers, also returns. Between Clay, Paxton Jr. and Barksdale rotating at the point, ball-handling won't be an issue. There's also flexibility in the lineup with Zafar and Myers. Schuemer is a dominant presence, but the points will come from everywhere. "They took major strides last season," Perkins said. "With that experience they should be able to hit the ground running."

York

Coach: Vince Doran.

Last year: 20-13, 6-6, fourth in West Suburban Silver; lost 61-55 to Benet in Class 4A East Aurora sectional final.

Top players: Nick Kosich, so. G; Jordan Gray, sr. F; Nick Trapani, sr. G; Angelo Martucci, jr. G; Erik Cohn, so. G; Sam Walsh, so. F; Mike Pedote, so. G.

Scouting report: Don't be fooled by the youth listed above. The Dukes, riding a streak of four straight regional titles, are ready to win right now despite having only three seniors on the roster. "We'll be a little up and down because of how young we are," Doran said, "but hopefully we'll be more up than down." Four sophomores are up on varsity, with Kosich and Cohn slated for the starting lineup. Kosich started as a freshman, averaging 6.1 points and hitting 44 3-pointers. Trapani added 7.2 points and 61 3s. Martucci and Pedote deepen the backcourt while 6-foot-5 Gray, who started games last season, and 6-5 Walsh will contribute inside. Like the past four seasons, the Dukes will win by dictating pace, taking good shots and frustrating teams defensively. "We're not as deep as we've been but we're hoping we can develop kids and increase their minutes as the season goes along," Doran said.

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Addison Trail**Coach:** Rob Schader.**Last year:** 10-17, 3-9, sixth in West Suburban Gold; lost to Batavia in the Class 4A regional semifinals.**Top players:** Diamond Pikulyk, sr., F; Alyssa Pham, sr., G; Marie Baumgartner, sr., G; Jasmin Mehmeti, sr., F; Diana Graciano, sr., F; Nicci Scorza, jr., G.**Scouting report:** "We return six players from last year's team and they all played a ton of minutes for us as juniors along with Nicci, who is a sophomore," Schader said. "They are a very close group that loves to compete. If we stay healthy and out of foul trouble, this year should be fun." The group of varsity returners will get a boost from some talented newcomers, including junior guards Vencenza Zaccaro, Aliyah Ochoa and Kayla Metallo, and junior post players Berenice Beremun, Patrycja Sawina and Alexa Giometti.**Benet****Coach:** Joe Kilbride.**Last year:** 32-3, 7-0, first in East Suburban Catholic Conference; Class 4A champion.**Top players:** Katie Jaseckas, sr., C; Ali Kramer, sr., G; Emma Lyne, sr., G; Tsimba Malonga, jr., G; Kendal Schramek, sr., F; Lauren Stack, so., C.**Scouting report:** Benet is aiming for its third consecutive state championship, but it will have to do it this year without all-state point guard Kathleen Doyle, now at Iowa. The Redwings have plenty of talented and experienced players back, however, starting with Jaseckas and Schramek. "While we have a lot of things to figure out with this group, I think Katie Jaseckas and Kendal Schramek are not given the respect they deserve and Tsimba Malonga is going to surprise a lot of people," Kilbride said. "In addition we have senior leaders who can really play in Emma Lyne and Ali Kramer, plus three sophs and two frosh who all have the potential to play (Division I)

leadership and has a deadly outside shot. Masello, a 6-foot-1 soccer player, is a presence inside and an all-conference candidate. But the big news could be 6-1 sophomore Lueken, a future star with a multitude of skills. Ganschow, who was out last year with an ACL injury, is a great addition. "Our goal is to compete for the conference title," Long said. "Our challenge is to step up in the big games."

Fenton**Coach:** Tim Anderson.**Last year:** 3-25, 0-14 in Metro Suburban Conference West Division; lost to St. Charles East in the first round of Class 4A regionals.**Top players:** Krysta Wilson, sr., G/F; Danielle Shawluk, sr., G; Ashley Lira, so., G; Jamie Minard, jr., G; Jenny Sanchez, sr., G.**Scouting report:** With eight returning players back, including four starters, the Bison look to make a nice jump in the win column this season. "We're all excited about the upcoming season. We're going to be much improved," Anderson said. "If you look at our record last year we struggled at some things, but it was a wonderful group of kids to coach. They kept their head up and they played hard all the time." Wilson, a four-year varsity player, is the team's best shooter. Sanchez will be in charge of much of the ballhandling duties with Shawluk, Lira and Minard also strong with the basketball in their hands. Without a boatload of height, Fenton will count on a versatile lineup and a strong defense. "The key for us this year is going to be our defense," Anderson said. "I can't pick right now who's going to be our high scorer, but I'm more excited to see who's going to be our steals leader and who's going to be our defensive stopper, because that's where our success will lie."**Glenbard East****Coach:** Don Finnie.**Last year:** 19-11, 7-3, second in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division; lost to Montini in Class 4A regional final.**The DuPage Dozen***Scouting the top girls basketball players in DuPage County*

Name	School	Yr.	Pos.
Maggie Bair	Glenbard South	So.	C
Kaylee Bambule	Montini	Sr.	G
Paige Bareck	Hinsdale Central	Sr.	G
Katie Jaseckas	Benet	Sr.	C
Jayla Johnson	WW South	Jr.	F
Mia Lakstigala	Naperville Central	Jr.	G
Aaliyah Patty	Montini	Jr.	F
Darrione Rogers	Lake Park	Fr.	G/F
Caylin Rufus	York	Jr.	G/F
Kendal Schramek	Benet	Sr.	G/F
Hannah Swider	Wheaton North	Jr.	G
Antwainette Walker	St. Francis	Jr.	G

play." Newsome, Lee and Miller will each have to up their scoring and rebounding averages to make up for the loss of Deegan's numbers, while freshmen Brea King and Neveah King are expected to contribute right away as newcomers to the program. "I'd like our hustle and toughness to ramp up to a higher level than it has been. Hopefully, we will be playing our best basketball at the end of the season," Chamberlain said.

Glenbard South**Coach:** Morgan Kasperek.**Last year:** 18-11, 12-2, tied for first in Metro Suburban Conference West Division; lost in Class 3A sectional semifinals.**Top players:** Gianna Anderson, jr., G; Maggie Bair, so., C/F; Mady Carli, jr., G; Sarah Cohen, jr., G; Ally Dacca, jr., F; Akayhla Dixon, fr., G; Ashley Dodge, jr., F.**Scouting report:** This year's starters know what it's like to play at the varsity level. Though they're all still young — there are no seniors on the roster — they all started most or all of the season last year, earning a wealth of experience, which means the coaches don't have to explain as much. "They know what to expect and how to practice," Kasperek said. It also means they should have a much better start than they did last season

still going to hang our hat on our defense and put some pressure on the other team, force them to play our tempo," Persinger said.

Hinsdale Central**Coach:** Tom McKenna.**Last year:** 14-17, 4-8 fourth in the West Suburban Silver; lost to Proviso East in a Class 4A regional final.**Top players:** Riley Burr, sr., F; Paige Bareck, sr., G; Elle Schaefer, sr., G; Grace Hartzman, sr., G; Abbi Shaker, sr., F; Alex Hughes, jr., F.**Scouting report:** The Red Devils have the depth and experience to win a lot of the close games that didn't go their way last year. Returning starters and team leaders Bareck, who can shoot and distribute, and Burr, who is a threat from both inside and outside, will lead the way. Both plan to play in college. "We have depth, athleticism, speed and skills," McKenna said. "We had a successful summer and we have experience and great chemistry." The Red Devils are a confident, cohesive group, and they have their eyes on the conference title and a regional championship.**Hinsdale South****Coach:** Jen Belmonte.**Last year:** 19-10, 7-3, second place in West Suburban Gold; lost to Morton in Class 4A regional semifinal.

DuPage Valley Conference; lost in Class 4A regional semifinal.

Top players: Emily Golab, sr., F; Camryn James, jr., G; Sarah Ludwig, sr., G; Nicole Riley, sr., Daina Riser, jr., G/F; Darrione Rogers, fr., G/F; Carson Vance, jr., G.**Scouting report:** Get used to hearing a lot about Rogers. Rupp calls her a special player who plays in the style of LeBron James. "She's the real deal," he said. "It's no joke." Rogers will be the Lancers' best player since Samantha Arnold went to the University of Michigan. Rogers will play guard, but at 5-foot-11 she can post up too. She's a great passer, so good that her teammates will need to learn to expect passes they've never received before, Rupp said. She can also create her own shot in the lane or make the 3-pointer. "It's going to make my life pretty easy because there are going to be times I'm just going to let her go to work," Rupp said of Rogers, who already is getting a lot of interest from major Division I colleges. There's good talent around her also, starting with Vance, much improved at point guard. James and Golab will provide energy, rebounding and scoring in the post. "We're not quite as strong down low, but we've got a mix of girls that can definitely plug and play in those areas that we're pretty confident about," Rupp said.**Lisle****Coach:** Nick Balaban.**Last year:** 17-10, 7-4, third place in Interstate Eight Conference; lost to Bishop McNamara in Class 2A Wilmington regional semifinal.**Top players:** TyAnn Le-Grand Melton, sr., G; Natalie Takahashi, jr., G; Abbey Kretman, sr., G; Nicole Cyranoski, sr., G.**Scouting report:** Le-Grand Melton, Takahashi, Kretman and Cyranoski will all play crucial roles as the Lions navigate their 2016-17 season. Both LeGrand-Melton and Takahashi have been named all-conference the**Montini****Coach:** Jason Nichols.**Last year:** 31-3, 7-0, first in GCAC Red; lost in Class 4A supersectional to Trinity.**Top players:** Kaylee Bambule sr., G; Claudia Kunzer, sr., G; Lindsey Jarosinski, jr., C; Nik Oppenheimer, sr., G; Aaliyah Patty, jr., F; Illyse Pitts, jr., G; Zoe Zacker, so., G.**Scouting report:** Some thing change, but this doesn't: Mor should go deep into the post-season and could win another state title. "I think we've got a good team," Nichols said. "His good will be determined by his healthy we stay and how much we improve." One player who has improved a great deal is 6-foot-3 Patty. "Aaliyah Patty had a huge summer. She made incredible strides. I'm excited where she's at," Nichols said. With the 6-5 Jarosinski she the Broncos the ability to play either a two-post or a one-post offense. "We're going to give people different looks," Nichols said. Both posts have received numerous scholarship offers from major Division I colleges. The Broncos still can shoot the 3-pointer also, especially players like Bambule (signed Ohio University), Oppenheimer (Syracuse) and Zacker. Kunze (South Dakota State) provides the energy, and Pitts will lead bench crew, which will be your If there's one area where Nichols wants to see his team improve from last year it's defense. The Broncos have probably their toughest schedule yet, include two trips to Kentucky.**Naperville Central****Coach:** Andy Nussbaum.**Last year:** 23-9, 13-3, third place in the DuPage Valley Conference; lost to Bolingbrook in the Class 4A Lemont regional final.**Top players:** Lucy Schmid, sr., F; Mia Lakstigala, jr., G; Erin Moran, sr., G; Olivia McGuire so., C.**Scouting report:** The Redhax

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DuPage Valley

Team: Mike Williams.

Last year: 24-7, 9-3, second DuPage Valley Conference; lost to Benet in the Class 2A sectional semifinals.

Top players: Megan Keefer, sr., Makinzie DeHaan, sr., F/C; Callahan, jr., G; Rachel Tait, jr., G; Taylor Crowley, jr., G; Tait, jr., G/F.

Scouting report: Senior leaders and Keefer are back to the way along with a deep, ed junior class. But the ats will have to learn to play at the departed Division court of Myia Starks and son. "What we'll have is a group of individuals, but n't have those superstars, is all right," Williams. "Everyone is going to have untunities to take that big Keefer, a four-year varsity, is solid inside and outside, in is tough in the paint, and ng guard Callahan returns ncking down some big last postseason. Tait, a sr from Benet, brings a lot nsity and intangibles to the

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Team: Melissa Taylor.

Last year: 21-11, 7-3, sixth GCAC Red; lost in the 3A sectional semifinals to rd Boylan.

Top players: Mia Mazza, sr., valnette Walker, jr., G/F; Bettag, sr., G; Madison l, so., G.

Scouting report: Expect offensive and defensive ntions from seniors and Mazza, junior Walker phomore Wisted. The -10 Walker can do a little ything on the floor, and a xperienced backcourt will enty. Six seniors are on the after the Spartans claimed rst regional championship ears last season. "We xceptional leaders from ls, which keeps everyone same page and enhances ortunities to accomplish Taylor said. "Our team's

Timothy Christian

Coach: Michele Strube.

Last year: 13-15, 8-4, third place in Metro Suburban Conference East Division; lost to Christ the King in a Class 2A regional final.

Top players: Allison Zeilstra, sr., G; Olivia Hoekstra, sr., G; Ava Venema, sr., F; Tyra Hopson, sr., G; Emily DeBoer, jr., C; Heidi Westra, so., G; Jordyn Strube, so., G.

Scouting report: The Trojans are big (four girls over 6 feet tall) and they're quick and skilled. Guard Zeilstra and Hoekstra have all-conference ability, and they'll lead a team that is looking to overwhelm the opposition in transition. They love to run. The defense keeps the team in every game. Venema, who has taken off two years to concentrate on volleyball, will be a force inside. "She's athletic, aggressive and can jump," Strube said. "She'll control the boards and be a troublemaker on defense." The Trojans' goal is to win conference and go through to the sectional.

Waubonsie Valley

Coach: Dave Owles.

Last year: 4-23, 0-16 in the DuPage Valley Conference; lost to Lemont in the first round of the Class 4A regionals.

Top players: Abby Glavin, sr., G; Brooklyne Wilson, sr., F; Gina Palasz, jr., F; Caleigh Cramer, jr., G.

Scouting report: With nine returners from last year's varsity, plus another transfer (Sam Garcia) with varsity experience, it's a very different outlook for the Warriors compared to 2015-16 when only Glavin had previous varsity experience. "With that experience comes optimism and enthusiasm for the upcoming season," Owles said. "Although last year saw very few wins, we finished the season playing very competitive basketball," and that has carried over through the summer and into the fall." Led by the overall effort and leadership of four-year varsity

Preseason Top 20

Team

1. Montini (31-3)
2. Benet (32-3)
3. Geneva (25-5)
4. Hersey (25-5)
5. Stevenson (25-6)
6. Fremd (30-3)
7. Naperville Central (23-9)
8. Huntley (30-4)
9. Maine West (21-8)
10. Antioch (25-6)
11. WW South (18-10)
12. Rolling Meadows (19-10)
13. St. Francis (21-11)
14. Crystal Lake South (23-10)
15. Glenbard South (18-11)
16. St. Viator (18-17)
17. Batavia (26-6)
18. Lake Park (15-14)
19. South Elgin (20-9)
20. Kaneland (23-5)

Comment

- Will play its toughest schedule yet
Will try to defend state title without Doyle
No better inside/outside than Whitley/Loberg
Three all-area guards return
Ashley Richardson returns to lead Patriots
G. Tworek leads talented bunch
Lakstigala is fun to watch
Brown-bound Morgan Clausen leads way
Defending CSL North champs
Reiser twins back for 4th season
Tigers young but experienced
Figures to contend in MSL East
Walker, Mazza are back
Four starters return
Entire starting lineup returns
3 starters back from 3A regional champs
Will take team effort to replace Frazier
Freshman Rogers is a special player
Kelleher closing in on 1,000 points
Three starters back

year as we look to significantly improve on last year's win total in the DVC and overall," Owles said.

West Chicago

Coach: Kim Wallner.

Last year: 3-24, 0-10 in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division; lost to Wheaton North in Class 4A Bartlett regional quarterfinal.

Top players: Sofia Radice, jr., G; Sierra Koenig, jr., G; Delaney Doell, sr., C; Sam Wiegele, jr., G; Catherine Miller, jr., F.

Scouting report: Wallner sees improvement in all of the returning players from last season. But certain things have to happen if the Wildcats are to see an improvement in their won-loss record. The West Chicago coach is stressing to the squad that better defense and rebounding are the most crucial things to focus on. "We should be improved in our 3-point shooting and I am hoping we have a balanced attack on offense. We will run when we can, but also rely on controlling the tempo so scores do not get up in the 60s," Wallner said. The Wildcats

sr., G.

Scouting report: It's a new era for the Warriors as Gum takes over after Beth Mitchell stood down after nine seasons. Gum has much to work with, including good team speed and experience on a roster with seven seniors. But the offense will have to replace the scoring from last season generated by the graduated Jamie Netzey and Elizabeth Melby. Both are playing college basketball, with Netzey at Taylor University and Melby at Calvin College. Wheaton Academy will play an up-tempo style. Renn is the top returning scorer at 5.0 points a game and also averaged 3.2 rebounds. Swoboda is the top returning rebounder at 3.5 rebounds. "We work consistently on our shooting percentage to make up for our loss of scoring. We strive to be good on defense this year and with our team speed hope to create turnovers," Gum said.

Wheaton North

Coach: Dave Eaton.

Last year: 12-16, 7-9, tied for third in DuPage Valley Conference; lost in Class 4A regional semifinal.

Top players: Sophie Ahlberg, jr., G; Nikki Baird, so., F; Bella Mullaney, sr., F; Hannah Swider, jr., G; Matti Zander, so., G.

Scouting report: Wheaton North played a lot of young players last year, and with only two seniors on the roster, the young players will see a lot of time again this year. "We're still a pretty young group," Eaton said. "They know our expectations so it doesn't matter if you're a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior." As always the Falcons will play tough, in-your-face defense, whether they're at home or on the road in the always-tough DuPage Valley Conference. "That's a side of the ball I think you can win a lot of games on," Eaton said. "Our defense travels." The Falcons have players who can score, though, not that they spend much time worrying about that side of the ball. "They're very

WW South

Coach: Rob Kroehnke.

Last year: 18-10, 11-5, third in DuPage Valley Conference; lost to Bartlett in Class 4A regional final.

Top players: Maria Dohse, so., G; Mira Emma, so., G; Jayla Johnson, jr., F; Kiersten King, jr., F; Jayne LaBelle, sr., F; McKenzie Stebbins, so., G; Sarah Struebing, sr., G; Kennedy Youngblood, jr., G.

Scouting report: Wheaton Warrenville South will pick up this season where it left off last year. "We're looking pretty good," Kroehnke said. "We're young, we're athletic." The Tigers have their entire starting lineup back from the end of last season, but with last year's experience to build on. Johnson remains the focal point, a strong presence in the low post who made 50 percent of her shots. LaBelle also works hard down low. Emma will run the point and be one of the players who look to open things up with some 3-pointers. "I've got some more shooters now, so it's a good complement, because obviously Jayla's established herself so far and is only going to get better," Kroehnke said. The Tigers will look to change things up regularly on defense to give opponents different looks. Their aim is a 20-win season, but the schedule won't make it easy.

Willowbrook

Coach: Terry Harrell.

Last year: 8-20, 5-7, fourth in West Suburban Gold; lost to Glenbard West in Class 4A regional quarterfinal.

Top players: Grace Chantos, sr., Sara Fitzgibbon, fr., G; Shannon Knudtson, fr., G; Hanna Konrath, so., G; Kellsie Kraabel, sr., G; Cece Lizasuain, so., F; Maureen Schmid, so., F.

Scouting report: Despite big graduation losses from last year's team, Harrell is optimistic about this group of young players. "They're young, but they're

...is incredible, makes the bond between us unbreakable." Taylor says his year's team to carry last year's successful run, saying: "It's a talented and returning team with a few exceptional players. We are getting after it, and the ladies expect to achieve their goals this season."

leadership of four-year varsity player Glavin, the quickness and defense of Jabria Dampier at the point, the inside scoring ability of Wilson and Palasz, and the outside shooting of Cramer, Olivia Josephson, and junior Doyin Dada, the Warriors expect to make big strides offensively, an area of struggles last year. "Expectations in general are much higher this

60s," Wallner said. The Wildcats obviously hope to duplicate many times throughout the season the level of play they showed Tuesday in a 55-36 opening night victory over Nazareth. The team shot 70 percent during the crucial third quarter, dominated on the boards and defended strong throughout the game.

Westmont

Wheaton Academy

Coach: Tory Gum.

Last year: 17-10, 6-6 in the Metro Suburban Conference West Division; lost to Kaneland in Class 3A Burlington Central regional semifinal.

Top players: Emily Renn, sr., G; Meredith Bult, sr., F; Lizzy Swoboda, jr., G; Chrislyn Herring,

that side of the ball. "They're very unselfish, almost to a fault. They don't care who scores, they want to win," Eaton said. Swider and Baird, a 6-footer who can shoot the 3-pointer, will be the primary options offensively, and Ahlberg has learned a lot about how to lead the offense. All three had great summers, Eaton said.

players. "They will surpass expectations that most people have of them," Harrell said. The Warriors will start two seniors, Kraabel and Chantos, the one returning starter who has turned into a scorer this year. Konrath played as a freshman on the varsity last year, but she is much improved. Konrath is one of six underclassmen who will play this year. She has been shooting the lights out in practice so far, and Harrell sees that continuing now that games have begun. "If it does she'll have a heck of a year," he said. Konrath is not the only strong shooter on the team. Schmid can stretch defenses, while Lizasuain will provide strength in the low post. "We have a bright future," Harrell said, noting other talented athletes in the pipeline, "but we hope to have a bright year this year too."

York

Coach: Maggie Ely.

Last year: 15-16, 3-4, fourth place in West Suburban Silver; lost to St. Charles North in a Class 4A regional quarterfinal.

Top players: Caylin Rufus, jr., G/F; Danielle Dennis, jr., G; Jaclyn Saco, sr., G; Jenna Dvorak, sr., F; Madison Park, jr., G.

Scouting report: A strong man-to-man defense will carry the Dukes this year. With veteran leadership, good size and many players who can hit from the perimeter, the York attack will be built on transition created by its energetic defense. The top two scorers, Dennis and Rufus, are back, and Dvorak returns after concentrating on soccer last year. At 6 feet Rufus creates some challenging mismatches for the opposition at guard. "The girls have played together for a year so they work well together," said first-year coach Ely. "If our bench develops and we peak at the end of the season, we can go far in February."

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on Wisted (22) will look to lead St. Francis back to the sectionals this season.

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Willowbrook presents fall musical

Willowbrook High School's theater department presented its fall musical—"Mary Poppins"—on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium. Pictured during one of last week's dress rehearsals are (left to right) sophomore Claire Mitchell, who played the bird woman, and junior Julia Cicero, who shared the role of magical English nanny Mary Poppins with her twin sister—junior Kathleen Cicero. The cast and crew of last week's production featured about 130 students.



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Tea time for mothers and daughters

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department held a recent Mommy and Me Princess Tea at the newly renovated depot at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park. The park is located at 320 E. Kenilworth Ave. Mothers and their daughters enjoyed an afternoon tea party at the Nov. 11 event. In addition to tea, the party included crafts, sandwiches, sweets and punch. The attendees included: (above left) Mary Fafinski with daughter Lilly; (above right) Kristin Kartheiser with daughter Makenna; and (right) Alexandria Murillo with daughter Holly McKean.



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Thinking of others at Thanksgiving

First Church of Lombard UCC members joined other volunteers to help pack and deliver full Thanksgiving dinners for 176 local families through Elmhurst Elks Lodge #1531's 22nd annual Thanksgiving dinner project. The church members are pictured with Elks Thanksgiving dinner chairman Michael Baren (back row, third from left) and lodge member Earl Mika (back row, far right). When the packing was finished, police personnel from Villa Park, Lombard and Elmhurst delivered the dinners to multiple area locations, including St. Alexander Church in Villa Park, for distribution to needy families. Funds for the project were raised through lodge functions and donations from lodge members.

Villa Park's unlimited fall leaf disposal period ends next week

The Village of Villa Park's fall leaf collection program allows residents to dispose an unlimited number of Kraft paper bags of leaves without affixing any yard waste disposal stickers. The program is in effect during a seven-week period that began in October and ends the week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet, no larger than 18 inches in diameter and weighing no more than 50 pounds. No limbs over 4 inches in diameter will be accepted.

Yard waste is limited to what is

generated at the residence being serviced and must be placed out for pickup by 6 a.m.

Yard waste stickers are not required for the disposal of brush bundles. Since all brush and yard waste are transported to a composting facility for processing, plastic bags should not be used. Residents should use only biodegradable twine or string to bind brush.

It is unlawful to deposit yard waste of any kind into public streets. For more information, call the village's public works department at 630-834-8505.



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Next senior luncheon takes place Dec. 8

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department holds a monthly Birthday Bunch and Lunch program for seniors at the Community Recreation Building at 320 E. Wildwood Ave. The photo from the most recent luncheon on Nov. 10 shows (clockwise from bottom left) June Bradford, Lisa Bradford, Theresia Lessmeister, Henry Genovadi, Mariellyn Bianco and Hank Streit. The next gathering will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, and will feature a special holiday luncheon. All senior residents are invited, whether or not they are celebrating their birthday in December. Seniors will be able to play bingo for gift prizes after the Dec. 8 luncheon. The fee is \$5 per person, payable at the door. Attendees are asked to RSVP to 630-834-8525 at least one week in advance of the luncheon. The Birthday Bunch and Lunch is sponsored in part by G.M. Smith and Son Realtors in Villa Park.

Conroy urges residents to shop local on Small Business Saturday

State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) encourages area residents to take their holiday gift lists to locally owned businesses and take part in Small Business Saturday on Nov. 26.

"Small businesses are the backbone of a thriving community," stated Conroy in a news release. "Investing in our locally owned businesses creates stronger communities and propels our economy forward. I have had the pleasure of working with some great local businesses and always enjoy finding personalized gifts that are one of a kind."

This Saturday's event marks the seventh annual Small Business Saturday, which was created to help small businesses compete with large retailers between the busy shopping days of Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Conroy highlighted the merits of

shopping at area stores that provide jobs for local residents, as well as tax revenue, sponsorships for community groups, support for charities and personalized services.

"By shopping at our local shops, you are helping out our neighbors, friends and countless community organizations," said Villa Park Chamber of Commerce President Jon Zaley, who is the business development and marketing director of the Odeum Expo Center. "There will be tons of special deals at our local stores on Small Business Saturday and throughout the holiday shopping season, so don't miss out on a great opportunity to find the perfect gift and invest in the community."

For more information, contact Conroy's constituent service office at 630-415-3520, or send an e-mail to RepDebConroy@gmail.com.

Villa Park Chamber of Commerce presents Joyful Traditions on Dec. 3

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Joyful Traditions holiday celebration from 6-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The free community event will take place near the Rugaard Gazebo, which is located near Ardmore Avenue and the Illinois Prairie Path.

The traditional highlights of Joyful Traditions include a tasting tent with free food provided by local

merchants, trolley car rides, horse-drawn sleigh rides, a tree lighting, a s'more station and the opportunity for children to have a photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Members of Willowbrook High School's choir will sing Christmas carols throughout the event.

For more information about Joyful Traditions, call the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce at 630-941-9133.



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Pantry receives donation from Villa Park Lions Club

The Villa Park Lions Club presented a much needed donation to the Lombard-Villa Park Food Pantry during its Nov. 10 meeting at Villa Park's Hi-View Restaurant. Pantry Coordinator Steve Anderson (second from left) is pictured receiving the donation from Lion Bob Arpp, Lions Vice President Rich Hamlin and Lions Director Wild Bill Reeves. Donations were also presented to York Township, Villa Park VFW Post 2801 and Salvation Army food pantries. The Lombard-Villa Park Food Pantry is located in First United Methodist Church of Lombard, 155 S. Main St. For pantry information, call 630-627-2508.



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Blood drive at Willowbrook

More than 130 Willowbrook High School students and staff members took part in a Nov. 4 blood drive at the school. Participants included seniors Sam Otake (left) and Samantha Asher (right). The Willowbrook Student Council hosted the blood drive for LifeSource, which collected 119 units of blood. In appreciation of the drive, LifeSource presented Willowbrook with a check that will go toward student scholarships. LifeSource's Villa Park donor center is located at 100 E. Roosevelt Road, Suite 40-41. To make an appointment, call 877-543-3768.

Rams begin their season with a win over Plainfield Central

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Glenbard East girls basketball team began the 2016-17 season with a 33-30 victory at Plainfield Central on Nov. 15. The Rams fell to 1-1 four days later, when they dropped their first game at their own Rachel Bach Tournament. Glenbard West defeated the Rams 53-19 in Lombard in the opening round of Saturday's eight-team tournament.

Glenbard East and Plainfield Central were tied at 24-24 with one quarter to play. Senior Dana Plotke made a 3-point shot and sank two free throws during the final period. Juniors Briana Raysby and Mattie Pusateri each contributed one field goal in the final eight minutes.

Junior Summer Dolinski poured in 18 of the Rams' 33 points in the victory. Dolinski sank six of her nine field goals during the third period, helping the Rams to rally from a 17-10 halftime deficit to tie the score with one period to play. Plotke added her five fourth-quarter points, while Raysby and junior Faith Davies each scored four points.

Glenbard West jumped out to a 31-5 halftime lead in Saturday's win over the Rams. Junior Sam Dooley made three 3-point shots for Glenbard East and finished the game with a team-leading 11 points.

The Rams will play a total of four games at the Rachel Bach Tournament. The team will open its Upstate Eight Valley Conference schedule with a Dec. 8 home contest against South Elgin.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombard/Villa Park Review

The Glenbard East girls basketball team began its season with a 33-30 win at Plainfield Central on Nov. 15. The Rams lost their next game, falling 53-19 to Glenbard West in Saturday's first-round game at the eight-team Rachel Bach Tournament in Lombard. Juniors Summer Dolinski (No. 40) and Sam Dooley (No. 5) are both pictured during Saturday's game against the Hilltoppers. Dooley made three 3-point shots and scored a team-high 11 points against Glenbard West. Dolinski poured in a team-leading 18 points in the season-opening win at Plainfield Central.



Broncos commit to play at the next level

Four Montini Catholic High School seniors recently signed letters of intent to continue their athletic and academic pursuits at the collegiate level. The athletes are pictured on National Letter of Intent Signing Day on Nov. 9. Pictured left to right are: Mary Larson, Kaylee Bambule, Nikki Oppenheimer and Claudia Kunzer. Larson will play lacrosse at Butler University. Bambule, Oppenheimer and Kunzer will all play collegiate basketball. Bambule will attend Ohio University, while Oppenheimer will go to Syracuse University. Kunzer will attend South Dakota University. "The college decision process is a long and daunting one," said Tom Lentine, Montini's athletic director, in a statement congratulating the four student-athletes. "I am very proud of and congratulate our Bronco athletes for making their decisions. I know their families are very proud of them, and we are confident that each and every one of them will achieve great success at college and beyond."



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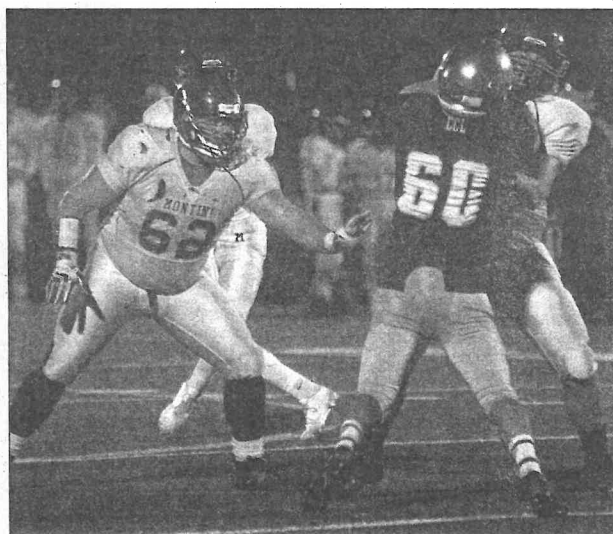
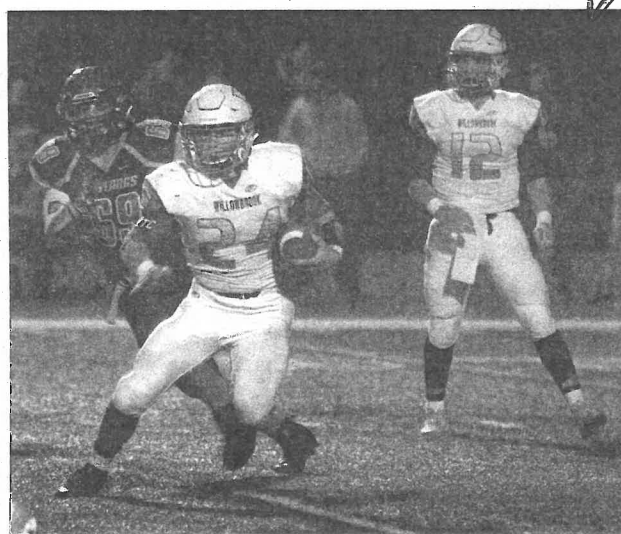
Warriors drop season opener at Glenbard North

The Willowbrook girls basketball team opened its 2016-17 season with a 49-28 loss at Glenbard North on Nov. 15. Sophomore Hanna Konrath scored a team-high 15 points for the Warriors, who trailed the Panthers 27-12 at halftime.

Konrath made six baskets, including a pair of shots from 3-point range. Sophomore Cecilia Lizasuain added six points for Willowbrook.

Freshman Sara Fitzgibbon contributed three points by connecting on a 3-point shot. The Warriors made three of 12 attempts from 3-point territory.

The Warriors are playing in Marist High School's holiday tournament this week. Willowbrook will open its West Suburban Gold Conference season with a home game against Leyden on Nov. 29.



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Jessen and Spivak named to all-state football teams

The Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) announced its 2016 all-state teams last week. Willowbrook junior Jack Jessen was named to the Class 7A team, while Montini senior Joe Spivak was named to the Class 6A team. Jessen, a running back and linebacker, helped the Warriors to an overall record of 8-4. Willowbrook, which began this year's post-season having not won a playoff game since 1990, won a pair of playoff contests in 2016 to advance to the Class 7A quarterfinals. The Warriors' season ended with a quarterfinal loss to East St. Louis on Nov. 12. East St. Louis will play in this Saturday's IHSFCA Class 7A state-champ-

ionship game.

Jessen (No. 24) is pictured carrying the ball during Willowbrook's Oct. 14 victory at Downers Grove South. Spivak, an offensive and defensive lineman for the Broncos, helped Montini to a 7-4 record in 2016. The Broncos' season ended with a Nov. 5 loss to Prairie Ridge in the second round of the Class 6A playoffs. Prairie Ridge will play in this Saturday's Class 6A state-title contest. Spivak (No. 62) is pictured providing pass protection during Montini's first-round playoff victory over St. Ignace on Oct. 28.

Willowbrook's Elissa Haake earns two top-10 finishes at the state swim meet

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

Willowbrook sophomore Elissa Haake advanced to the finals in a pair of events at the IHSA girls state swimming and diving meet, which took place Friday and Saturday at Evanston Township High School.

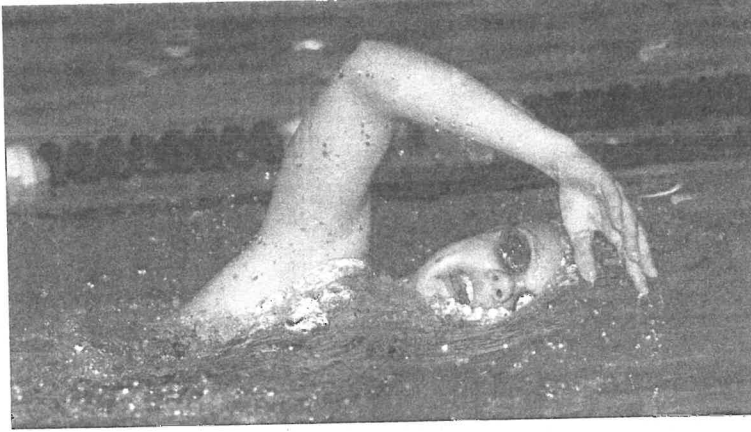
Haake, a member of the Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op swim team, competed in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle races at the state meet. The top 12 swimmers in each event at Friday's preliminaries advanced to Saturday's finals. The girls with the six fastest preliminary times moved into the finals, while those with the seventh- through 12th-best times on Friday qualified for the consolation finals.

Haake turned in the eighth-best preliminary time in the 200-yard freestyle race, which she completed in 1 minute, 52.27 seconds. She delivered the 10th-best preliminary time in Friday's competition in the 100-yard freestyle. Haake completed that race in 52.15 seconds.

Haake competed against five other swimmers in each of her races on Saturday. She finished the 200-yard freestyle in 1:52.90 and completed the 100-yard freestyle in 52.44 seconds. She wound up in ninth place overall in the 200-yard event and 10th in the 100-yard race.

"I was very happy," said Haake of her performance at the state meet. "It's really a meet like no other. I was happy to be a part of it."

As a freshman, Haake competed in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events in the 2015 state meet. She also swam on the Addison Trail/Willowbrook squad's state-qualifying 200-yard freestyle relay team. Haake



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Willowbrook sophomore Elissa Haake swam to top-10 finishes in a pair of events at the IHSA girls state swimming and diving meet, which took place Friday and Saturday in Evanston. Haake competed in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events at the state meet. She needed to finish among the top 12 in each event during Friday's preliminaries to advance to Saturday's finals. Haake produced the eighth-best time in the 200-yard race during the preliminaries. She had the 10th-best preliminary time in the 100-yard event. Haake competed in Saturday's consolation finals, which featured the girls with the seventh- through 12th-best preliminary times in each event. Overall, she finished ninth in the state in the 200-yard race and 10th in the 100-yard competition. Haake, who swims on the Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op team, is pictured during one of last week's practices at the Addison Park District's Centennial Rec Center. Haake began swimming less than five years ago, when she joined the Lombard Waves swim team. Pam Forsberg, Lombard's head coach, just completed her first season as an assistant coach for the Addison Trail/Willowbrook team. "She's just a very disciplined young lady," said Forsberg of Haake.

did not advance to the finals in any of the three events.

"It's so tense," said Haake of the state-meet atmosphere. "It's crazy. You can feel the intensity, and it's really, really loud. Every athlete has their own pre-race routine. I always dance and listen to music on my iPod. I was more familiar with the state meet this year. I wasn't looking to the finals as a freshman. I had bigger expectations this year."

Haake qualified for this year's state meet with a pair of first-place finishes at the York Sectional in Elmhurst on Nov. 12. She won the 200-yard freestyle race in 1:54.09. She claimed the sectional title in the 100-yard freestyle event with her winning time of 52.09 seconds.

Two weeks before the sectional, Haake won the 100- and 200-yard freestyle titles at the West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Hinsdale South.

A Lombard resident, Haake (the pronunciation of her last name rhymes with "rake"), started swimming about five years ago, when she joined the Lombard Waves park

district summer swim team. Pam Forsberg, the coach of the Waves, invited Haake to join the team. Forsberg joined the Addison Trail/Willowbrook team as an assistant coach this season. Tara Murphy is the high school team's head coach.

Haake took up swimming after struggling at several other sports.

"I've literally tried every single sport and sucked at every single one," she said. "Basketball, volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, ice skating, gymnastics. I'm very uncoordinated on land."

Soon after joining the Waves, Haake began swimming with the Wheaton Swim Club. Earlier this

year, she switched clubs, joining WEST Swim Club, which is based in Willowbrook.

One day after competing at the IHSA state meet, Haake represented WEST Swim Club in Sunday's meet in Barrington. She will compete in next month's club national meet in USA Swimming's Speedo Winter Junior Championships, which will take place Dec. 7-10 in College Station, Texas.

Looking forward to next year's IHSA state meet, Haake expects further improvement.

"I definitely want to be faster and maybe even place higher," she said. "I always want to do better."

Broncos begin their season with three straight wins

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

Montini's girls basketball team began its season with a 52-45 victory at Bolingbrook on Nov. 15. Two nights later, the Broncos played their first of five games at Hinsdale South's Hornet Tip-Off Tournament. Montini opened the event with Thursday's 73-26 win over Bradley-Bourbonnais.

The Broncos moved to 2-0 in the tournament, and 3-0 overall, with Saturday's decisive 65-20 win over Sandburg.

Senior Claudia Kunzer scored 11 points for the Broncos in the season-opening win at Bolingbrook. Senior Kaylee Bambule and sophomore Zoe Zacker each added nine points for Montini, which held a 37-18 lead at halftime. Bolingbrook trimmed the Broncos' lead to 42-38 by the end of the third quarter.

Montini drained 15 shots from 3-point range in its win over Bradley-Bourbonnais. Senior Nikki Op-

penheimer made three 3-pointers during the first quarter to help the Broncos to an 18-10 lead through one period. The Broncos allowed just two points in the second quarter on their way to a 34-12 halftime lead.

Oppenheimer made five 3-point shots to account for her 15-point output. Junior Aaliyah Patty provided 14 points with seven baskets. Zacker, who made a pair of 3-pointers, scored eight points. Bambule and sophomore Sam Mitchell each made scored six points. Both players made a pair of 3-point shots. Sophomore Frankie Kokkines, who also scored six points, made one 3-point-er.

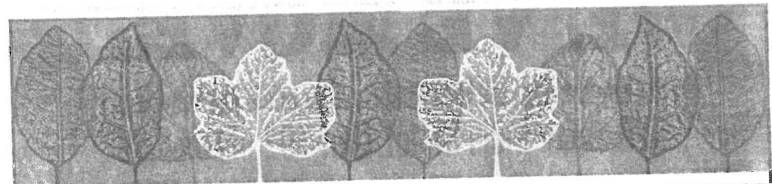
Bambule and Patty scored 19 and 14 points, respectively, for the Broncos in Saturday's win over Sandburg. Zacker added 11 points for Montini, which held a 47-3 lead at halftime.

The Broncos will complete play at the tournament at Hinsdale South this Saturday.



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Junior Aaliyah Patty (No. 32) and sophomore Zoe Zacker (No. 24) helped the Montini girls basketball team to two decisive victories in Hinsdale South High School's Hornet Tip-Off Tournament. Patty and Zacker are pictured during the Broncos' first game of the event—a 73-26 win over Bradley-Bourbonnais on Thursday. Patty scored 14 points in the victory, while Zacker added eight points. Montini crushed Sandburg 65-20 in its next game of the tournament. The Broncos opened their season with a 52-45 win at Bolingbrook on Nov. 15. Montini will play a total of five games at Hinsdale South's tournament, which ends this Saturday.



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Addison man gets 18 years for sexual assault of female relative

Victim, 9, praised for speaking up, helping build case against suspect

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

According to a release issued by the office of DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin, last week Judge Brian Telander sentenced Alfredo Sedeno, 53, of Addison, to 18 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for sexually assaulting a minor daughter of a relative. On Nov. 16, Sedeno appeared in court where he entered a plea of guilty to one count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child, a Class X Felony.

The sentence stems from allegations that, from October 2011 through January 2015, Sedeno sexually assaulted his nine-year-old victim at her home while her mother was working. The assault was uncovered when the girl told her mother

what Sedeno had done to her. The girl's mother immediately contacted the Addison Police Department who in turn contacted the DuPage County Children's Center.

On June 12, 2015, Sedeno appeared in bond court where his bond was set at \$550,000 with 10% to apply. He has remained in custody since that time.

"This young victim was forced to endure a terrible sexual assault committed by a family member who was responsible for watching over her while her mother worked," Berlin said.

"Following the assault, this brave young girl showed tremendous courage in disclosing to her mother what Mr. Sedeno had done to her. Thanks to her strength, we were able to build a very strong case against Mr. Sedeno, resulting in today's plea and eighteen-year sentence."

Sedeno will be required to serve 85% of his sentence before being eligible for parole. He will also be required to register as a sex offender for life.



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Library announces no more fines for late materials

Pictured is one of Addison Public Library's patron families enjoying a book in the Children's Department. The library just announced last week it would no longer be charging late fees on overdue materials to resident library cardholders.

Addison Public Library goes fines free

As of Tuesday, Nov. 1, the Addison Public Library became "fines free" for residents who hold a library card.

Removing fines for overdue materials removes financial barriers for residents already paying for library access through taxes.

According to a release the library issued last week, fines and chari-

table contributions in the past have allowed libraries to open, buy materials and sometimes even pay for library staff. Now, libraries are a part of the tax structure for every house, apartment, and business in incorporated Addison, making fines unnecessary. Libraries in at least six other Illinois communities have also made the switch.

"I welcome the change and am thrilled to be eliminating this long standing barrier that has existed between us and our users," said Library Director Mary Medjo Me Zengue. "Fines are simply not a source of revenue we rely on. Last year, fines for overdue materials accounted for just 0.07% of our total revenue. As long as we still have an

effective mechanism to get people to return their materials in a timely fashion, and I am confident that we do, fines were simply no longer necessary.

"The Addison community has built a beautiful library, filled it with educational and entertaining materials, and employed knowledgeable and helpful staff. For these reasons

Resident library cardholders no longer charged for overdue materials

and others, there should be as few barriers as possible for residents using the library and its materials."

Patrons are still responsible for the items they check out. If items are kept longer than 14 days past the due date, the user account is blocked from any further use and the items are charged to that account at full replacement value. The account will remain blocked until the items are returned, in acceptable condition, or paid for.

"It's all about accessibility for the people of Addison," said Diane Ludwig, head of Guest Services at the library. "We're excited to be able to give back to the community that supports us."

For more information, call 630-458-3326.



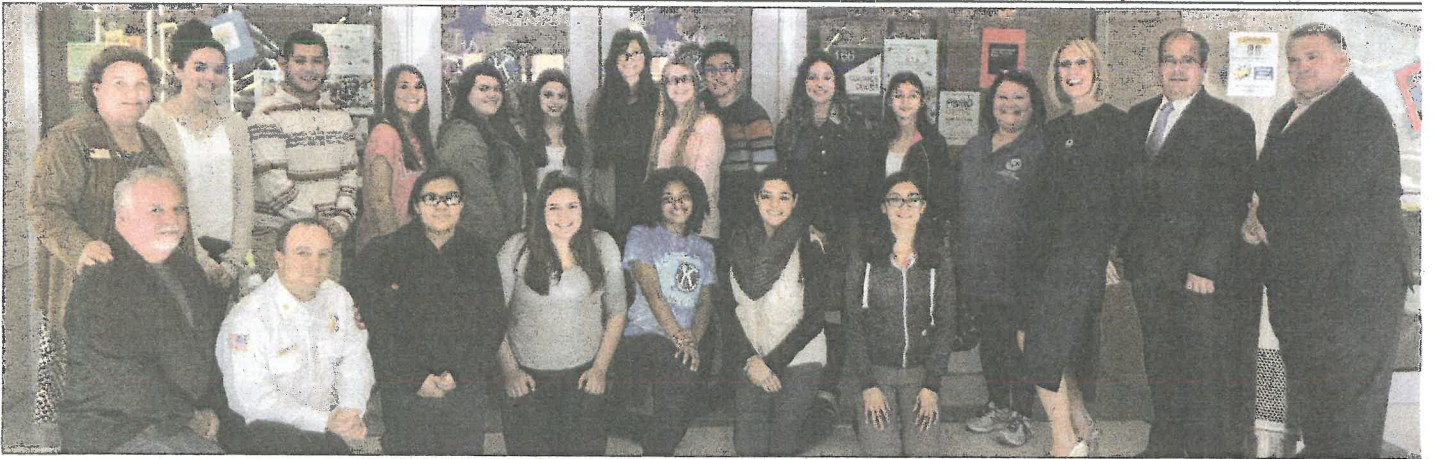
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(top left): AT senior Andrew Felix (right) chats with Addison residents Anita and Paul Harshbarger during the event. (top right): AT junior Brittney Stano hands a Thanksgiving lunch to local resident Philma Hinkhouse. (bottom left): Residents (from left) Barb Erazmus and Susan and Ron Szatko enjoy the event. (bottom right): The Addison Trail Jazz Band provides musical entertainment before lunch.

ATHS Key Club hosts Thanksgiving luncheon for area seniors

On Nov. 9, about 65 senior citizens from the community and the Addison Park District's Active Adult Senior Club enjoyed musical entertainment provided by the Addison Trail Jazz Band and a Thanksgiving lunch at Addison Trail.

Addison Trail partners with the Kiwanis Club of Addison and the park district to host the annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon. Students who are members of Addison Trail's Key Club volunteered to serve the meals, and the placemats were decorated by Addison School District 4 students.



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Community service for all

Addison Trail Key Club members join local Kiwanians for a photo, after the students prepared a Thanksgiving dinner for local senior citizens. Kiwanis sponsors Key Club and helped coordinate the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon on Nov. 9. Also pictured are District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (right) and Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden (next to Helton).

Hospital System's Pam Davis to retire effective June 30

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

Last week, the Independent learned that Hospital System CEO Pam Davis has announced her decision to retire from Edward-Elmhurst Health effective June 30, 2017. After more than 28 years leading Edward Hospital and subsequently Edward-Elmhurst, Davis recently notified the System Board of Trustees about her plans.

"It is difficult to adequately express how wonderful these years have been for me," Davis said. "I am so proud to be associated with all of you — dedicated colleagues and friends who help people lead healthier lives and comfort patients in their most vulnerable hours. Thank you for everything that you have done for me. My heart is full."

Edward-Elmhurst Board Chair Ron Schubel accepted her resignation on behalf of the Board of Directors.

"I would like to thank Pam for her outstanding contributions to this healthcare system, and to the communities we serve," Schubel said. "She has been a catalyst for so many advancements in healthcare in this region and beyond."

Mastro, Dunley promoted to higher posts

The Board announced the appointment of Edward-Elmhurst veteran Mary Lou Mastro, MS, RN, FACHE, as System CEO of Edward-Elmhurst Health effective July 1, 2017. Davis and Mastro will be System Co-CEOs Jan. 1 to June 30 to facilitate a smooth transition. Hospital CEOs and System Executive Vice Presidents will report to Mastro.

Schubel said that after June 30, Davis would continue as CEO Emeritus through 2017, reporting to the Edward-Elmhurst Board of Trustees.

"We have been working with Pam for some time on an orderly and thoughtful succession plan which we have activated upon her decision," he said. "We are extremely pleased to announce Mary Lou as the new leader of our system. She will provide continuity and will lead us into a successful future."

Mastro joined Davis at Edward in 1988. An inspiring leader throughout her tenure, Mastro has held many operational and management roles. She served previously as President of Linden Oaks at Edward and

is currently president & CEO of Elmhurst Hospital where she has led record volume growth and financial stability. With more than 35 years working in hospitals, Mastro brings extensive experience in hospital strategy, operations, planning, licensure and regulatory compliance, public policy and advocacy, physician relations, new business development, and patient care.

"I'm extremely pleased that Lou has been named as my successor," Davis added. "She is a tremendous leader and colleague who will do great things at Edward-Elmhurst."

"Pam's biggest asset is her ability to take calculated risks and succeed where others may shy away," Mastro said. "She is fearless and tenacious and has tremendous integrity. That has led to many innovations and stronger healthcare for our communities. She was a major force behind the merger of Elmhurst and Edward — and it has exceeded expectations."

Pamela Dunley, MBA, MS, RN, CENP, has been appointed President & CEO of Elmhurst Hospital effective Jan. 1.

Dunley has served as the Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer of Elmhurst Hospital for the past ten years. She joined Elmhurst Hospital in 1997 and has served in various leadership roles. She was a member of the executive leadership team of Elmhurst that planned and built the state-of-the-art replacement hospital which opened in 2011. Dunley was instrumental in Elmhurst's journey to become a Planetree Designated Organization and achieve Magnet Status for Nursing Excellence.

Along with Dunley's appointment, two other executives have been promoted at Elmhurst Hospital effective Jan. 1: Laura Eslick, MBA, PMP, FACHE to Chief Operating Officer; and Jean Lydon, RN, MS-MBA, AOCN, to Chief Nursing Officer.



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AT hosts Kermes, a Latino food festival

On Nov. 12, the halls of Addison Trail were transformed into a carnival – filled with vibrant decorations, the sounds of traditional Latino music and the inviting aroma of traditional Latino dishes.

The event was the school's third annual "Kermes" (a Latino food festival), which was hosted by the Addison Trail Interact Club and Padres Latinos en Acción group. About 300 people attended the festival, which raised about \$2,000 for student scholarships.

Along with the food, which was donated by Carnicerías Jimenez, the event featured a disc jockey, performances by two Folkloric dance groups, a silent auction, face painting, games and more.

St. Paul Lutheran plans cookie walk

A Holiday Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 105 Army Trail Rd. A wide variety of delicious homemade Christmas cookies will be sold by the pound.

The Addison Historical Museum will be open that morning, so cookie shoppers are invited to walk across the street afterwards to visit the museum, Coach House, and Century House to learn about Addison's history.

For more information, call (630) 543-6909.



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(top left): AT junior Emily Saucedo paints a design on Skyler Ochoa, 3, during Addison Trail's third annual "Kermes" (Latino food festival) on Nov. 12. The event raised \$2,000 for student scholarships. (top right): Freshman Bryssa Chadez gives her brother Daniel Graciano, 3, a high five while he plays a game at the festival. (bottom left): Members of AT's Padres Latinos en Acción group help serve the food, which was donated by Carnicerías Jimenez. (bottom right): Pictured are the leaders and sponsors of Addison Trail's Interact Club, which helped coordinate the plans for "Kermes."

Community calendar

Monday, Nov. 28 Raspberry Pi

Raspberry Pi is a new and exciting computer that can fit in the palm of your hand. This program will cover all steps required to set-up and configure a Raspberry Pi. Beginners and returning users alike are welcome from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Addison Public Library. Info: Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org

Wednesday, Nov. 30 A Fireside Christmas

The Fireside in Ft. Atkinson, Wis., is the Addison Park District's destination for the Fireside's holiday show. The traditional Christmas show features songs, dances, and costumes that will re-ignite the Christmas spirit. Fireside is also known for their fabulous food. Fee: \$98 for residents, \$103 for nonresidents. Info: addisonparks.com or call 630-233-7275.

• After-holiday spa retreat

Come and pamper yourself at the spa retreat from 7-8:15 p.m. at the Centennial Rec Center or treat someone that needs de-stressing with the gift of spa time. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel, headband and washcloth. Age: 18 years and older. Fee: \$28 for residents, \$34 for

nonresidents. Instructor: AnnMarie Vlastnik. Info: addisonparks.com or call 630-233-7275.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Beginning at 1 p.m., the Addison Historical Society will host Jonathan Sebastian, museum supervisor at Fischer Farm in Bensenville, who will offer a free presentation called DuPage County History from Z to A. It will be held at the Addison VFW Post and will span the decades. Guests are invited to stay for a free annual Harvest Pot-Luck dinner immediately after the presentation. Stay an extra hour and learn canasta from expert Tracy Ibeling. Free and open to the public.

Ongoing events • Addison Art Guild fall members show

The Addison Art Guild will hold its Fall Members Show at the Addison Center for the Arts Gallery now through Dec. 9. AAG members will have original art on exhibit and for sale including paintings in oil, watercolor, pastels, oil pastels, mixed media, sculpture, and more. The ACA Gallery is located on the north side of Addison Trail High School, Door #4. Info: 630-458-4500 or visit addisoncenterforthearts.com.



On Nov. 12, ATHS hosted its third annual "Kermes" (Latino food festival). Highlights of the event were performances by two Folkloric dance groups, pictured above and at right.

Ongoing events

• Homework help K through 12 available at the Library

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5 p.m., come get help with your homework from librarians, teachers, college students, and volunteers at the Addison Public Library, 4 Friendship Plaza. Free snacks provided. Info: Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org.

• Get your high school diploma

The Addison Public Library is now

offering adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through a new program, Career Online High School (COHS). The library is providing a limited number of free scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education. You must live in Addison and be 21 or older. Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org.



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Addison Trail boys basketball team optimistic about season

Veterans Williams, Noel and Kalbas return to lead Blazers

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Experience in sports is a valuable commodity.

The Addison Trail boys basketball team has that experience in triplicate this year in the form of returning seniors Michael Williams, Colten Noel and Jack Kalbas.

Williams is a 6-5 guard-forward, while Noel is a 6-6 F-C and Kalbas is a 5-10 senior guard. Noel will continue his basketball career next season at Goshen College in Indiana.

"We will lean on those three a little bit," said Addison Trail coach Brendan Lyons. "But we're looking for contributions from other guys. Michael has blossomed this year. He's developed an outside game and has become more balanced."

Also back are seniors Bobby Daniels (6-1, G) and Stevan Jones (6-3, F). "Those are a pair of football guys who are back in the mix," said Lyons. "Colten has a bigger presence in the post and has diversified his game. For his size and weight he's pretty athletic. He'll be able to play about the rim. Jack is a good shooter who can extend us more from the 3-point line. He qualified for the state 3-point contest last year. We're hoping he continues to build on the diversity of his game and continues to take the ball to the basket. Those three guys averaged about 27 or 28 points combined last year. I'd like that balance to continue. They are key to what we do."

However, Lyons said there are many more components to the team. "We anticipate probably going 10-12 deep with guys in the rotation during Thanksgiving," he said.

Other contributors include Eric Lynch (6-0, G, Sr.), Cyril Mathew

(5-10, G, Sr.), Adem Mehmeti (6-3, G, Soph.) and junior Mike Pudlo (6-3, F, Jr.).

"Eric and Cyril are both perimeter guys and we'll bank on their experience on the JV last year and look forward to them contributing," said Lyons. "We anticipate Adem will play a lot and Mike Pudlo has gotten better. Between those nine guys and several others, we have a lot of depth and options to sort through."

Lyons said he's confident about the team's offensive prospects, but cautions the Blazers must continue to work on the defensive end.

"I feel really good about the offense. It's ahead of the defense right now," he said. "We have guys who can score. We'll be fine on offense. We've been stressing the defensive

end. We were a little disappointed with that at the end of summer. It's a focal point in what we've been doing. If we are consistent and can compete at that end I feel like a lot of good things can happen here and we will continue to build on our recent success we've had here the last three years. Both ends of the floor are very important and defense more so. If you have a bad offensive game you can still win if you play good defense. Our goal is to hold teams to 50 points a game. Two years ago we held teams to 45 and we won 15 games. Last year we gave up 52 or 53 points and won 14. That's a huge difference."

Lyons said Downers Grove South will again be a team to watch in the West Suburban Conference Gold

Division. "They have almost everybody back," he said. "Willowbrook should be really good. They were young last year. And then you have the usual with Morton, Proviso East, Hinsdale South and Leyden. All the teams are competitive. There are no easy games in there and you have to play 12 of them. If we don't come to play, we're going to find ourselves on the back end of the conference. We have the depth here. Now we have to push ourselves on both ends of the floor. If we are able to master things on both ends of the floor, it's realistic we could have 17-plus wins here."

Addison Trail opened the season earlier in the week at the Elmwood Park tournament. The Blazers are in search of their third tournament title in a row there.

Willowbrook football team filled stat pages during successful playoff run

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The stats prove what already is known.

The Willowbrook football team had a season to remember. The Warriors went 8-4 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Class 7A state playoffs, becoming only one of three teams in program history to win two playoff games.

Statistically, quarterback MJ Ranieri went 138-for-241 for 2,146 yards. He threw 20 touchdown passes.

On the ground, the Warriors averaged 230 yards rushing per game. Junior Jack Jessen carried the ball 257 times for 1,671 yards (6.5 yards per carry) and had nine 100-yard games. Jessen scored 21 touchdowns.

Junior Chris Davis ran 79 times for 639 yards (8.1 yards per carry) and scored six touchdowns. He had three 100-yard rushing games.

Jon Kelso caught 50 passes for 848 yards and six touchdowns. He averaged 17.0 yards per catch and had a long grab of 80 yards. Khalif Copeland caught 32 passes for 490 yards and seven touchdowns and averaged 15.3 yards per catch. Mikie Deombowski caught 29 passes for 410 yards and four touchdowns. He averaged 14.1 yards per catch. Freddy Clay caught 19 passes for 334 yards (17.6 yards per catch) and had two touchdowns. Sikander Zafar also caught a touchdown pass.

On defense, Jessen led the Warriors with 138 tackles and had 12 tackles for loss. Copeland had 113 tackles and six tackles for loss. Kevin Dobbins had 62 tackles and 20 tackles for loss. Will Schuller had 70 tackles and 16 tackles for loss. Jacob Entwistle had 49 tackles and 13.5 tackles for loss. Matthew Knudtson had 36 tackles and nine tackles for loss, while Christian Washington

had 48 tackles and nine tackles for loss.

Dobbins led the team with 6.5 quarterback sacks. Schuller had 5.5 sacks, while Jessen had 4.5. Entwistle had 3.5 sacks, while Knudtson had three.

Copeland led the team with seven interceptions that resulted in returns of 160 yards. Kelso had four interceptions, while Entwistle had three. Clay, Eugene Findley and Nick Sabatino each had one interception. Copeland led the team with 19 pass deflections. Kelso had 15 and Clay had 14. Sabatino had nine. Schuller had two fumble recoveries. Jessen had three caused fumbles, while Copeland had two. Copeland also blocked a punt and a field goal this season.

Jessen was the team leader in touchdowns with 21. Copeland had eight, while Kelso had seven and Diaz had six.

Outlook bright for Willowbrook girls bowling team

Jonrath scores 15 points for Warriors

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls bowling team is ready to take the next step. The Warriors are coming off a season where they went 2-7 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action, but return a trio of key bowlers.

Back from last year are Dana Sassenick and Katie Pettinger. Both bowlers qualified for sectionals last winter. Sassenick is a junior and Pettinger is a sophomore.

"Dana and Katie both performed very well at sectionals, but came up a little short at going to state," said Willowbrook coach Kevin Allen.

Willowbrook also welcomes back senior Jordan Tiberi who is coming back from injury.

"With Katie and Dana returning and with Jordan coming back from injury, we look to have a very good season," said Allen.

Freshman Makayla Jones also will help the team. "Makayla is a new bowler to Willowbrook, but not new to the sport," said Allen. "She will be a strong addition to the team this year."

Sophomore Holly Helsper also will be a key contributor.

"This season we should be keeping an eye on Jordan Dana, Katie, Holly and Makayla having great seasons," said Allen. "Our team is full of young talented bowlers who are developing their skills on a daily basis. The future looks bright. We are looking to have a great year and be at the top of the conference."

Willowbrook kicks off action in an invitational on Saturday and will take part in the Willowbrook quad on Nov. 29. The Warriors open conference play against Downers Grove South on Dec. 6.

Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team dropped a recent 50-29 contest to Glenbard North.

Willowbrook trailed 10-2 after the first quarter and 27-12 at halftime. The Warriors outscored Glenbard North 8-7 in the fourth quarter.

Hanna Jonrath led the Warriors with 15 points. She made two 3-pointers and had three steals. Cecilla Lizasuain added six points. Grace Chantos pulled down seven rebounds. Sara Fitzgibbon made a 3-pointer. Chantos also had three assists and three steals.

AT-Willowbrook's Haake earns two Top 10 finishes at state swimming

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail-Willowbrook sophomore swimmer Elissa Haake needs to clear some room times two in her trophy case.

Haake logged a pair of Top 10 finishes at the recent IHSA girls state swimming finals held at Evanston Township High School.

Haake finished ninth in the 200 with a time of 1:52.90. She qualified for the finals after taking eighth in the preliminary round with a time of 1:52.27. Her seed time was 1:54.09.

Haake also took 10th in the 100 with a time of 52.44. Haake went into the finals after swimming 52.15 and finishing 10th. Her seed time

was 52.09.

Haake becomes the first AT-Willowbrook swimmer to earn two Top 10 finishes at the state meet. Kelly McNamara also had two medalist finishes in 2012, but was part of a relay team that took 12th. McNamara is the program's only state champion (butterfly in 2014).

Earlier, AT-Willowbrook took seventh at the York sectional with 88 points.

Annalise Morrone was 10th in the 50 with a time of 25.42. Haake won the 100 sectional title in 52.09. She also won the 200 in 1:54.09. Kaitlyn Fox was 16th in the 500 at 6:12.14.

Anna Christiansen took 12th in the backstroke at 1:05.70.

Morrone was third in the breaststroke at 1:09.26. Grace Roucka was 17th in the butterfly at 1:10.65. Christiansen was 16th in the 200 IM at 2:30.60.

AT-Willowbrook placed fifth in the 200 relay in 1:40.81 with Haake, Christiansen, Ramirez and Morrone. Haake and Christiansen are sophomores and Ramirez is a junior.

AT-Willowbrook was eighth in the 400 relay in 3:54.72 with Haake, Savannah Catalano, Klea Gjonaj and Ramirez.

AT-Willowbrook also took eighth in the 200 medley relay in 1:57.42 with Christiansen, Morrone, Roucka and Gjonaj.

Suburban Life Scholars

Downers Grove South

Karina Kling



Notable Student Academic Achievements: 4.0 and above Honor Roll every semester; National Merit Commended Scholar; AP Scholar with Honors; DGS Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award; Spanish National Honor Society; Academic Excellence Awards in Biology, English, Spanish, and Social Studies; Silver Mathematics Award; National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing Nominee; IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award; 2016 West Suburban Conference Academic All-Conference; 2015 West Suburban Conference Scholastic Achievement Award. Student's GPA is 4.

Student Involvement in Activities: Volleyball - 4 years; Varsity Volleyball Team Captain (11, 12); 2016 All-Conference Team Selection; 3-Year Varsity IHSA Sportsmanship Award Winner; 2016 National JVA AthLeader Award; JKB Experiential Education Foundation recipient; Student Activities and Athletics Leadership Team (11,12); Class Board Executive Board Office - Secretary (9, 10, 11, 12); Athletics Committed to Excellence (9, 10, 11, 12).

Student Involvement in Community Service: STRIVE Tutor - 10, 11, 12 (tutored freshmen who were struggling academically); National Honor Society - Service Coordinator (11,12).

Nominated by Terry Tiesman, School Counselor: I have known Karina Kling for over three years and I would describe her as a leader, thoughtful, honest, smart, responsible, happy, and athletic. Karina cares very much about her future and works hard to always be prepared. Karina sets high goals, makes excellent decisions, and pursues them with honor and grace. Karina is a wonderful person who makes those around her better. Her positive personality, talents, intelligence and integrity all come together in a way that others benefit from her presence.

Downers Grove North

Anthony Casteivecchi



Notable Student Academic Achievements: AP Scholar with Honors- 2016; Academic Achievement Award-2016; National Spanish Exam Silver Award-2016; National Spanish Exam Bronze Award-2014; 4.0 and above Honor Roll- every semester of high school career. Student's GPA is 5.

Student Involvement in Activities: Downers Grove North Basketball Team- 9,10,11,12,Captain-12, Downers Grove North Baseball-9,10; Mercury Elite AAU Basketball-11; Downers Grove Fury Travel Baseball-9,10; National Honors Society-11,12; Positively North Stars-11,12, Peer Leader-12; National Spanish Honors Society-10,11,12; ELITE Leadership Weekend-10; Spanish Club-10.

Student Involvement in Community Service: National Honors Society; Positively North; Direct Action-Adopt a family event; Volunteering at Downers Grove Fury Baseball Tryouts.

Nominated by Mark Wasik, School Counselor: Anthony is an upstanding young man with integrity and natural leadership abilities. He is a highly driven student who epitomizes our motto of being respectful, responsible, and engaged. Further, he has made strong contributions to our school community beyond the classroom.

St. Francis High School

Katherine England



Notable Student Academic Achievements: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, A Honor Roll all four years, **Student of the Month for English Department. Student's GPA is 5.**

Student Involvement in Activities: Student Government, Executive Board Officer of the National Honor Society, Freshman Volleyball, Club Volleyball, JV Softball (Captain), Varsity Softball, Spartan Life Team, Freshman Mentors Program, Kairos Retreat, employed by the Winfield Park District as Camp Counselor for the Mighty Munchkins Camp and Camp Winfield programs.

Student Involvement in Community Service: Feed My Starving Children, Camp Little Tykes Camp Counselor, 6th Grade Volleyball Coach, St. John the Baptist Field Day Volunteer, St. John the Baptist Spaghetti Dinner Volunteer, Freshman Orientation Leader, Rise Up Leadership Workshop for junior high students.

Nominated by Trudy Rigney, Director of Guidance: Katherine is an exceptionally mature young woman who is fully devoted to academic excellence. Her teachers describe her as brilliant, intellectual, enthusiastic, insightful and helpful. Kate can quickly grasp challenging concepts and apply them appropriately. Stellar in mathematics, she earns 99% to 100% on most math assessments. She is detail oriented, precise, and takes the initiative. Kate truly loves learning. Her intelligence, maturity and positive attitude makes her a pleasure to work with. Kate is an excellent role model and a wonderful example of a Suburban Life Scholar.

Willowbrook High School

Makena Walsh



Notable Student Academic Achievements: As a student, Makena consistently pursues the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook High School. At the conclusion of her high school career, she will have successfully completed 8 Advanced Placement courses as well as a multitude of honors courses. Makena has also been recognized as an AP Scholar and Distinct Honor Roll member each semester of her high school career. She has also earned Outstanding Student Honors for the Social Studies Department, serves as the Vice President of the National Honor Society, and President of Civitas, our Social Studies Honor Society. Makena is also an inductee of the National English Honor Society, as well as our Math and World Language Honor Society. Student's GPA is 5.

Student Involvement in Activities: Beyond the classroom, Makena is an active member of Best Buddies, Young Life, and the Willowbrook Theater Program. She has also been inducted to the Thespian Society and has been recognized with the Outstanding Freshman Award and Human Relations Award for her work in and out of the classroom.

Student Involvement in Community Service: Makena can also be found volunteering at her church, serving as a private tutor, and working at Willowbrook High School for Fall Registration.

Nominated by Daniel Krause, Principal: Willowbrook High School senior Makena Walsh is a leader amongst her peers in the Class of 2017. Beyond an outstanding record of academic and co-curricular achievements, she has an infectious personality and commitment to success that is contagious. Makena credits her success to the support and encouragement provided by her parents and teachers to assist her in developing a positive work ethic.

Benet Academy

Katherine Telford

Notable Student Academic Achievements: First Honors, All Semesters; National Honor Society Member; U of I Engineering Camp Participant. Student's GPA is 4.

Student Involvement in Activities: Varsity Tennis, State Championship Team; Two-time ESCC Player of the Year; Chorus; Concert Chorale; French Club; Girls Who Code; Pianist.

Student Involvement in Community Service: Our Lady of Angels Mission
Nominated by Theresa A. Wright, College Counselor: Earning a spot on the Varsity Tennis team as a Freshman, Katie has worked with persistent and unwavering dedication to the sport she has loved since elementary school. She is a three-time state qualifier, a two-time ESCC player of the year, placed second in state individually and was a member of the 2016 State Championship team. And while her talents certainly garner her bragging rights, her humility and sense of team is always most prominent. As a doubles player, Katie has to negotiate plays and work in tandem with her partner, requiring keen focus and creative responses to the opponent across the net. Her success as a tennis player is grounded in her ability to quickly adjust and persevere as well as her desire to build relationships with others. In addition to her athletic talents, Katie is an accomplished musician, both vocally and at the piano. Katie's curiosity and enthusiasm in problem solving has compelled her to study artificial intelligence and robotics through a summer program as well as to participate in the Girls Who Code program. In Katie I found such a talent, a sense of humor and a quiet confidence. From strategizing her next serve on the tennis court, to the manner in which she solves an algebra equation, to her ear-trained talent on piano, Katie absolutely uses her creativity as her greatest asset. Never wanting to be in the spotlight, she is the first to help her teammates and friends or to express gratitude for all that she has been afforded. Katie is a young woman with a bright future ahead of her.



IC Catholic Prep

Robert Vitek

Notable Student Academic Achievements: National Merit Semi-Finalist, 36 ACT Score, AP Scholar, Bausch & Lomb Science Award, Gold Award National Spanish Exam, 3rd Place Illinois Business Professionals of America Small Business Management Team, Math Team State Awards, 6th Pl. in State WYSE (World Youth in Science and Engineering) Competition - Chemistry, IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award, Academic All-Conference Football, Hockey, Lacrosse. Student's GPA is 4.

Student Involvement in Activities: President of Student Council, Editor of School Newspaper, Kairos Retreat Leader, Captain Football, Math Team, National Honor Society, Engineering Club, Business Professionals of America, WYSE, Peer Minister, Football, Hockey, Lacrosse, Sports Writer for Cleat Geeks.com, Co-founder of VP Shirts, LLC (custom screen printing company).

Student Involvement in Community Service: Attended the Red Lake Mission Trip, Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Server on Fridays in Lent, Adopt a Park, Assisted at summer football camps.

Nominated by Jean Field, School Counselor: Robert is a young man who is willing to go over and beyond to achieve his goals. He is a determined and ambitious young man. Robert strives for excellence in everything he does. He generally can see the "big picture" and he uses his creativity and imagination to create options. Robert is a natural leader who is highly respected by his teachers and peers. He is very outgoing, enthusiastic and spontaneous. He loves meeting new people and has a large circle of friends. He is always on the go. Robert likes new experiences and challenges; he is not afraid to think outside the box. Robert is very curious, asks a lot of questions, and is fascinated by people or things that are out of the ordinary. He has a quest for knowledge. Robert sets goals for himself and he is diligent in working toward his objectives. Robert is a young man that will definitely make a name for himself. It will be exciting to see what the future holds for Robert.



Addison Trail High School

Alex Gunnerson

Nominated by Kevin Redding, Director of Guidance: During his tenure at Addison Trail, Alexander Gunnerson has taken 12 honors courses and 12 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and has earned "As" every semester. Four years ago, Gunnerson went on a mission trip to Saint Paul, Minn., where he was exposed to extreme poverty and hardship. After that trip, he realized he has been blessed with so many things.

"Gunnerson is one of my students in AP Biology who has consistently demonstrated 'outside-the-box' thinking," said Carolyn Erwin, Addison Trail science teacher. "When recently asked to develop an analogy for protein structure, Gunnerson made one based on his knowledge of local and global economies. His willingness to participate in class discussions and his overall positive demeanor help to keep our class lighthearted, while still tackling the complexities of life."

Addison Trail English Department Chair Amy Ferraro agreed.

"As a student in my AP Language and Composition course, Gunnerson was a leader on a daily basis," Ferraro said. "His preparation for class was extraordinary, and his ability to make connections between what we were reading and current events and other content areas was a wonderful addition to our discussions. He thoughtfully articulates his arguments and supports them with thoroughly explained examples. His classmates see him as a leader, and he takes on the full responsibility of that role. Few students display the work ethic, drive and determination Gunnerson has, and I fully expect he will continue to accomplish great things after he leaves Addison Trail."

Gunnerson has a passion for government, which crosses into his extracurricular life as well. He is President of the Addison Trail Debate Team and has worked very hard during his four years to not only grow the team, but to make it competitive with other top-ranking schools. This past summer, he attended a two-week debate workshop at Harvard University, where he had the opportunity to meet other students and people from throughout the U.S. to discuss the best practices of debate. He learned different strategies and better methods of research, and he worked on personal and leadership skills. Gunnerson has been able to bring that knowledge back to Addison Trail to help improve the Debate Team.

Gunnerson has earned many awards in debate, including the Illinois Congressional Debate Association (ICDA) award for Best Speaker in Chamber and Best Presiding Officer. He also is involved in many other activities and clubs at Addison Trail, most notably National Honor Society, where he serves as Co-President; Band Board, where he serves as Co-President; Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society; Model United Nations; Track and Field; Marching and Concert Bands; Orchestra Winds; and DECA. Gunnerson also has been part of the National Student Leadership Conference on International Diplomacy program and serves his community in a variety of ways, mainly through church service and mission trips, Feed My Starving Children and as a Blazer Ambassador and mentor for freshmen at Addison Trail.

Gunnerson is eager to learn more about the world and would like to travel and explore. He plans to attend college after he graduates, but does not want to be locked into one path of study. He is considering a major in public policy and business management and might be a local politician one day to help people make positive changes in their communities. Gunnerson is applying to many schools, including The University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, Harvard University and Princeton University. Student's GPA is 4.7.



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ABOVE: York's Katie Fischer (left) and Birgitte Kammerdiener share a moment before departing for the state swimming and diving meet. Fischer, a senior, placed 36th in the 1-meter dive and Kammerdiener, a sophomore, was 19th.

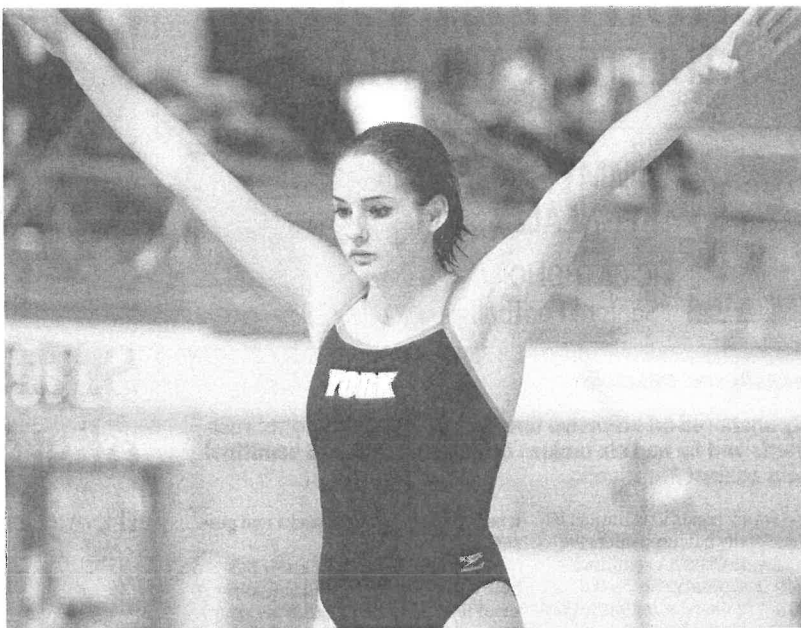


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RIGHT: York sophomore Birgitte Kammerdiener gets set before performing a dive at a recent meet. Kammerdiener earned a score of 173.60 on Nov. 18 during the state diving prelims to finish 19th, just a fraction of a point from making it to the second round.

York sees 8 compete at state swimming and diving

AT-Willowbrook sophomore Elissa Haake wins two state medals

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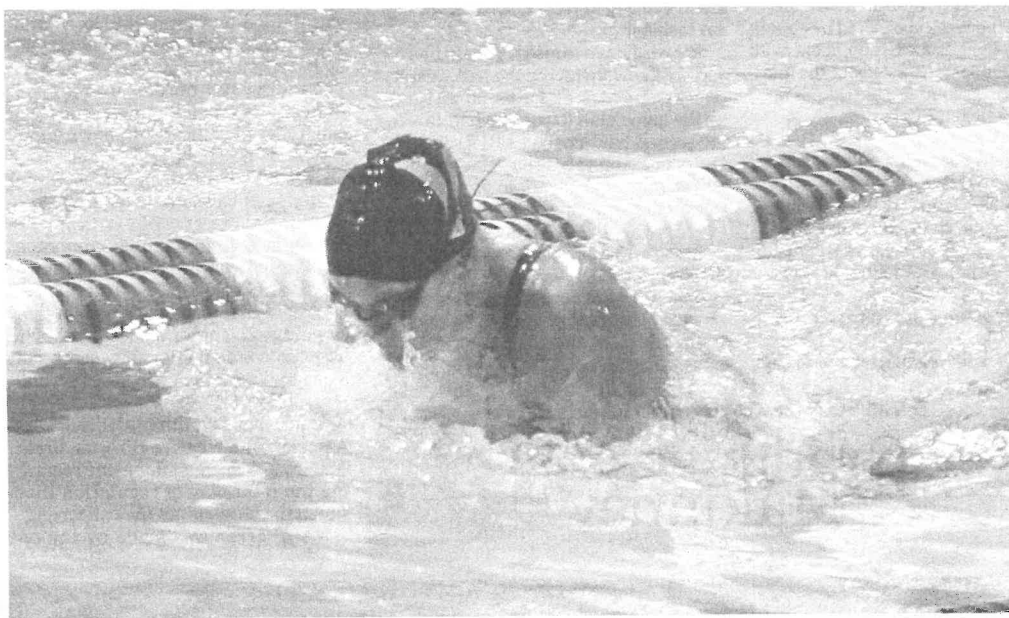
EVANSTON—A fraction of a point was all that separated Birgitte Kammerdiener from the second round of the diving competition during the state swimming and diving meet on Nov. 18.

The York sophomore recorded a preliminary score of 173.60 in the 1-meter diving competition at Evanston High School. That score was good for 19th place. Two divers who tied for 16th place with scores of 174.50 were the last to move on to the second round of diving later in the meet.

Senior Katie Fischer also competed in diving on Nov. 18, finishing 36th with a score of 158.95.

The Dukes also had state-qualifying swimmers, and the 400-yard freestyle relay had the best finish. The relay, with seniors Sarah Lewand and Allie Orzak on each end and freshman Amanda Polach and junior Meghan Quinn in the middle, had a prelim time of 3:38.54 to finish 25th overall.

Lewand, Orzak, Quinn and senior Winona Asher comprised the 200 freestyle relay that placed 33rd



Sarah Minor - For Shaw Media

York freshman Moleigh Waldherr swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay during the York sectional meet Nov. 12. Waldherr was one of six freshmen who qualified for state in the individual 100 breaststroke, and she finished 42nd overall with a time of 1:08.61.

in 1:40.27.

Freshman Moleigh Waldherr swam in the 100 breaststroke, where her prelim time (1:08.61) was better than her sectional time (1:09.00) and good for a 42nd-place finish.

Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op

Elissa Haake swam in two state events for the ATW co-op, and she won state medals in both after advancing to the finals on Nov. 19.

The sophomore took ninth in

the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:52.90. The 1:52.27 time she swam in the prelims was nearly two seconds faster than her sectional time (1:54.09).

Haake went on to place 10th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 52.44 seconds.

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West Chicago wins 3rd straight

BY D.J. WANBERG
Daily Herald Correspondent

It's never too early in a season to enjoy success. Just ask the West Chicago girls basketball team.

Tuesday night's 54-22 Upstate Eight Conference crossover victory over visiting Elgin was the Wildcats' third straight win, putting them at 4-3 overall. The team has surpassed last season's victory total of three.

"It's nice. I mean we're still young and we have a lot of juniors," said Wildcats coach Kim Wallner. "Our confidence wavers because we haven't built up the tradition of expecting to win. But that takes a while. It was a little ugly tonight, but we keep getting better."

The game's outcome was solidified very early. West Chicago led 15-0 after the first eight minutes and 22-5 at halftime. The Wildcats shot 6 of 19 from the field in the first quarter and were paced by Sierra Koenig's 8 points. She finished the game with 11, as did teammate Sofia Radice.

Koenig left the game with 4:35 left in the third due to an injured left ankle. Wallner said she is "day-to-day." West Chicago is back in action Thursday at Hinsdale South.

A total of 10 Wildcats scored against the Maroons.

"That's nice for us. That has not always been there,"

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Wallner said. "We go deeper this year. The kids have responded coming off the bench."

Elgin (2-3) got its offense going in the third quarter with a 15-point showing on 4-of-12 shooting from the field. Mariabel Gonzalez's basket ended the third period with the Maroons within 14.

"I told them that they needed to be more aggressive getting to the basket. I thought that didn't happen in the first half," said Elgin coach Nick Bumbales. "We were not physical on defense. West Chicago was getting a lot of second and third chances in the first half. They were killing us on the boards."

Bumbales and associate coach Scott Stewart encouraged the team to learn from the game and have a good practice Wednesday before opening Upstate Eight Conference River Division play Thursday at Batavia.

"We're a young team, lots of sophomores and juniors and just three seniors," Bumbales said.

The Wildcats turned on the afterburners in the fourth quarter, outscoring Elgin 20-2 to put the finishing touches on the victory. Radice and Amanda Dutchman led their team with 6 points each in the quarter.

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Hinsdale South's Francesca Markos (21) and Addison Trail's Jasmin Mehmeti (45) vie for a rebound during the Blazers' 39-33 victory Tuesday in Darien.

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Girls basketball

Big 2nd half lift Saints 1 Bartlett

BY CRAIG BRUESK
Daily Herald Correspondent

There were seven 15-second lead changes and five lead changes closely contested for the first half as the girls basketball teams from Bartlett and Charles East played to a standoff.

Things changed in the second half. Sara Rosenfeldt's 15-point performance, including a 27-25 lead, saw the Hawks (2-4) clinch the victory.

Five straight point guard Mariss upped the lead to 32-21. The Hawks (2-4) clinched the victory within 32-29 on Daniel man's two free throws Ashley Gal's basket.

From there the Saints game open with 11 unanswered points on their own half. A convincing 63-33 victory Tuesday night Charles.

Held without a basket the final 12-plus minutes Bartlett connected on 1 of its 26 second-half free attempts.

"I'd like to think because we were at least challenging them but they have a good shooting half," said Saints coach Drumtra. "I think that I play does help. It throws off a little bit. We're getting better at it."

Bartlett managed to throw while being scored 38-8 in a second quarter that coach Dave Mello rather forget.

"I looked up at once and we were on our pace — and then all of a sudden nothing was going on," Mello said. "You can't as soon as it (ball) was in their hands that they were off."

"There are going to be like that. That's when you have to rely on our defense."

Actually, the Hawks' win began in the quarter when they came out on just 2 of 13 free attempts.

However, Kleeman kept Bartlett in the game for 4 of her team's 6 second quarter free throws.

"I thought their play

Boys basketball

Big first half helps Reed, IC Catholic knock off Lisle

BY STAN GOFF
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When Austin Reed's shots weren't falling early on, his IC Catholic Prep teammates had his back in the first quarter at Lisle.

After that the Knights' 6-foot-3 senior guard heated up and the host Lions could not overcome the resulting 32-15 halftime deficit as IC Catholic Prep prevailed 58-42 to improve to 5-0 on the year.

Reed had just 2 points in the first quarter and

the opening tip.

"I think they got all the loose balls in the second quarter," LaScala said. "I counted three loose balls that led to 3s for them. They were first to the ball. First to the floor. They out-competed us in the first half. That's to their credit."

To Lisle's credit, some strong defense helped them make that run in the third quarter, but the Knights did rebound to take a 42-29 lead into the final quarter.

"I thought our guys played their tail off the second half," LaScala said. "You've

in the first quarter and missed all five of his 3-point attempts. Even so, the Knights built a 14-7 lead after eight minutes as Kevin Cheng hit a pair of 3s, and when Reed connected on a trio of 3s in the second quarter the Knights took a commanding lead with an 18-8 edge in the second quarter.

Reed finished with a season-best 26 points.

"He started out cold and when our leading scorer starts out cold and we still jump out to a lead that shows you the resiliency of our group," IC Catholic Prep coach T.J. Tyrrell said.

Everything went right for the Knights in the second quarter and that 32-15 halftime lead meant they could sustain their lead even after the Lions (2-3) came out strong in the second half, cutting the lead to 34-27.

"The second quarter was a big one for us," Tyrrell said. "Austin stepped up to the point. We just worked the ball around and we were patient."

"When we get everybody involved and we play at our tempo, good things have been happening."

Lions coach Mark LaScala felt the visitors fought a little harder than his players from

half," LaScala said. "You're not going to outscore a 5-0 team by 17 in the second half very often. I mean eventually they were going to hit a shot. We dug our grave in the first half. We tried to dig ourselves out and I'm proud of our kids for their effort, but we needed to compete for four quarters and that's the bottom line."

Reed sank a pair of 3s in the third quarter, the first of which came right after Lisle had closed to within 35-27.

"It's a game of runs. We stayed focused during their run and we got back to it," said Reed, who also had 8 rebounds. "I just feel like my team found me when I was open. We run our offense every day in practice and we play to the best of our abilities. I just feel like we went out there and got it today."

Alex Meurer joined Reed in double figures with 11 points, while Tony Gaudio had 8 rebounds for unbeaten IC Catholic Prep.

For Lisle, Mark McGrath led the way with 16 points, while Josh Jamison and Jay McGrath each added 7 points. Mark McGrath and Jamison were named to the Lisle Thanksgiving all-tourney team last weekend.

Defense saves the day for Addison Trail

Blazers hold on to defeat Hinsdale S. in Gold opener

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Addison Trail learned on Tuesday night at Hinsdale South what good defense can do for a girls basketball team.

The Blazers opened a 14-point first-half lead, then leaned on their defense when their scoring touch left them in the second half, hanging on for a 39-33 West Suburban Gold victory at Darien.

"Our defensive effort is what got us the win here tonight," said Blazers coach Rob Schader, who called the first half the team's best of the season. "We've preached it, we've preached it from Day One. I wasn't happy over Thanksgiving with our defensive effort."

... To hold them to 14 in the first half and 33 for the game. I can handle 33. You hold them

to 33 you're going to give yourself a chance to win no matter how bad offensively you play, which we did in the second half."

The Blazers (4-1, 1-0) opened a 12-5 lead after the first quarter thanks to two 3-pointers from senior Alyssa Pham and another from senior Marie Baumgartner. A pair of Diamond Pikulyk baskets in the low post gave the Blazers a 21-7 lead with 2:27 left in the second period, and they led by 13 at halftime.

"The first half we really pushed the ball," said Addison Trail senior Jasmin Mehmeti. "Our defense got a lot better. We practice a lot on our defense, and our defense pushed us through."

The second half was another matter offensively. The Blazers managed just

three Pikulyk free throws in the third quarter. Nicci Scorza's two fourth-quarter baskets were Addison Trail's only field goals in the second half as the Hornets (0-6, 0-1) cut the lead down to 4 midway through the final period.

"The second half we had a couple of turnovers, we had a tough time getting it back," Mehmeti said, "but the defense stepped up and we got a 'W.'"

The Blazers held the Hornets to 11-of-48 shooting for the game.

Pham, Scorza and Pikulyk each scored 9 points to lead the Blazers, and Pikulyk added 15 rebounds.

Senior Erin Collins led the Hornets with 8 points.

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bothering us way too and that they had more sity than we did," Drum of her team's first half.

"Despite the poor ing, we were still Mello said. "We v them at halftime th because it's tied it mean they're not go come out and get hot second half)."

Enter Urso, who sco of her game-high 21 during the Saints' third-quarter surge.

"She can get hot," D said. "We need her to shots and to get her ope."

Rosenfeldt finishec 16 points, 14 rebou blocked shots and 3 while Samantha roe contributed 6 7 rebounds and 5 and Nicole Jordan ac points.

"Marissa has been amazing," Rosenfeldt : Urso. "She's playing how we need to play."

Junior Kayla Hare burned the Saints \ school-record seven 3 ers during the Hawks triumph last season. ished without a single : basket.

"We always knew wh was," Drumitra said.