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Villa Park VFW post continues its annual Thanksgiving tradition

By Chris Fox
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STAFF REPORTER

For several years, Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 has welcomed recruits from Naval Station Great Lakes on Thanksgiving Day. The post continued its annual custom last week by welcoming about 50 recruits for a holiday visit.

Several volunteers held flags as the recruits arrived at the post, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. The recruits spent several hours in Villa Park. One of their highlights of the day was having the chance to reconnect with loved ones via telephone and online. The recruits, who are preparing to finish boot camp, hadn't been able to communicate with family and friends for several weeks.

A team of volunteers served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to the recruits at about noon, but not before longtime post member Sid Bergh led the recruits in a rendition of "Anchors Aweigh"—the march of the United States Navy. Bergh was a radio operator and gunner on the carrier-borne Avenger aircraft in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II.

Members of the College of DuPage culinary arts program prepared this year's Thanksgiving feast for the recruits. International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 705 provided financial support for the dinner, as did Lombard American Legion Post No. 391. The American Legion post is a tenant of the Villa Park VFW post. Its members hold their monthly meetings in Villa Park on the first Monday of each month.

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Recruits from Naval Station Great Lakes spent Thanksgiving Day at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801. About 50 recruits arrived to a flag-filled welcome on Thursday morning. Volunteers served a traditional Thanksgiving meal at about noon. The top picture shows one group of recruits with the volunteers who served dinner to their table. Pictured left to right (front row, beginning second from left) are volunteers Katie Lewicki, Alex McGrath, Sam Putrim and Johanna Marks. Several of the recruits who attended the post's holiday celebration communicated with family and friends online and via telephone. The recruits, who will soon finish boot camp, had not been able to speak to their loved ones for several weeks.



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Villa Park Review

A great start for the Warriors

The Willowbrook boys basketball team began its season by winning the championship at Stagg High School's John McBride Thanksgiving Classic. The Warriors won all four of their games in the five-team, round-robin event. In its final game of the tournament, Willowbrook beat Argo 71-47 on Saturday. The Warriors are pictured with the championship plaque moments after the victory. See the sports pages for more about Willowbrook's tournament title.





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Holiday giving

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 held its annual Thanksgiving welcome for recruits from Naval Station Great Lakes last week. Approximately 50 recruits arrived in the morning and spent several hours at the post, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. Volunteers served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to the recruits. Lombard American Legion Post No. 391 made a \$1,000 donation to help the Villa Park VFW post hold the annual dinner for the recruits. The Lombard American Legion post holds its monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month at Villa Park's VFW post. Pictured (left to right) on Thanksgiving are: Post No. 391 chaplain Mike Mikulecky, Post No. 391 commander Bob Corbino, Post No. 391 sergeant-at-arms Roberto Brito, VFW Post No. 2801 commander Tim Connolly and Post No. 2801 quartermaster Steve Prescott.

Breen-conducted constituent survey indicates citizens favor term limits for lawmakers, statewide office holders

State Rep. Peter Breen (R-Lombard) recently surveyed constituents within Illinois' 48th Legislative House District. Close to 200 individuals responded to the survey and the results indicated clearly that citizens favor term limits for legislators and statewide office holders, structural reforms to be enacted before any tax increase and decreased spending across the board as a budget balancing tool.

"I appreciate folks' willingness to share their views in our annual survey," said Breen. "These results show that the residents of the 48th District want to see common-sense reforms, spending discipline, and term limits from Springfield. I will vigorously voice those views during the upcoming term of the General Assembly."

With regard to whether legislators and/or statewide office holders should be subject to term limits, an overwhelming 81 percent reported being in favor of term limits for legislators and statewide office holders, while an additional six percent favored term limits only for legislators and another three percent favored term limits only for statewide office

holders. Just eight percent of the respondents said they were not in favor of term limits, and two percent of those taking the survey skipped the question.

When asked if structural reforms should be implemented before a tax increase is considered, 86 percent of those who completed the survey said yes to reforms before taxes. Only eight percent said reforms should not precede a tax increase, while five percent reported being undecided and one percent of the respondents skipped the question.

"I've worked hard to advocate for both term limits and structural reforms for our state over the past two years," Breen said. "These survey results strengthen my resolve to increase those efforts for the next two years."

The majority of those who took the survey also said they would favor an across-the-board percentage decrease in funding for all budget line items, as a way to help balance the budget. 55 percent of the respondents answered in favor of the across-the-board reductions, while 29 percent did not want any spending reduc-

tions. 14 percent of the people who participated in the survey reported they were undecided on the issue, and 2 percent skipped that question. Similarly, when given the options of reforming how services are provided, cutting services and raising taxes as tools for balancing the budget, 52 percent of the respondents said reforms should take place first, while 33 percent said that reducing the level of services should be the first course of action. 15 percent of those who took the survey recommended raising taxes as their first choice for balancing the budget.

Those who completed a survey were also invited to provide additional, open-ended comments.

"As I reviewed the surveys, it was not surprising to read that many of my constituents want bipartisanship in Springfield and simply want lawmakers to do their job," said Breen.

"I share their frustration and believe an agreed budget is possible. I am very willing to do this, and I have spoken to many colleagues from the other side of the aisle who also want to solve this budget crisis for the long term."

Chef Gale Gand visits the Villa Park Library on Dec. 5

Nationally acclaimed pastry chef, restaurateur, cookbook author, and television personality Gale Gand will return to the Villa Park Public Library to present a holiday dessert demonstration from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5. The library is located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave.

Chef Gand will hold a cooking demonstration of holiday dessert ideas. Copies of her books will also be available for purchase.

Registration is required. For more information, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info, or call 630-834-1164.

Village invites residents to serve on various commissions

The Village of Villa Park is seeking applications to fill vacancies on several commissions. Interested residents can download an application from the village's website—villapark.com—and submit completed applications to Villa Park Village Hall, ATTN: President Bullwinkel, 20 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181.

The following village commis-

sions looking to fill vacancies: Cable TV, Community Pride, Economic Development, Environmental Concerns, Fire and Police, Historical Preservation, Parks and Recreation Advisory, Planning and Zoning, Police Pension Board, Senior Concerns, Summerfest and Traffic and Safety.

More information about all of Villa Park's commissions is available on the village's website.

Library holds Mitten Tree Day on Saturday; residents encouraged to contribute winter clothing

The Villa Park Public Library will hold its second annual Mitten Tree Day on Saturday, Dec. 3. Residents are invited to attend a brief ceremony from 10-10:45 a.m. to welcome back the mitten tree to the library, which is located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave.

Anyone who wishes to contribute is encouraged to bring an item of warm clothing or winter gear (hat,

scarf, etc.) to be donated to local residents in need. In return for each donation, a pair of mitten ornaments can be decorated and hung on the tree.

The Mitten Tree will be up and donations will be accepted through the holiday season.

For more information, call the library at 630-834-1164.

Residents and their pets invited to Pictures with Santa Paws on Dec. 7

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department invites residents to bring their pets to the Pictures with Santa Paws event, which will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at North Terrace Park, located at 300 N. Westmore Ave. The fee is \$5 per pet. No snakes are allowed.

In addition to having their photo

taken with Santa Paws, each pet attending the event will receive a special treat. Photos will be available for pick-up at the Iowa Community Center, located at 338 N. Iowa Ave., at noon on Friday, Dec. 9.

Pre-registration, which is required for photos, ends on Dec. 2. For more information, call the parks and recreation department at 630-834-8970.



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District 88's Best for November

Willowbrook High School senior Julian DeMuro (left) has been named his school's recipient of the District 88's Best award for November. DeMuro, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, was recognized during the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Nov. 14. The district's board of education and administration created the District 88's Best monthly award to honor students who reach their personal bests in a variety of areas. According to information provided by District 88, DeMuro's story is one of perseverance, commitment, determination and overcoming obstacles to create a new path. DeMuro admits that when he first came to Willowbrook, school wasn't his focus. During his sophomore year, DeMuro resolved to work hard in school. He completed his junior year by earning grades of A or B in each of his classes. He's continued to improve during his senior year by maintaining a grade-point-average of 3.33. "DeMuro is one of the most persistent and resilient students I have ever had the opportunity to work with," stated Willowbrook social worker Irene Mason. "His ability to overcome daily obstacles, adversity and major life challenges never ceases to amaze me. Watching his self-awareness and confidence grow during the past four years has truly been remarkable to witness." DeMuro looks forward to continuing his education and training in cosmetology after he graduates from Willowbrook.



STEVE SPODEN PHOTO Villa Park Review

Villa Park Lions contribute to pantry

York Township Supervisor John W. Valle was presented a \$300 donation by the Villa Park Lions Club to help stock York Township Food Pantry shelves for the holiday season. Lion President Marty Dumycz said, "We hope that this will help to feed the needy during this holiday season. It is gratifying that we can help out people in our community through your organization." Pictured at the presentation are (left to right) Lion Helen Dreckman, Past Lions President Rich Hamlin, Valle, and York Township Food Pantry Director Angela Tanner. "The York Township Food Pantry is grateful for the ongoing support of the Villa Park Lions Club not only during the holiday season but throughout the year as well. We deeply appreciate their continuing efforts to improve the quality of life in York Township," said Valle.

Sports

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Warriors reel off four straight wins to claim tournament title

By Chris Fox
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STAFF REPORTER

Willowbrook's boys basketball team opened the 2016-17 season by winning all four of its games at Stagg High School's John McBride Thanksgiving Classic in Palos Hills. The Warriors completed the five-team, round-robin event with Saturday's 71-47 win over Argo. The victory marked Willowbrook's only double-digit win of the tournament.

Willowbrook began the holiday tournament with a 49-46 win over Chicago's Lindblom Math and Science Academy on Nov. 22. One day later, the Warriors beat Nazareth Academy 68-62. Willowbrook played the tournament host on Nov. 25; the Warriors edged Stagg 53-49.

"We're just happy we came out 4-0," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after Saturday's win over Argo. This is the Warriors' first championship at the Stagg event during Perkins' tenure. He is beginning his sixth season as the Warriors' head coach. The program placed second in the Stagg event three times during the last five seasons.

"We came out kind of flat and lethargic," said Perkins of Saturday's performance, which began less than 24 hours after the Warriors' hard-fought win over Stagg on the Chargers' home court. "We had a tough game against Stagg; it was a quick turnaround. We were able to pick it up in the second half [against Argo]. Our defense created a lot of offensive opportunities for us."

Junior Marshawn Phillips gave Willowbrook a 33-23 halftime lead over Argo when he sank a 3-point shot from well behind the half-court line at the end of the second quarter. Junior Sikander Zafar made a 3-pointer at the beginning of the third period to give the Warriors a 36-23 advantage. Willowbrook's lead stood at 50-36 at the end of the third quarter.

Junior Ethan Schuemer scored a team-leading 16 points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds for the Warriors during Saturday's win. Phillips added 11 points, while senior Casey King contributed nine points by sinking three 3-point shots. Junior Cornelius Paxton added eight points, with Zafar and sophomore Matas Masys each scored seven points. Senior Ryan King provided six points for the Warriors, who connected on 27 of 53 shots from the field, including a 7-for-17 effort from 3-point range.

Schuemer, who made six of eight field-goal attempts and four of six free



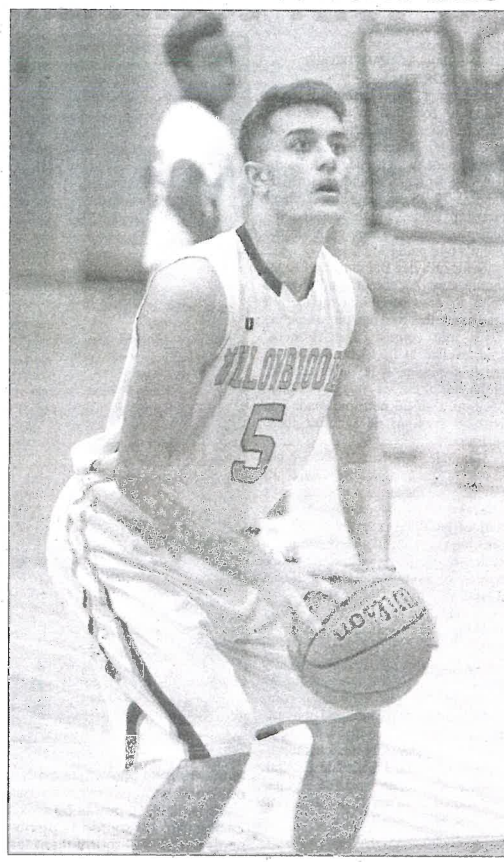
CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Willowbrook's boys basketball team opened its season by winning four straight games to claim the championship of Stagg High School's John McBride Thanksgiving Classic in Palos Hills. The Warriors completed the five-team, round-robin event with Saturday's 71-47 win over Argo. Willowbrook's three previous games in the tournament included wins over Lindblom, Nazareth Academy and Stagg. Junior Ethan Schuemer (No. 32) of the Warriors was named the tournament's most valuable player. Two other Warriors—junior Sikander Zafar (No. 5) and sophomore Matas Masys (No. 21) were named to the all-tournament team. The Warriors will begin their West Suburban Gold Conference season with this Friday's home game against Proviso East.

throws against Argo, won the tournament's most-valuable player award. Two other Warriors—Masys and Za-

far—joined Schuemer on the all-tournament team.

"We didn't come out strong in the



first half, but we really came together in the second half, and everything started flowing," said Schuemer after Saturday's win.

Schuemer, who was named to the all-tournament team of Stagg's Thanksgiving tournament last year, said the Warriors have high expectations this season. Willowbrook will begin West Suburban Gold Conference play with this Friday's home game against Proviso East. He said the team's goals include a conference title and reaching the 25-win mark.

"We've got a lot of returning guys," said Schuemer, who mentioned that several of the Warriors have been

playing together since they were grade-schoolers in Willowbrook's feeder program. "We're really setting the standards high this year."

Schuemer tallied 22 points in the Warriors' tournament opener against Lindblom. He scored 27 points against Nazareth by making eight baskets and connecting on 11 of 15 shots from the free-throw line. Masys added 17 points in the victory over the Roadrunners.

Zafar scored a team-leading 14 points in Willowbrook's win over Stagg. Masys, who made three 3-pointers, scored 11 points. Senior Freddie Clay contributed nine points, while Phillips scored seven points.



Rams endure a rough start to their season

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER

The Glenbard East boys basketball team fell to 0-4 after Saturday's 54-48 loss to Plainfield North in Lombard. The contest featured the fourth-place finishers from last week's District 87 and Lyons Township tournaments. The Rams placed fourth in the District 87 event, which took place at Glenbard West from Nov. 21-23. Glenbard East opened the tournament with a 71-50 loss to Glenbard North. Glenbard West beat the Rams 53-48 on the second day of the event. The Rams completed the District 87 competition with a 63-48 loss to Glenbard South.

The Rams held a 31-25 halftime lead over Plainfield North. The two teams were deadlocked at 39-39 at the end of the third quarter.

"They out-executed us in the fourth quarter," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller after Saturday's loss to the Tigers. "They made some plays, and we didn't. I was really happy with our effort. We just have to cut down on those mental lapses."

Glenbard East senior Orlando Kimbrough scored all 12 of his team-leading points in the first half of Saturday's game. Kimbrough made a pair of 3-point shots during the first quarter. Junior Korvante Davis and freshman Alijah Nelson both scored 11 points. Seniors Devin Fisher and Josh Chriske added six and five points, respectively.

The Rams' fortunes for the 2016-17 campaign suffered a blow when senior standout Michael Finley suffered a knee injury earlier this month—a few days before the team's first practice. Finley will miss his entire senior season.

"We were dealt a bad hand," said Miller of the injury. "We've got to readjust our roles a little bit."



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Senior Orlando Kimbrough (No. 32) scored a team-high 12 points for the Rams in Saturday's game.

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Callahan scores 28 in Neuqua Valley victory

By PHIL BROZYSKI
Daily Herald Correspondent

The last two years, Neuqua Valley's Megan Callahan took a back seat to Kai Moon and Myia Starks.

This year the 5-foot-6 junior guard is driving the bus.

Callahan scored a personal-best 28 points and made just enough free throws down the stretch to keep Metea Valley at arm's length. The Wildcats won the DuPage Valley Conference girls basketball opener for both teams 68-56 Thursday in Naperville.

"It's different this year," Callahan said. "I was behind Myia and Kai. Now I have to take the lead. My job is to pick up the team. Teamwork is everything. We went through some phases earlier this year where one person was doing the whole thing. We have a lot of potential if we play as a team."

Callahan found Rachael Tait for a three-point play early in the second quarter as Neuqua Valley (3-4, 1-0) broke open an 18-18 game with a 12-1 run. Callahan made 3

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of 4 free throws to extend the lead to 37-25 before Tait's 3-pointer at the horn gave the Wildcats a 41-27 halftime lead.

"Tonight, we really worked together as a team," Callahan said. "We were energized. The whole bench was into it. Whether you played or not, everyone participated. As long as we work together as a team, we have tremendous, tremendous expectations."

Neuqua Valley led by as many as 20 points at 53-33 with 1:21 remaining in the third quarter, but Metea Valley scored 9 unanswered points to get within 53-42 on Ashley Konkle's three-point play with 5:53 left.

That was as close as the Mustangs could get. Despite missing the front end of four consecutive double-bonus free-throw opportunities, Callahan made the back end each time to give the Wildcats a 67-54 lead with just over 70 seconds left to play.

Metea Valley (1-6), which

played without Skye Lane (illness), was led by Janiece Thomas with 13 points. Konkle and Brianna Hall each had 12 points, with Konkle grabbing 10 rebounds.

Tait added 22 points, 4 assists and 3 rebounds for Neuqua Valley before joining the exodus of six starters — three on each side — to the bench with five fouls. Junior point guard Taylor Crowley added 7 points.

Callahan, who finished 9 of 18 from the free-throw line, also contributed 4 rebounds and 3 assists.

"The first five or six games were an adjustment for (Callahan), no matter what you do in the off-season," said Neuqua Valley coach Mike Williams. "It's not the same. For her to assume that leadership role and understand what the role entails is a big step. I think she's starting to handle it very well."

Of course, nobody is going to do everything exactly right.

"Any time she wants to hit two free throws in a row, I'm OK with it," Williams said.

Pins spark Willowbrook

By KEVIN MCGAVIN
Daily Herald Correspondent

Tyler Guerrero made sure Thursday's wrestling dual meet would not go to criteria.

Leyden needed a fall in the final match in West Suburban Gold in order to defeat Willowbrook on the first tiebreaker.

But the Warriors' junior needed only 37 seconds to ice the 39-27 Willowbrook victory Thursday night in Villa Park.

Willowbrook (11-2, 1-0) earned all but one of its seven wins via pins.

"The goal in wrestling is to go for the fall," Willowbrook coach Brandon Murphy said. "That's what we work for."

Guerrero, a 170-pounder, was the sixth Willowbrook wrestler to earn a first-period fall.

In the preceding match at 160 pounds, Hunter Barnes' literal reversal with four seconds left in the third overtime enabled the Warriors to double their lead to 33-27.

Barnes trailed the Eagles' Showwayne Johnson 8-7 after the latter secured an escape in double overtime.

"(Johnson) was a good guy," Barnes said. "I knew I had to use my defensive skills to get the win."

Wrestling

The match was entirely closer than the final score indicated.

Willowbrook never led by more than 3 points until the back-to-back wins by Barnes and Guerrero.

Jack Jessen is one of the most imposing athletes in the western suburbs.

The Willowbrook junior has been nationally ranked ever since he entered high school two years ago.

Wrestling one weight up from his customary 182-pound slot, Jessen registered 7 takedowns in less than 90 seconds before securing the Warriors' first pin of the night in the second match.

"I just go out there thinking of winning and wanting to dominate," Jessen said. "I want to put on a show."

The Jessen fall marked the first of five straight abbreviated matches.

Leyden (0-2, 0-1) surged ahead 15-6 on consecutive pins by Ryan Jaffrey (220 pounds) and heavyweight Fernando Corona.

But Willowbrook would answer in kind when the lineup turned over.

Like Jessen, the Warriors' 106-pounder, Zach Seymore improved to 13-0 on the season with a first-period fall.

Willowbrook then took its second lead when Andrew Cueller duplicated the less-than-a-minute fall at 113 pounds.

The match would see-saw the rest of the night.

The lead was never greater than 3 points for either side, and each team ended up winning seven matches.

But the Eagles could not duplicate the Warriors' 18 bonus points.

Leyden would receive wins from Daniel Uribe (126 pounds) and Jimmy Lonigro (145) to add to the simple decision Anthony Aguilar secured in the match-opening weight of 182 pounds.

But the Warriors trumped the decisions Leyden earned as Dominic Ranieri and Oliver Elena had falls at 145 and 152 pounds to give Willowbrook a 30-27 lead.

"A lot of it falls on our guys," Leyden coach John Kading said of the Warriors' half-dozen pins. "We have to be tougher in those situations. Wrestling is a tough sport. I tell everybody that it is the toughest sport."



Wheaton Warrenville South's Jayla Johnson (45), Wheaton North's Sarah Topps (25) and South's Sarah Struebing (24) vie for a rebound during the Falcons 41-35 victory Thursday.

Wheaton N. defends thwarts WW South

By ORRIN SCHWARZ
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Girls basketball

Wheaton North made eight 3-pointers in Thursday's girls basketball game.

Wheaton Warrenville South made just 7 field goals, 2s and 3s combined.

You can't shoot the ball the way we did tonight and expect to win games. And the bad thing is the kids have played such good defense."

Good defense was an obvi-

points. So it's all a team just executing those and me cutting hard adds together into me those shots."

"Hannah's work is relentless," Eaton adding she worked on her own on the

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ey Guy (Glenbard Jr., all-arounder), rvin (Wheaton, so, all-arounder), Hughes (Wheaton, sr., all-arounder), nes (Hinsdale Central, all-arounder), Amanda Hinsdale Central, all-arounder), Colleen (Nequa Valley, sr., under), Alison Oakes (West, sr., vault, floor), Kennedy O'Neill on Trail, sr., all-arounder), niella Pellegrino (Lake sr., beam, floor), Claire jedny (Waubensie /Meteva Valley co-op, all-arounder), Veronica Glenbard East, sr., all-arounder), Kelly Zehnder (Lake Jr., all-arounder).

Tests: Big Purple Invite vners Grove North, j; Al Galatte Invite at j Meadows, Dec. 3; Cane Invite at Hersey, 0; Illinois Best Invite at on Warrenville co-op, 7; Panther Invite at go, Dec. 20; Naperville rene championship at on Warrenville South, 7; West Suburban Silver pionship at Glenbard Jan. 28.

ok: Addison Trail fell ort of hitting a 130 last but the Blazers should le to reach that number se most of its gymnasts y this winter. Leading y is senior Kennedy l, a three-time state ir whose best event is . "We have five returning asts that have worked n the off-season and ady to work," assistant Eric Norberg said. addition of (freshman) la O'Donnell will make ready strong team even er. The team has a lot of ial and will be stronger end of the season." rs Terra Garcia, Jessica , junior Laura Stam- ulos and sophomore yn Rumps all return. ers Grove North coach

appearance since 1993. The Mustangs could get there again, but they'll have to do it without Emily Tom, who graduated, and Kayla Carlson, who is injured. Sophomore all-arounders Abby Carlson and Andrea Davenport will likely provide the team with half of its scoring on a nightly basis. With Kayla Carlson sidelined, they'll need to piece things together. Junior specialist Lindsay Tom, senior Ewa Wisniewski, a floor, beam, vault specialist, and senior all-arounder Paige Vondrasek should provide enough depth to overcome the adversity they face.

Fenton hopes to set a school record for scoring. Coach Paula Parat is optimistic that such could happen because Cassidy Feddersen has recovered from a broken foot, Charity Bullis, Kat Kresbash and Nicole Maciejewicz are all returning and she's got some talented newcomers in freshmen Julianne Rose Kresbash, Kat's younger sister, and Emily Trzmielewski. All six gymnasts are capable of competing in all four events, so Parat will have to figure out what to do for the top team score. "We'll see where we go once we have some meets," Parat said. "I'm hoping to score in the 130s, which would be a personal best at Fenton."

Glenbard East didn't have any seniors last year, and its entire roster returned from a team that reached a 133.55. "I would like to consistently score in the 130s," Rams coach Jessica Bugajsky said. "The goal is always to make it as far as possible with as many gymnasts as possible." Senior Veronica Grey is back to lead the Rams along with juniors Krasimira Ganeva and Breanna Page and sophomores Sierra Olson and Sydney Nastermak. Freshman Kelsey Donovan and Grace Tu will provide some depth and look to battle their way into the lineup.

Glenbard North coach Kristin Nordquist said the Panthers



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Glenbard West's hopes to return to the state meet this winter.

will be rebuilding this year but at the same time could have some individual success from senior Erin Bregman and junior Delaney Guy. Bregman made a splash as a sophomore, opted to not return last year and competed in club but is back this winter. "She is looking better than she did two years ago," Nordquist said.

Glenbard South has to do quite a bit of rebuilding. The Raiders will do it around sophomore Katie Kibbey and junior Sarah Nardella while they'll look for sophomore Mackenzie Goetz and freshman Katie Weiss, who are both new to the team, to help the team's scoring right away. "We have a young team and are in a rebuilding year," Raiders coach Lee Wood said. "But, with that being said, I am very optimistic about Glenbard South's future."

Glenbard West is deep and loaded with talent. Some key contributors from last year's team that took fourth in the state are back, including senior Alison Oakes and sophomore Maddie Diab, who won the all-around championship last year. "This team looks to uphold the high standards set by previous Hilltopper teams," Glenbard West coach Carlos Fuentes said. "This year's team will feature a lineup where as many as eight or nine gymnasts make the lineup on any given day. This team has depth, talent and experience — all the necessary tools to be competitive among the top teams in the area." Upperclassmen Cailey Cranny, Kylie Lach, Eileen Billings, Kendall Rewerts and Oakes will contribute as specialists, while Katherine Hoban, Claire

McGurk, Nina Samuta and freshman Mikayla Benjamin all can work as all-arounders along with Diab.

Hinsdale Central topped off at 137.225 and didn't lose anyone to graduation. "Having everyone back from last year plus the addition of three more girls, we will be stronger on all four events," Red Devils coach Kim Estoque said. Those returnees include sophomore Kylie Torsberg and juniors Amanda Leon, Lily Jones and Jessica Sprong. Freshman specialist Jacquelyn Davis will provide score on bars and beam while juniors Sophia Gerard and Dalia Hayes are new to the squad. The Red Devils haven't advanced to state since 2011 but could be in the running this winter.

Hinsdale South has already been bitten by the injury bug with juniors Erin Haney and Kaitlyn Hall sidelined. The Hornets will be young and will look to overcome the injuries with a youthful squad. Sophomore Sam Smith, juniors Kayla O'Donnell and Elizabeth Lowery and senior Kendall Kosiek return under the tutelage of interim coach Jarrod Amolsch.

Lake Park is coming off its first state appearance since 2003. The Lancers left Palatine last February as the fifth-best team. The team will need to fill the void left by Izzy Shaw graduating and Nina Galichio opting not to return, but senior multi-event specialists Daniella Pellegrino and Marissa DiBenedetto and junior all-arounder Kelly Zehnder return to lead the team. Coach Jake Luketin is hopeful that freshmen Julia

struggle out of the gate. "Now at the start," Redhawks coach Glen Reimers said. "And hopefully a strong finish." Haley Haumann and Natalie Stephens return, while the team welcomes Katie Petro. Naperville North should have an eclectic team of gymnasts with freshmen Becky Jennings, Chloe Tsao and Emma Ryan joining sophomore Leah Malloy, junior Grace Ryan and senior Bella Mandarin. The freshmen will look to step in and contribute while the returnees will see what they can do to improve the team score from a season ago. "The outlook for the season is to build a team of competitive gymnasts who want to succeed," Huskies coach Chris Stanicek said. "We are working hard to improve and create a solid team for the next couple years. We are young but we have some hardworking and dedicated gymnasts."

Nequa Valley coach Darraugh McDermott noted how a Wildcat hasn't qualified for state awhile now, but she thinks that'll change this year. "That is our hope," she said. "We are really excited for this season. The girls are more motivated than ever. They have their sights high for new skills and qualifying for state. I expect to have a few individuals qualify this year." Seniors Colleen Moaro and Shalinee Abraham and junior Shea O'Leary all return and are expected to provide a lot of the team scoring. Senior all-arounder Mandy Ringlein is new to the squad.

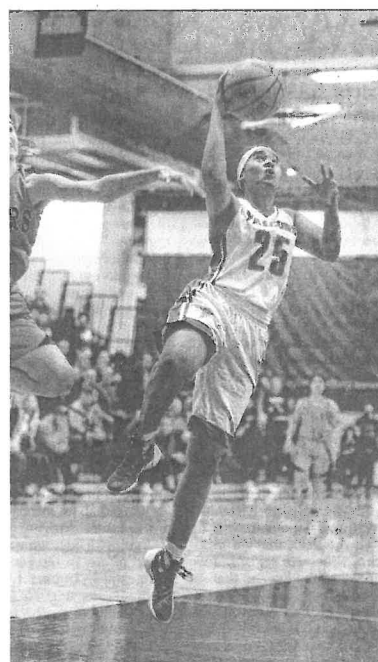
The majority of Waubensie Valley/Meteva Valley co-op's roster returns, including senior Claire Samojedny and juniors Melissa Martin and Jessica Houghton, who are all-arounders. Junior two-event specialist, Emma Holtan is also back, while freshmen Thera and Thalia Bowen are two of 10 new gymnasts that have joined the team. "We are hoping to have depth in our team by having a very strong variety

sophomores were welcome additions as freshmen so they got a taste of the competition and now will look to be even better. That group includes all-arounders Jill Horvatin and Macy Smykal and specialists, Jackie Kerth and Maggie O'Hara.

Willowbrook welcomes new coach Deanna Zuchowski along with freshmen all-arounders Grace Placek, Karolina Terlikowski and Karli Wilson. The combination of the new talent, guidance from a new coach and the return of 10 gymnasts has the Warriors poised to perhaps be the most improved and surprising team of the winter. Willowbrook had the lowest high score among the 65 teams in the state last year. "I am excited for the possibilities this team has to offer," Zuchowski said. "With the leadership of the seniors on our team, I believe team camaraderie and drive will push these girls to new levels. We are very excited for the season. From the top down the girls have a lot of determination and perseverance to excel this year, outreaching last year's numbers."

York remains a young team and one that returns its significant scorers. The team almost hit a 130 last year and should be able to do it this year under first-year coach Anthony Colanta. Gillian Berg is the team's lone senior, while junior Maya Moran was the team's highest scorer in the all-around last year in regionals. Adelaide Hindsley is also back along with fellow juniors Jessica Dryden, Sydney Hill and Olivia Romano. The team welcomes four freshmen all-arounders. "We have a young team this year, and a brand new coaching staff so there will be some kinks to work out early on," Colanta said. "But I am projecting the team to finish in a comfortable position this season which will springboard us into next year with the team only losing one senior this season."

— Chris Walker



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on Warrenville South's Mackenzie Stebbins (21) tries to vault North's Sarah Topps (25) on Thursday night.

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Girls basketball

Thursday's results

Carroll Prep 45, Aurora Central Catholic 32
Lake Park 55, Wheaton Valley 30
Naperville Central 61, Glenbard North 44
St. Francis 60, Bishop McNamara 45

WEDNESDAY RESULTS

Benet — Malonia (11 pts, 6 rebs, 2 steals), Jasech as (18 pts, 3 blocks, 6 rebs), Slack (9 rebs, 2 blocks).

WHEATON NORTH 41, WHEATON W/RENNVILLE SOUTH 35

WV South — Emma 1 0-9 11, Daria 0 1-4 1, Strubbing 3 4-5 11, Daria 0 0-4 3, Johnson 3 3-4 8, Lallier 0 0-0 0, Miller 0 0-0 0, Ruggles 0 0-0 0, Youngblood 0 0-0 0. Totals: 71-50-25.

Wheaton North — Swider 6-4-20, Arlberg 1-0-3, Zander 1-0-3, Baird 1-2-8, Mulhenny 1-0-2, Tope 1-0-2, Spony 1-0-3, Loevenborg 0-0-0. Totals: 14-5-10-41.

WV South — 12 4 9 10 — 25

Wheaton North 10 10 15 6 — 41

3-point baskets: WWS: Emma, Strubbing, WK: Swider 4, Baird, Baird, Arlberg, Zander. Fouled out: WK: Tope, Swider.

MEQUA VALLEY VS. METEVA VALLEY 36

Meteva Valley — Woods 2-0-4, Thomas 5-1-13, Hall 4-2-5, 12, Korke 5-2-12, Thompson 3-0-7, Morgan 1-1-2-3, Totals: 21-10-24-66.

Nequa Valley — Calahan 8-18-28, Cowley 1-5-7, Johnson 2-0-4, Hall 2-5-4-22, Delaney 1-0-2, Lee 2-0-4-5, Totals: 22-34-66.

Meteva Valley 18 20 12 15 — 66

Nequa Valley 10 11 12 17 — 56

3-point baskets: NV: Calahan 3, Tait, Lee, MW: Thomas 2, Hall 2. Fouled out: NV: Calahan, Johnson, Tait, MW: Johnson, Hall.

Wrestling

Thursday's results

WILLOWBROOK 30, LEYDEN 27

106: Seymour (W) vs. Jaster 0-32; 113: Cusler (W) vs. Padgett 0-35; 126: Salvo (L) vs. Schenk 0-1; 135: Usher (L) vs. Umar 0-07; 132: Portillo (W) vs. Aron 1-45; 138: Chizadze (L) vs. Ransom 0-1; 145: Loring (L) vs. Iker 2-4; 152: Stone (W) vs. Delgado 1-40; 160: Barnes (W) vs. Johnson 0-3 07; 171: Guerrero (W) vs. Aguilar; 182: A. Aguilera 1-3; 190: Jensen (W) vs. (L) 1-25; 220: Jeffrey (L) vs. Bernadino 2-44; 285: Cyrona (L) vs. Kluftman 5-21.

Girls gymnastics

Thursday's results

NAPEVILLE CENTRAL 120.85, GLENBARD NORTH 128.4, NAPERVILLE NORTH 121.1

Upcoming events

TODAY

Boys basketball
Chicago Christian at Timothy Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Downers Grove North at Lyons Township, 7:30 p.m.

Wheaton North at Naperville Central, 7:30 p.m.

Glenbard North at Naperville Central, 7:30 p.m.

Glenbard South at Illinois Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Hinsdale South at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.

Leyden at Downers Grove South, 7:30 p.m.

Lake Park at Nequa Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Meteva Valley at Nequa Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Morton at DuPage College Prep, 7 p.m.

Morton at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.

Proviso East at Willowbrook, 7:30 p.m.

Riverside-Brookfield at C. Catholic Prep, 7:30 p.m.

Waubensie Valley at Lake Park, 7:30 p.m.

Westmont at Proviso, 7 p.m.

Wheaton Warrenville South at Wheaton North, 7:30 p.m.

York at Glenbard West, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Morton at Hoops for Harvest (Aurville, Ill.), 7 p.m.

Morton at Addison Trail, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Addison Trail at Morton, 6 p.m.

Downers Grove North at Leyden, 6 p.m.

East Aurora at Glenbard East, 5:30 p.m.

Elmhurst Park, Foxfield at St. Francis, 5 p.m.

Glenbard West at York, 6 p.m.

Lake Park at Waubensie Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Lyons Township at Downers Grove North, 6 p.m.

Naperville Central at Glenbard North, 5:30 p.m.

Naperville Central at Lincoln-Way Central, 5 p.m.

Nequa Valley at Meteva Valley, 5:30 p.m.

West Chicago at South Elgin, 5:30 p.m.

Wheaton North at Wheaton Warrenville South, 7 p.m.

Willowbrook at Proviso East, 6 p.m.

Gymnastics: Redhawks win

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Redhawks and Panthers but had a solid debut, especially since the squad is so young.

"Half of our team is freshmen," said Bella Mandarin, the team's lone senior. "It's funny because I'm so much older than them but they're so mature in gymnastics and mentally. They work so hard so I'm excited for the season."

Their top finishers proved

to be freshmen as well with Becky Jennings taking third on vault and Chloe Tsao doing the same on beam.

"We did pretty well. We had the normal ups and down, the falls here or there," Mandarin said. "We were more prepared than I could've hoped we would've been and everyone gave their all, and we were throwing new skills already which was nice to see."

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o sideline was just unmatched," coach
sey said.



for 490 yards and 7 touchdowns. "He was an
unsung hero on offense," Hildreth said.

Deontae Curry, Hinsdale South

Nothing could prepare opposing
players for the devastating
hits Curry delivered. "He plays
with explosion, which is fun
to watch," coach Mike Barry
said. The 6-foot, 230-pound
senior linebacker was the West
Suburban Gold's defensive player
of the year and an IHSFCA Class
6A honorable mention all-state selection. Curry
had 91 tackles, including 20 for loss, a sack and
40 solo tackles. He recovered two fumbles and
blocked an extra point. "His hits redirect the ball
carrier," Barry said. "He is a punishing tackler."

**Niko Ivanisevic, Hinsdale Central**

Despite graduating two Big Ten
defensive linemen last year, the
Red Devils didn't skip a beat
thanks in much part to this
two-year starter. The 6-foot-2,
265-pound senior was a rock
at left tackle in the run and
pass game. "He was really the
leader of our offense the last two
years," coach Dan Hartman said. Committed to
Princeton, Ivanisevic's wrestling talent clearly
translated to the football field. The West Sub-
urban Silver's co-offensive lineman of the year
also played well in his spot time at defensive
tackle. "He was so physical on both sides of the
ball," Hartman said.



year captain. "He's just one of those leaders that
you can't ever replace," coach Bill Krefft said.

Mark Mattson, Glenbard West

A major part of the Hilltoppers'
Class 7A title run last season,
Mattson became even more
important this year at the heart of
a defense decimated by injuries.
"He was our saving grace being
healthy and making sure guys
were in the right place," coach
Chad Hettlet said. Athletic with
vision and good instincts, the 6-foot, 190-pound
senior all-West Suburban Silver linebacker had
118 tackles, including 6 sacks, 2 interceptions
and he recovered 3 fumbles. "I don't think he
missed a snap in two years with us," Hettlet said.
"He was just a hard-nosed kid."

**Sean, Hinsdale Central**

Varsity season Sean
played to another level.
-2 and 215 pounds,
r quarterback added a
ground game to his
alent. "He's a kid we
able to replace," coach
man said. The West
Silver's player of the
n also earned IHSFCA all-state honors
for 1,462 yards, completing 68 percent
ses, while throwing 13 touchdowns.
mbia recruit rushed for 377 yards and
owns. "After three years he knew the
s well as I did," Hartman said.

**Nick D'Ambrose, Addison Trail**

Whether it was running the ball,
catching it or returning it on kicks
and punts, D'Ambrose always
found a way to gain big yards
for the Blazers. "He's got those
football instincts that you can't
coach," coach Paul Parpet Jr.
said. The 5-foot-8, 185-pound
junior running back is already
a two-year starter. This year the all-West
Suburban Gold selection earned a spot on the
IHSFCA Class 7A all-state honorable mention
team. D'Ambrose rushed for 1,285 yards and
15 touchdowns, caught 14 passes for 254 yards
and 3 scores and returned a kick 81 yards for a
19th touchdown.

**Jace James, Glenbard North**

This Northwestern recruit
excelled in all three phases.
The 6-foot-1, 195-pound senior
cornerback and receiver earned
DuPage Valley Conference
defensive team captain honors
after his 9 interceptions tied the
DVC record. He added 2 postsea-
son interceptions against Pekin,
including a 39-yard touchdown return, for 11
total picks to go with 44 tackles. James caught
47 passes for 1,019 yards and 5 touchdowns,
with 7 catches, 201 yards and 42- and 82-yard
touchdowns against Nequa Valley. Class
7A All-State, James averaged 35 yards as
the Panthers' punter and returned punts and
kickoffs. Unselfish, James was a great blocker.
"He did it all," coach Ryan Wilkens said.

**Alec McEachern, Benet**

Whatever was asked of McEach-
ern during three years on the
varsity, he delivered. At various
times he played defensive line,
linebacker, running back and
safety. The 6-foot-1, 220-pound
senior even offered to play
offensive line this season. "He got
it done on both sides of the ball,"
coach Pat New said. This year McEachern spent
most of his time in the Redwings' secondary,
but he also rushed for 203 yards and caught 12
passes for 138 yards while scoring 6 touch-
downs. He had 106 tackles, including 15 for loss
and 5 interceptions.

**Bogdanski, St. Francis**

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tches but also ran for 37 yards and a
vn. Committing to Division III power
as, the Spartans' team leader played
every snap. "He's a physical, downhill
layer when it comes to both offense
ise," coach Joe Lepesch said.

**Dan Dominiak, Waubonsie Valley**

A 6-2, 290-pound senior
offensive lineman, Dominiak was
a load. This season at Waubonsie
Valley he played left tackle after
starting at right tackle his junior
year. (He started as a Montini
sophomore before transferring.)
Bench-pressing 325 pounds,
power was his game, and his
footwork was sharp. Strength made run blocking
his forte, though coach Paul Murphy said Dominiak
s best game came against Hinsdale Central
primarily in pass protection. All-DuPage Valley
and a Warriors co-captain, Dominiak graded out
at 92 percent. "Once he got his paws on you he
was a good drive blocker, plus he had the agility
to pull on our trap play," Murphy said.

**Jack Jessen, Willowbrook**

Watching Jessen play football,
it's no wonder he's committed to
wrestle at Northwestern Univer-
sity. The 5-foot-10, 190-pound
junior set records on both sides
of the ball for the Warriors
while playing running back and
linebacker. "Jack put up numbers
that do not happen in this day
and age," coach Nick Hildreth said. Jessen set
program records for rushing yards, rushing
touchdowns and single-game tackles. The
IHSFCA Class 7A all-stater and West Suburban
Gold offensive MVP rushed for 1,671 yards and
21 touchdowns and had 138 tackles, including
12 for loss.

**Mark McGrath, Lisle**

No player was more important
to his team than this 6-foot-2,
200-pound senior. Sometimes
playing quarterback, slotback
and receiver in the same game,
the selfless repeat All-Area player
represented 59 percent of Lisle's
offense, 26 of 44 touchdowns.
On all special teams and Lisle's
place-kicker, the two-time all-Interstate Eight
Small pick led Lisle with 742 yards rushing, 335
receiving and threw 5 touchdown passes. At
safety McGrath returned 2 of his 3 interceptions
for touchdowns of 102 and 62 yards.
He returned a kickoff 68 yards to score. "Mark is
one of the most complete football players I've
ever been around," coach Paul Parpet Sr. said.

**Brady, Glenbard West**

shy, Brady still proved
of the area's most
offensive players in his
on starting as the Hill-
quarterback. "He's one
st quarterbacks we've
e last 10 years," coach
et said. The 6-foot-3,
rd senior displayed the
end of moving the chains and hitting
run with the long ball. The all-West
Silver honoree became critical when
ampered the backfield. Brady threw for
rds and 23 touchdowns. "He just didn't
y passes all season," Hettlet said.

**Grant Ericksen, Naperville North**

Two years as an all-DuPage
Valley Conference performer
provided Ericksen the experience
to anticipate a game's biggest
moments and react accordingly.
"He always found a way to make
our team better," coach Sean
Drendel said. The 6-foot-1,
190-pound senior free safety
was named to the IHSFCA Class 8A Honorable
Mention All-State team. With a great jump on the
ball, Ericksen had 7 interceptions and broke up
9 passes. He notched 49 tackles and recovered
a fumble. "He's a student of the game," Drendel
said. "That allowed him to understand what
other teams were trying to do."

**Chris Johnson, IC Catholic**

When Knights coach Bill Krefft
calls this 6-foot-1, 210-pound
senior a "downhill kind of guy"
he means it in the best way — a
physical presence who delivers
a blow. In charge of stopping
an opponent's ground game, at
middle linebacker Johnson made
149 tackles, 7 for loss, plus an
interception and a fumble recovery. He recorded
16 tackles against St. Laurence, Bishop
McNamara and St. Joseph-Ogden. ICCP's Hustle
Award winner, Johnson was named the Metro
Suburban Blue's defensive player of the year and
Class 3A All-State honorable mention. "He was
a great tackler in space but just a physical guy
that's strong and downhill," Krefft said.

**Cam Moore, WW South**

Moore showed no signs of rust
despite sitting out last year
following a transfer from Wheaton
North. His only varsity season
proved to be memorable at
multiple positions, but especially
at receiver. "As talented as
he was, I probably could have
called his name every single
play," coach Ron Muhlich said. Selected to the
IHSFCA Class 7A All-State team, the 6-foot-1,
200-pound senior was also named all-DuPage
Valley Conference. Moore had 44 catches for
1,003 yards and 9 touchdowns. He also threw 3
touchdown passes and rushed for another score.

**Campbell, Hill Central**

a tremendous offensive
who have played at
Central, Campbell
the best. "He's really
de in his craft," coach
e said. Campbell was a
r starter and a two-time
lineman of the year in
de Valley Conference.
ern Michigan University recruit was
enough to play at three spots on the
6-foot-5, 285-pound senior also played
ree weeks on the defensive line. "He
the strongest player we've ever had,"
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**Gianni Frasca, Hinsdale Central**

Frasca made a positive impact
at multiple positions during two
seasons as a starter for the Red
Devils. He broke into the lineup at
fullback as a junior but excelled
this season at linebacker. "He's
just a tough, hard-nosed kid,"
coach Dan Hartman said. The
5-foot-10, 185-pound senior
used his rugby ability to lead the team with 67
tackles, including 10 for loss and 6 sacks. Fra-
sca was a powerful lead blocker on offense. In
a win over Oak Park, he played every snap. "He
was undersized but he was still our defensive
leader out there," Hartman said.

**Erik Jones, Benet**

Two interception returns for
touchdowns epitomized the
big-play potential from Jones.
The Redwings' defense came
together when the 5-foot-11,
180-pound senior defensive back
returned from a broken hand
suffered before the season. "It
was huge for us when he came
back to the lineup," coach Pat New said. A
lockdown cornerback, Jones faced some of the
toughest receivers in the state in the course of
11 games. He picked off 5 passes and broke up
10. Twenty-one of his 52 tackles were solos.
"He's one of the best coverage guys we've had,"
New said.

**Dionte Moorehead, Glenbard West**

On offense and defense,
Moorehead leveled or stormed
past just about everything in his
path. For two years the 6-foot-4,
210-pound senior excelled most
as a rush end terrorizing opposing
quarterbacks. "He made so many
plays in the backfield against
bigger players," coach Chad
Hettlet said. The defensive lineman of the year in
the West Suburban Silver was explosive coming
off the edge, but he also delivered crushing hits
as a lead blocker in the run game. Moorehead
counted 21 tackles for loss among his 65 total
tackles. He had 12 sacks and forced 4 fumbles.

**Erik Mueller, Wheaton North**

Tommy Ciesla, Neuqua Valley

Voted by DuPage Valley Conference coaches as the league's outstanding defensive lineman, this 6-foot-3, 240-pounder had an unrelenting motor. A team co-captain and repeat all-DVC honoree, Ciesla recorded 52 tackles, 11 for loss with 3 sacks — each sack against Metea Valley. A weight-room leader, the explosive senior led Neuqua with 6 quarterback hits from his defensive end position. He also played tight end and earned the fullback job the last two weeks of the season. In the playoffs Ciesla scored on a touchdown catch against Glenbard West. "There's a lot of places we could have moved him to and he could have won (those spots)," coach Bill Ellinghaus said.



Khalif Copeland, Willowbrook

Copeland was a crucial contributor on both sides of the ball as the Warriors made a run to the Class 7A quarterfinals. The 5-foot-10, 185-pound senior especially dominated at defensive back in the playoffs. "Khalif legitimately shuts down half of the field," coach Nick Hildreth said. Copeland had 67 tackles, 6 pass breakups and 3 interceptions, including a Pick 6 in the quarterfinals. In addition to being a terrific blocker on offense, the tight end had 32 catches



Nathan Gray, Naperville North

High praise wasn't hard to find for the Huskies' two-year starting center. "We've had a lot of good linemen come through the program, and he's one of the best," coach Sean Drendel said. The 6-foot, 250-pound senior graded out at 86 percent for the season — one of the highest marks in program history. Great footwork helped Gray thrive in a new offense, and earned him a spot on the all-DuPage Valley Conference team and the IHSFCA Class 8A all-state team. "We ask a lot of our centers in this system," Drendel said. "He did a great job for us for two years."



Anthony Ippolito, Neuqua Valley

The Wildcats' emotional leader on defense, Ippolito was a three-year starting linebacker athletic enough to play tailback when injuries struck. All-DuPage Valley Conference and a team captain, the 6-foot, 205-pound senior led Neuqua Valley with 89 tackles, including 6 for loss with a sack, a blocked kick and an interception he returned 86 yards for a touchdown against Naperville Central. (He scored that game's first touchdown on a 2-yard run.) A student of the game with explosive initial steps, Ippolito excelled at middle, strong side and weak side linebacker spots. "When things weren't going well he was the guy we could count on," coach Bill Ellinghaus said.



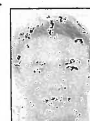
Jon Kelso, Willowbrook

It's tough to figure out which side of the ball benefitted more from Kelso's impact. Whether it was at receiver or defensive back, few were better this season. "His numbers do not do justice to the impact he had on the football game," coach Nick Hildreth said. The 5-foot-10, 180-pound senior earned all-West Suburban Gold honors. He tied a program record for receptions in a game with 11 and touchdowns catches in a game with four. For the season Kelso caught 50 passes for 848 yards and 7 scores. Defensively, he had 40 tackles, 5 interceptions and defended 15 passes.



Jimmy Kenneally, IC Catholic

This 6-foot-1, 235-pound senior started on both sides of the line the last three seasons. ICCP's lineman of the year and both a two-time Class 3A all-state honorable mention and Metro Suburban Blue all-conference choice, Kenneally was ICCP's "Pancake King" at right tackle. He made 32 pancake blocks keying the Knights' ground game. He played strongside defensive end and finished with 82 tackles, including 17 for loss with 8 sacks, 14 hurries, 5 caused fumbles, 2 recovered and 3 passes defended. Explosive, consistent, tough, smart and a two-

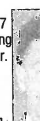


For three years Mueller thrived at linebacker for the Falcons. Even as a sophomore he showed he belonged. "He's always been a physical kid," coach Joe Wardynski said. "He's always been able to play at this level." Instead of accepting one of his numerous scholarship offers, the 6-foot-2, 225-pound senior will walk on at Northw. What stood out this season was Mueller's improved athleticism and his ability to go line-to-sideline. He made 56 tackles, incl solos and 2.5 for loss. "He was consistent every single week," Wardynski said.



Donny Navarro, Neuqua Valley

The 5-foot-10, 180-pound receiver progressed from making 7 receptions last season to catching a Valparaiso offer his senior year. A unanimous all-DuPage Valley Conference selection, Navarro caught 45 passes for 677 yards and 4 touchdowns while leading Neuqua Valley in punt and kickoff return yardage. He averaged a team-high all-purpose yards. Elusive, precise runni routes and fearless going across the mi Navarro caught 7 passes for 137 yards 52-yard touchdown play against Lake P; set a Wildcats record with 10 receptions Naperville Central, for 134 yards. "He w our spark on offense all year long," coar Ellinghaus said.



Honorable mention

D.J. Anderson (Hinsdale South, sr., DB), Joe Backe (Neuqua Valley, sr., OL), Matt Bjorson (Hinsdale Central, jr., TE), Dylan Butts (Fenton, sr., RB-DL), Freddie Clay (Willowbrook, sr., DB-WR), Darrius Conrad (Addison Trail, sr., WR-DB), Shane Conway (Glenbard North, sr., QB), Ben Cooney (Benet, jr., DB), Jack Crouch (Glenbard South, jr., QB), Nick D'Ambra (Glenbard South, jr., LB), John D'Angelo (Benet, sr., DL), A.J. Deinhart (Naperville Central, jr., RB), Matt Dohse (Wheaton Warrenville South,

sr., QB), Josh Dominiak (Waubonsie Valley, jr., LB), Marty Dosen (Benet, sr., RB-WR), Bryce Effner (Metea Valley, jr., OL), Andrew Felix (Addison Trail, sr., LB), Brian Foley (Hinsdale Central, sr., OL), Jackson Goleash (Glenbard West, sr., DB-LB), Jake Julian (Waubonsie Valley, sr., DL), Joe Keys (Downers Grove North, sr., DB), Ben Loutsis (Metea Valley, sr., WR), Ryan Marrano (Naperville North, jr., LB), Chris McCoy (York, sr., DL), D'myreo Mitchell (Glenbard North, sr., LB), Zach Netchin (Glenbard

East, sr., LB), Greg Newsome (Glenbard North, jr., WR-DB), Devonte Pascal (West Chicago, sr., RB-LB), Matt Paulauskas (Lake Park, sr., DL), Joe Perilli (Glenbard North, sr., OL), Peter Pigatti (Hinsdale Central, sr., DL), Alex Pihlstrom (Glenbard West, sr., TE), Kemon Reese (IC Catholic, so., OL-LB), Mitch Reyes (Metea Valley, sr., DL), Isaiah Robertson (Neuqua Valley, sr., WR-DB), Michael Ross (Montini, sr., OL-DL), Luke Sacksteder (York, sr., LB), Khalil Saunders (IC Catholic, so., WR-DB), Matt Sutton

(IC Catholic, sr., WR-DB), Harrison Taylor (Academy, sr., RB-DB), Payton Thorne (Metea Valley, sr., RB-LB), Luke Turner (Naperville Central, sr., RB-LB), Marc Vatch (Lake Park, sr., OL), Robert Vit Catholic, sr., OL-DL), Danny Walker (Wheaton North, sr., LB), Bob Wall (Wheaton North, sr., OL), Washington (Downers Grove South, sr., DL), Tanner Westwood (Waubonsie Valley, jr., LB), Aaron Woods (Hinsdale South, sr., DL), Ja (Neuqua Valley, sr., OL).

Veronique Robins names 88's Best for November

Veronique Robins has been named as Addison Trail's November recipient of 88's Best recognition for her highly improved performance. Robins, a senior, was recognized during the Nov. 14 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Throughout her four years at Addison Trail, Robins has demonstrated how drive and attitude can shape a person, and she has taken charge of her future. She has faced many challenges in her life, but has surpassed them and succeeded in building a positive future for herself. Robins decided to challenge herself academically her junior year and enrolled in Spanish III Honors, along with two of the most difficult Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses available at Addison Trail. Robins will be the first person in her family to attend college, and she uses that goal to motivate and push herself. Robins credits her godmother and guardian, Juliette Shular-Conrad, for helping her stay focused on school when times were tough.

"Robins is an exceptional young lady, who is very driven," said Kevin Redding, Director of Guidance. "What most impresses me about Robins is she stands strong in the

face of adversity. She is a very resilient student, who has overcome some obstacles in her life and continues to work hard in school, despite those challenges. I have no question Robins will have success in her future endeavors."

Amy Ferraro, English teacher and Department Chair, agreed.

"Robins is a wonderful young lady," Ferraro said. "She was in my AP Language class as a junior, and she was an excellent student - a constant contributor to discussions, consistent with her assignments, eager to ask for help and give extra effort. She did so well, I never would have known she was a student who had struggled at one point. I suppose that is the highest compliment I can give her, and it proves how worthy she is of this honor. If she had a rough patch early on, she certainly didn't use it as a crutch, and she faced the challenges of junior year head on."

On top of the 20 hours a week she puts in at her job, Robins is busy outside of the classroom as well. She is involved in track and field, Interact Club, UNICEF Club and Black Student Union (BSU).

In her free time, Robins enjoys reading and writing - her passion is

writing (especially short stories and poetry), and she hopes to use that as part of her profession one day.

"Robins is a pleasure to have in class each and every day," said Colleen Kane, math teacher. "I greatly appreciate her positive attitude and sense of humor, as do her classmates. She is hardworking and determined to do her best at all times. Her maturity and the sense of responsibility she feels to always do her best are truly admirable. I discovered her love of reading while she was in my geometry class. I offered to lend her some of my favorite books, as the library book on her desk each day changed so frequently. She gladly accepted my offer, and throughout the school year, she read nearly every book I own. I honestly couldn't get them to her fast enough! Robins deserves this award, and her efforts to maintain good grades are seen daily. I will definitely miss her after she graduates."

Planning to double-major in business management and writing, Robins hopes to attend Illinois State University or Northern Illinois University. Her future goal is to write her own plays and open her own production company in Chicago or New York.



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Pictured here with Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden is senior Veronique Robins, who has been named as Addison Trail's November recipient of 88's Best recognition.

Village of Addison, District 88 offer special salutes

American Education Week, School Board member day recognized

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

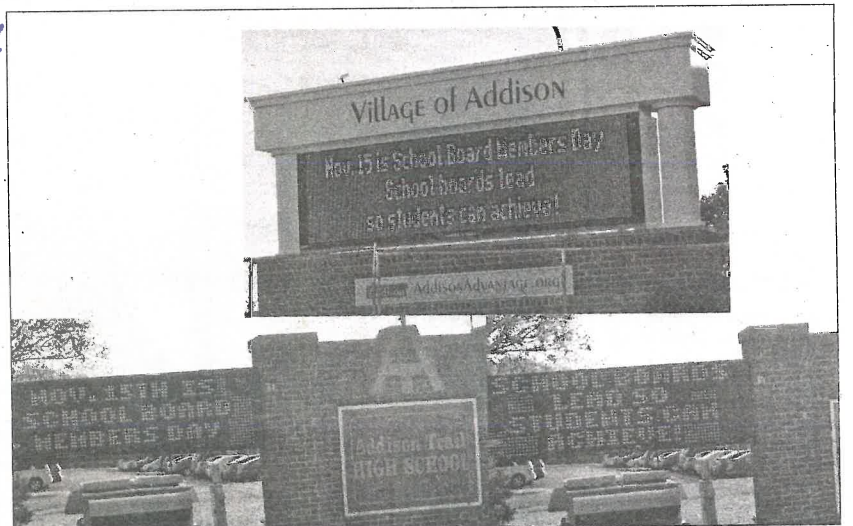
It truly "takes a Village" working together to build positive futures for the students of District 88 and perhaps no one knows that better than District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton.

"It takes involved parents/guardians, engaged students and community members, knowledgeable Board of Education members and

dedicated and passionate staff," Helton said in the most recent newsletter from Dist. 88. "This week was a tremendous opportunity to recognize our Board of Education and staff members for all they do, as we celebrated American Education Week from Nov. 14 to 18 and School Board Members Day on Nov. 15."

The Village of Addison and Addison Trail High School honored these events by posting messages on the marquees. A special ceremony acknowledging American Education Week and School Board Members Day was held during the Nov. 14 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

To watch the program, visit dupage88.net/site/page/6164.



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Pictured are the marquees at Village Hall and at Addison Trail High School saluting American Education Week from Nov. 14-18 and School Board Members Day on Nov. 15.

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and Wisconsin.

After the original lawsuit was filed last September, U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez said he felt confident in the legality of the rule, referring to the lawsuit as "a partisan and obstructionist tactic."

He further noted that over the years, overtime protections have receded. While in 1975, they applied to 62 percent of U.S. full-time sala-

ried workers, but just seven percent today.

"The overtime rule is designed to restore the intent of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the crown jewel of worker protections in the United States," Perez said in September. "I look forward to vigorously defending our efforts to give more hard-working people a meaningful chance to get by."

Village tree-lighting coming Friday

Ring in the holiday season with the lighting of the Addison Village Christmas Tree on Friday, Dec. 2 from 5-9 p.m. at Village Hall. Enjoy caroling by local school children, sleigh rides, a Living Nativity, visits with Santa and more. The schedule is as follows:

5-7 p.m.: Visits with Santa - be sure to bring your camera!

5-9 p.m.: Sleigh Rides - stops at Addison Historical Museum and a Living Nativity Scene (with live camell!)

in front of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

7 p.m.: Tree Lighting Ceremony - featuring caroling by groups from Lake Park and Stone elementary schools, and Addison Trail High School Shades of Blue

8 p.m.: On with the Lights!

8-9 p.m.: Visits with Santa continue...

Special thanks to Muggs 'n Manor, Kiwanis Club, Clyde's Delicious Donuts, Knights of Columbus and St. Paul Lutheran Church

Addison Trail collects 124 units at recent blood drive

On Nov. 10, 152 Addison Trail students, staff and community members participated in a blood drive at the school to donate blood for LifeSource.

The event collected 124 units of blood. According to LifeSource, each unit of blood collected supports three lives, which means this event could help save 372 lives.

Thanks in part to the blood drives

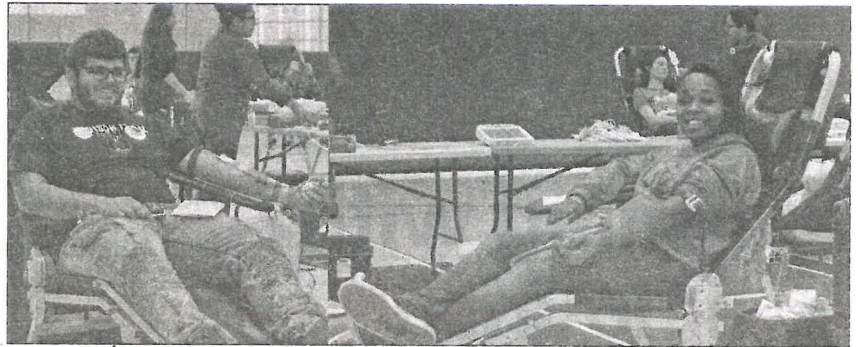
hosted at Addison Trail, the Addison community has been ranked as No. 13 on LifeSource's Top Donors list for 2015-16.

Blood donations are accepted at any of the LifeSource donation centers, and an appointment can be made by calling 877-543-3768 or registering online at www.lifesource.org. Use code G417 when donating.



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On Nov. 10, Addison Trail hosted a blood drive to benefit LifeSource. (above: Josh White from Transparent Container, (top right) Addison Trail junior Cristobal Torres Cano and Addison Trail senior Veronique Robins donate blood. (right) Addison Trail seniors (from left) Luis Miranda, Jaylene Mejia, Ivetta Adamczyk and Erik Medina enjoy a snack after donating blood.



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.

• 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.

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

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.cfsites.org.

• Active Adults Senior Club

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

• TOPS meetings held on Friday mornings

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

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Finishing with a flourish

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Practice does make perfect.

Just ask Addison Trail-Willowbrook sophomore girls swimmer Elissa Haake. Through a lot of hard work, Haake walked out of the recent IHSA girls swimming state finals with a pair of Top 10 state finishes in the 100 and 200.

Haake took ninth in the 200 (1:52.90) and was 10th in the 100 (52.44). She became the first swimmer in program history to earn a pair of Top 10 finishes at the state meet.

That hard work during practice came up aces for Haake in the 100 this season. "I worked a lot on my turns and my underwaters," she said. "Those were some of my weaknesses and I focused on them with coach (Tara) Murphy and it really helped me become a lot faster in the 100. I'm swimming at a different pace. I had a different approach and added technique."

Heading into the season, Haake's previous fast time was a 53.1 in the event. She lowered that to a 52.0 this season.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook sophomore swimmer Elissa Haake logs pair of Top 10 finishes at state meet

Haake ended up being a quick study in the 200. She previously had focused on the 50 in addition to the 100.

"I learned a lot about the 200," she said. "I changed to the 200. During the club season my club coaches realized I was way better at it. It's a different race where you hold your pace instead of an all-out sprint. In the 50 there is less room to fix something. In the 50 if you mess something up such as a start or turn you are done. Everything matters. The 200 builds up to a sprint. You start out strong and then you finish as fast as you can. I made quite an improvement in the 200. I swam the 200 at conference last year and was hoping

to break two minutes. I wasn't even close to the IHSA cut. I did it in club and got a lot better."

Haake got her 200 time down to 1:52 this season. "I dropped about eight seconds over the course of a year," she said. "That's kind of crazy. Last year I couldn't make the state cut and this year I got ninth in the state. That's crazy to think about."

Haake has no complaints about how her sophomore season unfolded. "I am very happy and proud that I got as far as I did this season," she said. "Making the Top 12 was a goal for myself and I accomplished the goal. It's an amazing feeling. It's crazy to have a dream and have it fi-

nally come true."

Haake swims in the off-season for the West swimming club out of Hinsdale, the same club that produced AT-Willowbrook state-champion Kelly McNamara (butterfly). McNamara also earned two state medals in the same season, but was part of a relay team that took 12th. No AT-Willowbrook swimmer has ever earned a pair of Top 10 state finishes in the same year.

"I'm absolutely going to keep working during the offseason and keep trying for personal bests and get faster," she said. "I'm going to make some more goals next year and hopefully I can have even better results."

Fenton boys basketball team begins new era under coach Taft

Bison return two starters from last year's team

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

New Fenton boys basketball coach Chaz Taft inherited a team that was far from bereft with experience.

The Bison return nine seniors from last year's team that went 7-19 overall. In that group are returning starters Bryan Larsen (6-1, F-G, Sr.) and Javier Sanchez (5-9 G, Sr.).

Taft, the former head coach at South Elgin High School, also is expecting key contributions from the likes of Tyler Santagata (6-2, F, Sr.), Bryan Andrade (6-1, PG, Sr.), Ethan Guerra (6-0, G-F, Sr.), Nick Schaub (6-3, F, Sr.), Andrew Hill (6-1, G, Jr.) and Dimitri Milano (5-10, G, Jr.).

"I like how close this group is," said Taft. "It's a tight-knit group of guys. They like playing with each other on and off the court. That goes a long way when you are trying to build a team and a program."

Taft, a Fenton alum, said the squad, which kicked off the season at the Johnsbury tournament last week in northern McHenry County, will utilize a motion offense. "The kids have picked it up great," the coach noted. "I like what we are doing offensively."

A man-to-man scheme will be part of the defensive plan. "This group is great with how hard they play," said Taft. "They are

scrappy and love diving for loose balls. It's a fun group to coach."

Taft added his long-term goal of building the program at Fenton includes much smaller short-term goals.

"We're taking it a day at a time," he said. "It's a process with them. We're concentrating on getting each of them improved on a daily basis."

Taft said the transition to a new coach has gone without any hiccups. "So far so good," he said. "The transition has gone real well. We had our Bison scrimmage that included the cheerleaders and a faculty game and that was excellent. We can't stop there. We're going to keep going and keep adding in new things and keep building this program."

Having veterans such as Larsen and Sanchez back in the fold has been a major help for Taft. He noted Larsen, Sanchez, Guerra and Hill are captains this season.

"Bryan is great," the coach said. "He's a three-year varsity player who has great composure on the court. He doesn't get rattled. When stuff doesn't go our way he's there for the guys. He's a good leader. He drags you with him."

Fenton will again compete in the Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division with the likes of Riverside-Brookfield and Glenbard South.

"The kids have worked hard to this point," he said earlier last week. "We're excited to get the season going and get some games under our belt."

Addison Trail girls basketball team finishes second at tournament

Blazers bolstered by contributions of many

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

After a slow start, the Addison Trail girls basketball team found its footing at the recent Addison Trail-Fenton tournament.

The Blazers opened the tournament with a 42-30 loss to tournament-champion Lane Tech. Addison Trail then defeated fellow West Suburban Conference Gold Division entrant Leyden 49-47, followed by wins over Elgin (49-33) and Fenton (55-27). Addison Trail and Lane Tech both finished 3-1, but Lane Tech won the tournament on a tiebreaker.

"We played pretty well," said Addison Trail coach Rob Schader, who noted the team played without returner Diamond Pikulyk for the first two games due to injury. "I was a little disappointed with the defensive effort at times. It hurt us in the first game (loss to Lane Tech). In the second game it was a little off, but

we cleaned some things up. We still have a ways to go with that but we are getting better."

Schader saw numerous highlights on the offensive end. "Our transition offense is really good," he said. "We did a nice job rebounding at times and pushing the tempo. Our pressure was pretty good and we hit shots when we needed to. We hit some free throws down the stretch against Leyden."

Vincenza Zaccaro's 3-pointer late in the Leyden game proved to be the game-winner. "We were down by two and she hit the three and we got up by one with 15 seconds left," said Schader. "We called a timeout and got set up on defense and got them to turn the ball over with four seconds left. Nicci (Scorza) hit a free throw and we won."

Schader was impressed with Pikulyk's two games she played. "She came into the season looking good. She had run cross-country and has honed her game on offense and defense," he said. "She really played well."

Willowbrook girls basketball team defeats Shepard

Warriors' girls bowling team competes in first invitational

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls basketball team competed in the recent Marist invitational.

The Warriors recorded a 53-30 win over Shepard. Willowbrook led 11-9 after the first quarter and 28-12 at halftime.

Kelsie Kraabel led Willowbrook with 21 points on 9-for-17 shooting. She hit three 3-pointers and also had three assists. CeCe Lizasuain scored 13 points on 6-for-10 shooting. Hannah Konrath added 10 points (2 three-pointers) and also had four rebounds. Maureen Schmidt had nine rebounds. Grace Chantos had four assists and four rebounds. Willowbrook out-rebounded Shepard 42-35.

The Warriors also dropped a 64-

30 game to Marist and a 67-32 game to Plainfield East.

In a 57-43 loss to Crete-Monee at Marist, Willowbrook trailed 19-12 after the first quarter and 34-20 at halftime.

Kraabel led the Warriors with 14 points. Konrath added eight points and Shannon Knudson had six points. Kraabel also had five rebounds and Chantos had three as-

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Fenton girls basketball team sees positives out of the gate

Bison return six players from last year's team

By Mike Miazga

CORRESPONDENT

While the Fenton girls basketball team may have gone 0-4 at the recent Fenton-Addison Trail tournament, longtime coach Tim Anderson was pleased with how his team progressed to start the season.

"I'm not disappointed because we are looking for progress and we saw it along the way," he said. "Elgin and Leyden both finished 2-2

and Addison Trail and Lane Tech probably were the two strongest teams. We weren't too far behind. We're definitely moving in the right direction. Things are upbeat. The record doesn't mean anything to me. We have conference starting up soon and it's definitely going to be a tough climb, but we're going to be ready to play."

Fenton returns six players from last year's team. "We're anxious to see what further improvements we are going to see," said Anderson. "It's always interesting. It takes the first two weeks to figure out which way we are going to go and what characteristics we are going to take on as a team. I'm pleased with our

defense and rebounding."

Anderson noted Fenton out-rebounded all four of its opponents in the tournament.

"And we have absolutely no size," he said. "We held Leyden to four offensive rebounds and Addison Trail to nine offensive rebounds. I was really pleased with the rebounding. It was kind of the 'X' factor. We're also putting a huge emphasis on defense. 'Defense has been a complete improvement over the last year,' he said. "The defense and rebounding have been the two biggest bright spots collectively."

Fenton averaged around 29 points per game in the tourna-

ment. "We're still trying to figure out where our points are coming from," said Anderson. "We have to find out who is going to replace Courtney Susmarski (Fenton leading scorer last year). We'll get there. What we do know is the girls are willing to play defense and hustle and there is a certain sense of satisfaction even if the ball doesn't go in."

Ashley Lira was named to the all-tournament team. "Ashley really helped us on defense," said Anderson. "She is such a great athlete. She does a lot of the little things for us on defense."

Anderson also was pleased with the guard play from Danielle Sha-

waluk, Mackenzie Miller and Jezalyn Tapia. "We put a lot of pressure on the guards," he said. "They did well. We're looking to do things like trap. Every game we are getting better. An 0-4 record doesn't mean anything in terms of what we're seeing. We struggled offensively in only one of the four games, but we kept battling and playing defense. We didn't hang our head because we knew we were in there giving it our best. Those sound like clichés, so be it. We believe with our defense and the other good things going on out there that if the ball starts falling in the hole, things are going to work out for us."

IC Catholic Prep football team wins state championship

Knights close out perfect campaign with another blowout victory

By Mike Miazga

CORRESPONDENT

Perfection!

Domination!

Those are the two words that sum up the IC Catholic Prep football team's 2016 season.

The Knights put the bow on a perfect 14-0 season with a 43-0 victory over Carlinville in the Class 3A state football title game held at Memorial Stadium on the grounds of the University of Illinois in Champaign.

It was IC Catholic Prep's third state title. The Knights also won state crowns in 2002 and 2008. Head coach Bill Krefft has now won state titles as a player and coach at IC Catholic Prep. He was a lineman and co-captain on the 2002 state-championship team. Krefft also was an assistant coach on the 2008 title team.

In the win against Carlinville, the Knights were their usual dominating

selves, out-gaining their opponent 475 yards to 190 yards despite Carlinville running seven more offensive plays.

IC Catholic Prep ran for 333 yards on the ground on only 34 carries and also had 142 passing yards. Carlinville also held the ball longer than IC Catholic Prep (25:35-22:25) yet scored no points.

Jordan Rowell led the Knights with a Class 3A state-championship game record 270 rushing yards on 26 carries (10.4 yards per carry). He scored three more rushing touchdowns and added a fourth on a pass reception to share a Class 3A state record for most touchdowns in the championship contest (4).

Rowell finished the season with 2,295 rushing yards and 37 rushing touchdowns. He finished the year with 42 total touchdowns. The 42 touchdowns in a season places Rowell in the Top 10 in state history all-time.

Luke Ricobene completed 9 of 17 passes for 142 yards and three touchdowns.

Lazerick Eatman caught three passes for 53 yards and a touchdown. Matt Sutton caught two passes for 41 yards and a touchdown while Rowell had a fourth touchdown via a reception. He finished with two catches for 28 yards and the one score. Khalil Saunders had two catches for 20 yards.

Sutton started the scoring with a 37-yard touchdown reception from Ricobene with 11:09 to play in the first quarter.

After IC Catholic Prep recovered the ensuing kickoff, Eatman, on the very next play, caught a 28-yard TD from Ricobene with 11:00 to play in the first quarter to give the Knights a 15-0 lead.

Rowell added touchdown runs of 20 and 14 yards in the first quarter and the Knights, just like that, led 29-0 after 12 minutes of action.

Rowell rounded out the scoring with a 22-yard touchdown reception from Ricobene in the third quarter and a 78-yard touchdown run with 54 seconds remaining in the third.

Sam Buffo kicked five extra

points and Rowell ran in a two-point conversion on the Knights' first touchdown of the day.

No IC Catholic Prep scoring drive took more than five minutes. Five of the Knights' six scoring drives took under two minutes each. With the exception of an 11-play, 66-yard drive that took 4:18, the Knights other scoring possessions lasted four plays, one play, six plays, five plays and four plays.

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sists. Kraabel sank three 3-pointers, while Konrath had two 3-pointers. Willowbrook shot 6-for-12 from the 3-point line.

In a 44-37 loss to Rich Central, Lizaasua had 11 points. Knudtson and Schmid each had six points. Knudtson also pulled in nine rebounds and had three steals. Willowbrook led 12-8 after the first quarter and trailed 22-16 at halftime.

Willowbrook girls bowling

The Willowbrook girls bowling

team took 15th out of 24 teams at the recent Plainfield Central invitational. Jordan Tiberi led the Warriors with a 996 series for six games. Her high game was 219. Katie Pettinger added an 873 with a high game of 213.

Willowbrook recorded an 886 in its last game, which was the third-highest score for that game.

The Warriors hosted their own Willowbrook quad earlier this week where York, Morton and Metea Valley also competed.

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Addison Trail's Colton Noel drives around Fenton's Tyler Santagata during the Blazers' 50-45 victory in Bensenville.

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BY ORRIN SCHWARTZ
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Nobody had Montini what he had last time the Broncos girls basketball team beat Trinity.

The Broncos February's 60-5 supersectional loss with a 66-39 GCA Tuesday in Lombard.

"We've been winning," Montini guard Claudia Montini said. "I've been waiting this whole team for this win just for a good win. We win."

Unlike last season this one was never.

The Broncos scored the first half of the game and took on sophomore 24-point play. Se Bamble's 3-point

Patience triumphs

BY D.J. WANBE
Daily Herald Correspondent

Neuqua Valley Williams considers a work in progress Tuesday night's 1-0 win over Waubesa considered a sign in the early stage

Blazers bounce back

BY KEVIN SCHMIT

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A streak of four strong games to start the season came to a throttling halt for Addison Trail's boys basketball team with Friday's loss to Morton.

The question heading into this week was obvious: How would the Blazers respond?

Despite a mixed-bag performance on Tuesday, Addison Trail's nonconference trip to Fenton came to a positive conclusion with a 50-45 victory in Bensenville.

The Blazers (5-1) will take much-needed momentum into Friday's big West Suburban Gold showdown against unbeaten Willowbrook.

"I think we came out with more energy," said Blazers senior Michael Williams. "When coach calls a timeout

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we all come together and we know the other team is close. We know we have to kick it up some more."

Tuesday's positives for Addison Trail included several moments on the verge of breaking open the game. Fenton (1-6), however, never folded. In fact the Bison crept within a basket multiple times in the third quarter before the Blazers finally sealed the win.

Bryan Larsen scored 8 of his game-high 20 points in the third quarter as Fenton tried to take a lead for the first time. It didn't happen, but the Bison came close when Bryan Andrade was whistled for a charge on a bucket that would have put his team ahead by a point.

Williams responded with

a basket for the Blazers and then scored twice more before the end of the quarter. The run became 12-2 early in the fourth quarter to put Addison Trail ahead 40-30.

"My guys played hard for me," said Fenton coach Chaz Taft. "No matter how down or how up they are during a game, they want to compete. We'll just have to keep coming out and getting after it."

Williams and Colton Noel each scored 14 points for the Blazers, with Bobby Daniels pitching in 8 points and 6 rebounds. Ethan Guerra came off the bench with a pair of 3-pointers and 10 points for Fenton.

"We're going to get a lot of games like this," said Blazers coach Brendan Lyons. "Getting a win and getting that experience in games like this is important for some guys."

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McGrath reaches 1,000-point

BY DAVE OBERHELMAN

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Lisle's first achievement came easy, the second more difficult.

On a free throw 1:09 into Tuesday's Interstate Eight Conference basketball game against Manteno, senior

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forward Mark McGrath scored his 1,000th point in his third year on varsity.

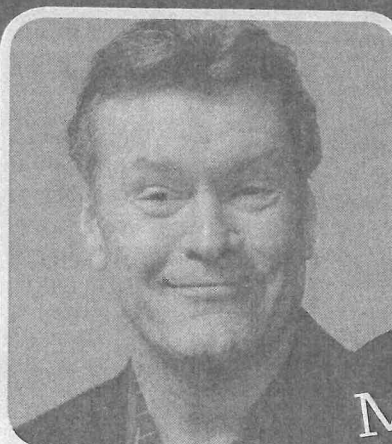
"It's a pretty cool accomplishment. I've been thinking about it for three or four years now, and for the day to finally

come is pretty special," said McGrath, whose landmark was followed by a pause in the game so Lions coach Mark LaScala could award him a commemorative plaque.

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Schuemer, Willowbrook hang on to lead vs. Morton

BY GREGG VOSS

Daily Herald Correspondent

Jumping out to a big first-half lead can be a double-edged sword for a high school basketball team.

Sure, it's nice to have that cushion, but in Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins' words, it's "playing with fire."

And the Warriors could have been burned in a West Suburban Gold tilt Tuesday with Morton had it not been for junior forward Ethan Schuemer.

Willowbrook jumped out to leads of 16-2 and 28-7 in the first half, then had to hold off two furious second-half comebacks by the Mustangs to come away with a 64-52 victory and improve to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in conference.

Through it all, Schuemer was rock-solid, scoring a game-high 28 points, including a perfect 12 for 12 from the free-throw line, while grabbing 14 rebounds, 5 in the offensive end.

It was all in a day's work for the earnest, 6-foot-6

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Schuemer, who's getting Division I collegiate looks from the likes of Belmont and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. But he agreed with his coach that frittering away a big lead isn't exactly a desirable situation.

"Obviously, we had a pretty steady lead and I think our heads were getting a little too high, and we had to slow things down and keep a steady pace," said Schuemer, who's averaging 19.5 points and 9.3 rebounds a game. "Even with that big lead, we have to have the mentality to keep the lead going instead of just trying to finish it out."

Schuemer scored 13 in the first half, igniting runs of 10-0 in the first quarter and 10-2 in the second to take a 30-12 halftime lead. Looking good, right?

Wrong. Employing a press, the plucky Mustangs revolted with a 10-0 run of their own midway through the third quarter to cut the Willowbrook

lead to 36-25 with 3:58 left. Schuemer righted the Warriors' ship with a three-point play with 2:13 left, triggered by a layup off of an offensive rebound.

Schuemer returned the Willowbrook lead to 52-32 with a pair of layups to start the fourth quarter, but then Morton erupted again, this time with an 11-0 run, punctuated by a dunk by senior guard Semaj Jackson off a steal with 4:40 left.

But Schuemer scored 6 of his team's 12 points to end the contest, including going 4 for 4 from the free-throw line. The best Morton could do in the last minute was a pair of buckets from junior guard Vinny Belcaster, who led the Mustangs with 14 points.

"He's definitely our rock," Perkins said of Schuemer. "When things get difficult, that's who we go to. He was our leading scorer and rebounder last year as a sophomore. He's a special player for us. He did what we thought he was going to do. He kind of leads us, and the guards do a good job of finding him."

Tigers defeat Glenbard North

BY STAN GOFF

Daily Herald Correspondent

While Wheaton Warrenville South searches for a little more consistency on offense, it's nice for the Tigers that they can lean on a pretty steady defense.

In Tuesday's DuPage Valley Conference contest with visiting Glenbard North, the Tigers' offense showed flashes of offensive prowess. But it was a strong, steady defense that paved the way to a 46-24 victory.

"They wanted to slow down the pace of the game and

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MacKenzie Stebbins. But they didn't score over the final two and a half minutes as Glenbard North went ahead 8-6 on a pair of baskets from Frankie Malkin.

But the hosts forced 8 Panthers turnovers in the second quarter and used a 15-5 run to take a 21-13 lead at the half. The Tigers' lead grew to 35-16 after three quarters of play as the Glenbard North offense mustered just three points in the quarter.

"We just needed to get

Glenbard North, now 5-4 and 0-3 in the DVC, got its share of good looks, but not enough shots were on target.

"The lead stretched out a little for them, but then we just came out in the third quarter and we couldn't throw it into the ocean," said Panthers coach John Chamberlain, whose team was held back somewhat by foul trouble in the first half to Leah Miller and Lauren Lee. "I've got girls that can shoot the ball, they're just not shooting it right now."

Sarah Struebing knocked down a pair of 3-pointers on

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