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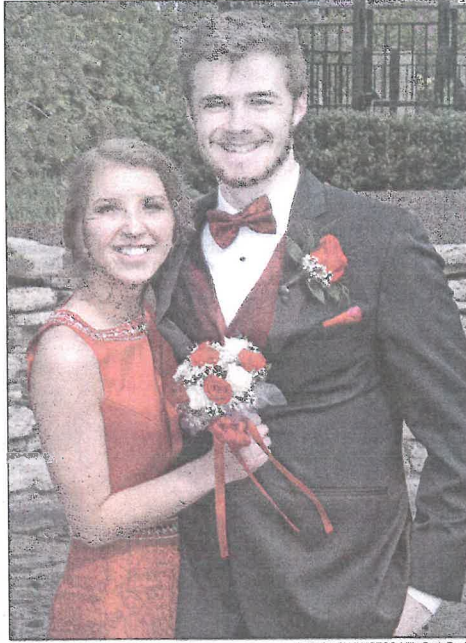
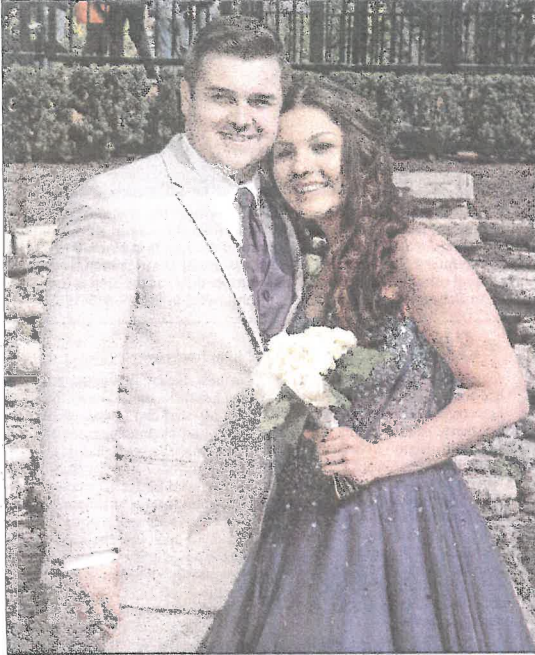
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Looking sharp for the prom

Willowbrook High School held its 2017 prom on Friday at Brookfield Zoo. This year's prom theme was "Masquerade." Before boarding buses from school to the prom, several students visited Lombard's Liliac Park for pre-prom photos. The far left photo shows (left to right) 2015 Willowbrook graduate Thomas Jalszynski and senior Milena Sogura. The left photo shows (left to right) seniors Rachel Wagner and Brendan Waldorf. Pictured bottom left (left to right) are seniors Alec Michaelson, Calvin Linnig, M.J. Ranieri, Mike Dembowski, Jonathan Kelso and Luke Halloran. Pictured bottom right are (left to right) seniors Ally Santelli, Julia Holden, Kiana Gleason and Olivia Hartshorn. This senior queen and king of the prom—Hartshorn and Austin Floistad—were announced later in the evening. Hartshorn and Floistad are both residents of Villa Park.

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State's attorney finds deputy sheriff justified in fatal shooting Officer responded to domestic violence in unincorporated Villa Park

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin announced last week that a DuPage County deputy sheriff was "completely justified in his actions" in the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Trevon Johnson at a residence in unincorporated Villa Park on the night of Jan. 1.

DuPage County Deputy Sheriff Scott Kuschell shot Johnson four times during the incident. Johnson was pronounced dead at 12:05 a.m. on Jan. 2, about 40 minutes after Kuschell responded to a report of domestic violence at the residence. Berlin noted that no criminal charges will be filed against Kuschell.

Berlin issued a statement on April 20 detailing his investigation of the incident.

"Every case involving the use of deadly force by a police officer must be carefully and thoroughly investigated," said Berlin at the beginning of his statement. "Such scrutiny is required to ensure the protection of the civil rights of those involved and to maintain the public's confidence in law enforcement."

Berlin's statement provides a description of the shooting. At 11:26 p.m. on Jan. 1, Kuschell responded to the first of three 9-1-1 calls of a domestic violence incident in progress at 17W747 Standish Lane. In one of the 9-1-1 calls, Johnson's sister reportedly identified Johnson as the assailant

in the domestic violence.

"He's destroyed the whole entire house, he's taking knives, he's got glass and he's pulling all the braids out of my hair," Johnson's sister stated to the dispatcher.

As he approached the residence, Kuschell heard a loud crash, which he believed to be the sound of glass breaking. Kuschell drew his service weapon and was met by a resident of the house who motioned for him to enter. Once inside, Kuschell encountered Johnson's brother, who had also placed a 9-1-1 call. In that call, Johnson's brother told the dispatcher, "My brother's going crazy." He added that

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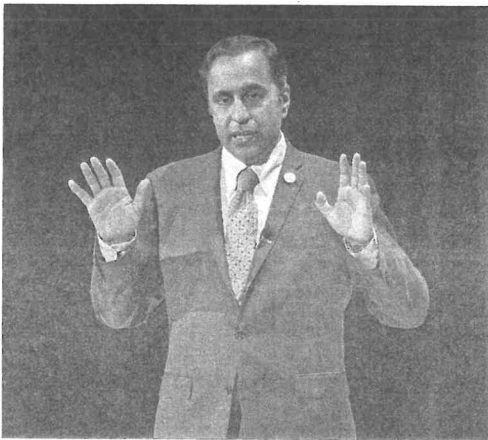


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Congressman visits Villa Park

U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi held a town hall meeting on Saturday morning at Willowbrook High School. Krishnamoorthi (above) is a Democrat who represents Illinois' 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. He responded to comments and questions from constituents during



the 90-minute meeting in the school auditorium. Pictured above at the end of the meeting are (left to right) Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, District 88 Assistant Superintendent Jean Barbanente, Krishnamoorthi and District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton. Krishnamoorthi was first elected to Congress in November. He took office in January. The state's 8th Congressional District includes Villa Park and portions of Lombard and several other communities. Krishnamoorthi's local office is located at 1701 E. Woodfield Road, Suite 704, in Schaumburg. The office's phone number is 847-413-1959.



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District 45 run

The District 45 PTA Council held the ninth annual Just for Fun 5K Run and Kids' 1-mile Fun Run on Saturday. Both races started and finished on the Illinois Prairie Path near the Rugar Gazebo. The photo above shows some of the participants heading east at the beginning of the 5K run. The photo below shows children heading west at the start of the 1-mile fun run. About 150 people took part in the event. The proceeds from the race are divided among the physical education departments of the district's eight schools. The run is held in honor of Bonnie Scahill, a beloved District 45 teacher who passed away in 2013. Scahill's daughter Jeni (bib No. 148, left) is pictured on the starting line of the 5-kilometer run.



•Shooting (Continued from front page)

Johnson was armed with a knife and had been breaking glass and "throwing glass on people."

Shortly after entering the home, Kuschell heard Johnson running down the steps toward him. Johnson reportedly held a pointy object in his right hand as he charged the deputy sheriff. Johnson reportedly held the pointy object, which was raised above his head, as he charged Kuschell. Johnson allegedly refused Kuschell's order to put the object down. Johnson, according to Berlin's report, threw the object at Kuschell.

"Believing that his life and the lives of others in the residence were in danger of death or great bodily harm, the deputy discharged his weapon at Johnson, striking him four times," said Berlin in his statement.

Personnel from the Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District arrived and administered first aid to Johnson, who was transported to Elmhurst Hospital and pronounced dead. Berlin's statement related that subsequent toxicology reports indicated Johnson had THC—the active ingredient in marijuana—in his system at the time of his death.

The residence on Standish Lane where the shooting took place is a townhouse located south of 14th Street and east of Ardmore Avenue.

Berlin said he and his staff's investigation of the incident included the examination of police reports, 9-1-1 calls, witness accounts, statements from those involved, physical evidence, photographs, autopsy and toxicology reports, sheriff's office radio traffic and squad-car video.

The Illinois State Police Crime Scene Services Command processed the scene after the incident. Investigators recovered five spent shell casings from the living room floor. The object Johnson reportedly threw at Kuschell was identified as a sports trophy with a marble base. Investigators also recovered 12 knives—three steak knives, one butcher knife and eight butter knives—from the kitchen counter and sink.

In his statement, Berlin related that the facts of the incident were evaluated

in the context of Illinois law governing the justifiable use of deadly force.

"My staff and I have reviewed the facts and circumstances of the case with special consideration given to the perspective of the officer on the scene," said Berlin. "It is important to remember that police officers are often forced to make split-second decisions about the appropriate amount of force necessary to bring a tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving situation under control."

Berlin's statement added that Johnson's refusal to obey Kuschell's commands to put the object down, followed by Johnson throwing the trophy at the deputy with such force that it broke into two pieces, posed "an imminent unlawful threat of deadly force."

"Given the violent actions of Mr. Johnson, his refusal to obey police commands along with his actions of thrusting and then throwing the trophy at the deputy, the deputy acted lawfully and was justified in using deadly force by discharging his weapon in order to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or other residents of the home," continued Berlin's statement, which described Johnson's actions as "aggravated battery, a forcible felony which involved the infliction or threatened infliction of great bodily harm."

Berlin thanked the Illinois State Police for conducting its investigation of the incident. Berlin also thanked Assistant State's Attorney Bethany Jackson for her assistance.

"In my opinion, the deputy involved in this unfortunate incident made every attempt to reach a peaceful conclusion under very stressful conditions," said Berlin near the end of his statement. "His concern for the safety and well-being of the other residents in the home is a testament to the excellent training that the DuPage County Sheriff's Office provides for their entire force. Unfortunately, Mr. Johnson's failure to obey the deputy's commands and his aggressive, threatening behavior resulted in the deputy discharging his weapon."

Villa Park briefs

Conroy holds another civics conversation

State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) will hold her second "Civics 101" conversation about the legislative process on Saturday, April 29. The event will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Funky Java Coffee House, located at 40 S. Villa Ave., Villa Park.

"Some of the most significant legislation that passes through the General Assembly every year originates as initiatives brought forward by local residents looking to improve their communities and the lives of their neighbors," said Conroy in a statement announcing the event. "I'm looking forward to continuing the conversation in my own community about the variety of ways people can become engaged in the civic process and advocate for causes they believe in."

Conroy's event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact her constituent service office at 630-415-3520, or at repdebconroy@gmail.com.

Whistle While You Walk/Run 5K to be held Sunday at Willowbrook

The Emilio Perez Foundation will hold its third annual "Whistle While You Walk/Run 5K" on Sunday, April 30. The event will begin at 8 a.m. outside of Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave.

The 5-kilometer run/walk honors the memory of Emilio Perez, a member of Willowbrook's Class of 2015. Perez died one day after his 17th birthday, in March 2014. He was struck and killed by a hit-and-run motorist on Interstate 88 in western Illinois.

The entry fee is \$25 per adult. Children 12 and under can participate for free. Willowbrook students are eligible for a two-for-one registration deal. All participants who pre-register will receive a T-shirt.

The funds raised by the event will provide scholarships to Wil-

lowbrook students.

To register online, or to download a printable registration form, visit emilioperezfoundation.com.

Annual Great Western Trail/Prairie Path cleanup takes place Saturday

Villa Park's Community Pride Commission invites residents to take part in the annual cleanup of the village's portions of the Great Western Trail and Illinois Prairie Path. This year's event will take place (rain or shine) from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 29. Residents and members of community clubs and groups are invited to volunteer to pick up litter along the two trails. Volunteers can sign in at the Villa Park Historical Museum, 220 S. Villa Ave. Each volunteer who signs in will be provided with water, snacks, a backpack, rubber gloves and garbage bags.

Rams return to winning form with a trio of victories

Three shutout wins in three days

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Glenbard East girls soccer team reeled off five straight wins to start the 2017 season. The Rams posted all five of those victories during their march to claiming the first-place trophy at Reavis High School's Windy City Classic in March.

The next few weeks weren't kind to the Rams, who went 0-4-1 in their five matches after winning the Windy City Classic's championship contest on March 25. Glenbard East busted out of its rough patch by winning three matches in three days last week.

The Rams began their winning streak with a 2-0 Upstate Eight Valley Conference win over East Aurora on April 20 in Lombard. One day later, Glenbard East earned a 6-0 non-conference win at Proviso West. The Rams secured their third shutout win in as many days with Saturday's 3-0 home triumph over Plainfield Central.

The three straight victories gave the Rams an overall season record of 8-4-1.

"It was a tough couple of weeks," said Glenbard East coach Kent Overbey after Saturday's win. "It was weighing on us, so it was good to

get back on the saddle and grind out three wins. Hopefully we can keep it going."

The Rams moved to 5-0-1 when they played Bartlett to a 2-2 tie in a conference battle on April 4. Two days later, Glenbard East dropped a 2-1 decision to Batavia in Lombard. The Rams' next three losses were all part of the PepsiCo Showdown event. Glenbard East opened that tournament with a 3-0 loss to Lake Forest at Schaumburg's Olympic Park on April 8. The Rams played their next two tournament matches at home; they lost a 1-0 tussle with Downers Grove North on April 13 and suffered a 3-1 defeat against Maine South on April 15.

"The four losses were to four great teams," said Overbey, who noted Lake Forest advanced to the PepsiCo event's first-place match, losing to St. Charles North on Sunday. "Those matches were a growing experience for us. Batavia was the best team we've seen. Bartlett is really good. The loss to Downers Grove North was a great match. It was back and forth. They scored on a corner kick with about three minutes to play."

Senior Alyssa Chiero and junior Katie Hansen scored the Rams' goals in the victory over East Aurora. Chiero scored during the first half, while Hansen headed the ball into the net for a second-half goal. Juniors Mimi Camacho and Mattie Pusateri each provided an assist. Junior Faith Davies minded the goal in the shutout

victory.

The Rams scored two first-half goals and piled on four second-half goals in their win at Proviso West. Senior Dana Plotke joined Camacho in scoring first-half goals. Junior Ali Liljestrand, Chiero, senior Molly Snyder and junior Elizabeth Toledo each provided a second-half goal. Davies shared goalkeeping duties with junior Renee Wesling.

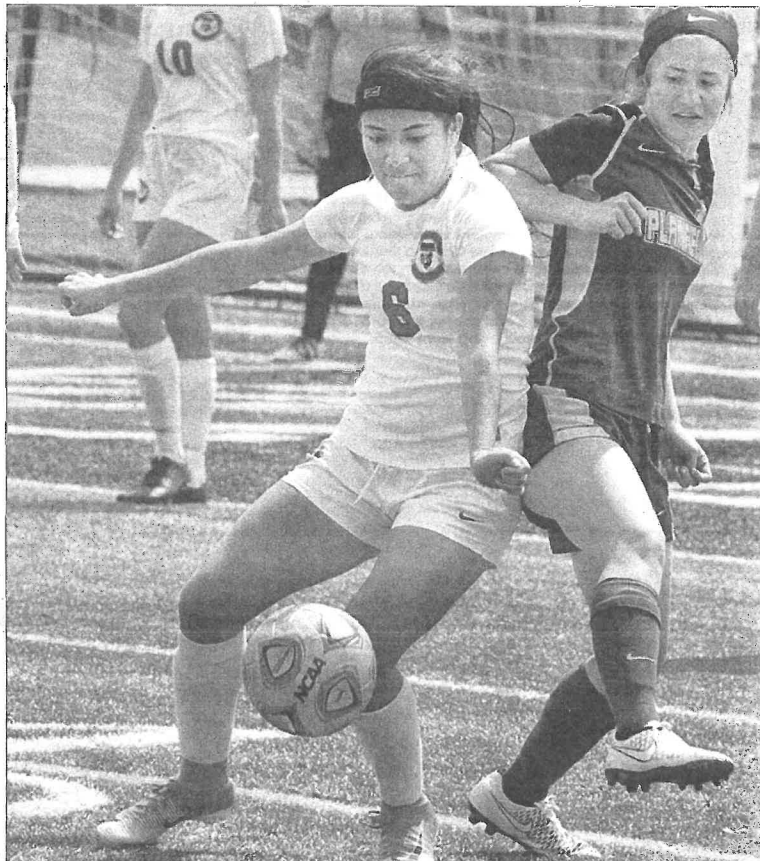
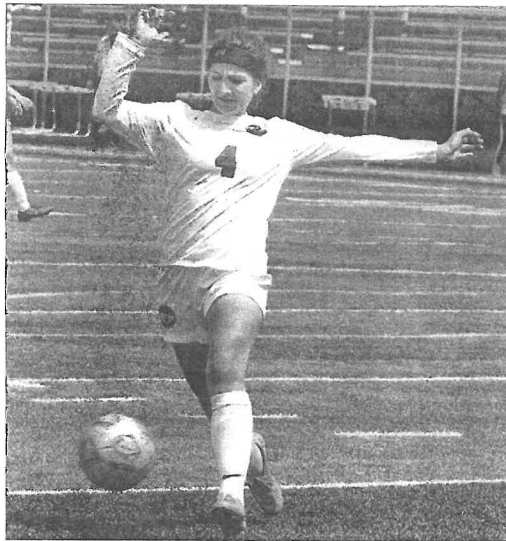
Plotke scored the Rams' only first-

half goal in Saturday's win over Plainfield Central. Camacho assisted the goal with a crossing pass in front of the goal. Toledo scored a second-half goal with an assist from Plotke. Sophomore Lindsey Novak connected for the third goal with an assist from junior Alyse Donato. Davies and freshman Lisa Stranski split the Rams' goalkeeping work in the team's third straight shutout effort.

"Everybody was able to get a

bunch of minutes in each of these last three games," said Overbey after Saturday's win. "Nobody was overworked. We've got another busy week ahead."

Glenbard East's schedule this week includes a conference home match against West Chicago, as well as tonight's local rivalry match at Willowbrook. The Rams will close out their week with this Saturday's match at Glenbard West.

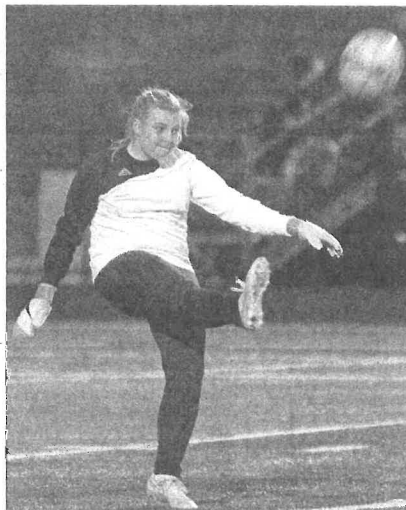


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The Glenbard East girls soccer team rebounded from four straight losses by posting three victories in three days. The Rams began the winning streak with a 2-0 Upstate Eight Valley Conference win over East Aurora on April 20. Glenbard East added a 6-0 win at Proviso West one day later, followed by Saturday's 3-0 home win over Plainfield Central. Junior Elizabeth Toledo (No. 6), who scored one of Glenbard East's goals on Saturday, is pictured above battling for control of the ball during the match. Also pictured in Saturday's contest are senior Paige Taylor (top left-No. 4) and junior Mattie Pusateri (bottom left-No. 23). The three-game winning streak gave the Rams an overall season record of 8-4-1.

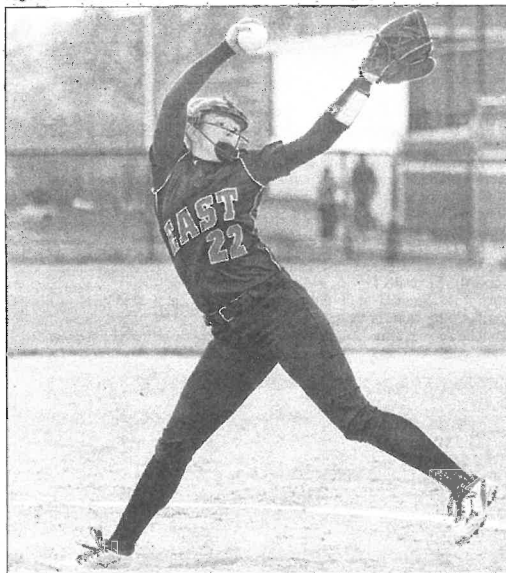


Warriors prevail in a shootout



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Senior goalkeeper Emily Ashman of the Willowbrook girls soccer team is shown punting the ball during last week's West Suburban Gold Conference match against Leyden. The two teams played two scoreless 40-minute halves of regulation, followed by a pair of scoreless 10-minute overtime periods. The Warriors and Eagles settled the April 18 match in a penalty-kick shootout. Willowbrook missed its first two kicks, while Leyden converted both of its attempts. Sophomore Kaleigh Rugg and junior Sarah Poirer both made their shots for the Warriors, while the Eagles missed their next two attempts. Each team missed its fifth attempt, which forced the shootout to a sudden-death round. Both teams missed their sixth attempt of the shootout. Leyden failed on its seventh shot. Willowbrook sophomore Hope Rickord connected for a goal on her team's seventh attempt of the shootout to give the Warriors a victory in Villa Park. While Willowbrook won the shootout 3-2, the final score technically goes down as 1-0. Willowbrook improved to 3-7 overall and 2-1 in conference play. The Warriors and Glenbard East will square off in tonight's non-conference match between neighborhood rivals in Villa Park.



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The Glenbard East softball team snapped a five-game losing streak with last week's 6-3 home win over West Chicago. Junior pitcher Tori Tyler (above-No. 22) struck out 11 batters to earn the victory for the Rams. Tyler and freshman shortstop Alexia Gonzalez (right-pictured in the field) sparked Glenbard East's offense with three hits apiece. Junior Elisa Versetto went 2-for-3 and scored two runs. Junior Danielle Huber (No. 10, pictured below right) went 1-for-3 and drove in one run.



Rams break losing streak with an impressive win over West Chicago

Tyler strikes out 11

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

Glenbard East's softball team ended a five-game losing streak with last week's 6-3 Upstate Eight Valley Conference win over West Chicago in Lombard. The April 21 victory gave the Rams an overall season record of 3-7.

Junior pitcher Tori Tyler struck out 11 batters to earn the victory for Glenbard East. Tyler, who improved her record to 3-6, allowed eight hits and one walk over seven innings. She recorded three strikeouts in the final inning.

"I was pretty confident in my pitches," said Tyler, who was sidelined for most of the 2016 season with an ankle injury. "The pitch that helped me the most was my screwball."

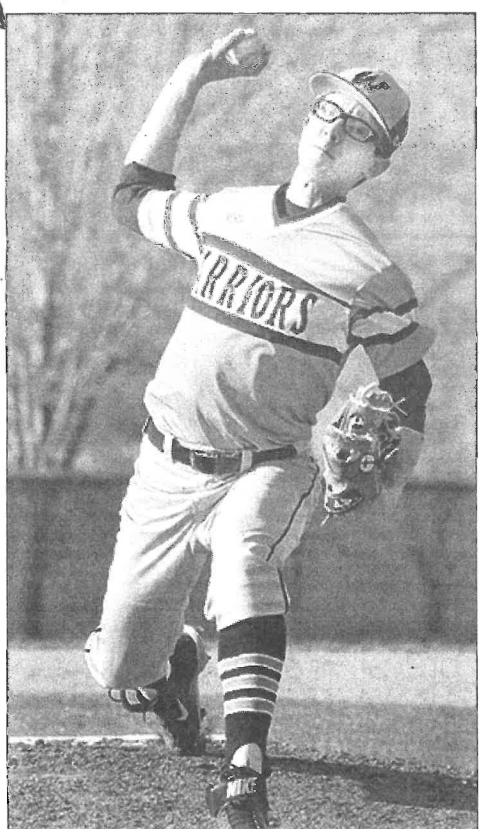
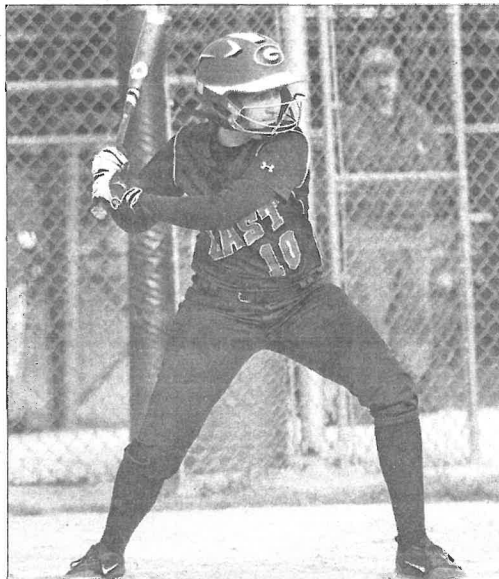
Tyler has an arsenal of six pitches, which she used to throw the Wildcats off guard throughout the game.

"She's strong; she has good command of her pitches when she's on," said Glenbard East coach Dawn Chantos of Tyler. "She has six pitches, and she mixes them up pretty well. They were all spinning tonight. It was a fun game to play and watch."

Chantos coached the Rams in the late 1990s and early 2000s. She stepped aside more than a decade ago and has returned this season. Chantos said this year's team has struggled to produce consistent softball. She said the Rams might deliver solid pitching and hitting in one game, but have a tough day defensively. Chantos was especially pleased with the performance against West Chicago because Glenbard East succeeded in all three fundamental categories.

"We hit all three [pitching, hitting and defense] tonight," she said.

In addition to earning the victory, Tyler went 3-for-4 at the plate. Freshman shortstop Alexia Gonzalez went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs. Junior Elisa Versetto went 2-for-3 and scored two runs, while junior Danielle Huber went 1-for-3 with one RBI.



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Another win for the Warriors

Sophomore Jack Nilles of the Willowbrook baseball team delivers a pitch during last week's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Morton. The Warriors defeated Morton 12-2 in six innings in the April 20 contest in Villa Park. The victory completed Willowbrook's three-game series sweep of the Mustangs. The Warriors improved to 12-1 overall and 4-0 in conference play. Nilles pitched the first five innings for Willowbrook, allowing four hits and two runs. He struck out two batters and allowed one walk. Senior Jonathan Kelso went 3-3 with a pair of triples. He provided three RBIs and scored three runs. Senior Mike Dembowski went 4-for-4 and drove in two runs. Willowbrook's overall record dropped to 12-2 with Saturday's 7-0 loss at Lyons Township. The Warriors' schedule this week includes five conference games—a three-game series against Hinsdale South and a pair of battles against Leyden.



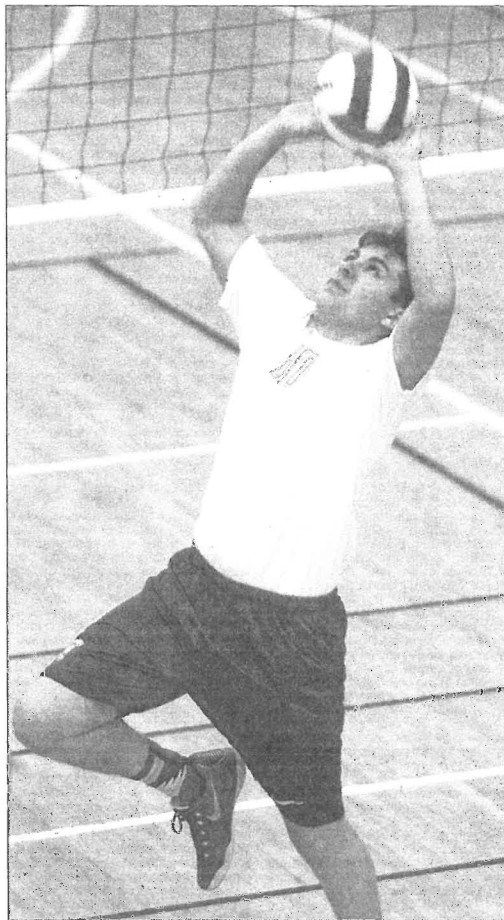
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Special scholarship

Willowbrook senior Patricia Perez was recently named as a recipient of a Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies. The scholarship provides full four-year tuition and housing college scholarships to deserving caddies. Perez, a Villa Park resident, will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She plans to major in accounting. Perez will live in the Evans Scholarship House at the university. According to the Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies website, applicants for the scholarship must have a strong caddie record, an excellent academic history, outstanding character and demonstrated financial need. Finalists for the scholarship go through a rigorous interview process. Perez has been a caddie at Glen Oak Country Club in Glen Ellyn for about five years. She plays golf recreationally. Perez said she was thrilled when she learned she'd received the scholarship. "I was speechless," she said. "It was one of the best days of my life, and I truly appreciate the financial assistance."

Warriors battle York

The Willowbrook boys volleyball team faced York in last week's non-conference contest in Villa Park. The visiting Dukes edged the Warriors 25-22, 27-25. "We're getting better," said Willowbrook coach Ryan Bazon, whose team held leads over York in both games. "We just have to play to win." Junior Nick Cookingham provided 12 assists and seven kills for the Warriors. Senior Calvin Linnig had seven assists and four digs. Linnig is pictured at right setting the ball to a teammate. Junior Tim Keefe (below-No. 11, pictured during a serve) contributed five kills and four digs. Junior Buddy Martens made seven digs. Senior Andy Shreckengost, senior Brendan Waldorf and junior Jake Entwistle each provided three kills. The Warriors played in Downers Grove South's 24-team tournament on Friday and Saturday. Willowbrook moved to the event's Bronze bracket after losing both of its matches on Friday. The Warriors beat Lemont and Oak Lawn on Saturday to advance to the bracket's championship contest. Niles North defeated Willowbrook in the title match. The Warriors' overall season record stood at 8-10 at the end of the tournament. Willowbrook fell to 1-2 in West Suburban Gold Conference play with a three-game loss at Leyden on April 18. The Warriors won the first game, but the Eagles won the next two games to pull out a 20-25, 25-21, 27-25 victory. "I think we're exceeding expectations from what we thought the season was going to be," said Bazon. "We've been improving every day."



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Nomination for February

Willowbrook High School

Tim Wagner

Notable Student Academic Achievements: As a student, Tim has consistently pursued the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook High School. At the conclusion of his high school career, he will have successfully completed ten Advanced Placement courses as well as a multitude of honors courses. Tim has also been recognized as an AP Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, and Distinct Honor Roll member each semester of his high school career. He is also an inductee of Civitas, our Social Studies Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, as well as Tri-M, our Music Honor Society, and Thespians. Student's GPA is 4.

Student Involvement in Activities: Beyond the classroom, Tim is an active member of our school community as part of the Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Showchoir, and Jazz Band. His passion for Music is further identified by his leadership as a Section Leader for Band and Bass Section Leader for Choir. He is also an active member of our Theater Program, having participated in ten productions throughout his high school career, including as a cast member in our recent production of Mary Poppins.

Student Involvement in Community Service: Beyond Willowbrook High School, he has recently completed his requirements to earn Eagle Scout status as a result of his project to assist students with special needs learn to scuba dive. As part of his work with the scouts, Tim also serves as a National Youth Leadership Training program staff trainer. Tim also works closely with the DiveHeart Organization, which is dedicated to providing therapy and treatment to individuals with physical disabilities and war veterans through water based therapy.

Nominated by Daniel Krause, Principal: Tim has demonstrated outstanding leadership in and out of school through his participation in numerous activities, programs, and events and credits his success to the support and encouragement provided by his family and staff. He is driven by a passion to try new things and recognizes his lived experiences further help in his development as a student and person.

Nomination for March

Willowbrook High School

Valentina Poggi

Notable Student Academic Achievements: Valentina consistently pursues the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook High School. At the conclusion of her high school career, she will have successfully completed 7 Advanced Placement courses as well as a multitude of honors courses. She has also been recognized as an AP Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, and Distinct Honor Roll member each semester of her high school career. Valentina also serves as the Treasurer of the National Honor Society, and is an inductee of the National English, Math and World Language Honor Societies as well as Civitas, our Social Studies Honor Society. Student's GPA is 4.

Student Involvement in Activities: Valentina is active throughout Willowbrook High School. She is a Board Member for New Beginnings, providing support and mentoring to Freshman students as they transition to high school. She is a member of the Key Club, Environmental Club, Blue Crew, competes for Science Olympiad, and has previously participated in volleyball and band. Valentina is also a four year member of our soccer program, is the Captain of the team, and has been named as an All-Conference team member.

Student Involvement in Community Service: Valentina is an active member of her community through her volunteer activities as part of Key Club, NHS, Environmental Club, and as a mentor for our current 9th grade students. She has assisted at local food shelters and for Feed My Starving Children.

Nominated by Daniel Krause, Principal: Willowbrook High School senior Valentina Poggi is a role model and leader amongst her peers in the Class of 2017. Beyond an outstanding record of academic and co-curricular achievements, she has an engaging and infectious personality and a tenacious dedication to success. Valentina credits her accomplishments to the support and encouragement provided by her parents and the example set by her Grandmother. She also credits her teachers for helping to cultivate her own desire to set an example and to serve as a role model for others.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**ZACH
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Why Huerta was selected:

Huerta won his singles match in two sets to lead Timothy Christian to a sweep and a dual meet victory against St. Edward on April 25.

It has been a season of change for Timothy Christian tennis. A new-look lineup has led to some ups and downs, while Zach Huerta has transitioned from being a doubles player to the top of the lineup at No. 1 singles. After facing the toughest challenge of the year at the St. Charles East invite April 22, Huerta got back on track with a 6-0, 6-0 win against St. Edward. Huerta, the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week sponsored by Gracik Makinney Real Estate Group, spoke with sports editor Jason Rossi about winning against St. Edward, adjusting to singles play, and more. Here's an edited transcript:

Rossi: How did you feel about your match against St. Edward?

Huerta: I think it went well. I won 6-0, 6-0, but it didn't seem like he was trying too hard so that could've been part of it.

Rossi: What did you do well in that match?

Huerta: I was serving pretty well, so that was good. I've been focusing on that because if the serve is good and your opponent can't get it, then it's easier to win the point.

Rossi: How has conference been going?

Huerta: I think we've won a few more than we've lost, so not as good as last year, but we're getting better.

Rossi: How does this year compare with last year for you?

Huerta: Last year I was fourth doubles and now I'm first singles so it's a lot more challenging.

Rossi: How do you adjust going from playing doubles to singles?

Huerta: It's really hard to adjust to something like that, especially when a lot of the players I'm playing against are ranked, so I try to see what makes them mess up and play to their weaknesses.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Big inning sinks York softball against DGN

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ELMHURST – Kyra Kroll tripled, drove in a run and scored, but York's softball team fell 11-2 against Downers Grove North in a West Suburban Silver game April 24.

Mia Tran had an RBI and Izzy Smith doubled and drove in a run as York scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning, but North erupted for six runs in the top of the fourth.

BASEBALL IC Catholic

Joey Salvi tripled to start the seventh and after two walks Matt Sutton singled to lift the Knights to a dramatic 2-1 win against visiting Riverside Brookfield on April 24. RB had tied it with a run in the top of the seventh.

Brendan Russ pitched the whole game to earn the win. Russ also drove in Christopher West with IC's first run in the fourth.

The Bulldogs won 5-4 April 25 despite two RBIs from IC's John Hoffman and two runs by Paul Morris III.

Timothy Christian

Josh Anderson doubled and drove in three runs, Jimmy Allen and Connor Gwaltney each had a triple, RBI and run, and Jakob Loerop scored twice, but the Trojans fell 9-8 against Ridgewood on April 25.

Willowbrook

Alec Michaelson, MJ Ranieri and Kyle Ferguson each drove in two runs and Jon Kelso scored three times in the Warriors' 7-3 win against Leyden on April 26.

York

Joey Yaeger and Mike Bernal each had three hits, Austin Gelsomino doubled, drove in a run and scored, and Yaeger, Joey Chiappetta and Ryan Ross

each had an RBI, but the Dukes fell 7-5 against Oak Park-River Forest on April 24. OPRF topped York 11-0 April 25.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD York

AJ Mimplitz (11.2 seconds in the 100-meter dash), Charlie Kern (4:17.7 in the 1,600 run) and the 4x100 (44.4), 4x200 (1:32.5) and 4x800 (8:52.6) relays were winners for the Dukes during their quad meet April 21.

Vince Cahill (134 feet, 11 inches) in discus and Cal Widener (52-9) in shot put were field event champs for York.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD IC Catholic

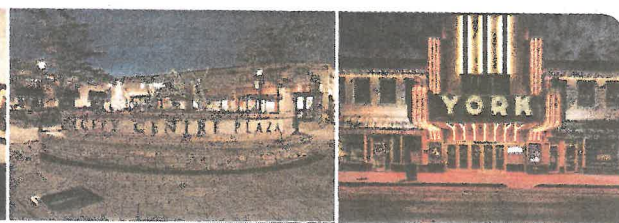
Kiersten King (27.36 seconds in the 200-meter dash), Katarina Vorne (1:06.67 in the 400 dash) and the 4x200 relay team of Mia Valenzuela, Olivia Slavin, Hannah Johnson and King (1:54.71) were winners for the Knights at Glenbard South's five-team meet April 25.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL York

Visiting Hinsdale Central rallied to deal York a 17-25, 25-13, 25-17 loss April 25. Rio Diaz handed out 23 assists for the Dukes (10-6), with Evan Haug (11 kills) and Michael Pennel (seven kills) leading the attack. John Nosek added five kills, Diaz and John Goehl each had two aces, and Zach Hughart (eight digs) and Jack Crowley (seven digs) led the defense.

SOFTBALL IC Catholic

Josie Lytton hit two home runs and a double and finished with three RBIs and three runs scored, but the Knights fell 11-7 against Lisle on the road April 26. Kayla Faber-Cournane had four hits and scored twice for IC.



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Annette Leiber, founder and past president, serves cake at the reception.



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AAG Members Show celebrates 40th anniversary

Bala Thiagarajan displays her Best of Show painting with show judge Maureen Gasek.

ILACP asks Governor to declare Distracted Driving Awareness Week

Effort brings awareness to distracted driving, texting

According to a release issued by the Addison Police Department, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) has asked Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner to declare April 24 - 28 as Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week, in an effort to bring attention to the dangers and consequences association with distracted driving.

The ILACP, in partnership with AAA, and supported by the Illinois State Police, SafetyServe.com, the National Safety Council, the Illinois Insurance Association, almost 300 law enforcement/fire agencies and supporters from the private sector throughout Illinois, will work together during this week to educate motorists on all aspects of distracted driving. This campaign will also in-

clude the enforcement of applicable State distracted driving laws.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):

- 3,477 people were killed and an estimated 391,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2015. That is a 9-percent increase in fatalities as compared to the previous year.

- 10 percent of fatal crashes, 15 percent of injury crashes, and 14 percent of all police reported motor vehicle crashes in 2015 were reported as distraction affected crashes.

- Texting while driving has become an especially problematic trend among millennials. Young drivers, 16 to 24 years old, have been observed using handheld electronic

devices while driving at higher rates than older drivers since 2007.

It's time to drop the double standard on distracted driving - the dangers are real. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety:

- In analyzing 2009-2012 data, that even while more than 8 in 10 drivers believed it completely unacceptable for a motorist to text or e-mail behind the wheel, more than a third of those same respondents admitted to reading text messages while driving.

Just as disturbing, even as fatalities go up, fewer drivers seem concerned about texting while driving. According to Foundation's 2015 Traffic Safety Culture Index, significantly fewer motorists (77%) believed texting while driving is a problem, down from 96 percent in 2013, a 19-point

drop in just two years.

Texting while driving is more than just personally risky. When you text and drive, you become a danger to everyone around you.

SafetyServe.com is offering a short Distracted Driving Online Course, at no cost, during Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week to those who visit the ILACP Traffic Safety Website, www.iddaw.org.

Grant funds will provide manufacturing equipment to train students

According to District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton, the school district received a \$10,000 grant from the TMA Education Foundation on April 17. The grant will allow the District to buy machinery that will give students hands-on experience with equipment used in the manufacturing industry.

The grant will fund a vertical mill (a vertical machining center) for manufacturing courses at Addison Trail. The mill uses rotary cutters to remove material from a workpiece to machine parts to precise sizes and shapes.

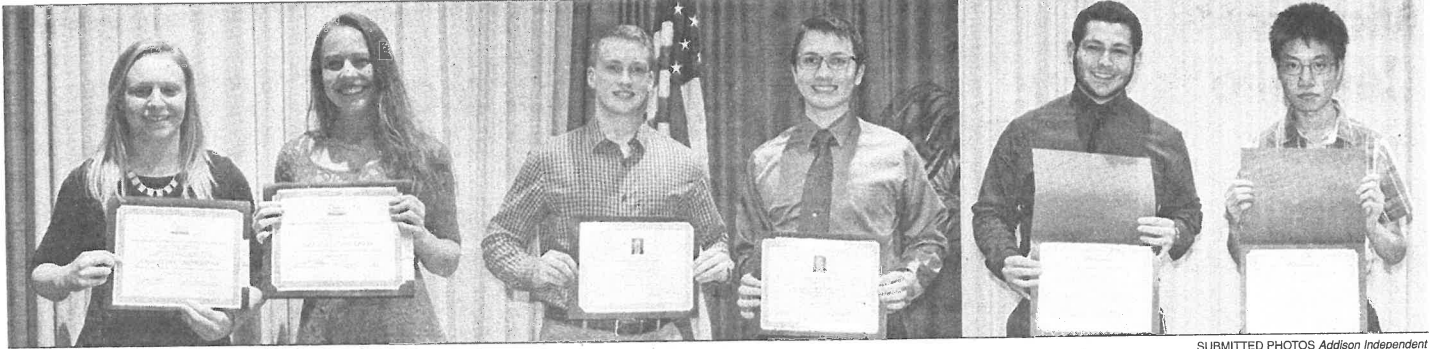
"We know providing these opportunities and exposing students to skills used in the field helps prepare them to be college and career ready and builds successful futures," Helton said.

The TMA Education Foundation is dedicated to improving, sustaining and promoting manufacturing technology education and encouraging the pursuit of careers in the industry.



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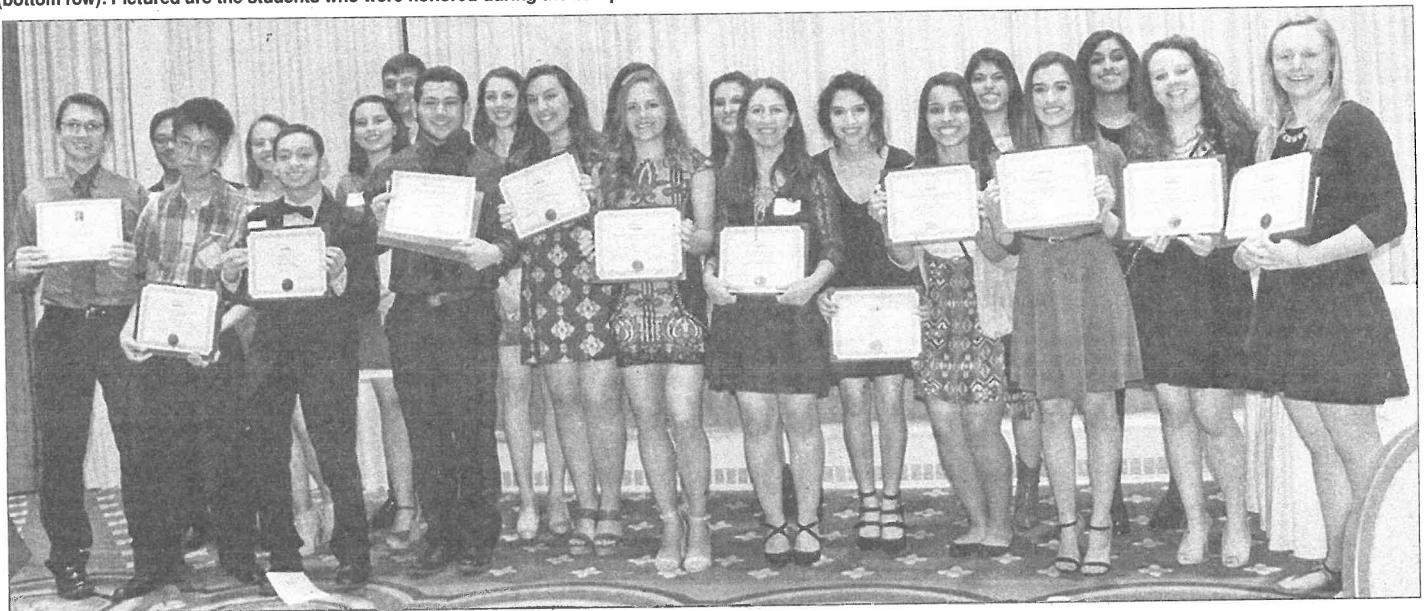
The TMA Education Foundation presents District 88 with a \$10,000 grant to benefit District 88 students. Pictured are (from left): District 88 Director of Technology, Teaching and Learning Dr. Aaron Lenaghan; Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden; TMA Chairman Aaron Wiegel with Wiegel Tool Works, Inc.; Addison Trail Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher Jeff Angle; TMA Education Foundation Treasurer Ryan Wiegel with Wiegel Tool Works, Inc.; District 88 Board of Education Secretary and District 88 Foundation Chairperson Sharon Kucik; Addison Trail CTE Department Chair Juliann Boudouris and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton.



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AT students recognized at Chamber's Honors Banquet

(top row): Pictured are the scholarship recipients who were recognized during the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry's (ACCI) Student Honors Banquet on April 17. They are (from left to right) AT seniors Annalise Morrone and Olivia Czerepko, who were recipients of the ACCI Scholarship; Steven Herigodt and Christopher Latelle, who are attending Illinois Wesleyan University to pursue fire service degrees and were recognized with the AJ LaRocca Memorial Foundation Scholarship; and AT seniors Andrew Felix and Jonathan Loi, who received the Kiwanis Club of Addison Scholarship. Not pictured is Sarah Petrbok, who also received the Kiwanis Club of Addison Scholarship.



Speakers address students, Chamber members

(left): Addison Trail alumnus Tyler Rallo (class of 2011) served as the event's keynote speaker. (center): Addison Trail senior Ryan Cabildo served as the student speaker. (right): ACCI President Robert Anderson congratulates the honorees.

Addison Park District looking for volunteers

Park Pride Recycling event coming

Join Addison Park District for Park Pride at Community Rec Center on Saturday, May 13 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. This day is set aside to prepare the parks for our upcoming season. We will be cleaning up the parks, planting flowers, spreading mulch, spending time as a community beautifying Addison.

Park Pride Recycling Extravaganza 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Park District are partnering with SCARCE for this community-wide event and opportunity to do some spring cleaning at home.

The following items will be accepted:

- Electronics (anything that runs on batteries or has a cord)
- TVs and monitors: \$25 recycling fee for screens 21" and smaller; \$35 for screens 21" and larger (projection-style and tube monitors will NOT be collected)
- Bicycles (working and non-working)
- Eye glasses & hearing aids
- Paper shredding (5 box limit)

For a complete list of items please visit addisonparks.org. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer, call (630) 233-7275 by Friday, May 5. Each registered volunteer will receive a t-shirt and lunch at the Volunteer Appreciation Cookout in Community Park at 11:30 a.m.

SPORTS

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Willowbrook girls badminton team places second at own invitational

Chantos and Konrath both break 20-win barrier in singles competition

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls badminton team had itself a positive outcome during a three-event stretch recently.

The Warriors took care of business in a pair of West Suburban Conference Gold Division matches. Willowbrook swept Morton 15-0 and also swept Leyden 15-0 at home on senior night.

The two wins moved Willowbrook to 12-6-1 overall and 4-1 in WSC Gold play.

At the 10-team Willowbrook Invitational, the Warriors were second. Stevenson won the tournament with 79 points. Willowbrook was second with 69 points.

In the invitational, Grace Chantos was second at No. 1 singles. Hanna Konrath was second at No. 2 singles. Charlotte Dewyer was third at No. 3 singles.

Grace Wachholz won the No. 4 singles title.

Sam Asher and Hannah Hewitt were third at No. 1 doubles. Millie Zachariah and Haily Vogt took second at No. 2 doubles. Luz Alcala and Ashley Garcia were third at No. 3 doubles. Dani Celio and Leksi Daszkiewicz took third at No. 4 doubles. Nice Jenkins and Grace Roucka filled in for another team at No. 4 doubles and finished the day 4-1.

Willowbrook celebrated the badminton careers of seniors Chantos, Asher, Milena Sogura, Ashley Garcia and Hewitt in the 15-0 win over Leyden. "The girls played great, defeating Leyden on all levels," said Willowbrook coach Brandon Murphy.

Through late last week Chantos was 20-9 at No. 1 singles, while Konrath was 21-6 at No. 2 singles.

"As a team we are working on our conditioning and pushing each other



The Willowbrook girls badminton team took second at its own 10-team invitational. Grace Wachholz took first at No. 4 singles for the Warriors.

every day," said Murphy. "We are focusing on game strategy and the little technical things. As the season is in its final stretch, we want to make sure we are focusing on closing out matches, games and points."

Murphy said Willowbrook has been aided by the tough schedule it plays on an annual basis. "The team is really gaining confidence," he said. "As a program, we compete against the top teams in the state and that level of competition starts to shape us. We know we can compete with anyone and that's why we are focusing on finishing."

Beyond Chantos' playing ability, Murphy lauded the senior's leadership skills.

"Grace is a returning state qualifier and has mentored our singles players throughout the season," he said. "Grace is a tremendous athlete who has developed into one of the state's best badminton players. She does all the right things. She has worked with

the younger girls on bringing them up to speed as the state series approaches. She is focusing on making one shot at a time and pushing the pace. Grace is fast and strong, and as a coach I'm trying to make sure she's at her best as she tries to accomplish her goals."

Konrath also has made big strides at the No. 2 singles position. "Hanna is truly something," said Murphy. "She plays with a lot of heart and is a big part of the future of Willowbrook badminton. She has come a long way this season. She went from playing on the freshman team last year to No. 2 on varsity. This is a huge jump, but she has not only accepted the challenge, but has excelled in the role. She has placed in every invite so far and is pushing some of the best players in the area. I believe she is one to watch out for come sectional time. She is a dangerous opponent who will push the competition to exhaustion. I can't wait to watch her com-

pete this postseason and for years to come."

Murphy also likes the progress he's seen on the doubles side of the roster. Doubles players have included Hewitt, Sogura, Asher, Zachariah, Vogt, Alcala, Garcia and Celio.

"The doubles teams still are being worked out," said Murphy. "Throughout the season we've had many different combinations of teams. I believe that by sectionals we will have the best two combinations competing. All these girls have had success throughout the season and are working hard to find a spot in the sectional lineup. I feel confident that the four girls who will represent Willowbrook in doubles at sectionals are going to be ready to play."

Murphy added Sogura, Wachholz and Dewyer also have been key contributors to the team's success this spring.

"Every player has shown much improvement throughout the sea-

son," he said. "Milena has impressed me lately. She has been a different person at practice and in competition. She is a very dangerous doubles player who can put the shuttle on the floor at any moment. I've really liked her effort this past month and the results are starting to show. Grace and Charlotte are sophomores and have been great additions to the varsity. Grace took first at our invite in one of the best matches of the day. She dug deep and found another gear. Since then she has been a different girl. She has more confidence and the shuttle is flying off her racket. She is strong. Charlotte is a smart player who just wins. She is doing some great things and at such a young age. She is going to be one of the top players in the program for the next few years."

Alcala and Garcia have clicked at one of the doubles positions. "Luz and Ashley have been a joy to watch compete," said Murphy. "They complement each other very well and have been racking up wins left and right."

Willowbrook faced York in a WSC crossover match earlier this week ahead of Friday's WSC Gold tournament at Hinsdale South.

"This is a fun group of young ladies that knows how to balance life and sports," said Murphy. "They make things fun, but know how to turn it on when needed. Willowbrook badminton has a strong tradition of excellence and this team has done a great job of carrying the torch. I've been very pleased with the team's progression this year. I believe we are getting better every week and am looking forward to the conference tournament. This season seems to have flown by this year, but we have a few more chances to take the court and demonstrate what we are capable of."

Addison Trail baseball team wins four conference games

Blazers move to 5-1 in WSC Gold play

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The West Suburban Conference Gold Division race in baseball is heating up.

Addison Trail racked up four recent conference wins to move to 5-1 in Gold Division play. The Blazers are in the upper tier of the division along with division unbeaten Willowbrook and Downers Grove South (2 conference losses). Addison Trail

is scheduled to play a three-game series with Downers South this week and will face Willowbrook next week in a three-game series, which includes a Friday night game at Benedictine University in Lisle.

The Blazers were 3-2 winners over Hinsdale South to complete that series. Addison Trail found itself down 2-1 heading into the bottom of the seventh. Trevor Fulmer's RBI single tied the game and then Mitch Gomez drew a bases-loaded walk to give the Blazers the win.

"Hinsdale South was a very exciting win," said Addison Trail coach Mike Kennedy.

Nick Villasenor, Addison Trail's

staff ace, went 5 2/3 innings before reaching his pitch count. He allowed one earned run, while striking out nine and walking only one.

Addison Trail also swept a three-game Gold Division series from Proviso East by scores of 16-0, 18-3 and 12-1.

The Blazers finished last week with an 8-2 WSC crossover loss to Glenbard West, which snapped a six-game winning streak.

Addison Trail found itself 8-6 overall heading into this week.

"Our play in conference has been really good," said Kennedy. "We're playing well heading into the Downers Grove South series. It's helped us

big-time. These are an important two weeks coming up for us."

Kennedy has seen the team's offensive fortunes take a turn for the better in recent weeks.

"While our pitching has been a constant, our bats have come around," he said. "At the beginning of the year we were not getting the timely hits and not winning those one-run games. Now we're getting the timely hits and we're winning those close games. The kids have that confidence."

Kennedy cited strong offensive production of late from the likes of Matt Crandall, AJ Parnell, Ricky Perez, Simon Marinelli and sophomore

Michael Scali.

"Those guys have been swinging the bat well," he said. "Matt Crandall is hitting around .400. AJ still is swinging a hot bat. Ricky is swinging a hot bat, so is Simon. These guys are hitting around .375 and above and AJ is at .568. Michael Scali is swinging a great bat."

Kennedy noted efforts such as the one against Hinsdale South will help as the season heads into its home stretch next month.

"As the conference race gets more competitive, these types of games are going to become more frequent," he said. "We have that experience in those close games."

Addison Trail girls soccer team making progress

Blazers boys volleyball team defeats St. Charles East

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail girls soccer goalie Priscilla Vega has been a key cog for the team thus far.

In a recent five-game stretch, Blazers coach Sergio Nunez noted Vega stopped nearly 40 shots.

"Priscilla has been consistent in our goal," he said.

In recent action, the Blazers

dropped a West Suburban Conference Gold Division game to Hinsdale South.

"We've been working nonstop on improving our control and first touch," said Nunez. "I've noticed progress in that sense but we still have a ways to go."

Nunez said the team is working hard to advance its offensive game and also is turning in strong perfor-

mances on the defensive end.

"Offensively, we need to find the back of the net, something we struggle with," he said. "Defensively, we execute the offside trap better than any team thus far, but that only can help so much."

Nunez likes the way his team has competed throughout the season. "I've been impressed with our commitment to finish games with pas-

sion and we never give up," he said.

In addition to Vega, Nunez also cited recent strong play from defender Aryana Carrera. "Priscilla and Aryana have stepped up for us," he said.

Addison Trail boys volleyball

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team recorded a recent 25-18, 23-25, 25-15 non-conference victory against St. Charles East.

Jacob Grygo had 29 assists, seven kills and six digs. Colton Noel added 12 kills and two blocks. Eric Lynch added eight kills, while David Zielinski had five kills and two aces.

Mikey Strycharz finished with four kills and seven digs, while Arlind Rojba had 10 digs. Addison Trail improved to 9-6 overall with the win.

Montini Catholic athletes achieve Conference status for the winter season

Montini Catholic High School, Lombard, recognized and congratulated student athletes achieving Girls Catholic Athletics Conference (GCAC) and Chicago Catholic League (CCL) Academic All Conference status. A total of 32 student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA for a complete

academic quarter during the 2016-17 winter sports season. "We are quite proud of our exceptional student-athletes.

They are an example to the entire student body by their ability to maintain excellent grades while participating in athletic activities," said

Montini Catholic Athletic Director, Tom Lentine. Students earning this honor are:

Girls Basketball - Seniors; Claudia Kunzer, Rachel Maher, Nicolette Oppenheimer, Juniors; Neena Franklin, Lindsey Jarosinski, Aaliyah Patty, Ilyse Pitts, Sophomores; Zoe

MacKay Zacker, Samantha Mitchell, Freshmen; Alena Anderson, Sydney Prochaska

Boys Basketball - Seniors; Michael Orr, Will Smith Jr., Juniors; Tajh McKelvy, Yousuf Mitchell, Benjamin Steiner, Matthew Weber Wrestling - Seniors; Yang (Shane)

Chen, Christian Pirog, Yuxuan (Jerry) Qi, Juniors; Elcazar Ibarra, William Lewan Jr., Joseph Melendez Jr., Real Woods, Sophomores; Peter Christensen, Anthony Geraci, Freshmen; Devin Hoovel, Joseph Knudson, Keenan Makowski, Fidel Mayora, Patrick Peters, Dylan Ragusin,

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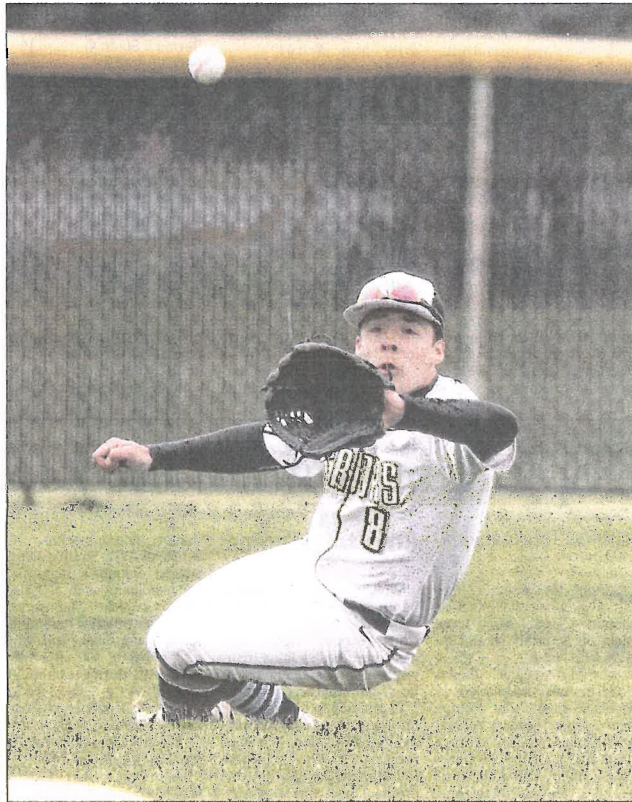
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DANIEL WHITE/dwhite@dailyherald.com
Willowbrook center fielder Jonny Kelso dives to make a catch against Hinsdale South in Darien.

Warriors sitting pretty in Gold

By KEVIN SCHMIT
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Baseball

Young as it may be, Willowbrook's baseball team has been in win-now mode all season.

The Warriors took another step toward winning the West Suburban Gold title with Thursday's 6-2 win over Hinsdale South in Darien.

By taking two of three games in the key series, the Warriors (15-3, 7-1) solidified their hold on first place while knocking a top challenger further off the pace.

M.J. Ranieri broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth inning with a 2-run single, sparking a decisive 5-run outburst.

"We had better at-bats that inning and took a better approach at the plate," said Ranieri, who got on base three times. "It was tough losing to them on Monday, but we buckled down and got a win Tuesday and came back today with a big win."

Starting pitcher Jack Nilles — one of four sophomores in Thursday's lineup and one of five on the team — worked out of some jams in earning the win. He pitched 6 innings, scattering 7 hits and allowing 1 run.

Hinsdale South (12-7, 6-6)

loaded the bases in three different innings but managed only 1 run on John Colucci's second-inning double play. The Hornets stranded nine runners overall, scoring their other run on starting pitcher Jaxon Herchenbach's seventh-inning RBI single off reliever Scott Kohrt.

"We had a lot of opportunities and couldn't get it done," said Hornets coach Paul Hoel, whose team committed 5 errors. "They beat us and deserved to win the series."

Willowbrook sophomore Marshall McDonnell tied the game in the third inning with a run-scoring single. Kyle Ferguson singled home a run in the fifth and sophomore Trevor Jalszynski added a 2-run single.

After being retired in order by Herchenbach in the first two innings, the Warriors put 19 runners on base the rest of the game.

"We grind out at-bats and we're a good two-strike hitting team," said Warriors coach Vic Wisner. "We just try to keep pressure on teams."

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Naperville Central falters in invite quarterfinal

By MATT LE CREN
Daily Herald Correspondent

Girls soccer

Ashley Prell's seventh goal of the season was about as lucky as they come.

The Barrington sophomore took advantage of a miscommunication in Naperville Central's girls soccer defense to score a fluke goal in the 16th minute of Thursday's Naperville Invitational quarterfinal against host Naperville Central.

Seniors Ellie Stodola and Kayla Keck later added more impressive strikes as the Fillies won 3-0 despite getting just 8 shots. They will play New Trier in Friday night's semifinals at Naperville Central.

"It's always good to get the

first goal, although we still got to stay on our feet because 1-0 doesn't mean anything," Prell said. "One mistake can change the game, but (her goal) did help."

Naperville Central's mistake proved costly because it put its struggling offense at a big disadvantage against a team that has surrendered only 3 goals this season.

Prell found herself in the right place at the right time when confusion in the back caught the Redhawks out of position.

"Honestly, I was just there and they missed it and I was like, 'Oh, I guess I have to go

for it,'" Prell said. "It was kind of on them, but I just happened to be in the right spot. It was lucky."

There was nothing lucky about Stodola's goal, which put the Fillies (12-1) in firm control with 2:33 left in the first half.

Prell and Sophie Spinell worked a give-and-go down the right wing, with Spinell beating a defender to the corner and crossing in front to Stodola, whose volley beat Dressler but was cleared off the line by a defender.

Stodola, though, was persistent, booting home the rebound.

"That second goal was one of the better goals that we've scored this year," Barrington

coach Ryan Stengren said. "Ashley Prell played the ball into Sophie. Sophie crosses it and then Ellie just wins the battle in the box."

Keck then put the game out of reach with 35:41 to go in the second half, sending a powerful header under the crossbar off a corner kick from Spinell.

Keck was part of a stout back line that held the Redhawks (8-6-2) to 3 shots. Jackie Batliner, Haley Tausend and Madi Rosen teamed with Keck to flummox Naperville Central's attackers.

"As a team we've been playing together for a really long time, so I think that helps a lot with how we play together," Keck said. "It's not just the defense; it's the whole team."

"Everybody is moving, everybody is trying to get the ball and we're just trying to improve on that."

The Fillies will get a chance to do that against New Trier (14-1), which has won the last three Class 3A titles.

"This is a really tough tournament," Keck said. "Some of the best teams are in it, so it's an honor to work our way up the ladder."

The Redhawks, on the other hand, will go back to the drawing board.

"I'm not disappointed in our performance," Naperville Central coach Ed Watson said. "I'm disappointed that we made mistakes that cost us goals, and we're not a good enough team to do that."

Glenbard W. raises the bar with school record

By CHRIS WALKER
Daily Herald Correspondent

Boys gymnastics

Glenbard West has registered some high scores over the years, but it had never eclipsed a 28 on high bar.

That all changed during Thursday's West Suburban Silver meet in Glen Ellyn.

The Hilltoppers scored a school-record 28.1 on high bar, eclipsing the record of 27.35 established in 1990.

It helped them edge Lyons Township, 162.8 to 161.3, in what was a state preview battle between two of the state's top teams.

Hinsdale Central was third with a 148.35, York was fourth with a 145.45 and Downers Grove North placed fifth with a 144.6.

"We've worked all week on

minimizing the deductions and we have a great group of kids that know what we're trying to accomplish," Hilltoppers coach Frank Novakowski said. "After the Donaldson and the Kafka (invitationals) they've done a real good job of focusing on what we've talked about and then going out there and doing it."

On high bar for the Hilltoppers, Aiden Rudolph took sixth, Matthew Ideler was

fourth, Timmy Le tied for second and freshman Alexander Demeris won the event with a 9.5.

"You'll see many teams have their first person fall and maybe the next guy will step up and pick him up," Demeris said. "Even when that happens you still lose some energy. When the first guy hits everyone seems to follow. We did our best and we all stuck it."

Timmy Le won the all-around with a 54.4 and claimed the vault title with a 9.4. Frankie Pham won still rings with a 9.5 and Matthew Ideler placed second in the all-around with a 52.6.

The three seniors not only are putting up big scores, but also providing tremendous leadership for last year's state runner-up.

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Will is an escape from cystic fibrosis

Belmonte

SHALIN
Correspondent

the pressure's on, Will Belmonte has Mr. Reliable" for the boys tennis team.

Belmonte is used to high pressure situations since he has been battling cystic fibrosis since he was 10.

Belmonte meets have come the results of Will's mid Lake Park coach in. "And Will and I are partners (often I'mair Faizuddin) up to get us the point, especially in matches. There's no when you watch that he has cystic fibrosis covers the court and his game is taking a year. And he really the clutch."

Belmonte added. "Late in the game or I'd set, I love to come in clutch shot. I try to up the CF. I just having a good time, my spirits up and for the team."

to live the normal high school student life, Belmonte goes to one-hour routine living for school and number of medical visits. CF, a genetic disease affects the lungs and digestive system. Reaction to CF is out of breath and I feel," Belmonte said. "I take frequent water breaks from getting tired."

to help find a cure which affects about 1 in 3,500 children and adults in the United States, Will has the Will B Foundation (willb.org). Belmonte raised about a million dollars for the foundation. "We've organized a golf tournament and a golf fundraiser to help the work."

Boys tennis notes

Will said. "And we play a lot of tennis together."

Flying solo:

With the postseason just around the corner, Benet's season, which is in its first year as a Class 1A team, is going in the right direction according to Benet coach Michael Hand.

One big reason is the play of first-singles player Patrick McGuigan.

Last year McGuigan teamed with doubles partner Jack Carroll and finished in the top eight at the state tournament. Since then Carroll moved out of state. But instead of finding a new partner, the senior decided to go solo this year.

"Patrick worked really hard in the off-season," Hand said. "He's got both a great forehand and backhand. He has tennis intelligence and that's innate. He knows the game well enough to adjust to the opponent and to the match conditions to do the things he needs to do in order to win. That's something that did not show itself as much in doubles. In singles you see it more because there are longer points."

McGuigan is 22-4 at singles this season.

"Patrick is having fun his senior season," Hand said. "He's in the mix as one of those people you have to think seriously about who can win a state championship."

Growing his game:

Waubensie Valley's Anthony Nguyen is a year older and his game has matured a great deal since last year.

The Warriors junior and two-time state qualifier counts his only losses to top-level players and he's hoping to get a 9-16 seed later this month when the state seedings are announced.

"Anthony is a lot tougher mentally this year," said Waubensie.



PHOTOS BY MARK BLACK/mbblack@dailyherald.com
Wheaton Academy's Sophie Lindquist and Benet's Erin Flynn fight for control of the soccer ball during Monday's nonconference game in West Chicago.

Benet bounces past Warriors

BY MATT LE CREN
Daily Herald Correspondent

Girls soccer

Clare Bumpus was so far away she didn't see her shot go into the goal.

Wheaton Academy's players wished they hadn't seen it.

Bumpus, a junior defender, launched a shot from 50 yards out that bounced into the goal in the third minute Monday for her second goal of the season.

That set the tone for what turned into a 4-0 Benet victory that was as impressive as it was improbable.

"I was just trying to beat the girl to the ball because it was kind of an awkward touch out, and (once I got it) I wasn't going to aim outside of the goal," Bumpus said. "I didn't even see the goal. Someone was like, 'Clare, you scored.'"

Rain was coming down in sheets at the time, so it wasn't surprising that Bumpus



Benet's Abby Casmere, left, celebrates with Mary Kate Hansen after scoring her team's third goal against Wheaton Academy on Monday.

get this win. We didn't realize it was going to be (4-0), so that was really good."

Wheaton Academy, which suffered its most lopsided loss since 2012, didn't expect it either. The Warriors seemed stunned after Bumpus' goal and couldn't string many passes together.

Boys water polo Top 10

Team	Comment
1. Stevenson (26-0)	Prevailed in close ones at home
2. Naperville C. (20-4)	Tough losses to Stevenson, Lyons
3. Naperville N. (21-8)	Plays at Stevenson on Weds.
4. York (19-5)	A 3-0 week for the Dukes
5. Barrington (21-2)	Meets BG in MSL title game Thurs.
6. Mundelein (15-12)	Hosts No. 5 on Tuesday
7. Conant (16-8)	Terrific in own tournament
8. Buffalo Grove (21-8)	Meets Barrington in MSL title game Thurs.
9. Libertyville (16-9)	Competes at York on Thurs.
10. Metea Valley (17-8)	Nice results at SC North

Girls water polo Top 10

Team	Comment
1. Stevenson (25-1)	Still unbeaten in Illinois
2. Naperville Central (24-2)	Handled McAuley, Fremd
3. Naperville North (19-8)	Plays at Stevenson on Weds.
4. York (18-5)	Hosts Waubensie on Tues.
5. Metea Valley (17-4)	Visits Hersey on Tues.
6. Conant (16-8)	Hosts Prospect in MSL title game Weds.
7. Prospect (20-5)	Visits Conant in MSL title game Weds.
8. Mundelein (18-10)	Impressive vs. Maine West
9. Barrington (17-6)	Played Loyola tough; topped SC East
10. Maine West (23-4)	Went unbeaten in CSL North

Baseball Top 20

Team	Comment
1. Mundelein (21-1)	First loss took extra innings
2. St. Charles North (18-2)	Riding 13-game win streak through Saturday
3. Neuqua Valley (21-0-1)	Also winning the close ones
4. Crystal Lake South (20-1)	Pace setters in the deep Fox Valley
5. Huntley (18-4)	McHenry 3-game series starts Saturday
6. Barrington (19-6)	Still perfect in MSL West
7. Buffalo Grove (17-1-1)	Win streak hits 10
8. St. Charles East (16-5)	Won 7 of last 8
9. Cary-Grove (14-7)	Handed CL South its first loss
10. York (17-5)	Swept by OPRF
11. Warren (16-7)	Three straight wins, with one against No. 1
12. Benet (14-5)	Walkoff wins becoming a habit
13. South Elgin (12-3)	Went two weeks between losses
14. Willowbrook (15-5)	Took two from Hinsdale South
15. Burlington C. (17-3)	Won 4 games by 49-9 combined score
16. Libertyville (16-6)	Took 2 of 3 from Stevenson
17. Marmion (13-9)	Split 2 games vs. St. Rita
18. Hinsdale Central (12-5)	Tough loss to Lyons Twp.
19. Jacobs (13-8)	Swept by Crystal Lake South
20. Naperville C. (12-7)	Won four DVC series so far

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Girls soccer

Tuesday's results

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Scoring — IC: goals: Langue 4, Hurt 2; assists: Hurt 3, Langue 2, Utreras, St. Mathis, Dully, Ellsworth.

NAPEVILLE CENTRAL 6, NAPERVILLE NORTH 0
 Goalskeepers — NC: Drexler (3 saves).

Girls water polo

Tuesday's results

HINSDALE CENTRAL 6, RIVERSIDE-BROOKFIELD 5

Riverside-Brook. 1 1 2 1 —5
 Hinsdale Central 2 1 3 0 —6
 Scoring — HC: Jones, Strasser, Fowler, Kress 3. Goalskeepers — HC: Concorin (16 saves).

Upcoming events

TODAY

Baseball
 Glenbard East at West Chicago, 4:30 p.m.
 Loyola Academy at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.
 Naperville Central at Berwyn, 4:30 p.m.
 St. Joseph at Morris, 4:30 p.m.
 Stagg at Hinsdale South, 4:30 p.m.
 York at Maine South, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis
 Glenbard West at Glenbard South, 4 p.m.
 Hinsdale Central at Willowbrook, 4:30 p.m.
 Proviso West at Lisle, 4:30 p.m.
 St. Charles East at Nequa Valley, 4:15 p.m.
 West Chicago at Lanark, 4:15 p.m.

Boys water polo
 Libertyville at York, 6 p.m.
 Naperville North at Stevenson, 6 p.m.
 Downers Grove South at Hinsdale South, 4:30 p.m.
 Benet at Naperville Central, 7:30 p.m.
 IC Catholic Prep at Naperville North, 7 p.m.
 Wheaton Warrenville South at Glenbard West, 5:30 p.m.

Sofball
 Addison Trail at Proviso East, 4:30 p.m.
 Aurora Central Catholic at Fenton, 4:30 p.m.
 Benet at Carmel, 4:30 p.m.
 Downers Grove South at Hinsdale South, 4:30 p.m.
 Fenwick at Glenbard South, 4:30 p.m.
 Glenbard East at West Chicago, 4:30 p.m.
 Hinsdale Central at Downers Grove North, 4:30 p.m.
 Naperville North at Metea Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Nequa Valley at Naperville Central, 4:30 p.m.
 Rich South at Westmont, 4:30 p.m.
 Timothy Christian at St. Edward, 4:30 p.m.
 Wheaton Warrenville South at Lake Park, 4:30 p.m.
 York at Proviso West, 4:30 p.m.

Girls soccer
 Benet at Marian Central Catholic, TBA
 Hinsdale South at Morris, 4:30 p.m.
 West Chicago at Glenbard North, 6:30 p.m.

Girls water polo
 Hinsdale Central at St. Charles East, 5:30 p.m.
 Naperville North at Stevenson, 5 p.m.

Girls lacrosse
 Glenbard West at Palatine, 6:30 p.m.
 Hinsdale Central at Loyola, TBA

THURSDAY, MAY 4
 Baseball
 Addison Trail at Willowbrook, 4:30 p.m.
 Aurora Central Catholic at Fenton, 4:30 p.m.
 Chicago Christian at Glenbard South, 4:30 p.m.
 Downers Grove North at Oak River-River Forest, 4:30 p.m.
 Elmwood Park at IC Catholic Prep, 4:30 p.m.
 Glenbard West at Proviso West, 4:30 p.m.
 Hinsdale Central at Loyola, 4:30 p.m.
 Moline at Waukegan Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Montini at St. Joseph, 4:30 p.m.
 Proviso East at Downers Grove South, 4:30 p.m.
 Ridgewood at Fenton, 4:30 p.m.
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Boys tennis
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 Illiana Christian at Timothy Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Lake Park at Naperville Central, 4:30 p.m.
 Montini at St. Ignace, 4:15 p.m.
 Nequa Valley at Glenbard North, 4 p.m.
 St. Francis at Loyola Academy, 4:30 p.m.
 West Aurora at Glenbard East, 4:30 p.m.
 West Chicago at East Aurora, 4:15 p.m.
 Wheaton Academy at Elmwood Park, 4:30 p.m.
 Wheaton North at Wheaton Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Wheaton Warrenville South at Naperville North, 3:30 p.m.
 York at Willowbrook, 4:30 p.m.

Boys track & field

Boys tennis
 Glenbard West at Palatine, 6:30 p.m.
 Hinsdale Central at Loyola, TBA

Girls soccer
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 Hinsdale South at Morris, 4:30 p.m.
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Kelsay leaving Blazers in good shape

By DAVE OBERHELMAN
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Boys track notes

Bruce Kelsay has been a school psychologist at Addison Trail for 31 years, the past 18 also leading the Blazers' boys track program.

It's like two sides of the same ink blot.

"I think all coaches really are psychologists. They have to deal with the mental and psychological aspects of sports performance every day," he said.

"Being a coach enhances my professional role as psychologist in the building. The kids who know me and the type of person I am, they have a comfort level when it comes to talking to me about the troubles in their life."

After May 26 the doctor will no longer be in. Kelsay is retiring as a District 8B psychologist — also at Willowbrook the last seven years — as well as Blazers track coach. Throws coach Jim Ziebkla is slated to take the team, though Kelsay plans to assist in some capacity.

A three-sport athlete at Willowbrook, Kelsay credited retired hall of fame track coach Jim Tyree for convincing him to run track as a junior. The next two years Kelsay anchored state-qualifying 400 and 1,600-meter relays, part of why he was inducted into Willowbrook's athletic hall of fame in 2015.

Starting in 1999 with less than 20 athletes, it took time for Kelsay to build his own program. In 2008 sprinter Frank Cervantes became Kelsay's first state qualifier. Jordyn Carr-Jones' seventh-place finish in the Class 3A 110-meter hurdles last season was Addison Trail's first all-state performance in 37 years.

Seniors Carr-Jones and

sprinter Darrion Conrad both look to return to Charleston this year.

Kelsay, who finds it hard to believe he turned 60 on April 17, called the opening of the school's field house in 2010-11 a "big moment" for the track squad, which now numbers more than 70 boys.

"I think a lot more kids saw track as a viable sport," he said. "That afforded us to do proper training, because before that we were running in the basement."

Kelsay's own children competed elsewhere. Living in Wheaton with his wife, Mary, daughters Kristen and McKenna were volleyball stars at St. Francis and then at Michigan State and Illinois, respectively. Their youngest daughter, Nikki, plays club lacrosse at Illinois.

Entering his final weeks, the psychologist is comfortable with the state of Blazers track.

"We're very happy that we've built this program up to 75 kids from where we were at 15, 20," Kelsay said.

Checking in:

While Kelsay's tenure winds down, other coaches are in the homestretch of their first seasons as head coaches.

Clint Porter succeeded his former coach at Fenton, John Kurtz, who after 48 years coaching Bison track wanted to reduce his load.

"I think John would tell you he liked aspects of track, but he's truly a cross country guy, through and through," said Porter, whose now 23-year-old daughter, Eileen, ran on two Naperville Central downstate relay teams.

Porter is not new to this scene. A former coach at

Champaign Centennial, he's assisted the Fenton boys off and on since 2000, a full-time the past nine years.

Fenton graduate Patrick Frisch has come in to handle the distance group, and juniors Cristian Sanchez and Michael Lieggi and sophomore Randy Almarales have responded. Veteran throws coach Lee Cassidy has sophomore Jimmy Deckert past 130 feet in discus and 41 feet in shot put.

Dan Greco is in his first year as coach at his alma mater, Glenbard East. Team leaders include seniors Ryan Schulze and Justin Corrigan.

"I feel like Coach Greco is doing a really good job," Corrigan said last week at Hinsdale South. "He was working with the program last year, he came in and tried to give it a little more of a whole-team feel."

A former sprinter from the Class of 2008, Greco sought more camaraderie in the weight room before athletes split into their different event groups. Corrigan also noted playing "a little bit of Ultimate Frisbee as a full program."

"It doesn't matter what event you're in, you're a Glenbard East track athlete," Greco said.

Greco hopes the leadership of seniors such as Corrigan, Schulze, throwers Keegan Hinton and Adam Armstrong and sprinter Tyler Roman rubs off on younger Rams like hurdler and pole vaulter Alec Wolff, jumper Kadari Wright-Jones, sprinters Gino Dalesandro and Jack Baka, distance runners David Crossland and Aidan Ihms.

Over the past three-week period Glenbard East amassed 70 personal records.

"We've made progress, which is what I want to do, and I just want to keep that

going into next season," Greco said.

Best efforts:

Wheaton Academy junior Karyn Best qualified downstate in Class 2A last year for the 200-meter dash. She's really hit her stride this track season.

Best ran a personal-best time of 26.29 seconds on April 22 at Glenbard West, which ranks her No. 64 overall in the state according to Dyestat, and 17th in 2A.

It appears the 300 hurdles is a real niche for Best. Her time of 44.78 also at Glenbard West ranks third overall and No. 1 among Class 2A runners. The Class 2A qualifying standard is 47.72 seconds.

"That was something she picked up over the summer on a club team she's on," said Warriors girls track coach James Houck, referring to Track My Speed in Lisle. "She works really hard. We're hoping to see some big improvements in her 300 next week at sectional."

Houck, whose father, Paul, coached prep track more than 30 years in Indiana and whose grandfather, Alvin, officiated Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Sydney and Athens, said Best's summer training focused on knee drive which in turn lengthened her stride.

In addition to the 300 hurdles and 200 and 400 dashes, Best could threaten the standards in the 100 hurdles. She's also a 16-foot long jumper.

She's got championship-series experience with the IHSA meet, the Top Times indoor meet — in which she placed seventh in the Class 2A 400 — and with the USATF Junior Olympics.

"It's the only sport she participates in, so she's all track all the time," Houck said.

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Embard North's McNamara uses to let go of her dream

Below is a story of

Kate McNamara took a break from her daily life to go out of whack and board a wiper. After nearly five years of bidding for a spot in the Paralympics Track & Field National Championships, she was finally in June with a long shot of reaching the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo. From there to here was a bumpy ride. She had been satisfied with the boat that she had just 2012 her script different. Always the challenge beckoned, she twisted the 2005 South graduate, she 30 a special education assistant and assistant coach at Glenbard

then and there I was feeling really hurt."

ed with a herniated disc, McNamara dug out therapy but saw no movement. She then had two sets of epidural injections, the second left her pain-free for a year.

came a dangerous if a spring car accident knocked her unconscious and a summer bicycle accident she flipped over and onto her November her back went out for a week. "I'm 28 years old, why?" she wondered. "There was that disc. It was caused by a degenerative of the disc between L5 and S1, which the doctor tells us is a sacral joint. Also, a disc's annular ring."

Patrick's Day 2016 she finally had surgery and brought little luck to

ys after surgery, she extended from the neck down her. She spent the next days in the hospital, more than three weeks inpatient at a rehabilitation facility to deal with the fallout of three blood clots, swelling and pain in her left leg, and nerve problems that remain unsolved.

Structural back is sound, but due to muscle mass and nerve problems and foot with two leg braces not walk any real

concerned she'd had to a wheelchair. Rough sessions with the physical therapist "Walker (Pete's brother)



David Oberhelman
Sidelines

for the first time in those two events plus javelin on Sunday at the Dairyland Games in Madison, Wisconsin.

"Sunday is kind of a primer, a warmup, sort of finding out how things work," said McNamara, an Eastern Illinois graduate now in Northern Illinois' graduate program to be a learning behavior specialist.

Starting a GoFundMe campaign to help finance the costs of travel and accommodations, uniforms and meet entry fees, McNamara will apply what she learns in Wisconsin at the Desert Challenge Games in Arizona on May 12-13. Her distance in discus practice surpasses the qualifying mark for the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships June 2-4 in Los Angeles, but she's first to prove it in Arizona.

"It does add up," she said of the expense, "which is the unfortunate side of it. But it's a dream I've got, and I don't want to give up on it because I can't afford it."

Part of McNamara's dream is representing family and country. Her father, Brian, and late grandfather, Ray, were Army men. Between asthma and her travels over the past five years that heritage is not in her cards.

"For me to ever be able to wear USA on my chest and represent our country I think would probably just be the most humbling experience ever, and my opportunity to represent the United States would be a dream come true," she said.

From the brink

On Tuesday Montini's boys volleyball team won its first conference title led by a coach who admits that when the season began he was little more than the bus driver.

Brian Opoka, who resigned after the boys basketball position after the 2014-15 season to spend more time with his family, said he was asked in October to guide the boys volleyball team. Initially declining, after speaking with his wife, Donna, he reconsidered despite having no experience in the sport whatsoever.

He did have support in the form of staff members Laura Medina, Marie Becker and former Bronco Matt Vogrin, whose younger brothers Joe and Drew are key players. Becker gave Opoka volleyball drill videos to study on the fly.

Opoka said the program was actually in peril of vanishing several years ago as well had not Montini graduate Dan

Perhaps surprisingly, goals included a conference title and a playoff win or two. Not bad for a squad whose head coach didn't know how to fill out a lineup card much less set defenses, as Opoka does now.

"Between Marie and Laura and Matt we were able to set practices up and we just kept working and we were able to get better and better each week," Opoka said.

ICYMI

Email can be a vast repository. To lessen the load on the computer server, or whatever, here are a few things formerly retained within.

Earlier this year the Illinois High School Association announced its 2015-16 state coaches of the year. DuPage County winners included Timothy Christian boys soccer coach Stephen Fernandes, Downers Grove South softball coach Ron Havelka and Wheaton Academy girls soccer coach Dave Underwood.

Released after the National Federation of State High School Associations announced its national coaches of the year, it's an old enough list that Havelka has since retired and Underwood now teaches at Muchin College Prep.

On April 1 the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association inducted its 2017 Hall of Fame class. Entering as assistants were 40-year men Tom Vargas (Naperville North) and Jerry Blew (Lake Park). Hal Chiodo, briefly at West Chicago, went in as a retired head coach.

How great is Peg Kopec? More than a full year after her retirement following St. Francis' girls volleyball's 2015 Class 4A championship, she's among eight finalists for National High School Athletic Coaches Association coach of the year in girls volleyball over the 2015-16 school year. Kopec, who in 40 years won 1,238 matches and 12 state championships, will attend the NHSACA awards banquet June 21 in Peoria.

On April 6 the East Suburban Catholic Conference held its 12th hall of fame inductions at the Abbington in Glen Ellyn. Among the inductees were a pair of Benet graduates: Dan LeFevour, who at Central Michigan became the lone NCAA quarterback to throw for 12,000 yards and run for 2,500 (he's now with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Canadian Football League); and former ESCC girls soccer player of the year Stephanie Foley Hull, a 2004 grad who played at DePaul.

Benet also produced two

Pitching in



Willowbrook's Ryan Mintz pitches in the Warriors' 10-0 five-inning victory against Addison Trail on Wednesday.

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York keeps win streak going

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Boys water polo

As the most important part of the boys water polo season just approaches, York is peaking at just the right time.

With the West Suburban Conference invite this weekend, followed by the start of sectionals on May 11, the Dukes ran their unbeaten streak to nearly a month with an 11-2 victory Wednesday over Libertyville on Senior Night in Elmhurst.

"We've gotten so much better since we started," said senior Parker Hicks, one of the captains on the team. "I

in the opening seven minutes.

Offensively, six York players found the back of the net, led by 3 apiece from Alex Marlott and Nik Mikdyukh. Isaac Marlott scored twice and Tim Delaney, Billy Dyr and Flanagan Waldherr each added a goal.

"It was definitely a fun time," Alex Marlott said. "We knew coming in that they were a good team, which made it more of a challenge for us. The first half we were lagging a little bit (up 3-1 at half), but we got our stuff together and

their last loss on April 8. They are also the second seed at the Fenwick sectional, with the host Friars grabbing the top spot.

"The beautiful thing is the younger guys, the guys new to varsity, are figuring it out," York coach Brian Drumm said. "And we have seven seniors, four of whom start, and they've been our anchors all year, our stars. It's been good."

Libertyville is 16-10 under first-year coach Kara Bosman after going 10-17 a season ago. The Wildcats played without two starters, including leading scorer Scott Villard.

Softball: Metea remains in 1st place in DVC

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improved to 14-8 this spring and 8-2 in the conference. She was supported by some timely hits and solid defense, much of which came from her sister, who belted a 2-run homer in a 5-run second inning. Sydney Bajusz went 3-for-4, scored three times and also chased down a trio of flyouts over the final two innings, as Metea Valley survived a late Huskies' rally that saw the visitors close to within 6-5 in the sixth inning.

"She has always had my back, off the field and on the field," Rissa said of her sister, whose deep blast over the center-field wall helped stake the Mustangs to a 5-1 lead in the second. "I know if I give up some runs I can't get too down. I know they will fight back and score (more runs) just like today."

The Mustangs hurler struck out the side in the top of the first but not before Naperville North third baseman Maddie Vassar lined a

home run off and over the top of wall in center field. Vassar was a bright spot for the Huskies, going 3-for-3 with an intentional walk and making some impressive plays in the field.

When Vassar's bases-loaded fly to right in the sixth dropped safely, two runs scored to make it a 6-5, and only a close play at the plate that retired a sliding Janelle Honaker kept the visitors from pulling even.

In the fifth the Huskies scored a run to make it a 6-3 game before Rissa Bajusz slipped out of a bases-loaded, no-out situation without further damage.

"Walks hurts us today, but our kids keep continuing to battle," Naperville North coach Jerry Kedziora said. "Sooner or later it's all going to come together for us."

Even while dropping to 5-14 overall and 2-7 in the DVC, Kedziora was again impressed by the play of a Vassar, a senior who knocked out her

first homer since freshman year.

"She's been amazing for us," he said of the No. 3 hitter. "What a great player out there, and she's fun to watch at third base."

For the Mustangs, the bottom of the order was just as important as Sydney Bajusz was at the top. In the 5-run second Sam Golminas kept the inning alive with an 8-pitch walk and No. 9 hitter Megan Archey followed with a 2-run double that set the stage for Sydney Bajusz's 2-run blast. When Moira Danko followed with a single and then Emily Wilson delivered a triple, Metea Valley had scored 5 runs, all after two outs.

Wilson, a recent call-up from the junior varsity, provided a boost with a single, triple, deep RBI sacrifice fly and a walk. All told the Mustangs, who play Naperville Central Thursday in a key DVC matchup, had 8 hits and 9 walks in the win.



Willowbrook's Jack Hines, right, completes a double play after Addison Trail's George Neri got caught between second and third on a flyout to right Wednesday in Villa Park.

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College comments

Brandon Rouse of Mendota committed to play football at Augustana.

Baseball

Wednesday's results

BENET & MARIST
Benet 000 230 1 —6-9-0
Marist 000 001 2 —5-10-3
2B: B. Schneider; M. Siegel; Lewis; WP: Dunn LP: Jennings.
DOWNS GROVE SOUTH & PROVIDA EAST 2
Provida East 000 101 0 —2-3-3
Downs Grove South 000 011 1 —6-4-1
2B: P. Sowers; D. Adams; Garland; Hall; 3B: DGS: Hoes; WP: Palenik LP: Bowman.

ALLEN EAST & WEST CHICAGO 1

West Chicago 000 001 0 —1-2-2
Glenbard East 010 300 2 —4-8-1
2B: WC: Banger; OE: Grazioplene; WP: Grazioplene LP: Zajac.

GLENBARD NORTH & WHEATON NORTH 1
Glenbard North 000 100 1 —3-4-0
Wheaton North 000 100 0 —1-4-2
2B: SN: Mendolia; Hoes; WP: Muller; LP: Marron LP: Gray.

GLENBARD WEST 10, PROVIDA WEST 0
Provida West 000 000 0 —0-1-3
Glenbard West 310 30 2 —10-5-9
2B: GW: Brady; WP: Kaske.

HINDALE CENTRAL & YORK 3
Hindale Central 100 001 1 —9-10-2
York 000 003 0 —3-3-1
2B: HC: Harris; Pugh; WP: Zappa LP: Tucker.

ILIANA CHRISTIAN 7, GLENBARD SOUTH 0
Iliana Christian 010 001 0 —7-10-1
Glenbard South 000 000 0 —0-4-1
LP: Opim.

LESLIE 10, SENECA 0
Seneca 000 000 0 —0-5-2
Leslie 302 05 10 —10-1-1
2B: L: Woloski; WP: Hefelony LP: Gushion.

HORTON & ST. JOSEPH 7
St. Joseph 000 200 0 —2-1-1
Horton 020 001 0 —3-2-2
2B: M: Malik; HP: St. Joseph; M: Rogers; Malik; WP: Karzowski LP: Mazzilli.

NAPERVILLE CENTRAL 12, NACAZONE 4
Naperville Cent. 221 070 0 —12-8-2
Nacazone 000 002 1 —4-4-2
2B: NC: Eljerman; Suchan; N: Milano; Rouse; HP: NC.

Boys tennis

Wednesday's results

GLENBARD WEST & GLENBARD SOUTH 2
Singles — No. 1: Bergendorf (GS) d. Matthey 7-6(2), 6-2; No. 2: Reif (GS) d. Jenkins 4-6, 6-1, 10-4; No. 3: Kent (SW) d. Oursan 7-6(2), 6-4.
Doubles — No. 1: Kermagat/Foster (GW) d. Miao/Puchalski 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Eads/Keane (SW) d. Kridler/Roth 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Carlini/Hennessy (SW) d. Kosick/Lange 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Vondruska/Melander (SW) d. Saggia/Keane 1-6, 6-4, 10-8.

Boys volleyball

Wednesday's late results

HODGIA VALLEY & WHEATON WARRENVILLE SOUTH 25-22, 25-20
WW South — Highley (8 kills, 1 dig; Robbers 7 kills, 1 act, 1 dig; Cori 21 assists, 6 digs, 4 blocks); Meyer (5 kills, 1 block, 3 digs; Hogen (4 kills, 1 block); Hildebrand (11 digs).

Boys water polo

Wednesday's results

YORK 11, LIBERTYVILLE 2
Scoring — Y: A. Marotti 3, Mikulsky 2, I. Marotti 2, Delaney, Walther, Dyer, L. Miller 2. Goalkeepers — Y: Dwyer (6 saves), L: Otto (6 saves).

Softball

Wednesday's results

AURORA CENTRAL CATHOLIC 13, FENTON 0
Aurora Cen. Cath. 140 26 —13-0-0
Fenton 000 00 0 —0-0-4
2B: ACC: Valquez; Gonzalez 2; HR: ACC: Valquez; WP: McCormick; C: Schultz; WP: Stevenson LP: Schultz.

BENET 13, CAMDEN 6
Benet 001 227 1 —13-10-2
Camden 014 000 3 —8-12-4
2B: P: Polaczak; Gonzalez 2; Hoot C: Swankowski; HP: B: McCormick; C: Schultz; WP: Stevenson LP: Schultz.

DOWNS GROVE NORTH 10, HINDALE CENTRAL 0
Hindale Central 000 000 0 —0-2-1
Downs Grove North 001 03 1 —10-1-1
2B: DGH: Christ, Cameli 2; Betswa, Wajkalk; WP: Christ LP: Burr.

Girls soccer

Wednesday's results

BENET 2, MARIAN CENTRAL 0
Benet 000 0 2 —2-0-0
Marian Central 000 0 0 —0-0-0
Scoring — B: Galar (JA), Tomaszewski (K.Fynn), Gonsky; 2B: A: Kozel (2 saves).

Girls track

Wednesday's results

East Suburban Catholic Conference Championships
TEAM RESULTS
Marian Catholic 140; Benet 122; Carmel 108; Marist 70; Marian Central Catholic 53; St. Victor 33; Nazareth 19; Joliet Catholic 15.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

3200 relay: Benet 10:09.76; Marist 10:14.35; Carmel 10:59.09; 400 relay: Marian Catholic 49.26; Carmel 50.22; Marist 51.94; 2000 relay: Joliet 11:27.21; Marist (MC) 11:32.08; Jones (MC) 11:34.58; 110 high hurdles: Jones (Ben) 16.35; Smith (MC) 17.40; Benet (Ben) 18.35; 1000 Dash (SV) 12.66; Hoffman (MC) 12:67; Siga (Cap) 13.03; 800: Marist (MC) 2:18.51; 1000: Benet (Ben) 2:22.21; Jophsen (Ben) 2:25.34; 600 relay: Carmel 1:48.03; Benet 1:52.01; Marist 1:53.76; 400 Dash (SV) 58.16; Siga (Cap) 58.47; 800: Marist 2:24.94; 2000 relay: Benet 10:09.76; Jones (Ben) 48.50; Smith (MC) 51.92; Carr (SV) 51.89; 1000: Leonard (Mar) 5:22.28; Hall (Cap) 5:22.76; Jones (Ben) 5:24.41; 2000 relay: Benet 4:10.76; Carmel 4:13.87; Nazareth 4:18.69; Long jump: Marist (Ben) 17-3.5; Donald (MC) 17-3; Dineen (MC) 16-5.5; High jump: Marist (MC) 5-0; Evans (Mar) 4-10; Whitehead (MC) 4-5; Triple jump: Koch (MC) 35-5; Donald (MC) 34-0; Smith (Cap) 31-7.5; Shotput: Gatta (MC) 35-1.5; Perry (MC) 32-5; Jones (Ben) 31-8; Discus: Gatta (MC) 30-10; Siga (Cap) 21-01; Allen (Ben) 79-08; Pole vault: Marist (Ben) 12-02; Marist (MC) 2-6; Benet (Ben) 9-0.

Girls water polo

Wednesday's results

HINDALE CENTRAL 6, ST. CHARLES EAST 4
Hindale Central 1 1 3 1 —4-0
St. Charles East 1 1 1 0 —4-0
Scoring — Jones, Helles 2; Schuster, Berger 2.
STEVENSON 10, NAPERVILLE NORTH 10
Stevenson 8 4 4 3 —10-0
Naperville North 0 3 2 5 —10-0
Scoring — S: Tass 4; Gaffney, Michael 2; Maloney 2; Hagan, Blake, Nik Rocco, Ellen Wessel, Horn 2; Ryan, Palazzi; Malleshwar — S: Miscalone (10 saves); Lohrke (2 saves); MK: McBride (4 saves).

College baseball

Wednesday's results

ARIZONA STATE 12, ROCKFORD 2 (GAME 1)

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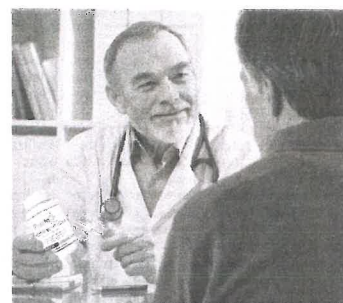
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