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It starts up front

Line play will be a key strength for the Addison Trail football team

By Mike Miazga
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Longtime Addison Trail football coach Paul Parpet Jr., has a luxury this season that most coaches rarely see.

Parpet returns his entire offensive line from a Blazers team that is coming off a 4-5 campaign in 2016.

"It's the first time in the 23 years I've been at AT that this has happened," said Parpet.

Back on the offensive line are seniors Michael Renc (center), Randy Petbok (tackle), Chris Lasanta (guard) and juniors JT Daniels (guard) and Jake Zaborowski (tackle).

"It's huge to have that," said Parpet. "You could tell the difference all summer. Even when we started camp (last Monday), you could see that experience. It's a great advantage to have when all five offensive linemen are back. High-school football is about up front and how good your linemen are. This is a feather in our cap."

Renc and Petbok are in their third year as starters on the varsity.

"You can't stress how important it is to have that experience," said Parpet. "You need that experience up there and

we have it."

Those five will block for featured running back Nick Dambrose, who also returns after a strong junior year.

"Early in the year we will count on our offensive line and Nick to carry the load a little bit," said Parpet.

Addison Trail will start junior Nick Daudelin at quarterback. "We'll count on those guys early to ease the transition a little bit for Nick," said Parpet.

"He's making the transition to varsity football. He's a good athlete who can throw the football down the field. He reminds me of (Mike) Gontarek when we brought him up as a sophomore to play quarterback. It will take Nick a little time. It's a lot different going from sophomore to varsity with the speed of the game. He will have to get accustomed to it early. We play Glenbard South first and they are not easy and it's the same thing with York the next week and then we play Glenbard West in the third week. He's going to get appointed early. Hopefully our offensive line and Nick Dambrose will carry the load until he gets acclimated to varsity football."

On the other side of the ball, Addi-

son Trail also is in good shape up front with the return of down lineman Jack Domek, as well as Juan Bracamontes and Ryan Sheehan.

Also back on defense is three-year starter Nick DiBenardo (inside linebacker), along with cornerback Chris Cici. Lasanta also will see time on defense either at inside linebacker or at a down lineman position.

"Chris is another guy back on defense. He started the last four games both ways for us last year," Parpet pointed out.

Parpet noted the keys for his team to have success this fall center on both sides of the ball. "We have to control the football and allow for our defense to adapt to the speed of the varsity game," he said. "I think we have a lot of puzzle pieces that are in place. Now, we need to become accustomed to varsity action. That's what we have to figure out. The junior class is very talented and the senior class is very talented and has experience. It comes down to the guys up front. Two guys are starting their third year and three guys are in their second year. The key is to allow time for the younger guys

to get used to varsity football. We're very excited. We think we can be very competitive and we think we have an opportunity to be one of the frontrunners for a conference title and that's only because of the experience we have coming back with guys in spots that need to be in those spots in order for us to be successful."

Addison Trail will be without returning key contributor Mike Ruffolo, who Parpet said should return from injury in the third or fourth week of the season.

"He will be a major part of our team when he comes back," said Parpet. "He's important to have. We used him as a wide receiver and in the secondary last year. He's a major asset to the team."

Addison Trail also added Jacob Grygo to the program. Grygo used to play goalie in the boys' soccer program.

"He's 6-5 and has those goalie skills where he can go up and get a football," said Parpet. "He's been a great addition to the team."

As Parpet mentioned earlier, the Blazers open the season with games against Glenbard South, York and

their annual West Suburban Conference crossover meeting with Glenbard West.

"On paper, we could be very competitive," said Parpet. "Numbers will be an issue and staying healthy. We have to stay healthy for nine weeks. There is a lot of potential with the guys slated to play the 11 positions on offense and a lot of potential with the first 11 playing defense and then you mix and match on special teams and you have a lot of potential. It's a fun bunch of kids. They work hard and they want to be successful. I think we will be successful because of the work we have put in. We have experienced, veteran players and we hope that transitions into our younger guys who we are counting on to be major parts of what we do. We're optimistic and we're excited about this season. Now, it's a matter of strapping it up and getting out there."

Willowbrook boys golf team kicks off season

By Mike Miazga
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The earlier start in the Illinois boys high-school golf season allowed Willowbrook to get in a pair of tournaments last week.

The Warriors started the season at the St. Laurence Invitational held at Lincoln Oaks Golf Course in Crete (a par-71 facility).

Willowbrook finished 11th as a team with a score of 357. Sophomore Joey Zopel and senior Buddy Martens each shot 87 to lead the way for the Warriors. Junior Josh Lata shot a 90, while sophomore Logan Rattana had a 93.

A day later, the Warriors competed in the Addison Trail Invitational held this year at Joliet Country Club.

The Warriors finished 18th in the field there with a score of 370 on the par-72 layout.

Rattana led the way for Willowbrook with a 90 for 18 holes. Martins finished with a 91. Junior Jackson Hathaway had a 94, while senior Tim Keeffe finished with a 95.

The Warriors were scheduled to face Ridgewood in a non-conference contest earlier this week at Indian Boundary in Chicago. Willowbrook opens the home portion of its schedule Monday at 3:30 p.m. against West Chicago at Sugar Creek before heading to the Oswego Invite Panther Scramble on Thursday at Blackberry Oaks in Bristol.

Willowbrook football team ready to establish 2017 identity

Warriors return numerous key performers from state quarterfinalist

By Mike Miazga
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Yes, the Willowbrook football team had a season to remember in 2016 when it reached the Class 7A state quarterfinals and finished with an 8-4 record.

But Warriors coach Nick Hildreth cautions 2017 is a new year.

"Every team has a different identity," he said. "This group is starting to form its own ID. They have placed pretty high expectations on themselves. We have a group of guys that did play the majority of the snaps last year. What happened last year doesn't guarantee anything. Last year was a great experience, but we want these guys to be their own team and create their own identity."

On offense, the Warriors return standout running back Jack Jessen (also a standout national-caliber wrestler), along with starting offensive linemen Brandon Loth and Edgar Quintana.

Jessen ran for 1,671 yards and averaged 6.5 yards per carry. He scored 21 touchdowns and had nine 100-yard rushing games.

Also back on offense are senior lineman Tyler Guerrero, senior quarterback John Taylor and senior wide receiver Sikander Zafar, who saw a lot of time last year at that position but moves into a starting slot this season. Chris Diaz also returns after rushing for 639 yards and six touchdowns, while averaging 8.1 yards per carry.

"Our skill guys, even though they all weren't starters last year, they got a lot of playing time," said Hildreth. "John Taylor got into varsity games and played some IV games. He did a nice job for us. We have some holes to fill on the offensive line, but it's nice to have our running backs returning from last year."

Willowbrook also has seven defensive starters back in the form of seniors Keyvon Dobbins (defensive line), Christian Washington (defensive line), Jessen (linebacker), Loth (linebacker), Jacob Entwistle (defensive back) and Nick Sabatino (defensive back), as well as junior Matt Knudtson (defensive line). Jessen led the team in tackles with 138 and also had 12 tackles for loss.

Other key additions on defense include junior Scott Tumilty (defensive back), as well as sophomore defensive backs Sam Tumilty and Deandre Holliday.

"We lost three defensive backs, two of which had all-state awards (Jon Kelso and Khalif

Copeland)," said Hildreth. "We do return a bunch of guys up front, but we do have some holes to fill in the secondary. That is giving guys the opportunity to compete and we will get better with those guys."

Hildreth sees teams such as Downers Grove South, Hinsdale South and Addison Trail as teams that could contend in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

"I see all of them being in the top part of the league," he said. "Leyden lost some guys, but they always have good lower-level programs. It will be a tough league."

Over the summer, Willowbrook participated in 7-on-7 competitions against Riverside-Brookfield, Vernon Hills and IC Catholic Prep and concluded with a three-day, two-night team camp at Lake Forest College.

"Our energy was very good and we had a nice effort," said Hildreth of the summer sessions. "We had an up and down summer in terms of scheme development, but the effort and the energy were there. If we approach things the same way, we will continue to develop and all the rest will take care of itself. We know the execution isn't quite where it needs to be yet on specific skills, but it's coming along. We're going to keep working on getting better and we will, because the effort and the energy has been great."

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Scouting DuPage County girls golf

Top teams: Naperville North, Hinsdale Central, Wheaton Warrenville South, Waubonsie Valley, Naperville Central, Glenbard West, Benet, Lake Park, Wheaton Academy, York.

Top athletes: Addison Trail: Brooke Bolsinger, fr., Sara Gagliano, sr., Mikaela Olvera, soph., Julia Strazcecki, sr.; Benet: Molly Bannon, sr., Sam Coffey, sr., Tess Jacobs, jr., Jana Maras, sr., Reagan Rodenboster, fr., Caroline Wing, sr.; Downers Grove North: Carrie Kumiaga, sr., Margaret Miller, sr., Olivia Weaver, sr.; Downers Grove South: Teagan Custer, sr., Meredith Mahoney, sr., Lindsay Tom, sr., Maya Tunney, sr.; Fenton: Jamie Minard, sr.; Glenbard East: Kali Burke, jr., Sarah Dizleza, soph., Mackenzie Lyons, jr., Cassie Payne, sr.; Glenbard North: Madison Gordon, soph., Ariana Martinen, soph., Brooke Westra, fr., Bailey Wind, sr.; Glenbard South: Elyn Andree, jr., Camryn Fitzmaurice, sr., Stephanie Price, jr., Kathy Yun, sr.; Glenbard West: Anne Bertane, sr., Sam Moody, sr., Isabella Rosley, jr., Lily Stutelberg, jr.; Hinsdale Central: Gillian Filer, jr., Roshannah Gaur, sr., Madison Labeledz, sr., Grace Owens, jr., Natalie Spitzer, jr.; Hinsdale South: Alissa Banks, jr., Gina Cavalli, sr., Mackenzie Hill, sr., Kaylee McKinney, sr., Jackie Wojcik, sr.; IC Catholic Prep: Bella Roelle, fr.; Lake Park: Marisa Carusiello, sr., Nicole Hansen, sr., Brook Schenck, jr., Marisa Vandini, jr., Nicolette Varbero, jr.; Lisle: Emily Mao, jr.; Metea Valley: Grace Buchta, jr., Madison Neihardt, jr., Anita Padman, sr., Savannah White, sr.; Montini: Katie Bukovsky, soph., Megan Laughlin, soph., Julia Brooke Morgan, jr., Abby Petersen, soph.; Naperville Central: Erin Fang, jr., Mia Kurkechian, sr., Emma Lim, soph., Nena Vinesh, soph., Kate Walgren, sr., Becki Zhang, soph.; Naperville North: Mara Flaherty, jr., Emma Lin, soph., Hannah Martin, soph., Emily Nay, soph., Lauren Nay, sr., Avani Shah, jr.; Nequa Valley: Lauren DiGrazia, jr., Ali Elnor, soph., Karsen O'Keefe, jr., Maddie Rogers, soph.; St Francis: Elizabeth Grivetti, soph., Katherine Lemke, fr., Cameron Marr, fr., Hailey Strickland, sr.; Waubonsie Valley: Kerrigan Boose, sr., Kate Libby, soph., Natalie Schwab, jr., Arushi Singh, sr., Emily Skowronski, soph.; West Chicago: Kendall Farm, fr., Katie Gramit, sr., Meghan Koester, sr., Kyra Salfarski, sr., Julia Wasserstrom, jr.; Wheaton Academy: Margaret Harmon, jr., Francesca Herlehy, fr., Anna Rose McCarthy, sr., Grace Vickers, sr.; Wheaton North: Sasha Danielson, jr., Abby O'Connell, jr., Grace Quinn, fr., Taylor Stapinski, sr., Maddie Stevens, sr.; Wheaton Warrenville South: Grace Ellison, soph., Sarah Hauenstein, sr., Caroline Kolet, jr., Claire McDonald, sr., Hadley Moritz, sr.; Willowbrook: Arielle Alibudbud, sr., Sophia Parillo, sr., Julianna Paulsen, soph.; York: Bella Bartolome, jr., Elle Borchardt, fr., Annie Grass, sr., Jenna Koepfen,

state champion Hinsdale Central in any of their meetings during the regular season. "We didn't go in with too many expectations," WW South leader Hauenstein said. "We just wanted to put up a good score and see where it put us. I think we surprised ourselves. We knew it was our last chance to do something great." WW South eclipsed 300 at Hickory Point on the outskirts of Decatur to take the first-day lead and never looked back in denying Barrington and the Red Devils by 7 and 8 shots, respectively, with its two-day total of 605. It was the first state championship for any girls sport in school history for WW South. "All of my girls played at the highest level they ever had," said WW South coach Art Tang. "Everything came together at the right time."

Hinsdale Central had to settle for its second third-place trophy in four years sandwiched around its only state titles in program history. "Wheaton Warrenville played extremely well," Hinsdale Central coach Nick LaTorre said. Two-thirds of the Tigers' state lineup graduated, but Hauenstein and fellow senior Moritz anchored the WW South titlist squad with sixth and top-14 finishes. The Hauenstein postseason performance last fall generated notice from the next level. Hauenstein committed to the University of Illinois last winter. "It was my No. 1 choice," Hauenstein said of her Big Ten home state school. "I was very excited when they offered me the (scholarship) in January." Hauenstein, the defending DuPage Valley Conference and Glenbard East regional champion, and Moritz will be under the microscope for the Tigers this fall as a lack of varsity experience by the other projected starters is inescapable. "It will definitely be a different (team) atmosphere," said Hauenstein, who will seek a fourth consecutive state appearance this season. But the Tigers' senior is ready to accept the challenge. "I learned a lot of stuff this summer about my game," Hauenstein said. Tang readily admits the depth that has carried the program to the highest levels will be tested this fall. "It's definitely going to be a different year this year," Tang said.

The individual large-class state tournament had a decidedly underclass feel to its top performers last year, giving Hauenstein and her fellow elite seniors reason for pause. "The class behind me is incredible," Hauenstein said of Illinois' current juniors. Local coaches are adamant WW South will still be a formidable obstacle this season. "There is going to be a big group of real solid teams. I think," Nequa Valley coach John Keller said. "Naperville North and Wheaton South, from our area, are the two powerhouses. You always know those two schools are going to be up there." Naperville North, sixth in state last fall, returns four seasoned players in the Nay sisters, Elizabeth and Madeline, in all



PHOTOS BY DANIEL WHITE/dwhite@dailyherald.com
Waubonsie Valley's Arushi Singh will be one of the best girls golfers in DuPage County this year.



Naperville Central's Emma Lim marks her ball during the Vern McGonagle Memorial High School Golf Championship at the Naperville Country Club.

ber at tryouts. We are deep all the way through varsity through JV. Any of the girls who played (at the Naperville City Tournament on Tuesday) can score for us." Emily Nay has legitimacy as the

trophy." Hauenstein is not the only DuPage Valley Conference golfer who will compete in the Big Ten upon graduation. Waubonsie Valley star Singh, like Hauenstein,

for the Warriors. "It would be nice to get (Singh and Boose) back to state, either as individuals or as a team," Waubonsie Valley coach Jack Farnan said. "To do it as a team, we're going to have to really improve. It would be nice to see them finish how they started (state qualifiers as freshmen)." Lake Park senior Hansen could certainly make claims for area athletic singularity. No other female golfer in the area can duplicate her feat of individually qualifying for state meets in both golf and track and field. The Lancers' star employs her athleticism to overpower golf courses with her long tee shots. The two-time state qualifier will continue to play at Purdue next fall. "There has never been a Big Ten golfer from Lake Park on the girls side," Lake Park coach Jeff Henrikson said. "Her athleticism has definitely helped her to where she is at." Hansen has two state appearances to her credit. "I am just more confident with my game now," Hansen said. "I had a lot of mental improvements. This year my goal is to place at state. I am also hoping to lead my team." Like many in the sport, Hansen has parlayed a strenuous summer schedule into an enviable opportunity at the next level. "I

Benet had a historic ca on the 20th anniversar founding last fall. The l qualified for the state t for the first time behind sensational 5-under-p: Lauren Beaudreau fast at the Lockport section October. But Beaudrea guided Benet to seventh with her runner-up per at Hickory Point, electe to come out this season concentrate on playing national schedule. "Th everything," said Wing Benet state returnee, c Redwings' team dyan definitely going to be n this team." But Wing a her potential role has c dramatically. "This is a good opportunity for m some leadership," Win

The seven local progra single-division West St Conference are once a collectively trying to un Hinsdale Central. The return Gaur and Labeled: their fortunes. "We try on the process and hoc our best golf at the enc season," LaTorre said. Glenbard West senior l joins Singh and Hanser returning at-large state But first-year Hilltoppe: Mary McGrane also has returnees Bertane, Str and Rosley. "I think we pete with the best in th McGrane said. "I think the talent, it all depend girls. We have to play c and see where the scoo York is another prograr improved regular and c aspirations behind We: sectional returnee, and of its projected starting "I think we are going t well." York coach Barb said. "These girls really up from last year. It's a good year." Wheaton has been more than co since being elevated to 2A in recent years. The will attack this fall behi seniors Harmon and Vi: really think Margaret h: chance to make it to st Wheaton Academy coa Dykema said. Wheaton will be prohibitive favor win another Metro Sub Conference champions have won that several i in a row," Dykema saic Warriors' recent leagu: mances. Montini will fi exclusively girls team i history this fall. "I wou the girls will fall in love game," Montini coach Marks said. "Basketba softball only last so long game they will improv a lifetime." Former IC (Prep state champion M Hunt (Northern Illinois l was the lone area repr in the Class 1A state to last fall. St Francis' Gri Strickland were the onl local players who mad 1A sectional cut last fa

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Surprise! Glenbard East senior wins a new Jeep

Soccer standout honored for her volunteer efforts

By Chris Fox
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Glenbard East senior Faith Davies received quite a surprise last week. One day after committing to attend the University of Illinois-Chicago, the soccer standout visited her high school to talk to the incoming freshmen about the importance of volunteerism.

As the incoming freshmen ate lunch in the fieldhouse, Davies anticipated that Glenbard East girls soccer coach Kent Overbey would receive some kind of recognition for his role in the PepsiCo Showdown, an annual spring tournament featuring nearly 100 high school girls teams. The Rams take part in the event, which stresses the importance of community service.

Joe Trost, the managing director of the PepsiCo Showdown, spoke briefly to the assembled crowd. Trost, who presented a \$450 check to the school's athletic program, then called up Davies and three of her teammates to recognize them for their volunteer work. Trost presented each of the girls with their choice of a gift—either Cubs tickets or B96 Jingle Bash concert tickets. Moments later, as he was asking the girls how they would commute to either of the events, Davies learned of the day's big surprise. She had won a new vehicle.

Davies was shocked to learn she had won a new 2017 Jeep Compass Sport vehicle, awarded in partnership with Zeigler Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM of Schaumburg. One of those vehicles was sitting just outside of one of the fieldhouse's open doors.

Davies won the Jeep Compass through the PepsiCo Showdown's Making a Difference On AND Off the Field campaign. The tournament's charitable arm is Buddy's HELPERS—named after Trost's dog—Buddy.

"Everybody needs a buddy, and everybody needs help," said Trost.

"I thought we were surprising Coach Overbey for everything he's done," said Davies, who was still in shock a few minutes after the presentation.

While she didn't know she would win a vehicle, Davies did think something was up before the surprise. She noticed her family and her club coach in the audience.

"I looked over and saw them and thought something was going on," she said. "They wouldn't be here if I was just talking to the freshmen."

According to information provided by the PepsiCo Showdown, Davies won the Jeep after she was randomly selected from a pool of more than 100 Chicago-area high school student entries. The students were asked to write a brief description of their charitable activities.

Davies, who turns 17 on Aug. 24, has been involved with Project Linus, which provides blankets to children with cancer. She also visited and spent time with seniors at Parkview Retirement Home. Additionally, she has read to kindergartners, built gardens as part of the Garden Works Project and served as a volunteer soccer coach.

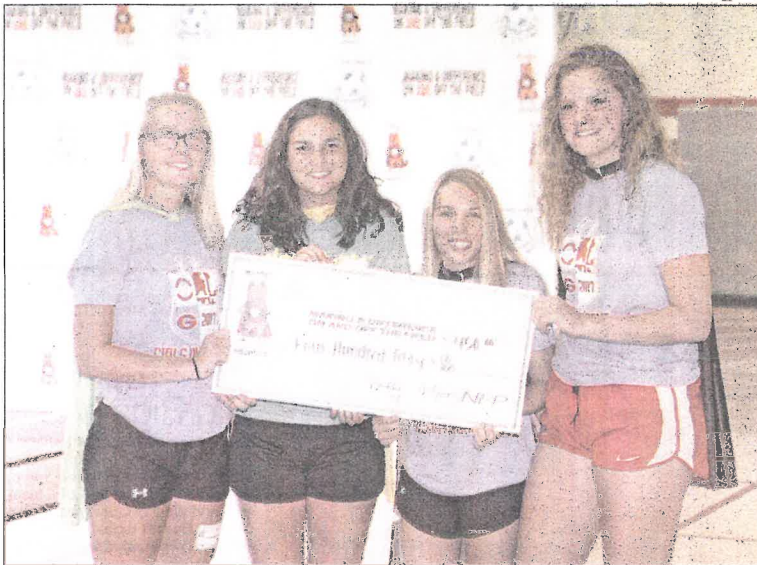
Davies has also given her time to the Outreach House of Lombard, Feed My Starving Children and Blessings in a Backpack. This spring, she collected and delivered toys and clothing to the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center.

"It's fun for me," said Davies of her charitable projects. "It comes from pretty much everywhere. My parents encourage it. My coaches encourage it. This [PepsiCo Showdown] tournament gave me more opportunities for it. It's a really good feeling to feel that you've done something for someone, and made an impact on their life."

Overbey learned Davies had won the Jeep back in May, at the end of Glenbard East's school year. There wasn't an available day to schedule a surprise in front of students at that time.

"This was the first good opportunity," said Overbey at the end of the lunch for incoming freshmen. "We were able to keep it under wraps. You could see it on her face. She was truly surprised."

Overbey noted that Davies is one of several members of the Glenbard East girls soccer program who are involved in charitable activities. Three of the team's other standout volunteers—junior Sam Johnson and seniors Alyse Donato and Ali Liljestrand—joined Davies to accept the tournament's \$450 check to the school's athletic department.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Glenbard East senior Faith Davies learned she won a new 2017 Jeep Compass Sport Vehicle last week. Davies, a standout on the Rams' girls soccer team, received the vehicle as part of the PepsiCo Showdown's Making a Difference On AND Off the Field campaign. Glenbard East takes part in the annual PepsiCo Showdown—the largest high school soccer tournament in the nation—each spring. The tournament stresses the importance of charitable projects. "She's an amazing kid," said Glenbard East girls soccer coach Kent Overbey of Davies. "She wants to give back and is happy to help others." As a sophomore, Davies was a member of the Rams team that won the third-place trophy in the 2016 IHSA Class 3A state tournament. She committed last week to attend the University of Illinois-Chicago, where she will continue her soccer career. Davies primarily played in the backfield as a sophomore. She spent a majority of her junior season as Glenbard East's goalkeeper. Davies plans to be a goalkeeper at the University of Illinois-Chicago. In one photo, taken just before the surprise announcement, Davies (far right) is pictured with three of her teammates—(left to right) junior Sam Johnson and seniors Alyse Donato and Ali Liljestrand. They accepted a \$450 check from the PepsiCo Showdown to the school's athletic department.



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Glenbard East senior Faith Davies looks toward a new 2017 Jeep Compass Sport vehicle during last week's surprise presentation in the school's fieldhouse. Davies spoke to the school's incoming freshmen earlier in the day. She believed her coach was receiving an honor during the freshmen luncheon and was shocked when she learned she had won the vehicle to recognize her charitable participation.

Rams and Warriors invite the public to attend Friday night's athletic scrimmages

Glenbard East will hold its second annual Red and Black Athletic Community Night on Friday, Aug. 18. The community is invited to attend the event, which will feature scrimmages by the Rams' fall athletic teams. The first scrimmages will begin at 4:30 p.m. The varsity football team scrimmage will start at about 6:15 p.m. The Glenbard East band will play the national anthem and the school's Red and Black Song before the varsity football scrimmage.

Willowbrook will hold its second annual

Community Night on Aug. 18. Admission is free to the event, which will include a showcase of the school's fall athletic teams and extracurricular activities. The showcase will begin at 6:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the District 88 Foundation.

Friday night's event at Willowbrook will include a scrimmage by the boys soccer team, a scrimmage by the football team and performances by the marching band, color guard, cheerleaders and pom squad.

The Top 50

The top 50 football players in DuPage County this season.

Names	School	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.
Jack Baka	Glenbard East	6-0	180	LB	Jr.
Jackson Behles	Lake Park	6-3	200	QB	Sr.
Matt Bjorson	Hinsdale Central	6-3	225	TE	Sr.
Bret Bushka	Glenbard East	5-10	180	QB	Jr.
Dylan Butts	Fenton	6-1	200	RB-DE	Sr.
Nick Calcagno	Naperville North	6-3	215	WR	Sr.
Ben Cooney	Benet	5-10	160	DB-WR	Sr.
Jack Crouch	Glenbard South	5-10	185	QB	Sr.
Nick D'Ambra	Glenbard South	6-1	205	LB	Sr.
Nick D'Ambrose	Addison Trail	5-8	180	RB	Sr.
Drake Davis	Naperville North	6-0	190	QB	Sr.
A.J. Deinhart	Naperville Central	5-9	185	RB	Sr.
Ryan Diver	Glenbard West	5-10	185	RB-LB	Sr.
Lazerick Eatman	IC Catholic	5-10	165	RB-DB	Sr.
Bryce Effner	Metea Valley	6-5	285	OL-DL	Sr.
Jake Eskoff	Neuqua Valley	6-2	200	QB	Sr.
Connor Forrest	Waubonsie Valley	6-3	260	OL	Sr.
Matt Greenwald	Downers South	6-2	208	QB	Sr.
Tyrik Henderson	Glenbard North	6-0	180	WR-DB	Sr.
Jack Jessen	Willowbrook	5-11	199	RB-LB	Sr.
Jake Karczewski	Montini	6-0	195	RB-LB	Sr.
Nick Keyes	Benet	5-9	160	WR-DB	Sr.
Justin Kozlow	Hinsdale South	6-3	195	QB	Sr.
Noah Kotke	West Chicago	6-1	220	OL-LB	Sr.
Josh Krajacic	Neuqua Valley	6-2	210	DL	Sr.
Joe Lang	St. Francis	5-8	130	WR-DB	Jr.
Derric Lee	Waubonsie Valley	6-0	165	DB	Sr.
Ryan Marrano	Naperville North	6-1	190	LB	Sr.
Ricky Mysliwicz	IC Catholic	6-1	275	OL-DL	Jr.
Bo Neidballa	Wheaton North	5-11	210	LB	Sr.
Keonta Nixon	Lake Park	6-4	210	WR	Sr.
Garrett Oakley	Hinsdale Central	5-11	177	WR	Sr.
Devin Petersen	Benet	6-0	220	LB	Sr.
Alec Pierce	Glenbard West	6-3	200	WR	Sr.
Tanner Plowman	Westmont	6-0	210	OL-LB	Sr.
Jayden Reed	Naperville Central	6-0	170	WR-DB	Sr.
Luke Ricobene	IC Catholic	5-11	165	QB	Sr.
Charles Robinson	Waubonsie Valley	6-4	215	TE-LB	Sr.
Dimitrie Skakavac	Wheaton Academy	6-2	230	OL-LB	Sr.
Luke Skokna	Hinsdale Central	5-9	170	RB	Jr.
Jalen Slater	Montini	6-2	195	DL	Sr.
Cameron Stitt	Lisle	6-2	165	TE-LB	Sr.
Destin Talbert	Hinsdale South	5-11	170	WR	Sr.
Dre Thomas	Glenbard West	6-1	185	RB	Sr.
Payton Thorne	Naperville Central	6-2	180	QB	Jr.
Ben Thorson	Wheaton Academy	6-3	185	QB	Jr.
Jose Vazquez	Glenbard North	6-3	295	OL	Sr.
Sergio Villalobos	Downers South	5-11	210	DL	Sr.
Tanner Westwood	Waubonsie Valley	5-10	160	QB	Sr.
Ryan Young	WW South	5-11	205	RB	Sr.



Waubonsie Valley's Tanner Westwood (5) will lead perhaps the best offense in the DuPage Valley Conference this season.

One last time for the full DVC Football

By KEVIN SCHMIT
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Once more unto the breach... DuPage Valley Conference football may not be as poetic as Shakespeare's Henry V, but for decades it's epitomized excellence on the gridiron. It comes to an end after this season, at least in the form we've come to know and love.

At the end of this school year, Glenbard North, Lake Park, Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South depart to create the DuKane Conference with Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles East and St. Charles North. That'll leave Metea Valley, Naperville Central, Naperville North, Neuqua Valley and Waubonsie Valley as the remaining schools in a patchwork DVC for 2018-19.

Before we peer into the league's unknown future, though, let's enjoy what'll be a tremendous "final" season. "You've got the whole range of emotions," said Naperville North coach Sean Drendel. "As a guy who played in the conference and watched it thrive, there's a good amount of sentimentality and some bittersweet feelings."

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Quarterback Jacks threw for 1,600 yards and he's joined by Dan Spejcher and Smith, who missed time due to injury.

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Boys soccer

Wednesday's results

BATAVIA 4, NEUQUA VALLEY 3
Neuqua Valley 2 1 3
Batavia 1 3 4
Scoring — NY: Kulk, Miller, Kuhn (Penalties); Haindoss (Penalty); B. Corro (APG); M. Garcia (wrap); S. Garcia (PK); Herold (S. Garcia).
Goalkeepers — NY: Soto; B. Merford (6 saves); Rilko-Siroc (4 saves).

Boys golf

Wednesday's results

Waubonsie Valley 176, Glenbard North 179
at Springfield
Waubonsie Valley — Troy (34); Genzer (37); Kenyon (38); Fritz (40).
Glenbard North — Light (34 assists); Schmidt (2 kills); Clark (2 aces, 6 kills, 1 block); O'Connor (2 kills); LaBue (11 digs); Barkmore (1 ace, 3 kills, 1 block, 4 digs); Schone (2 aces, 12 digs); Obo (1 ace, 1 kill, 1 block, 5 digs).
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Metea Valley's Mikaila Dowd, right, fires the ball past Glenbard East's Allison Kamaker on Wednesday in Aurora.

LAKE PARK 4, ADDISON TRAIL
Addison Trail — Pisco (1 kill); Scranage (2 kills); D'Amico (2 aces, 5 kills, 1 dig); Soara (2 kills); Ward (5 kills); Polescha (1 ace, 1 kill, 6 assists); Suss (2 aces, 1 dig).
WHEATON NORTH 10, ST. CHARLES EAST 25-16, 39-25, 25-16
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Girls tennis

Wednesday's results

LAKE PARK 4, ROLLING LEADINGS 4
Lakers — No. 1: Oropz (8-7); Weinert (6-1, 6-1); No. 2: Grant (PK) (4-3); Pisco (3-4); No. 3: Zaitner (PK) (4-3); Zaitner (6-2, 6-1).
Doubles — No. 1: Pisco/Grant (6-1); Obo/Schone (6-2, 6-1); No. 2: Barkmore/Oropz (6-1); Obo/Schone (6-2, 6-2); No. 3: Obo/Paoletti (6-1); Barkmore/Oropz (6-2, 6-2); No. 4: Paoletti/Mouton (PK) (4-3); Mouton/Paoletti (6-2, 6-2); (10-6).
WILLOWBROOK 6, MCKINCY 2

UEC preparing for new local

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Football

It's the end of the Upstate Football Conference as we know it

Defending UEC Valley Division

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from a team that finished last season as a lineman Mike Oakes

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State leaders say deal reached on school funding reform



House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, left, and Senate President John Cullerton, D-Chicago, talk on the Senate floor July 4 at the Capitol in Springfield.

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Daily Herald report

General Assembly leaders said this afternoon that they've reached a deal on school funding reform.

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"The legislative leaders appear to have reached a bipartisan agreement in concept and will meet again on Sunday in Springfield," a statement from House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton said.

And House Republican Leader Jim Durkin and Senate Republican Leader-designee Bill Brady today released the following statement via Facebook on school funding reform negotiations:

"This afternoon the four legislative leaders and the governor reached an agreement in principle on historic school funding reform. Language will be drafted and details of the agreement released once the drafts have been reviewed. The leaders will reconvene in Springfield on Sunday in anticipation of House action on Monday."

Madigan and Cullerton's statement said the Illinois House is expected to be in session at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Neither group has yet released further details on the deal.

The Illinois Senate voted earlier this month to override Gov. Bruce Rauner's amendatory veto of a bill to reform the state's school funding formula.

Senate Bill 1, a Democratic plan passed by the legislature in May, would change the way state money is distributed to schools using a new method proponents say is more equitable.

Madigan earlier this month said he'd call for an override of Rauner's school funding reform veto. The Illinois Senate last week voted to override the veto.

But the Republican governor, who called the measure a "bailout" for Chicago Public Schools, issued an amendatory veto to reduce the amount of state money given to Chicago schools this year by \$423 million compared with the bill as written. Rauner's plan would then increase funding for 831 other school districts, including some in the suburbs, according to an analysis released by his office.

"Our plan shows what true fairness and equity in education funding looks like and just how badly change is needed in our current system," Rauner said at the time. "It shows that for years, the state has been sending money to Chicago at the expense of the rest of the state."

The Senate did not agree, passing a motion to override Rauner's veto in a 38-19 vote, with several suburban lawmakers favoring the school funding bill without the governor's changes.

The motion to override the governor's veto then moved to the House. There, an override, which also requires a three-fifths majority vote, was less certain.

The four General Assembly leaders have been meeting to discuss a proposal. Madigan canceled a House veto

override vote Wednesday "In light of progress" in the discussions.

With the legislation still in limbo, the State Board of Education couldn't release the first state-aid payment, due Aug. 10. No public school district indicated it wouldn't open, but most said they can't hold class all year without state money.

Sen. Melinda Bush, a Grayslake Democrat, had called Rauner's plan "shortsighted," saying it would be financially devastating to school districts statewide.

"Senate Bill 1 is the only plan that ensures no Illinois schools lose funding," she said in a statement after the Senate override vote. "Hundreds of superintendents, educators and advocacy groups have come out in support of the SB1 because it's a fair and equitable plan that would provide long-term stability and certainty to our schools."

Some legislators said the bill would receive adequate funding to operate this academic year. If legislation isn't passed, school districts won't receive the \$6.67 billion in state money that is tied to the passage of a new funding formula.

"This was not only the most beneficial reform brought forth this legislative session; it is also the most necessary," said Sen. Cristina Castro, an Elgin Democrat, after the Senate vote.

Republican Sen. Tom Rooney of Rolling Meadows supported Rauner's veto, saying Senate Bill 1 caters toward one district and ignores the needs of suburban and downstate schools. Rooney, a teacher at Leyden High School District 212, also criticized the two-month delay between lawmakers passing the bill and sending it to the governor's office.

"What we're saying is that everybody in this state needs to be treated equally. Nobody's special," he said after the Senate vote. "That's a message anybody should be able to understand."

Under Rauner's state funding reform plans, more than 97 percent of Illinois school districts would receive more funding than what's proposed in Senate Bill 1, according to an Illinois State Board of Education analysis.

Waukegan Unit District 60, for example, would receive \$6.6 million more. East Aurora Unit District 131 would receive an additional \$5.3 million, and West Aurora Unit District 129 would get \$4.2 million more.

Elgin-Area School District U-46 would see the largest jump in funding -- \$12.8 million -- from the bill as written to Rauner's plan.

"It's incredible for Elgin, a district that has a huge amount of poverty and does not have property tax wealth," Rauner said before the Senate vote. "The numbers show that our plan sends more money to almost every school district across Illinois. With our changes, the vast majority of our neediest district gets millions more."