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## 2 people killed in Addison house fire

According to a WGN-TV news report, Addison Fire Department officials have confirmed two people were found dead inside a home on Ellsworth Avenue near Armitage following a fire that broke out at the home early Monday morning.

Addison Fire Department offi-

cials told WGN-TV the fire started in the kitchen area, moved up into the attic and spread to the rest of the house, and the two individuals were found dead in the back bedroom.

Fire Department officials told WGN-TV there were no working smoke detectors inside the home at

the time of the fire.

The WGN-TV report showed smoke coming from the single-story house. Fire Department officials told WGN-TV that a couple driving by in a semi-truck saw smoke from the house and called 9-1-1 at around 2:30 Monday morning, and

firefighters responded within five minutes.

Addison Deputy Fire Chief Scott Walker told WGN-TV at the scene of the fire that when firefighters were trying to get into the building, "a lot of fire had consumed the roof area." A lot of the structure had col-

lapsed in, Walker said, and "we had to pull crews back and kind of regroup to find a better access into the building."

The Addison Fire Department is still trying to find out exactly what caused the fire, according to the WGN-TV report.

## Still time to weigh in on District 88 schools

### Illinois 5Essentials Survey ends Jan. 31

By Paul DelGuidice  
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

Parents of District 88 students—both Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools—still have time to contribute their input on the 'Illinois 5Essentials Survey' that began in December. The deadline to take the survey is Jan. 31.

This is the sixth time the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has conducted '5Essentials,' which is a statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions. A required response rate must be met for the results from the optional parent/guardian survey to be included in the individual school reports.

"District 88 has consistently participated in the statewide 5Essentials Survey and (has opted) to administer the survey again this year to continue tracking and informing progress."

said an administrator in the Dist. 88 Building Futures newsletter.

The survey was sent via email to teachers at Dist. 88. Students were given details about how to take the survey through their individual school. Parents and guardians were given the chance to take the survey at several events in December and January. The last chance to take the survey is via the web. The survey can be taken online at <https://illinois.5essentials.org/2017> through Jan. 31.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey provides 'a comprehensive picture of a school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring five 'essentials' critical for school success' including Effective Leaders; Collaborative Teachers; Involved Families; Supportive Environment; and Ambitious Instruction.

According to District 88, 20 years of research at The University of Chicago in more than 400 schools has shown schools that are strong on at least three of the 5Essentials are 10 times more likely to make substantial gains in improving student reading and math than schools that are weak on three or more of the 5Essentials.

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## Watch and learn (and laugh!)

Lake Park School students watch the games as part of the "Minute to Win It" Positive Behavior Interventions and Support event held on Friday, Jan. 19.

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## SPORTS

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# Addison Trail girls bowling team making big strides

*Blazers gearing up for tail end of season, start of postseason action*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls bowling team is on the improvement path.

Blazers' coach Steve Gilliam has been thrilled with the team's season-long progress. "We are bowling better, but not winning yet," he said. "We're getting into the 2,500s (as a team) at the varsity level and into the 2,000s at the JV level consistently. We need everybody to put it all together in a series at the same time."

Gilliam said progress is being made in the spares department. "The girls

are picking up their spares and doing a really nice job with that," he said.

In a recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division match against Leyden, the Blazers bowled in the 2,500s with Rachel Soucie having the high game at 179.

In a WSC contest against Downers Grove South, the Warriors bowled in the 2,300s with Laura Gamble leading the way with a 198 high game.

Addison Trail also was in the 2,300s in a WSC match against Hinsdale Central. Becca Bero led the Blazers with a 181 high game.

Against Downers Grove North in WSC play, the Blazers were at 2,550 as a team. In that contest, Fiona Levesque had high games of 197 and 192 and finished with a strong 512 series. "Fiona bowled very well in that match," said Gilliam.

Addison Trail hit the 2,500s in a WSC contest against Morton. Clare O'Connell had a 185 high game.

"All of the girls have improved," said Gilliam. "They've all had really good games at one point or another. Our problem is we have good games

here and there. We need two girls to have great nights and others to bowl their average to have a shot in these conference duals. Everybody in this conference is good. Willowbrook is very good. They probably are the best."

Against York, Addison Trail hit the 2,500s again. O'Connell had a 215 high game. "The girls are having a great time," said Gilliam. "We're going to lose some key seniors in Laura Gamble, Rachel Soucie and Gina Tomasello (Gilliam also lauded the ef-

forts of junior Yvette Beltran). Those girls are consistent varsity contributors. We are going to miss them."

Addison Trail celebrated senior night earlier this week against Fenton. The Blazers will host the WSC Head Pin tournament (the unofficial conference tournament) this coming Monday (Jan. 29) at Stardust in Addison.

The Blazers will be part of a regional at Wheaton Bowl on Feb. 3. "It's a very solid regional. It will be a lot harder than last year," said Gilliam.

## Defense fuels Fenton girls basketball team

*Bison score recent conference win against Illiana Christian*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Defense has been a recent bright spot for the Fenton girls basketball team of late.

Coach Dave Mello's Bison squad forced a total of 92 turnovers during a recent three game stretch against Illiana Christian, Plainfield Central and Aurora Central Catholic.

In those games, Fenton downed Illiana 53-49 in a Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division game, lost to Plainfield 55-33 in non-conference play and dropped a 77-53 MSC Blue decision to ACC. Through late last week Fenton was 7-12 overall and 3-5 in MSC Blue play.

"We have been doing a really good job of forcing turnovers," said Mello. "Forcing 92 turnovers in three games is a pretty high number at this time of the season."

Mello has been pleased with the movement forward he's seen on the defensive side of the ball, particularly when it comes to limiting opponents' second-chance opportunities. "It doesn't always look like it or feel like it during a game, but we have improved on the number of offensive rebounds we are allowing each game," he said.

Through late last week, Amara Benbow was leading the team in a bevy of statistical categories including points per game (11.7), rebounds (8.7 per game), assists (4.2), and steals (3.1). Ashley Milano was the team leader in 3-pointers made with 29 and Ashley Lira was leading the way in blocked shots per game.

Mello noted the team's offensive output has slowed down a bit of late. "However, as we play the conference teams a second time and they know our system, that was to be expected," he said. "Against Plainfield Central, we suffered through our worst shooting night of the season."

Mello also would like to see the team's turnover ratio remain in positive territory. "We can get better at everything, but we need to cut down on our turnovers," he said. "Too many times we are forcing a turnover and then giving it right back to the other team."

Jenny Martinez and Teagan Hansen were cited for their recent contributions. "Jenny has really been competing at a very high level and also has been knocking down shots," said Mello. "Teagan has really started to rebound at a high level. She had a season-high 10 rebounds against Plainfield Central."

Fenton has Wheaton Academy and Riverside-Brookfield on the schedule this week, both MSC Blue games. Tonight's game is at R-B. "We are nearing the end," Mello said late last week. "We only have six regular-season games that remain before regionals. We are looking to continue to grow and be ready to play our best basketball in the regionals."

## Willowbrook boys basketball team wins Sterling tournament

*Schuemer named MVP*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Tournaments and the Willowbrook boys basketball team have gone well together the last two seasons.

The Warriors won their second tournament of the season recently, going a perfect 4-0 at the Sterling High School Martin Luther King Jr. tournament. Willowbrook won the event for a second year in a row. The Warriors also won the Stag tournament in November and won three total tournaments last season.

The Warriors scored wins at Sterling against Naperville Central (59-46), Sterling (75-55), Belvidere North (79-51) and Dixon (50-33).

"This probably was our best defensive effort in all four games," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "The guys were engaged and locked in on defense. We were moving as one. It felt like we were on a streak. It was the best we have played defensively all year. Obviously, you have to score points, but our defense created a lot of opportunities. It took pressure off having to score by maintaining the other team."

Ethan Schuemer was named the tournament MVP. He was joined on the all-tournament team by Matt Myers and Matas Masys. Schuemer also was named the MVP of the Stag tournament this season and made the all-tournament team at Glenbard West at Christmas along with Myers. Myers and Masys were all-tournament at Stag as well.

"Ethan was consistent for us," said Perkins.

Schuemer had point outputs of 18, 16, 18 and 15 at Sterling. He had rebounding totals of nine, seven, four and 14.

Perkins also had high praise for Myers' and Masys' contributions. "Matt has been solid for us," he said. "He's one of our versatile players. He does a little bit of everything. Matas shot the ball well and he also was very disruptive on the defensive end of the floor. He had 19 points, 10 steals and five assists against Belvidere North. He really helped us out. Everybody has been pitching in and contributing, which has led to the recent success."

Perkins was impressed with how his team persevered during a stretch that featured four games in three days. "Those types of tournaments you play two on Saturday and two on Monday," he explained. "And then there is the bus ride over there and back. It tests your mental toughness. It's a battle of attrition to stay energized and focused to play those four games in three days. We were focused."

Willowbrook was 14-3 and 2-2 in conference through late last week. The Warriors will play four of their

final six conference games at home. "We still have a chance," said Perkins of winning the conference title. "We've only played two home games out of our 17 so far. I'm not sure what a home-court advantage is because we don't play there (laughs). It will be great to start playing at home in front of our fans."

Willowbrook welcomes Proviso East to town Friday in a key West Suburban Conference Gold Division game. Proviso edged Willowbrook by a bucket in overtime at the buzzer in Maywood earlier this season.

"I'm very pleased where we are at right now," said Perkins. "We hit a little snag for a stretch with the last game at Christmas and then coming out of the break we didn't look too hot. We've hit the reset button and guys have gotten refocused. Once we got back in a routine we've been better. We stumbled a little bit, but we took one step back to take two forward. Hopefully, we'll be able to build off the way we played at Sterling."

## The Don of A New Day in Sports

*'Correction and prediction'*



DON  
FIGARELLI

I have to report a "typo" in the last issue about the spelling of one of my fellow bowler's name. (My mistake, not the newspaper.) The correct spelling is Anthony Sturt and he was so inspired to be correctly listed that he went out and bowled an amazing 772 series on games of 227, 268 and 277!

How about the football playoff games last weekend. Who thought the Pittsburgh Steelers would lose to the Jacksonville Jaguars? I think the Minnesota Vikings got lucky on the last play of the game to beat the New Orleans Saints. What do you think?

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# Willowbrook girls basketball team keeping busy

Warriors recently competed against Leyden, Downers Grove South and Lemont

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls basketball team recently wrapped up a trifecta of contests against Leyden, Downers Grove South and Lemont.

In a 54-52 West Suburban Conference Gold Division loss to Leyden, Willowbrook led 14-11 after the first quarter and trailed 27-23 at halftime. Leyden outscored Willowbrook 17-8 in the third quarter, but the Warriors came charging back and held a 21-10 advantage in the fourth quarter, but came up just short.

Katelyn McCann led the Warriors with 17 points. Maureen Schmid added seven points, while K'Aliyha Herron and Sydney Verdino each had six points. Verdi-

no and Schmid each had nine rebounds, while Herron had seven rebounds. Jayla Smith and McCann each had three assists. McCann had six steals, while Emma Barrington had four points and four steals. Willowbrook scored 26 points off turnovers. The game featured eight lead changes and four ties.

In a 61-32 WSC Gold loss to Downers Grove South, the Warriors trailed 15-4 after the first quarter and 33-11 at halftime.

McCann led Willowbrook with 13 points. Schmid pulled in 10 rebounds, while Smith had four assists. Maura Heneghan and McCann each had three steals. McCann and Verdino each made a 3-pointer. Willowbrook scored 20 of its 32 points in the paint.

Willowbrook also lost 70-48 to Lemont in non-conference action. Lemont jumped out to a 20-8 lead after the first quarter and led 41-15 at halftime.

The Warriors shot 46.7 percent from the field. Smith made two 3-pointers, while Schmid had one 3-pointer.

Herron led the Warriors with 13 points, while CeCe Lizasuain had 10 points, as did Schmid. Smith chipped in eight points. Schmid had five rebounds, while Herron had four rebounds. Smith had five assists and five steals to go with her eight points. McCann added three steals.

Willowbrook scored 32 of its 48 points in the paint and had 20 points of bench scoring.

The Warriors traveled to Morton earlier this week for a WSC Gold game. Willowbrook heads to Proviso East Friday for another conference game and then heads

to Addison Trail Saturday for the second District 88 contest of the season.

Willowbrook won the first meeting 61-42 in Villa Park.

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# Myers rallies Willowbrook past DGS

By MATT LE CREN

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**DOWNERS GROVE** – Willowbrook senior Matt Myers presents an interesting conundrum for opponents.

The 6-foot-4 guard prefers to shoot from the perimeter, which is likely to be his forte at the next level. But he's just as effective playing in the paint.

That combination proved to be a nightmare for host Downers Grove South on Jan. 19.

Myers went scoreless in the first half, missing his only shot. But he erupted to score all eight of his points and dish out four assists over the final 12 minutes to rally the Warriors to a 68-55 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory.

"Second half, we really noticed the middle was open, so I took advantage of my size because I don't think their lineup had anyone over 6-3," Myers said. "Instead of shooting the outside shot, I just kept driving it and taking it in."

Willowbrook (17-3, 4-2) also beat Leyden 58-56 on Jan. 20 behind Ethan Schuemer's 20 points, then edged Larkin 70-67 on Jan. 23 on Matas Masys' game-winning 3-pointer. Schuemer had 23 points and 10 rebounds, Masys scored 13 points and sophomore Everett Stubblefield had 13 points in his

varsity debut against Larkin.

While 6-6 senior center Schuemer draws the most attention from defenses, crafty players such as Myers and point guard Marshawn Phillips make the Warriors go.

"[Myers] is a bigger guard for us and he's one of our better playmakers, so when you give him the ball in the high post, obviously he's a scoring threat," Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins said. "He can create for himself and then he's good enough to create shots for other guys."

Downers South (10-9, 2-3) led by as many as seven points in the first half after sinking six 3-pointers. The Mustangs were up 39-34 in the third quarter when Willowbrook's Masys sank a 3-pointer.

That triggered an 18-5 run to end the quarter, which featured the Warriors switching to a half-court trap that disrupted Downers South's offense.

"We have a call where we're always trapping, but the guys can make a read and call it depending on where his guy is going," Perkins said. "The guys did a good job of making those reads themselves."

The Mustangs sank just two 3-pointers after intermission, while the Warriors shot 14 for 22. It all started with the defense.



Shaw Media file photo

Willowbrook's Matt Myers shoots under the basket in a game last season.

"I think we just played harder," Myers said. "First half, we kind of took them lightly. Second half, we realized we had to pick it up and play hard."

Myers scored on a drive to pull Wil-

lowbrook to within one. Schuemer, who had a game-high 24 points to go with nine rebounds, gave the Warriors a 43-42 lead on a layup off a Phillips feed and Myers followed with a driving layup.

The Warriors never looked back. Phillips never looked anywhere else but in the direction of Myers, who sank a pair of medium-range turnaround shots after Downers South had cut the lead to 56-48.

"I can trust anybody on this team, including Matt," said Phillips, who finished with nine points and three assists. "I knew Matt was going to knock down the shots in the middle so I kept giving him the ball."

Justin Eagins led Downers South with 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Blake Thoren and Wesley Hooker added 15 points and 13 points, respectively.

But Hooker, who had a game-high 14 rebounds and five assists, and Thoren each had only one basket in the second half.

Myers, on the other hand, was 4 for 4 in the second half. He's being recruited by Roosevelt, Carroll and Lewis.

"My role is to be a playmaker, get the ball and make plays, get stops on defense and be a presence in the paint, anything to get the win," Myers said. "And we really needed this win."

## GIRLS TENNIS

# State's assistant coach of year honor goes to York's Dollaske

By JOSHUA WELGE

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Kara Dollaske knows firsthand that a strong varsity program doesn't start without a strong base.

Dollaske, York's JV1 tennis coach, wasn't a super competitive player when she first started playing in high school at Maine South. Dollaske, in fact, started at the JV level.

By the time she graduated, she was playing varsity No. 2 doubles.

"I like to tell my girls that just because you don't start at the top, that doesn't mean it can't be your end place,"



Kara Dollaske

Dollaske said. "Hard work, hitting outside can really make a difference."

Dollaske has certainly made a difference.

A coach at York for six years, Dollaske has seen the program's popularity take off from 50 girls over three levels when she started to 112 girls program-wide this past fall. Dollaske's JV1 team went 27-2 in 2017, a record for dual wins.

Her work has not gone without notice. Dollaske has been named the state's assistant coach of the year by the Illinois High School Tennis Coaches Association.

"It's nice to be thought of that we have such a successful program and such a large program," Dollaske said. "Our program has grown, and our

depth has grown. I'd like to think that myself and the other assistants are a part of that success."

Dollaske, a school counselor at York, graduated from Maine South in 2002. She went on to undergrad at Illinois, where she was part of the ice skating team.

Before arriving at York seven years ago, Dollaske coached varsity soccer and poms at Waukegan.

At York, Dollaske was approached by Dukes head coach Tres Heimann about joining the coaching staff. She first did two seasons as JV2 coach.

"It's awesome, a fun sport," Dollaske said. "We've created great camaraderie, but also a competitiveness for the girls."

The explosive growth of the tennis program does come with challenges,

specifically with facilities. With only so many courts, Dollaske and the coaches get creative with conditioning on some days more for the beginner levels.

"It helps perpetuate girls getting better because there is so much competition," Dollaske said. "I don't think we have a cutthroat program. It helps for the girls to continue to hone their skills."

This season York placed second at the conference meet, one point behind the tournament winner. The JV1 Dukes won the York Invite and the Downers Grove South doubles tournament.

"The season was a special and historic one," Dollaske said. "What I am most proud of is how the girls worked together as a team. Every girl contributed her part up and down the lineup."

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# Timothy Christian runs win streak to five straight

## SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Matt Owens and Michael Thomas each scored 18 points, and Brandon Orange had eight points and 13 rebounds for Timothy Christian (14-4, 6-0) in a 63-60 Metro Suburban Conference crossover win over Wheaton Academy on Jan. 23.

The Trojans have won five in a row and are in first place in the Metro Suburban Red.

"We're sitting in first place, we went 6-0 the first time through [conference], and we've had a chance to prove ourselves against teams from the other side of the conference - Glenbard South, IC and Wheaton Academy," Orange said. "We want to win out and win a couple postseason games, hopefully get a home sectional game at the WAC [Ward Athletic Center]."

Thomas scored 17 points for the Trojans in a 50-42 win over IC Catholic Prep on Jan. 19.

Orange had 17 points and 13 rebounds, Owens added 14 points and Thomas chipped in 11 for the Trojans in a 62-41 win over Illiana Christian.

## IC Catholic Prep

Alex Meurer scored 22 points for the Knights in a 56-33 win over Fenton on Jan. 23. Khali Saunders added eight points and Kevin Cheng had seven points and eight assists for ICCP (14-6, 4-3), which outscored Fenton 24-7 in the third quarter.

## York

Erik Cohn scored 12 points, all in the second half, for York (12-8, 2-3 West Suburban Silver), but his potential game-tying 3-pointer as time expired was waved off in a 55-52 loss to Proviso West on Jan. 19.

Nick Kosich scored a team-high 15 points and Angelo Martucci added 12 for York.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Montini

Lindsey Jarosinski scored 16 points and Sam Mitchell returned from a knee injury to score 13 points and hit three 3-pointers in the Lady Broncos' 63-35 GCAC Red win over St. Ignatius on Jan. 23 in Lombard.

### Timothy Christian

Olivia Schuringa had 16 points, six rebounds and five blocked shots, and Heidi Westra added eight points and 13 rebounds in a 57-47 win over Ridgeview on Jan. 23. Hannah Schuringa chipped in 11 points and Emily DeBoer had 10.

Hannah Schuringa scored 16 points and Olivia Schuringa grabbed 10 rebounds in a 54-32 win over Illiana Christian on Jan. 21.

Hannah Schuringa scored 12 points and Olivia Schuringa and DeBoer each scored 10 points for the Trojans in a 58-14 win over Elmwood Park on Jan. 18.

### Willowbrook

The Warriors lost 62-38 to Morton on Jan. 23. Katelyn McCann scored 13 points in a 61-32 loss to Downers Grove South.

### York

Danielle Dennis scored 25 points for the Dukes in a 61-49 loss to Benet on Jan. 23. Lauren Stack scored 25 points to lead Benet. York (15-7, 7-2) beat Lyons Township 47-37 on Jan. 20.

## WRESTLING Glenbard East

The Rams took second place to St. Charles East by a 279.5-220 margin at the Upstate Eight Conference meet Jan. 20 in St. Charles. Alec Wolff and Ben Pham took home individual titles at 182 and 195 pounds, respectively, for Glenbard East.

# Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



## BRANDON ORANGE

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN  
Senior | Basketball

### Why Orange was selected:

**Orange has helped key the Trojans' recent five-game winning streak, which includes wins in the last week over Guerin, IC Catholic Prep, Illiana Christian and Wheaton Academy. Over the last four games Orange has averaged 13.5 points, 12 rebounds and three assists, shooting 57 percent from the floor. On the season Orange is averaging 13 points, 10 rebounds and two assists for Timothy Christian, 14-4 and 6-0 atop the Metro Suburban Red.**

Orange, the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week sponsored by Gracik Makinney, spoke with sports editor Joshua Welge about the season. Here's an edited transcript:

**Welge: What's been going on during this streak your team is on?**

**Orange:** I don't think we've lost since the new year [5-0], so it's been a good start to 2018. We go on stretches when we are moving the ball, when we're flowing that we're tough to stop. If we keep that consistency I think we can do big things this season.

**Welge: That IC game, how long had you been thinking about that one [IC beat Timothy Christian in last year's playoffs]?**

**Orange:** Me personally, living in Elmhurst it's always fun competing against them. It's the one game I look

forward to more than any. Coming off the loss in regionals, we wanted to get on the court with IC and show what we got this year. It was fun to have them on our home court and beat them like we did.

**Welge: Your team started out great against IC [20-6 after a quarter]. What was the team doing well?**

**Orange:** The first three quarters we played some of the best basketball we have all season. When we are moving the ball, it feels like we can score on almost every possession. We were defending well and locking down their primary scorer.

**Welge: Where do you plan to play in college?**

**Orange:** The three colleges I'm looking at are Wheaton, Hope and Calvin.

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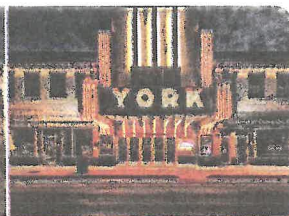
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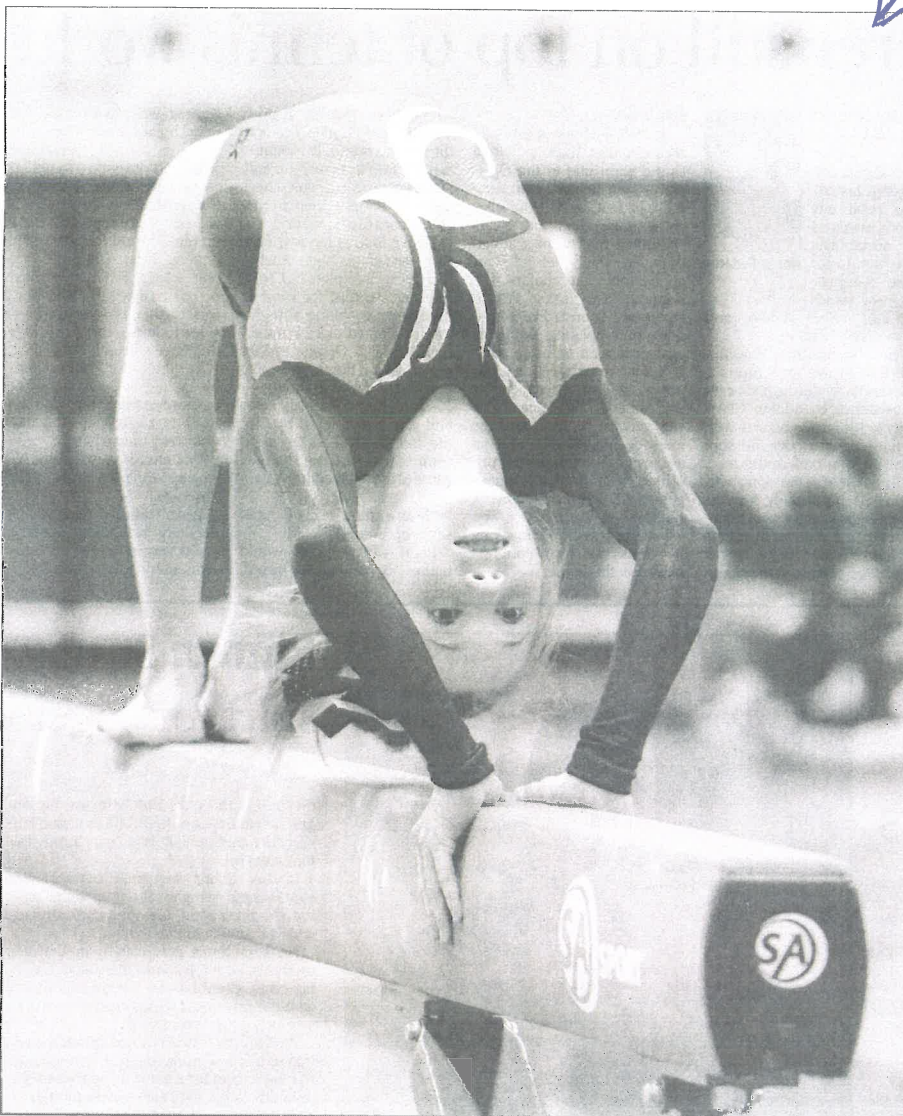
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Glenbard East's Kali Kartheiser competes on the beam during the Glenbard East girls gymnastics regional on Monday.

## Rams shine in regional

By CHRIS WALKER  
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The future is bright at Glenbard East.

It's also right now for the Rams, who have some talented underclassmen who are also delivering in the biggest meets.

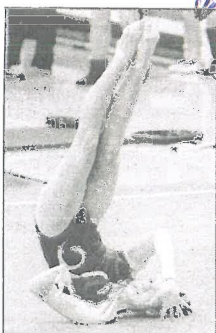
Those youngsters helped the Rams win Monday's Glenbard East regional in Lombard. They beat St. Charles co-op for the third time this season, 142.875 to 139.975 to advance to the Lake Park sectional on Feb. 8.

Willowbrook was third with a 120.2 and Leyden also competed with a 114.975.

During Saturday's Upstate Eight Conference meet, also at Glenbard East, the Rams defeated St. Charles co-op by 1.225. They also narrowly edged the co-op by 0.45 in early December.

"I felt we did really well this meet," Glenbard East freshman Kali Kartheiser said. "We could always do better, but overall I thought we did really well. Now we know for sure that we're going (to sectional) so we claimed our spot tonight and that's the big thing and it's a very good feeling."

### Girls gymnastics



Willowbrook's Alexis Fitzgerald competes on the floor Monday at Glenbard East.

Kartheiser didn't fold under the added pressure of the state series. She continues to shine not only as one of the state's top freshmen but top all-around gymnasts as well. She won the all-around with a 37.625. She also won bars and beam and took second on vault and floor.

Fellow freshman Becca Honig took fourth in the all-around with a 35.1, while sophomore Kelsey Donovan

edged her for third with a 35.15.

"We came in very confident and we're excited now for sectionals," Donovan said. "We plan on adding a lot more big skills. We've been consistent and we've scored a 144. Last year we were trying so hard to break 139 so the 140s we're scoring every single meet is a huge confidence booster."

Although it was her first regional, Honig performed like a seasoned vet and acknowledged that she didn't have a belly full of butterflies.

"I think we were only really tense because we didn't know if we were going to win, but we were relaxed and just kept it all together," she said. "I think working harder in practice has helped our confidence and gets us ready for this."

Junior specialist Sierra Olson added two big scores on bars and vault, while sophomore Grace Tu contributed on beam and senior Krasimira Ganeva joined in the fun on floor for the winners.

St. Charles co-op will have to wait until Thursday's Wheaton Warrenville South regional is complete to learn its fate. Its hope is to earn an at-large team berth, but there are a handful

of teams vying for that opportunity, including Geneva.

"I like our chances and we got some good pointers from the judges on things we could fix going into sectionals," St. Charles co-op coach Tom Wirth said. "So we have 10 days now to get ready and we had a couple girls not compete tonight due to injuries who we should have back by sectionals."

For now St. Charles co-op knows that Emma Grace Redmond-Mattucci has advanced in the all-around by placing second with a 37.3. The highlight for the senior was her personal-best 9.6 on floor, which concluded the meet. She also won vault with a 9.275.

Willowbrook sophomore Karli Wilson had a pair of top-10 finishes on beam and floor to lead the Warriors. She also paced the team in the all-around with a 31.425, edging freshman teammate Alexis Fitzgerald's 30.975. Freshmen Maeve Costello and Abby Wrenn also competed as all-arounders for the Warriors. Eight of the regionals' 15 all-arounders were freshmen, and only Redmond-Mattucci and Leyden's Esther Aldana were seniors.

### Girls basketball

## This time around ICCP edges Bison

By GREGG VOSS  
Daily Herald Correspondent

It's getting down to brass tacks in the high school girls basketball season. Every win means something more than just numbers on the scoreboard at this time of year.

For IC Catholic Prep, Monday's 57-55 win over host Fenton meant one thing: Momentum, which is crucial with the IHSA playoffs looming.

The Knights, who had held a 41-28 lead near the end of the third quarter, could only watch as the Bison hit four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and actually crawled back to take a 55-54 lead with 10.9 seconds left.

But junior guard Jaida Smith came the rescue, getting fouled on an inbounds play that put her at the free-throw line at 10.4. She hit the first free throw, then had to wait as Fenton coach Dave Mello called time.

Pressure? Nah. She sank the second, which provided just enough margin for the Knights to win, but they weren't out of the woods just yet.

Fenton inbounding, drove the floor and actually had a wide-open look, but the ball ended up in the hands of ICCP senior forward Kiersten King, who was fouled and hit a free throw to set the final score.

"I wasn't really focusing on missing," Smith said of her crucial freebies. "I was focusing on my team needing me to come down and knock these down. I had more confidence after the timeout. I just felt like I was going to make it regardless."

"This is a great momentum boost going into the playoffs," she said. "We're going to take the win and bring it to the next one."

ICCP coach Kelsey James

was, in her words, "decompressing" postgame after the win that improved the Knights to 8-17 and 3-8 in the Metro Suburban Blue. It was also a big improvement over a 74-56 loss to the Bison before Christmas.

"I think they came in and shot like 60 percent from the field," she said of that loss. "We were so defeated after the game, so we came in today and had our game plan ready to go and executed what we needed to do. I think after the first two quarters the girls were like, Wow, we can do this."

They could, but it wasn't without perhaps a little bit of luck. The late turnover is one example, of course, but so is the fact that Fenton put up 37 3-point shots and made 8 of them. Just one more would have given the Bison the win.

"We've taken 73 (3-pointers) in a game this year, and 67, and that's what we do," said Mello, whose team is within striking distance of the national girls record for 3-point attempts of 1,247. "We shoot a lot of 3s, and for three quarters, when they're not falling, we've got to deal with it."

They did, and a three-point play by junior Ashley Lira with 44.6 seconds left and a layup from another junior, Alexis Arzola, at 18.7, gave the Bison the brief lead. But it wasn't quite enough.

Fenton (8-14, 4-7) got 9 points and 5 rebounds from team leading scorer Amari Benbow, a senior, who was in her first game back after a right ankle injury sidelined her for a game.

"It felt like I could have done better at the beginning, but I started getting back into the swing of things in the second half," Benbow said.

## Maine W. beats Marist Girls basketball

By JOHN LEUSCH  
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This Friday night, Maine West's girls basketball team will try for a perfect record on its homecourt this season.

Going up against Class 4A's No. 10-ranked Marist team and its 19-4 record on Monday, the No. 5 Warriors sure looked close to perfect in their penultimate home game.

Once again they executed in all phases of the game and posted a convincing 77-50 nonconference triumph over the East Suburban Catholic Conference power from Chicago.

"I think they're the best team in the state, and I knew that going in," said Marist coach Mary Pat Connolly.

## Drinking it in







Gymnast Katelyn Ohashi, now a member of the UCLA gymnastics team, has criticized USA Gymnastics for creating a toxic environment by pushing unrealistic body standards and shaming her into losing weight.

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## Protecting your athletes

Here's how to know if your gym uses the same toxic coaching tactics that enabled Larry Nassar

BY NICOLE PASEKA

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Special to The Washington Post

I've spent the past two weeks wondering whether I should pull my daughter from gymnastics.

I suspect thousands of other parents feel the same way, as the army of former gymnasts and others sexually abused by Larry Nassar marched into a Michigan courtroom and onto our news feeds. How could we hear their stories and not want to grab our children and run?

My crisis of conscience is more intense, more personal: I'm a gymnastics coach.

I only coach recreational gymnasts these days, and I haven't coached athletes in USA Gymnastics' Junior Olympic program at a meet since 2010. I am removed from the highest levels of the sport, where an authoritarian culture enabled Nassar to molest children and young women for more than two decades. And yet, I was familiar enough with that culture — and its susceptibility to physical and mental abuse in many forms — to not be surprised by the stories the women told.

When Bela and Martha Karolyi defected to the United States from Romania in 1981, they brought with them Eastern Bloc training techniques designed to push children to their physical and mental limits. Certainly, there were some U.S. coaches who employed these tactics before the Karolyis arrived. But this style of coaching was widely imitated after the Karolyis' success with Mary Lou Retton in 1984. The Karolyis were influential in the U.S. women's program for more than three decades, formally running it for about half that time.

But the majority of U.S. gyms do not use these toxic tactics. Many have healthy cultures that empower children. Gymnastics teaches children valuable gross motor skills as preschoolers. Gymnastics teaches children how to set goals, how to overcome fears, how to perform under pressure. As they get older, gymnasts learn how to fall properly. (I fell out of a tree

— each family got one night. A problem with banning parents from practices is that one more safety net is gone: There are fewer eyes to spot abuse, or worse, a predator like Nassar.

### 2. Will my child be required to be home-schooled now or when she reaches a certain competitive level?

Home-schooling is hot at some gyms, with children as young as age 7 taking courses online or studying with private tutors (sometimes employed by the gym) so they can spend more hours training. It's not necessary, and the extra hours in the gym can fuel overuse injuries. Seven-time Olympic medalist Shannon Miller attended a public high school, as did four-time Olympic medalist Shawn Johnson East. Both gymnasts have said the balance that public school provided was a critical part of their success — there was a clear line between the gym and the rest of the world. Miller remains the most decorated gymnast in U.S. history. If Miller didn't need to be home-schooled to succeed as a gymnast, neither does your child.

### 3. Will the coaches weigh my child at practice or at any other time?

Weighing child gymnasts is an outdated tactic that continues to persist at some U.S. gyms. The practice stokes eating disorders and poor body image. Sadly, former U.S. national team member Vanessa Atler and Katelyn Ohashi have publicly reported being weighed multiple times during their practices with coach Valeri Liukin at World Olympic Gymnastics Academy, or WOGA, in Texas. Liukin replaced Martha Karolyi as the U.S. national team coordinator after Karolyi's retirement in 2016.

### 4. Will my child ever be alone with a coach?

Outside of an emergency, there is no reason for a child to be alone with a coach. I've decided I won't throw away gymnastics with Nassar. We must reclaim our sport from him and those who enabled

athlete. An athlete who is terrified of her coach is less likely to report problems and even abuse to her coach.

### 6. How will the coach respond if my child is afraid of a skill or falls on a skill?

For many competitive gymnasts, the sport started off as easy. Kids who are fearless tend to find quick success in the sport. But eventually, a skill will rattle a gymnast. Maybe it's a dismount off the high bar. Complex backward tumbling passes often bewitch young gymnasts. I have watched a coach punish athletes with endless laps of squat jumps for refusing to throw a backward tumbling pass. In toxic gyms, a gymnast has to make a devil of a choice: Which do I fear more — the skill or the coach?

### 7. What percentage of my child's teammates suffer from overuse injuries?

Overuse injuries are rampant in toxic gyms because of repeated pounding on joints. I frequently wonder about the knees of athletes I knew years ago. I remember a group of girls training for the highest compulsory level — all but one of them were brightly colored rubber bands around their knees. They suffered from Osgood-Schlatter disease, a painful inflammation common in young athletes.

### 8. Do my child's teammates cry frequently at the gym?

Some crying is normal and healthy — these are kids, after all. They have big feelings that they are still learning to manage. But crying can be indicative of a toxic environment if it's occurring at almost every practice.

### 9. Do my child's coaches communicate well with me?

I have worked at healthy gyms where classes are staggered so there is a five- or 10-minute break between classes so coaches can speak with parents. I have also worked in a gym where classes were scheduled back to back to back, effectively eliminating communication between parents and coaches. As a coach, I was discouraged from com-

## Basketball: Welch helps Huskies to another win

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advantage and led 22-21 at halftime.

"We're going through a patch where we're not really playing very well together, and things can spiral out of control quickly," said Falcons coach Dave Brackmann. "It's something we haven't done a very good job of all year, and that's responding to adversity within a game. We tried to do things individually and force situations."

Even with their struggles

at the line, the Falcons rallied from a 5-point third quarter deficit thanks in part to six Naperville North turnovers. The score was knotted at 32-32 heading to the fourth quarter, and the margin stayed within 2 points until the Huskies hit Wheaton North with their decisive run.

Jack Hill, who scored 15 points, and Jack Barry, who had 8 points, each scored 6 points in the fourth quarter for Naperville North. Jared McIntyre also scored 8 points.

Deng Reng led Wheaton North with 11 points off the bench while Mason Biegalski and Jacob Schauer each scored 8 points.

"We concentrated a little bit, we hit some shots, Tommy made a couple huge baskets and big rebounds, and then Jack Barry hit the two 3s," said Huskies coach Jeff Powers. "It was definitely a team effort tonight."

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## Boys basketball conference standings

### Chicago Catholic League

School	All	Conf.	GB
Leo	15-5	5-0	—
St. Lawrence	16-6	4-1	1
St. Francis	11-13	4-2	1.5
Montini	12-6	3-2	2
Providence-St. Mel	9-9	3-2	2
Providence	8-13	2-3	3
Marian	8-13	2-4	3.5
Bishop McNamee	6-16	1-5	4.5
St. Francis deSales	3-15	0-5	5

### Interstate Eight

School	All	Conf.	GB
Westmont	12-7	7-0	—
Streator	14-7	4-2	2
Lisle	13-9	4-2	2.5
Monteno	10-11	5-3	2.5
Seneca	14-8	3-3	3
Cool City	12-10	3-4	4
Sandwich	9-10	2-3	4
Plan	9-11	2-3	4
Postino	7-13	2-4	4.5
Reed-Custer	9-13	1-6	6
Wilmington	3-19	0-6	6.5

### Upstate Eight Valley

School	All	Conf.	GB
West Aurora	14-4	6-0	—
South Elgin	13-7	3-3	3
Bartlett	10-10	3-3	3
East Aurora	6-13	3-3	3
Glenbard East	7-13	2-4	4
West Chicago	6-12	1-5	5

### West Suburban Gold

School	All	Conf.	GB
Willowbrook	18-4	5-2	—
Proviso East	13-5	5-2	—
Morton	11-9	5-2	—
Hinsdale South	14-5	4-2	5
Loyton	10-10	2-5	3
Downers South	10-11	2-5	3
Addison Trail	11-12	1-6	4

### West Suburban Silver

School	All	Conf.	GB
Oak Park-RF	16-4	7-0	—
York	14-8	4-3	3
Proviso West	14-8	4-3	3
Downers North	13-7	4-4	3.5
Glenbard West	11-8	3-5	4.5
Glenbard Central	10-14	2-5	5
Loyton	10-11	2-6	5.5

Standings through Monday.

### DuPage Valley

School	All	Conf.	GB
WW South	18-4	9-1	—
Naperville North	16-2	8-1	5
Naperville Central	17-5	8-2	1
Wheaton North	10-9	5-4	3.5
Metra Valley	9-10	4-6	5
Washington Valley	10-13	4-6	5
Nequa Valley	7-15	3-7	6
Lake Park	5-14	3-7	6
Glenbard North	0-20	0-10	9

### Metro Suburban Blue

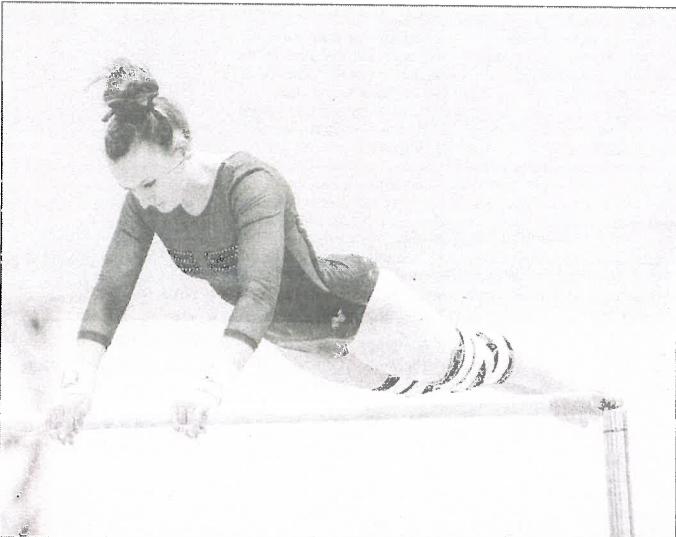
School	All	Conf.	GB
Riverside-Bkld	15-9	6-1	—
Wheaton Acad.	14-6	5-2	1
Aurora Central	9-9	5-2	1
Glenbard South	9-12	5-2	1
IC Catholic Prep	14-8	4-4	2.5
Blaine Christian	8-13	1-7	5.5
Fenton	4-15	0-8	6.5

### East Suburban Catholic

School	All	Conf.	GB
St. Victor	17-5	5-0	—
Benet	19-2	4-1	1
Benet	16-4	4-1	1
St. Patrick	15-7	3-2	2
St. Patrick	12-8	3-2	2
Marian Catholic	14-4	2-3	3
Notre Dame	10-13	2-3	3
Nazareth	7-11	1-4	4

### Metro Suburban Red

School	All	Conf.	GB
Timothy Christian	15-4	7-0	—
Ridgwood	9-10	5-2	2
St. Edward	15-7	5-3	2.5
Chicago Christian	11-9	5-3	2.5
Elmwood Park	4-15	2-5	5



Nequa Valley's Karina Hiltbrand competes on the bars during the Hinsdale Central girls gymnastics regional on Tuesday.

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### Boys basketball

#### Tuesday's results

Benedictine 65, Marini 62  
Hinsdale South 63, Marini 45  
Lisle 42, Aledo 40  
Metra Valley 40, Naperville Central 48  
South Elgin 40, Lake Park 39  
Timothy Christian 57, Wheaton 43  
Wheaton Northwestern 58, Glenbard North 33  
NAPERVILLE NORTH vs. WHEATON NORTH 44  
Naperville North — Wheat 7-5 6-10, Lisle 10-0 2, McIntyre 4-0 1-8, Hill 4-6 7-15, Barry 3-0 0-8, Laureano 3-1 1-8, Kushner 0-0 0-0, Bell 0-0 0-0, Lemanski 0-0 0-0. Totals: 22-11-14-58.  
Wheaton North — Benedict 2-0 0-4, Biegel 1-5 6-8, Anthony 2-2 2-8, Hegar 0-1 2-1, Sorenson 2-2 3-6, Schaefer 3-1 1-8, Horner 0-0 0-0, Reng 4-3 6-11, Heyer 0-0 0-0, Antognetti 1-0 0-3. Totals: 13-14-24-44.  
Naperville North 10 12 10 26-58  
Wheaton North 10 11 11 12-44  
3-point baskets: NW, Barry 2, Hill, NW, Schaefer 2, Biegel, Antognetti. Fouled out: None.  
VANDERBILT VALLEY vs. NEQUA VALLEY 49  
Nequa Valley — Vanderb 3-0 0-6, R. Lake 1-0 0-2, Herdman 2-3 3-8, Tan 0-0 0-0, Ogburn 4-2 8-8, Nelson 3-1 1-7, Ruz 3-2 4-8, Navarro 1-1 3-3, Griener 2-0 0-4, Bieze 1-0 0-3, Blake 0-0 0-0, C. Lake 0-0 0-0. Totals 20-7-13-49.  
Vanderbilt Valley — Porter 3-2 2-8, Cameron 0-0 0-0, Schreider 1-1 2-3, Skeels 4-5 2-3, Woods 0-0 0-0, Gre-

S. Cohen. Fouled out: None.

#### GLENHARD WEST 68, HINSDALE CENTRAL 44

Hinsdale Central — Sheehan 4-2 2-13, Hughes 1-1 2-3, Lister 3-1 2-7, Rivers 2-0 4, Neukirch 1-2 3-4, Howell 3-0 0-8, Kruse 2-1 2-5, Totals 16-7-10-44.  
Glenhard West — O'Shea 1-0 0-3, L. Scane 1-0 0-2, Kruse 0-0 0-2, Stultsberg 1-0 0-3, A. Scane 1-0 0-3, Heller 4-0 0-10, Harris 2-0 0-6, Thomas 5-0 0-10, Adamski 2-4 4-8, Sheldahl 1-0 2-1, Huff 1-0 0-2, Totals 27-4-6-69.  
Hinsdale Central 9 10 16 9-44  
Glenhard West 21 9 22 17-49  
3-point baskets: HC: Sheehan 3, Howell 2, GW: O'Shea, Kruse 4, Stultsberg, A. Scane, Heller 2, Harris 2. Fouled out: None.  
METRA VALLEY 46, LAKE FOREST ACADEMY 23  
Metra Valley — Kliner 0-1 2-1, Whigham 2-0 0-4, Kunkin 1-0 0-2, Cloyd 2-1 2-5, Kern 1-0 0-2, Thompson 3-2 0-8, Muz 2-0 0-4, Woods 0-0 0-0, Nickles 2-0 0-4, Kelsey 2-1 2-5, Paige 2-0 0-5, Handers 3-0 0-0, Totals 20-5-48.  
Lake Forest Academy — Arica 0-1 1-21, Levitt 0-2 4-2, De-20 0-4, Harris 6-7 1-15, Glass 0-1 4-1, Totals 8-17-23.  
Metra Valley 17 12 8 8-46  
Lake Forest 4 6 7 23  
3-point baskets: MV, Paige. Fouled out: None.  
NAPERVILLE NORTH vs. GLENHARD NORTH 36  
Naperville North — Piaty 4-2 4-11, Rowd 0-1 3-1, Kovacs 3-0 0-4, Kampeschroder 0-2 2-22, Jackson 5-2 12-22, Bolton 1-0 0-2, Finner 0-1 2-1, Ladone 0-0 0-0, Breach 0-0 0-0, Dammert 0-0 0-0, Castillo 0-0 0-0, Parks 0-0 0-0. Totals 21-9-36.  
Glenhard North — R. King 0-4 4-4, Johnson 0-0 0-0, Capel 0-0 0-0, N. King 0-0 0-0, Jaska 1-0 0-3, Miller 4-2 2-14, Bolger 0-0 0-0, Chalus 0-0 0-0, Cooney 0-0 0-0, Le 0-0 0-2, Medina 2-0 0-4, Lee 1-1 1-11. Totals 17-7-36.  
Naperville North 10 8 22 18-58  
Glenhard North 12 12 3 18-36  
3-point baskets: NN, Kampeschroder, JC, Jackson, Miller 4, Lee 2. Fouled out: None.  
Monday's late results

Floor exercise — Hickey (DK) 9.525, Jovanovich (DK) 9.275; Leman (DK) 9.175, Delegrange (DPF) 9.05; Thompson (DPF) 9.05.  
All-around — Hickey (DK) 38.15; Thompson (DPF) 36.725; Delegrange (DPF) 35.825; Czern (DK) 34.725; Maciejowski (DK) 34.5.

### Women's basketball

#### Tuesday's results

BENEDICTINE 60, ROCKFORD UNIVERSITY 42  
Rockford University — Hart 4-4 12; Silvers 2-2 8; Reed 10-0 2; Pearson 0-0 0-0; Key 1-0 0-2; Terry 1-0 0-2; Fierman 2-2 3-6; Keller 4-2 2-11; Collins 3-0 0-6; York 0-2 2-2; Russell 0-1 2-1. Totals 16-13-20-52.  
Benedictine — Fischer 2-0 0-5, Alaricus 4-0 0-9, Parsons 2-2 2-8; B. Williams 6-0 0-15; Moore 3-0 0-6; Amato 0-0 0-0; Carmack 0-1 2-1; Brown 0-0 0-0; C. Williams 2-0 0-5; Strope 1-0 0-2; Gaddis 0-0 0-0; Choro 0-0 0-0; Dean 2-4 7; Jursalis 0-0 0-0; Michalik 0-2 2-2; Cuneo 0-1 2-1; Mach 2-0 0-3; Michalik 4-3 10; Fuses 0-3-3. Totals 28-14-24-80.  
Rockford Univ. 8 13 14 20-49  
Benedictine 15 28 24 15-49  
3-point baskets: R: Silvers 2, Keller, B. Fischer, Alaricus, Parsons 2, D. Williams 3, C. Williams, Muz. Fouled out: None.

### Upcoming events

#### TODAY

Boys basketball  
St. Edward at Westmont, 7:30 p.m.  
Girls basketball  
Aurora Christian at Lisle, 6:45 p.m.  
Benedictine at Naperville, 7 p.m.  
Oak Park-River Forest at York, 7:30 p.m.  
West Elmhurst at Stevenson, 7 p.m.



# Lisle comeback comes up short

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Megan Hart's right shoulder was too sore for her to shake hands after Wednesday's girls basketball game at Lisle, but it wasn't too sore for the Aurora Christian senior forward to hurt the Lions.

Hart grabbed 6 rebounds and scored 4 points down the stretch with that balky shoulder, and the Eagles barely held off the Lions' comeback bid for a 35-32 nonconference victory. Hart finished with 8 points and 14 rebounds.

"I don't know, it popped out. I think I have a pinched nerve or something," Hart said of the injury that occurred in the first half. "It's OK."

The Eagles led from start to finish, but the Lions made them sweat out the finish.

"We knew it was senior night, big night for the game, so they were going to go on a run and we expected that," Hart said. "We just have to keep our composure. We know how to finish a game, and we did."

The Eagles (16-7) looked like they were ready to blow out the Lions (12-15) when Dannielle Lopez scored off a Tori Henning assist midway through the third quarter. That gave the Eagles a 25-14 lead, their biggest of the game.

"It was kinda ugly," Eagles coach Burney Wilkie said. "Offensively, we weren't great by any stretch of the imagination. I don't think our two leading scorers came close to double digits tonight. But I thought our bigs really stepped up offensively and defensively. I was really happy with them. And we defended well."

The Lions scored the next 8 points, however, pulling within 3 on a 3-pointer by freshman Emma Rossin with 1:47 left in the third. Aurora Christian's Alexandra Fry answered right away with a 3-pointer of her own, the Eagles' only basket from

## Girls basketball

beyond the arc.

The Lions kept plugging away in the fourth quarter. Another Rossin 3-pointer from the left corner cut the Eagles' lead to 31-29 with 3:30 to play, but this time Hart answered with a basket to give the Eagles some breathing room again.

Lisle senior guard Natalie Takahashi's 3-pointer with 2:45 to play brought the Lions within a point, but Hart made a pair of free throws at 1:56, the last scoring for either team.

"I was like, I don't know about you guys but this is my last (home) game," Takahashi said. "I'm not going down without a fight."

Free throws were a problem for the Lions. They made just 1 of 12 in the fourth quarter, 6 of 20 for the game.

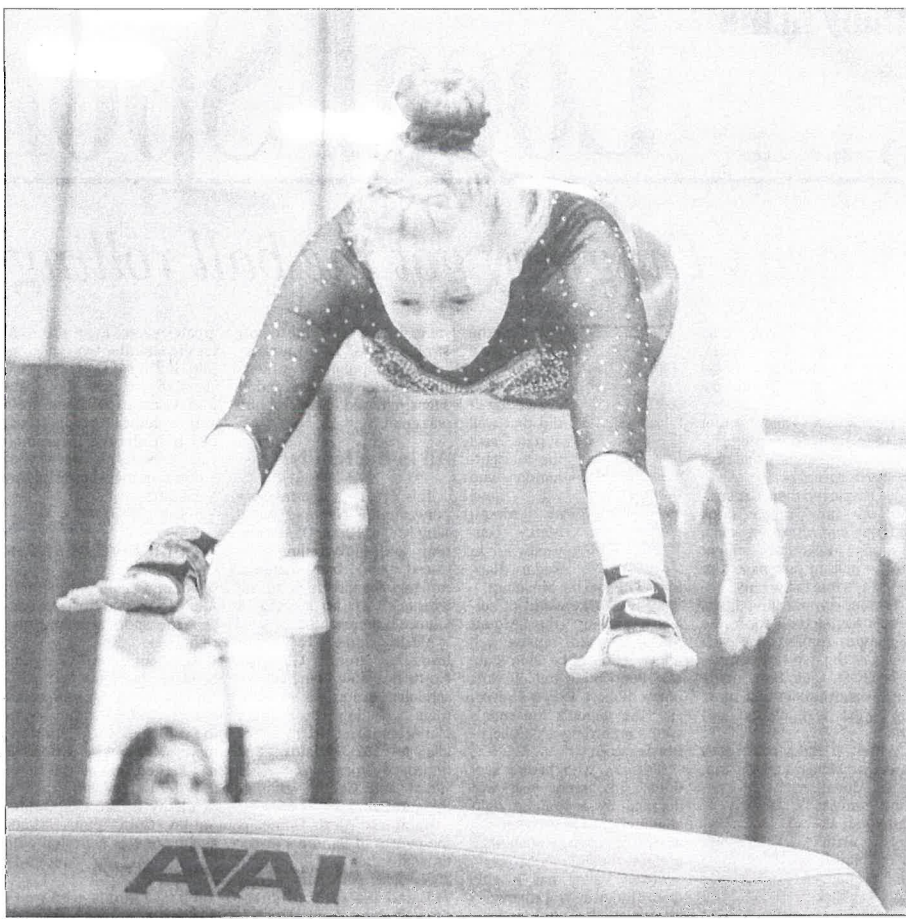
"We just needed a couple here or there," Lisle coach Nick Balaban said. "... The effort was great, but boy, we just couldn't knock down those throws."

Lopez finished with a team-best 10 points, 8 of them in the first half to get the Eagles off to a good start. She also grabbed 8 rebounds before fouling out.

"Second game in a row she's done that," Wilkie said. "And then she gets in foul trouble. Kind of a pattern. But Danny's been playing great for us lately."

The loss couldn't ruin senior night for Lisle seniors Takahashi, Corrie Hutchison and Carolyn Keleher.

"It was really special, my teammates decorating the gym and supporting me, and in the locker room they were like, 'Have a good time tonight,'" said Takahashi, who finished with a game-best 15 points, plus 6 rebounds and 3 steals. "It really meant a lot playing on this floor for the last time, so I tried to put everything I had out there."



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Glenbard West's Katherine Hoban competes on the vault during the Glenbard West regional gymnastics meet on Wednesday.

# Hoban goes, Hilltoppers go

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## Girls gymnastics

They haven't nicknamed her "The Table-Setter," but maybe they should.

Glenbard West junior Kathleen Hoban is one of those gymnasts who has flown under the radar, but upon closer inspection one would recognize just how huge of an impact she makes for the Hilltoppers.

She did it again during Wednesday's Glenbard West regional, where the Hilltoppers breezed to victory with 149.95 points. Geneva placed second with a 139.25 and was followed by Batavia's 130.75 and Addison Trail's 121.9.

Hoban was the Hilltoppers' first competitor on vault, floor and beam, and she scored a 9.05 or higher in each event to rouse the team.

"When she hits we all get our positive energy and know that we got this," Glenbard West junior specialist Abby Myers said. "She kind of relaxes everyone with that kind of start, but we know we still have to give 100 percent. When she hits, though, it calms everyone down and it gets us going."

She relaxed her role in setting the table once again.

"Katherine Hoban stood out today," Glenbard West coach Carlos Fuentes said. "She had to be the table-setter on vault,

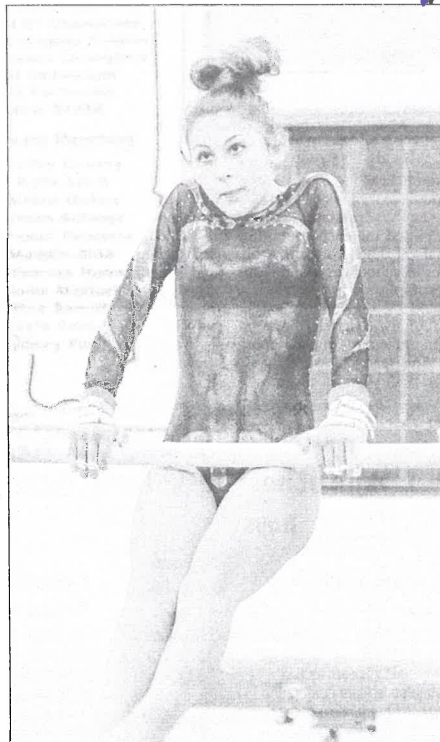
beam and floor and she put a 9 on three events. She's been like that all season and we love having her. And it's not like she's the worst of the five. We just know we can count on her the most."

And they can count on Maddie Diab to continue to be amazing. She won all four events to post a 38.725. How impressive was her score? Only six gymnasts have scored higher in the history of the IHSA state finals.

"We talk about the bookends and how you want to start and how you want to end," Fuentes said. "We get that kind of start from Katherine and then Maddie to finish. Maddie turns it on in the postseason again and has her highest all-around score of the year."

Anna Diab and Taylor Ramirez followed Maddie Diab for the top three all-around totals while Hoban added to the team vault score. Myers and Maia Lee contributed key scores on a pair of events each, all four that were top-five worthy.

"We have those top three competitors in Anna, Maddie and Taylor, but we still need the fourth spot to be there," Myers said. "So we know we've got to put in as much effort as



Addison Trail's Francesca Scarbaggio competes on the bars during the Glenbard West regional gymnastics meet.

anyone else and to just be there with them is a huge accomplishment."

Addison Trail freshman Francesca Scarbaggio was the Blazers' lone sectional qualifier, placing fifth in the all-around with a 32.375.

"I didn't know if I had

a chance because Glenbard West is such an amazing team and I had never seen Batavia and Geneva and they're really good too," she said. "So I didn't think I was going to place, so it was a nice surprise, a good accomplishment."

## Boys basketball

### Wednesday's results

#### ST. EDWARD 90, WESTMONT 52

St. Edward — Parks 24-5-9; Gaston 5-8-22; Pomeroy 2-0-0-0; Mimsch 2-2-0; Franklin 7-5-18; O'Neil 0-0-0. Totals 18 17-20-59.

Westmont — Schlicher 23-4-9; O'Leary 3-0-0-7; Winslow 1-0-0-4; Thompson 3-5-11; Anderson 5-4-17; Rowman 1-0-0-2; Pietrak 1-0-0-2. Totals 17 12-13-52.

St. Edward 11 14 13 21-59

Westmont 16 2 10 17-52

3-point baskets: St. Edward, Gaston 4, Franklin, W. Schlicher 2, O'Leary, Anderson 3. Fouled out: W. O'Leary.

## Girls basketball

### Wednesday's results

#### AURORA CHRISTIAN 35, LISLE 32

Aurora Christian — Fry 2-0-1-5; Hart 2-4-6-8; Hight 1-1-3-3; Harrison 1-1-3-10; Lopez 4-2-3-10; Latta 1-0-2; West 0-0-0. Totals 13 8-16-35.

Lisle — Takahashi 4-5-15; Weaver 2-0-1-4; Hutchison 0-0-0; Weber 2-2-2; Kehler 1-0-2; Rossin 2-0-2-6; Wagner 1-0-2; Shewertz 0-0-0-0; Buchert 0-1-2-1; Williams-Egan 0-0-0-0. Totals 10 15-20-32.

Aurora Christi 12 7 8 7-35

Lisle 6 6 10 10-32

3-point baskets: AC: Fry 1, Takahashi 4, Rossin 2. Fouled out: Lopez.

STREAMWOOD 54, WEST CHICAGO 46

West Chicago — Radice 4-12-10; Patel 3-0-0-7; Wright 1-1-2-10; Koning 7-5-17; Miller 0-0-0-0; Bettow 0-0-0-0; Oberauer 2-0-0-4; Lammata 0-0-0-0; Ficarra 0-0-0-0. Totals 15 19-46.

Streamwood — Exline 6-2-17; Bugarewicz 0-0-0-0; Mien 1-5-7; Bracey 6-5-20; Patel 0-0-0-0; Brown 3-0-0-8; Rojas 0-0-0-0; Sorensen 0-2-2-2. Totals 15 15-38-54.

West Chicago 14 13 9 18-54

Streamwood 16 11 7 12-46

3-point baskets: WC: Wiegale 3, Radice, Patel, S. Exline 3, Brown 2, Bracy.

YORK 65, OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST 42

York — Holman 1-0-0-2; Williams 1-1-4; Cozzello 1-0-0-3; Brown 1-0-0-2; Garland 1-5-4; Spencer 6-5-17; Fuller 1-0-2; Cozzello 1-0-2; Underhill 1-0-0-2; McDowen 2-0-0-4. Totals 16 18-42.

York — Park 2-0-2-5; K. Rufus 1-4-6-6; Dennis 1-1-2-1; Stark 4-4-12; Walker 1-0-0-2; C. Rufus 6-5-17; Morrissey 1-0-2; Nola 1-2-4-4; Lewis 0-1-1. Totals 21 17-33-63.

Oak Park — 13 8 17 4-42

York 11 27 13 12-63

3-point baskets: OPR: Williams, Cozzello, C. Rufus, Clark 9

## College commitments

The following DuPage County high school athletes committed to play in college:

### Dimitrie Skakavac

### Wheaton Academy

### Butler

### Football



### NORTH CENTRAL 78, BATAVIA 75

#### BENEDICTINE 90, ROCKFORD UNIVERSITY 80

Rockford Univ. — Blumhorst 3-0-0-7; Emerick 6-4-16; Diener 4-0-0-8; Tennor 1-0-0-3; Diener 7-6-22; Fiorucci 1-0-0-3; Berman 0-0-0-0; Squires 7-0-0-16; Sroder 2-1-1-5. Totals 31 11-14-80.

Benedictine — Olson 7-3-17; Bogus 5-5-25; Gorney 2-0-0-4; Gossion 0-0-0-0; Gory 7-1-1-15; Washington 1-0-0-3; Phipps 0-3-4; Soderholm 9-2-23; Dietz 0-0-0-0. Totals 34 14-17-86.

Rockford Univ. 36 44 80

Benedictine 37 53 90

3-point baskets: R: Blumhorst, Tennor, Diener 2, Fiorucci, Squires, B. Bogus 4, Washington. Fouled out: B. Gory.

### NORTH CENTRAL 79, CHATHAM 75

North Central — Sorenson 2-2-20; Rantion 6-4-18; Capelletti 7-1-15; Chang 2-2-8; Meredith 1-0-0-3; Palsak 1-5-8; Roth 0-0-4; Bronec 1-0-0-2. Totals 28 14-15-79.

Chatham — Sullivan 5-1-22; Kruse 7-4-21; Meas 5-2-13; Perry 3-0-2-6; Thomas 1-2-5; Leiser 1-0-0-5; Best 1-0-0-3; Johnson 1-0-0-2; Kancany 0-0-0-0. Totals 28 9-13-75.

North Central 31 46 79

Chatham 27 48 75

3-point baskets: NC: Sorenson 2, Rantion 2, Capelletti, Chang 2, Meredith, Palsak, B. Sullivan 3, Meas 3, Meas, Thomas, Leiser, Best. Fouled out: None.

WOMEN'S basketball

Wednesday's results