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Third annual free event for interested gardeners

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Willowbrook High School students head to BPA State competition

Eleven members of the Willowbrook Business Professionals of America (BPA) Team will compete at the State competition, which will take place from March 1 to 3 at DoubleTree by Hilton hotel in Oak Brook.

Those students are listed below, along with the events in which they will compete.

- Senior Steven Cerda-Sanchez: Advanced Accounting
- Senior Sheharyar Ahmed: Economic Research Individual and C++ Programming
- Senior Kiran Pentela: Intermediate Word Processing and Computer Network Technology
- Senior Taha Akhtar: Database Applications and C++ Programming

• Senior Millicie Zachariah: Administrative Support Research Project

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• Senior Nicholas Johnson: Systems Administration Using Cisco® and Java Programming

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Teachers helping parents helping students

At Latino night at Wesley School, teachers gathered with parents of Latino children to help them learn about classes, homework and ways they can help their kids study home.

Army Trail studies Winter Olympics

Physical education lessons include skeleton, luge, snowboard

Army Trail School preschool through 5th grade students are going all out for the Winter Olympics as they participate in a special Physical Education unit prepared by teacher Gale Stafford.

Early last week, the students began the three-week unit, learning about the Olympics, competition, and teamwork. When they came to class, students watched a short video that showed an Olympic event. They then participated

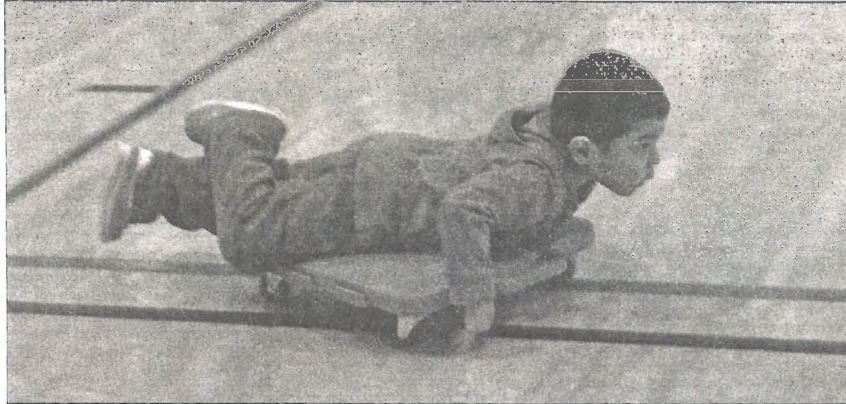
in races using PE equipment modified to imitate the Olympic event of the day.

The youth are assigned to represent a country and they earn points for that country. A gold medal is worth 3 points, a silver medal, 2, and a bronze medal, 1. At the end of each day, points are added up and displayed on a score sheet for all to see.

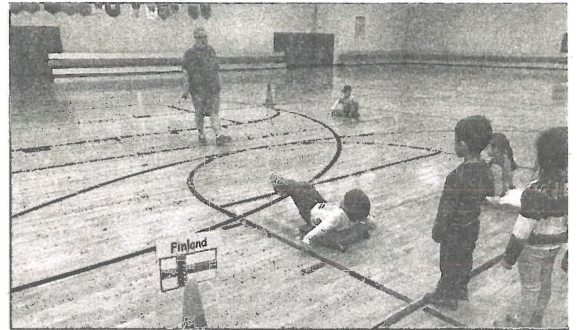
Participants could also earn extra credit for their country/team by writing a paper on either the country, a Winter

Olympics event, or a Winter Olympics athlete. The extra credit papers are worth 5 points each and will be displayed in the gym.

The first week competitions began with participation in indoor PE versions of luge, the skeleton and the snowboard. Week #2 will feature cross country skiing, speed skating, the biathlon, hockey, and curling. The final week will have bobsled racing competitions.



This student demonstrates a Winter Olympics sport known as the skeleton, which is similar to the luge, except the athlete goes head-first on their stomach. PE students at Army Trail will study other Olympic events over the next few weeks.



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A group of Army Trail students play the role of Team Finland in their PE Class, as one participant takes off in a "luge." It was a unit about the Winter Olympics designed to teach lessons in all the Olympic sports. Besides the luge, some students learned the skeleton or the snowboard.

Addante named 88's Best for January at ATHS

Angela Addante has been named Addison Trail's January recipient of 88's Best recognition for her stellar involvement in extracurricular activities. Addante, a senior, was recognized during the Jan. 29 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Addante serves as President of National Honor Society and Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society. She also is editor of the ATtribute Yearbook and is a varsity tennis player and a member of theatre and band – and that's only half of what she does as a senior at Addison Trail.

Always involved at school, Addante has participated in theatre since she was in grade school. She said she values the time she has had to get to know the different students at Addison Trail and the friendships she has formed during the hours she has spent in all of the afterschool activities in which she participates. She added the most meaningful time spent has been her involvement in yearbook and theatre. "As editor-in-chief of yearbook for the last two years, Addante has immersed herself in all editor responsibilities," said Jessica Clark, English teacher and yearbook advisor. "She understands to create a yearbook for the entire student body, you have to know the entire student body. She will attend events and activities hosted by various sports and clubs she is not involved in just so we can get a wider range of kids in the book. She is one of the most dedicated and passionate yearbook kids I've ever had. Addante goes above and beyond her responsibilities and wants our entire class to take pride in their work. I am very proud of her and appreciate everything she has done for our yearbook staff."

She also has been a member of theatre since her freshman year and has worked in various roles.

"Addante has always been one of the most polite, dependable and hardworking students," said Anna Jakubka, English teacher and Theatre Director. "I know her time is divided in many activities, but she is an exemplary thespian and theatre student. Any time she serves on a crew, she does her work with excellence, and she is always someone I can depend on."

Not only has Addante made her mark in numerous school activities, but she also is an excellent student at the top of her class. She takes on an extremely rigorous course load and has taken 10 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and 11 Honors courses, earning As in almost every single class. She is a State Scholar as well.

It is her plan to attend Illinois State University, Valparaiso University or Loyola University Chicago. She is a finalist for the Golden Apple Scholars Program and is thinking about double majoring in education and psychology.

Addante is contemplating a career in education research. She believes learning off of a test is not always the best method for all students, and she is intrigued by helping policymakers make better decisions in education reform.



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Pictured here with Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden is senior Angela Addante, who has been named January's recipient of 88's Best recognition.



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Magic of the white-winged doves

Addison community members of all ages enjoyed the high-energy, mind boggling magic show presented by Jamie Aponte at the Addison Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Here, she does a trick using four doves.



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ATHS students head to BPA State competition

Pictured are members of the Addison Trail Business Professionals of America (BPA) Team, who competed in Area Competition on Dec. 8 at DeVry University in Addison. Twenty-three students competed, and 21 of those students received 39 place finishes. Twenty students qualified to the State competition in March. Also pictured are the team's advisors.

Wesley School holds Latino parent night



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At Latino parent night, Wesley School social worker Amy Wildman shows parents a sight word game that can be used with their children at home.



Above: ASD4 Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Dr. Lisa Black-Gomez addresses the audience gathered at Wesley School for Latino parent night. Left: People with children at Wesley School like these gathered in small groups recently to learn more about how to help their children learn.



Latino parent night was held recently at Wesley School, where teachers worked with small groups of parents to learn games and techniques they could use to help build their children's literacy skills.

ATHS holds annual Flower Show

On Saturday, Feb. 27 beginning at 7:15 p.m., Addison Trail will host its 46th annual Flower Show. The event will feature local florists and more than 60 floral arrangements will be raffled off. The talents of Addison Trail Horticulture Club students also will be showcased at the entry of the event. Tickets to the show are \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens. Proceeds will benefit the Addison Trail horticulture program. For tickets and information, contact Horticulture Club Sponsor Andrea Grossart at agrossart@dupege88.net or by calling 630-458-4177.



Immaculate Conception Catholic Prep announces first semester/second quarter Honor Roll

IC Catholic Prep has released its second quarter and first semester honor roll. The following Addison students earned their indicated High Honor Roll (3.7 GPA or higher) and Honor Roll (3.2 GPA or higher) status on their second quarter grade and/or semester:

High Honor Roll:

Victoria Bernero, Kevin Cooke, Rachel Simonides, Ryan Wojtalewicz, Alayna Fernandez.

Honor Roll:

William Cooke, Joey Fernandez

College corner

U of Iowa releases Fall Dean's List

Students from Addison named to the University of Iowa fall 2017 Dean's List include

Janina Gatilao, Gianluca Grana, Brianna Murray and Gianna Sarli.

Resident earns U of Iowa degree

Addison native Stephen Lube received a BA-Enterprise Leadership degree from the University of Iowa at the close of the fall 2017 semester.

SPORTS

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Addison Trail girls basketball team defeats Willowbrook and Leyden

Many Blazers getting involved offensively

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail girls basketball coach Rob Schader witnessed a pair of strong team efforts in games against Willowbrook and Leyden.

The result was a pair of wins for the Blazers against their West Suburban Conference Gold Division foes. Addison Trail upended District 88 neighbor Willowbrook 42-37 and

then avenged an earlier loss to Leyden with a 40-32 win over the Eagles.

"What stood out about the Willowbrook game is everybody scored for us," said Schader. "We also did a nice job defensively holding them to 37 points."

Schader said Nicci Scorza, Serena Gilliam and Berenice Berumen had strong games against Willowbrook.

In the Leyden win, Schader again saw contributions across the board. "Leyden we not only did a great job defensively, but again everybody was involved with scoring. Overall, we did a nice job against them," he

said.

The Blazers also lost to Downers Grove South in recent WSC Gold action. "We played Downers South very tough," said Schader. "We got it down to five points early in the third, but they are a good team. They have three good guards and one of them had five 3s, all in the first half. They also have two very good post players."

The 2-1 stretch put Addison Trail at 9-16 overall. The Blazers finished 2-10 in WSC Gold play.

Schader said his team did an about-face at the free-throw line in the second meeting against Leyden.

"We hit 9 of 13 free throws the second time after shooting 12 of 28 the first time," he said. "We also took care of the basketball and rebounded very well."

Schader added that rebounding has been a strength throughout the season. "Most games we rebound the ball well and distribute the ball very well," he said.

Scorza continues to play well, averaging around 12 points and 10 rebounds per game. "Serena Gilliam also is playing better," the coach said. "Angelina Carreras and Brenda Berumen handled the ball very well against Downers South. We had

trouble with their pressure the first time we played them. I think Berenice also is playing very well. Our juniors are starting to get more confident and are playing a lot better."

Schader said the Blazers likely would face Proviso West in the WSC position crossover game earlier this week before starting regional play at home the following week against West Chicago.

"That will be another rematch for us," said Schader. "We lost to them by 12 the first time, but we were missing several players. It's going to be a different game with everybody there."

Fenton wrestling team wins regional title

Burch, Dylan Butts, Brock and Park win individual crowns

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton wrestling team came up big at the recent Class 2A Oak Park Fenwick regional.

The Bison won the regional team title with 189 points, well ahead of second-place Fenwick, which has 136 points.

Fenton now advances to its own Fenton Class 2A dual-team sectional where a berth in the dual-team state finals will be on the line.

Individually, the top three wrestlers in each weight class advanced to the sectional round. David Burch won the 120-pound title with a 16-8 win in the final. Burch now is 16-8.

Danny Ramirez was the runner-up at 132 pounds and now has a 23-10 record. Brandon Koskiewicz took second at 138 pounds and is 18-14.

Carlos Mercado took third at 145 pounds. He won the third-place match by a 10-5 decision and now sports a 20-14 record. Ramiro Bracamontes was second at 160 pounds and is 19-17.

Anthony Park won the 170-pound title. He pinned his opponent in the championship match in 3:50. Park is now 24-5.

Dylan Butts won the 182-pound regional title. He was a 10-1 major-decision winner in the final. Butts is 34-3. Jack Butts placed third at 195. He was a 12-3 major-decision winner in the third-place match and now has a 29-10 mark.

Isaiah Brock won the 285-pound regional title with a pinfall win in 2:55. Brock is 27-10.

Individual Fenton qualifiers head to the Grayslake Central sectional this weekend where berths in the individual state-finals meet in Champaign will be decided.

Fenton girls bowling

The Fenton girls bowling team took 10th at the recent Metea Valley regional with a total pinfall of 4,167.

Fenton junior Leah Jagustowski was 27th with a 970 series. She had high games of 214, 193 and 175. She bowled a 500 series after the lunch break. She missed earning an individual sectional berth by two places. Sophomore Sam Novak finished with an 853 series (162 high game), while junior Viridiana Juan-Flores had a 681 series (162 high game) and sophomore Emily Sanchez had a 667 series.

Fenton girls gymnastics

The Fenton girls gymnastics team placed fifth at the recent Hershey regional and had no automatic qualifiers for the sectional round.

Fenton boys bowling

Fenton's Arthur Kawalkowski rolled a 1,005 series for six games at the recent Chicago Taft sectional and did not qualify for the state finals meet. His high game in the sectional was a 167.

Willowbrook girls bowling team wins regional title

Willowbrook wrestler Jessen moves record to 44-0; Addison Trail grapplers fare well at regional

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls bowling team continued its strong season by winning the recent Metea Valley regional title.

The Warriors were first with a pinfall of 5,705, coming in ahead of second-place York, which rolled a 5,497.

Willowbrook advances to Saturday's sectional tournament with a chance to qualify as a team for next weekend's state finals near Rockford.

Willowbrook sophomore Makaylah Jones won the individual regional title with a 1,326 series. Junior Katie Pettinger had an 1,129 series, while senior Elizabeth Soriano had an 1,106 series. Senior Dana Sassenick had a 1,078 series, while junior Holly Helsper had a 1,066 series.

Jones won the tournament by nearly 100 pins. Her next closest competitor was at 1,228. Jones had high games of 248, 218, 213 and 212. She rolled a 673 series after the lunch break and averaged a 221 for the tournament.

Pettinger was eighth overall and had high games of 211 and 224. She finished strong with a 603 series. Soriano was 11th and had high games of 214, 214 and 212. Sassenick finished 16th and had high games of

210, 189 and 187. Helsper was 17th and had high games of 214, 191 and 189.

Addison Trail girls bowling

The Addison Trail girls bowling team was eighth at the Metea Valley regional with a total pinfall of 4,487.

Sophomore Becca Bero was 28th with a score of 949. Junior Yvette Beltran was 29th with a 933, while senior Fiona Levesque was 33rd with an 883. Bero missed qualifying for sectionals as an individual by three places and Beltran was four places away.

Senior Laura Gamble was 34th with an 864.

Bero had high games of 178 and 170. Beltran had high games of 172 and 171. Levesque had high games of 164 and 163, while Gamble had a high game of 164.

Addison Trail wrestling

The Addison Trail wrestling team placed second at the recent Class 3A Leyden regional.

The Blazers finished second with 162 points, well behind team champion Oak Park-River Forest, which had 281.5 points.

Guillermo Juarez finished third at 106 pounds and qualified for sectionals. Juarez won by technical fall at 3:28 in the third-place match to move to 34-4 on the season.

Adam Skrzypek took second at 113 and now has a 21-13 record heading into sectionals. Christian Arellano was second at 120. He's now 19-16.

Jake Matthews won the 126-pound title for the Blazers and moved to 34-6. He won 7-4 in the title match. Raul Gonzalez took third at 132. He won the third-place match 9-6 and moved his record to 13-9.

Mariano Chaidez won the 138-pound crown with a 1-0 win in the title match. Chaidez brings a 22-15 mark into the sectional.

Brian Reyes was second at 145. He is 37-5 now. Xavier Sierra was second at 170 and moved his mark to 26-15 heading into the sectional. Adal Sanabria was third at 220 and earned a berth in the sectional. He won the third-place match via fall in 2:40 to move to 28-10. Jesus Benitez took third at 285 and also advanced. He won the third-place match via fall in 1:28 and now has 15 wins this season.

Addison Trail wrestles at the individual sectional level this weekend where state berths will be on the line.

Willowbrook wrestling

The Willowbrook wrestling team had numerous individuals qualify for this weekend's sectional round out of the recent Class 3A Leyden regional.

Jonathan Leal-Gerwarth took third at 113. He won the third-place match by a major decision (16-6) to move to 11-9.

Jack Jessen won the 182-pound regional title. He was a 12-9 winner in the title match and moved his record to a perfect 44-0.

As a team, the Warriors were fifth in the field with 89 points.

Addison Trail girls gymnastics

The Addison Trail girls gymnastics team took fourth at the recent Glenbard West regional with a score of 121.9.

Freshman Francesca Scarbaggio was the team's only automatic sectional qualifier. She took fifth in the all-around with a score of 32.375.

Willowbrook girls bowling team wins Leyden invitational

AT-Willowbrook boys swimming team wins Shepard invite

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls bowling team recently won the Leyden invitational held at Brunswick Zone in River Grove.

The Warriors shot a 5,584 as a team. "We bowled extremely well," said Willowbrook coach Kevin Ailen.

Holly Helsper took third place for the Warriors by rolling a 1,255 series for six games. Katie Pettinger took fourth at Leyden with a 1,174 pin total. Dana Sasenick took ninth and Makaylah Jones was 12th.

Willowbrook also competed in the recent Head Pin tournament, which features West Suburban Conference teams and acts as the unofficial conference tournament.

Willowbrook finished second there with Helsper finishing second individually with an 1,148 series (191 average per game).

Willowbrook finished the regular season with an 8-2 record overall and went 6-2 in WSC play.

Through the end of the regular season, Helsper averaged a 185. Jones had the team's high game during the regular season with a 278 during an invitational.

Willowbrook placed five bowlers on the all-conference team with Helsper, Pettinger, Sasenick, Brianna Bryant and Jones all earning honors.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team scored a re-

cent 131-37 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win against Morton and also edged Fenton 87-84 in non-conference action.

AT-Willowbrook also won the Shepard Invitational by placing in the top six in every event except one.

Coach Jennifer Burns noted the team was behind by four points heading into the last event, but with a first-place finish in the relay finale, the team was able to capture the title.

At Shepard, the 200 medley relay of Kyle Haake, Aidan Nichols, Zachary Thompson and Patrick Florey took first. Haake was third in the 200.

John Burns placed second in the 50 and Mikey Strycharz was fifth in the 50. The 200 frosh-soph medley

relay team of Sean Pienkos, Nicholas, Salvatore Ciacchio and Thomas Florey took second. The frosh-soph 200 relay team of Holmes, Thomas Florey, Pienkos and Eric Hoda took second as well.

Thompson took sixth in the 100 butterfly, while Burns was second and Strycharz was fifth in the 100. Haake took third in the 500.

Evan Zimmerman, Patrick Florey, Strycharz and Burns won the 200 free relay. Thompson took second in the backstroke, while Holmes was sixth in the breaststroke.

Jack Wentworth, Patrick Florey, Strycharz and Burns won the 400 relay for AT-Willowbrook.

Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basket-

ball team recently recorded a pair of wins against Morton and Hinsdale South in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

Besides a 57-51 triumph over Morton, the Warriors were victorious by a 40-37 count against Hinsdale South.

In the Hinsdale South win, the Warriors led 16-9 after the first quarter and 28-19 at halftime. Willowbrook led 23-9 at one point.

Katelyn McCann led the Warriors with 17 points and also had three steals. She hit two 3-pointers in the contest. Maureen Schmid finished with 10 points and was 4-for-4 from the free-throw line. CeCe Lizasuain had five points, while Jayla Smith finished with eight points and four assists. Willowbrook finished with 22 points in the paint.

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Kosich does a little bit of everything for York

By **MATT LE CREN**

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ELMHURST – York point guard Nick Kosich is a hard player for defenses to read.

Sometimes he pulls up and strokes a 3-pointer. Other times he looks to pass into the post.

On occasion he'll drive to the basket and kick the ball back to the perimeter.

Even Kosich doesn't know what he's going to do as a play unfolds and that's a big problem for opponents.

Kosich, a 6-foot-1 junior, tallied seven points, including a pair of 3-pointers, to go with five rebounds and five assists in the Dukes' 58-45 West Suburban Conference Silver Division win over Downers Grove North on Feb. 2.

"Nick is definitely one of our best players because he's the kind of guy that makes everyone else look better," York forward Sam Walsh said. "Having him out there just really helps the team out. He can do everything."

Kosich dished out four assists in the first half, including one on a Walsh basket, as the Dukes (15-8, 5-3) jumped out to a 26-9 halftime lead. He twice set up Angelo Martucci for 3-pointers, and Walsh assisted on one of Kosich's treys.

"I was just trying to get my teammates involved, move the ball," Kosich said. "[The Trojans] did a nice job on



David Toney – For Shaw Media

York's John Milling makes a shot Feb. 2 against Downers Grove North.

defense applying pressure, so we all needed to move the ball and get open shots."

York did just that, with Walsh and John Milling being the primary ben-

eficiaries. Both players scored eight points before intermission, with Walsh making four straight inside baskets and Milling knocking down three in row from the perimeter.

The Dukes scored the first 11 points of the game, led 21-5 at one point, and shot 67 percent from the floor in the first half and 60 percent overall. It was a far cry from the first meeting between the two teams, which Downers North won 58-56 in double overtime.

"We were a little frustrated over that loss and we knew we had to come out, play strong and play hard," said Walsh, who finished with a team-high 13 points to go with five rebounds. "We thought they were going to come out and do the same and we just played harder."

The Trojans (13-8, 4-5) had four baskets, five rebounds and six turnovers in the first half as they sorely missed star Semaj Henderson, who sat out with a hyperextended elbow.

Henderson's absence meant the Dukes controlled the pace of the game, guided by the steady hand of Kosich.

"[My role] is whatever the defense really gives you," Kosich said. "I'd say we're a very unselfish team, so the only thing that matters to us is a 'W.'"

The Dukes got that with balanced scoring and tight defense. Milling had 12 points, Martucci added 11 and Erik Cohn had eight points and seven boards.

"I think we play with a lot of patience, a lot of poise," Kosich said. "There were stretches tonight where we've got to work on it, but we'll get better."

GIRLS BASKETBALL POSTSEASON PREVIEW

Class 4A state contender Montini, other area teams set for playoffs

By **JOSHUA WELGE**

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The regular season soon will be over. Starting next week, it's time for the postseason for area Class 4A teams. Here's the preview for Montini, York and other area teams.

Glenbard East

Regional: DeKalb

Sectional: Lake Park

Sectional seed: No. 21

First game: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 vs. No. 12 Elk Grove

Outlook: It's been a tough season for the Rams, but they have won their last two games against Willowbrook

and West Chicago. Should Glenbard East get past Elk Grove, it would face fifth-seeded Lake Park on Feb. 13.

Montini

Regional: Reavis

Sectional: Proviso West

Sectional seed: No. 1

First game: 6 p.m. Feb. 13 vs. No. 16 Reavis/No. 17 Proviso West

Outlook: The Lady Broncos, third in Class 4A last year, are once again a top contender to win it all. Aaliyah Patty, Lindsey Jarosinski and Montini (28-2) are unbeaten against in-state opponents. Just getting out of the sectional, though, will be a chore as Benet is the No. 2 seed. Montini could face Lyons or

Downers Grove South in a regional final, and likely Kenwood or St. Ignatius in a sectional semifinal.

Willowbrook

Regional: Hinsdale South

Sectional: Proviso West

Sectional seed: No. 18

First game: 7 p.m. Feb. 12 vs. No. 15 Hinsdale South

Outlook: It's been a tough season for the Warriors, but there is a silver lining. Willowbrook recently beat its first-round regional opponent Hinsdale South, giving the Warriors a split of the season series. The winner gets the unenviable task of playing Benet on Feb. 14.

York

Regional: Wheaton Warrenville South

Sectional: Lake Park

Sectional seed: No. 7

First game: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 vs. No. 10 St. Charles North

Outlook: The Dukes, second in the West Suburban Silver, have senior experience in Caylin Rufus and Danielle Dennis and could be dangerous in the postseason.

They also have a tough draw. If York gets by St. Charles North, it likely would face regional host Wheaton Warrenville South on its home floor. Silver champ Glenbard West and defending Class 4A champ Geneva loom in the sectional.

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Glenbard East's Cole Martin makes triumphant return

By JACOB BARTELSON

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LOMBARD – A split chin nearly derailed Cole Martin's afternoon.

Glenbard East's Martin threw Wheaton North's Quinlan Nelson in the final seconds of the 152-pound semifinals at the Class 3A Glenbard East Regional on Feb. 3. In the process, Martin smashed his chin on Nelson's forehead. It prompted a trip to the emergency room 90 minutes before the championship match.

Martin made a triumphant return.

Down 6-5 with under 10 seconds remaining in the finals, Martin turned a reversal amid roaring applause from the crowd and pulled out a stunning 7-6 decision over Glenbard North's Luke Kohout for the regional title.

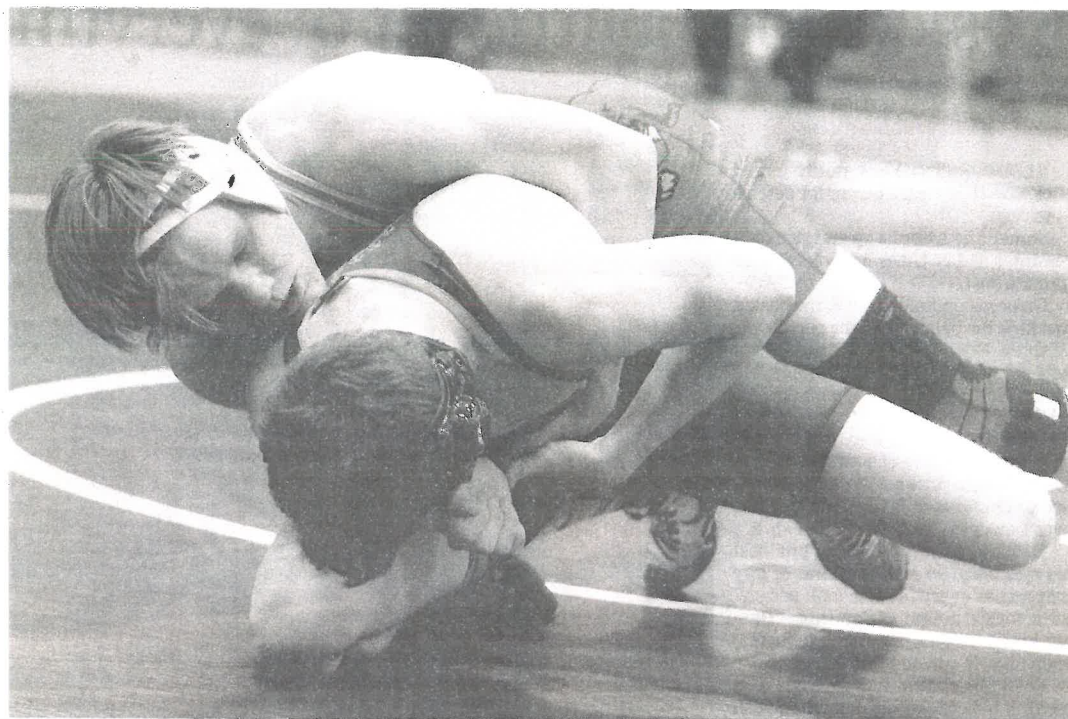
"When I looked up at the clock after I got it, I just saw under one second," Martin said. "Right when I saw that there was only a couple seconds [left] and I was down by one, I knew I needed at least to get the escape. But the reversal was there and I pounced on it."

Martin will be joined at the sectional by Glenbard East teammates Reese Martin (second, 120), Nick Guthrie (third, 132), Alex Posada (second, 145), Ben Pham (second, 195), Jesus Lopez (third, 220) and James McNicholas (second, 285).

Senior Alec Wolff was the other Glenbard East champion, beating Wheaton North's Natan Jara in the 182-pound regional title match.

It is Wolff's first time qualifying for sectionals, but it didn't come without a ton of hard work after a less than ideal regional performance last year.

"I'm not really happy about last



Jeff Krage – For Shaw Media

Glenbard East's Nick Guthrie wrestles in the 132-pound third-place match at the Glenbard East Regional on Feb. 3. Guthrie won 7-3.

year, so I wanted to run through this [regional], you know? Kinda avenge it," Wolff said. "All my coaches knew what I wanted to do this year. They know where I want to go. They know I want to be on the podium this year, and they really let me work on it this year."

Of course, Wolff had the "Glenbard East Pin Chain" around his neck for

the postmatch interview.

"You pin somebody, you keep it," Wolff said. "The last pin of the season, you get to keep it."

Wheaton North has nine individuals making the move to sectionals, including 195-pound champion Antowon Tolbert, who made his first varsity appearance this year.

Tolbert, a junior, defeated Glenbard East's Pham with a late pin for his first regional title.

"[Pham] kept grabbing my wrist and kept putting more pressure on my left side," Tolbert said. "So, I hit the front roll, last second, I had to get a free move. ... He was there, and I took him down. Got the pin right there."

PREP ROUNDUP

Montini, IC Catholic Prep wrestling teams win regional titles

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IC Catholic Prep qualified all 12 wrestlers for sectionals and won the team title at the Class 1A Lisle Regional on Feb. 3.

Joey Bianchini (138 pounds), Kyle Franklin (160) and Victor Vargas (195) won individual titles.

Montini

The Broncos easily won the team championship at the Class 3A Lyons Township Regional.

Montini regional champions included Nain Vazquez (106 pounds), Dylan Ragusin (113), Joey Melendez (120), Dylan Burnoski (126), Real Woods (132), Fidel Mayora (138), Jake Stiles

(145), Will Lewan (152), Matt Ortiz (160), Anthony Geraci (170) and Trevor Swier (182).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Timothy Christian

Jordyn Strube scored 16 points and Olivia Schuringa added 11 for the Trojans in a 49-30 win over Collins in the Class 2A Timothy Christian Regional semifinal Feb. 7. Hannah Schuringa added eight points and six rebounds for Timothy Christian, which led 12-0 after a quarter and 20-2 at the half. The Trojans play Lisle on Feb. 9 in the regional final.

Emily DeBoer scored 20 points for Timothy Christian in a 64-55 win over

Fenton on Feb. 1.

Montini

Aaliyah Patty scored 22 points and Lindsey Jarosinski added 18 for the Lady Broncos (28-2, 5-0 GCAC Red) in an 85-35 win over De La Salle on Feb. 7. Alena Anderson added 14 points.

York

Danielle Dennis scored 17 points and Matty Stark added nine for the Dukes in a 46-30 win over Oswego East on Feb. 3.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Timothy Christian

The Trojans ran their winning

streak to 10 games with a 68-46 win over Elmwood Park on Feb. 6.

Brandon Orange scored 23 points and Matt Owens had nine points, eight assists and five rebounds for Timothy Christian (19-4, 9-0 Metro Suburban) in the victory.

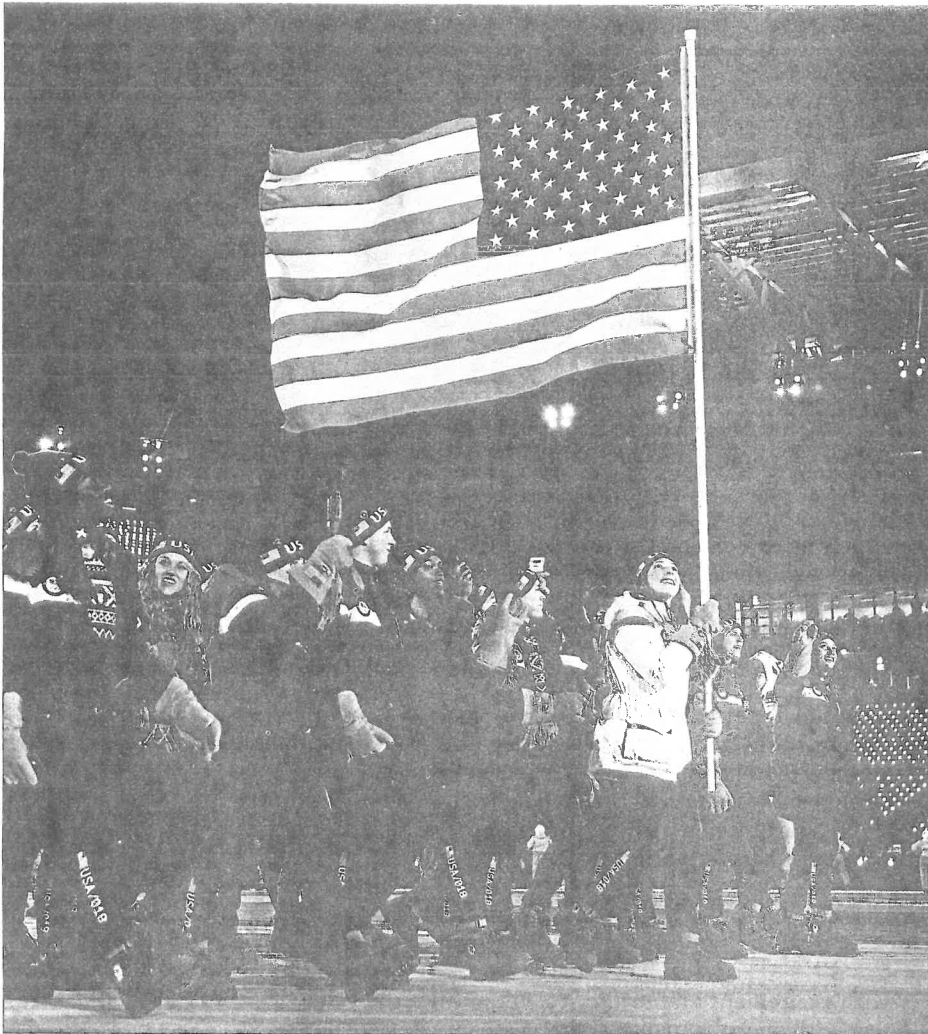
Timothy Christian beat Walther Christian 64-54 on Feb. 2. Orange had 19 points and 15 rebounds and Michael Thomas added 11 points.

Willowbrook

Marshawn Phillips scored 15 points for the Warriors (19-5, 6-3) in a 69-63 loss at Hinsdale South on Feb. 2.

Zion Griffin scored a career-high 39 points for Hinsdale South (16-5, 6-2)

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Flag bearer Erin Hamlin leads the U.S. team in the Parade of Athletes during the Winter Olympics opening ceremony Friday night.

Longing for brevity

Opening ceremony turns into tedious spectacle in NBC's heavy hands



PHIL ROSENTHAL
On media

From the network of "This Is Us" now comes "This Is U.S.," and NBC would do well to be careful how it tests viewers' patience in stretching out certain storylines over the next two weeks.

The network's bespoke prime-time presentation of the Pyeongchang Olympics opening ceremony Friday night was tailored for American viewers in a way that simultaneously was predictable yet baffling.

That NBC's over-the-air broadcast hosted by Mike Tirico and Katie Couric would differ from the unadorned international feed of the extravaganza streamed live on NBCOlympics.com more than half a day earlier was to be expected.

For general American consumption, the network was bound to use its resources and the time difference between here and South Korea to streamline the pageant, emphasize Team USA's presence and insert its commercial breaks and promos.

But who would have guessed that in doing so NBC would actually expand the parade of nations, a ritual of ceremonial importance that's always a bit of a slog for viewers and ripe for compression?

The parade of athletes from each country walking into the stadium and taking their seats, which took 50 minutes or so to complete in real life, went 95 minutes in NBC's production.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/GETTY

Mike Pence, left, sits near Kim Yo Jong, right, sister of North Korea's Kim Jong Un.

WHAT TO WATCH SUNDAY

Mikaela Shiffrin, who'll compete in giant slalom, isn't the only U.S. female who could medal Sunday. Defending champion Jamie Anderson and Olympic rookies Julia Marino and Hailey Langland are capable of a U.S. sweep in slopestyle snowboarding. And the team figure skating event wraps up.

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have heard the stadium announcer in the background rattling off the names of nations following them into the stadium.

\$100 million stadium that South Koreans built to use just four times.

Couric pointed out Vice President Mike Pence was sitting in the same dignitary box with Kim Yo Jong, sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. A guest of Pence's was Fred Warmbier, father of Otto Warmbier, a college student whom North Korea imprisoned for 17 months and who died shortly after being released while in a coma.

"There is no question about the signal the (Trump) administration is trying to send here — a reminder of what is

HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang



Alana Scimeca Knierim
Pairs figure skating/Addison

The 26-year-old, a 2009 Addison Trail graduate, will skate with her husband and partner, Chris Knierim, as the lone pairs team to represent the U.S. in the Winter Games. In 2016, Scimeca Knierim battled a stomach virus that dropped her under 100 pounds and required abdominal surgeries. The pair skated well to help the U.S. efforts in the team competition.

Next: Pairs short program, Wednesday



Bradie Tennell

Figure skating/Carpentersville
Tennell, born in Winfield and now living in Carpentersville, skated a nearly perfect free skate to earn her first national crown and the chance to skate in Pyeongchang. The 20-year-old won the 2015 U.S. juniors and trains at Twin Rinks Ice Pavilion in Buffalo Grove. She scored 68.94 in the women's short program of the team event.

Next: Women's short program, Feb. 22



Lana Gehring

Short-track speedskating/Glenview
The 27-year-old, who earned a bronze medal at the 2010 Vancouver Games in the 3,000-meter relay less than a year after graduating from Glenbrook South, is a member of the Northbrook Speedskating Club. Failed to advance out of 500-meter qualifications.

Next: Women's 1,500, Saturday



Kevin Bickner

Ski jumping/Wauconda
Bickner, 21, has been downhill skiing since he was 4 and began jumping at 10. Bickner is one of three Olympians from the Norge Ski Club of Fox River Grove. At 16, he moved with his family to Utah to practice at the U.S. Olympic Training Center and made the developmental squad. Finished 18th in the normal hill.

Next: Large hill competition, Friday



Michael Glasder
Ski jumping/Cary

Glasder, who at 28 was nearly six years older than any of his rivals, qualified for the 2018 Olympics in December at an

Pregame ritual gives Timothy a boost again

By ANDY MARTINEZ
Daily Herald Correspondent

Timothy Christian girls basketball seniors Olivia Schuringa and Emily DeBoer know their go-to spot.

No, it isn't the free-throw line or the 3-point line. Actually, it isn't even on the basketball court.

"Before every game, Emily and I, we always go out and get our coffee," Schuringa said.

After school the duo drives to Dunkin' Donuts, picks up a pair of iced coffees and spend time with the team before they board the bus.

Monday night was no different. Before their 56-36 victory over Carver Military Academy in the Class 2A sectional semifinal at Chicago Christian, the seniors got their caffeine fix.

"That's our pregame ritual," Schuringa said.

For Schuringa, the \$1.50 iced coffee was the boost she needed. She had 21 points — 1 shy of her personal high — 6 rebounds and 3 assists in the victory but didn't think she'd be able to put up that kind of numbers.

"I didn't think going into it, because I had that taller girl down low, I was kind of worried," Schuringa said.

Girls basketball

Schuringa was an offensive force down low, especially on inbound plays, for Timothy Christian (20-9). Heidi Westra, Lauren Gehrke, Hannah Schuringa or anyone else who was inbounding consistently found her in the low block, where she'd convert layups or pick-up fouls.

"We call it 'Sideline,'" Olivia Schuringa said. "It's a good one. It's our go-to, especially when we pull the guard out and then (I'm) 1-on-1."

Just as stout as their inbound plays was the Trojans' defense, especially in the second half. Trailing 32-21 at the half, Carver (15-6) went on a 9-1 run that got them within a possession.

Timothy Christian made a defensive switch. The Trojans were in a 3-2 defense to start the half, but the Challengers' Arian Kincaid exploited it. Kincaid, who finished with a game-high 22 points, scoring 7 of her team's 9 points in that second-half salvo. Timothy Christian switched to a box-and-one defense, with Abby Carstensen having Kincaid as her defensive assignment.

"We went into a

box-and-one when she started shooting again, just to kind of slow her down and try and not let her get the ball and shoot it," DeBoer said.

It worked. Timothy Christian went on a 17-0 run and limited Carver to just 6 points over the final 13 minutes, 21 seconds of the game.

"I think it shows how good our defense is," DeBoer said. "When one person goes out, another person is covering, our communication is also really good, too."

Timothy Christian will want to limit their turnovers against Harlan in the sectional championship Thursday night. The Trojans had 20 turnovers against Carver.

"The next level, (Harlan) is going to be like 10 notches up," Timothy Christian coach Michele Strube said. "No more mistakes, no more silly turnovers. We did a lot of that to ourselves. No more of that next game."

On Thursday Olivia Schuringa and DeBoer will know one thing for sure.

"Right after school, (we'll) go to Dunkin', pick it up, come back, hang out with the team and then we load up on the bus and go," Schuringa said.



PHOTOS BY MARK BLACK/mblack@dailyherald.com

Addison Trail's Nicolette Scorza (23) takes a shot against West Chicago during the Addison Trail Class 4A girls regional quarterfinal basketball game on Monday night. The Blazers won 49-39.

Waubonsie earns regional victory against East Aurora

By PHIL BROZYSKI
Daily Herald Correspondent

High school basketball games are 32 minutes long. However, Monday's Class 4A Bolingbrook regional game between Waubonsie Valley and East Aurora was decided in a matter of seconds.

Waubonsie Valley ran off 6 unanswered points in less than a half-minute midway through the fourth quarter to grab a 10-point lead, then held on after the Tomcats closed to within 3 on a pair of late 3-pointers to advance to a regional semifinal Tuesday with a 49-46 victory.

"This was very important because last year we didn't win our first game in regional," Waubonsie Valley junior guard Iwiyis Osaghae said. "We wanted to win this game today so we can move on to the next level. We're happy we were going on to the next level."

The 17th-seeded Warriors (10-15) were nursing a 37-33 lead with just under five minutes remaining when freshman Mykah Berkompas scored on a baseline drive to extend the lead to 39-33.

Consecutive steals of East Aurora inbounds passes by Osaghae and freshman

Girls basketball

Lauren McKnight led to layups that pushed the lead to 43-33.

"That spurt of playing 100 percent defense and doing the things we practice ... getting after the ball, anticipating, jumping the pass, things like that ... that gave us the chance to win," Waubonsie Valley coach Brett Love said.

"They're starting to trust the process," the coach added. "It's great that they're able to do that at such a young age."

East Aurora (12-15), the 15th seed in the Nequa Valley sectional, trailed 6-0 early and did not take its first lead until late in the third quarter on a fastbreak basket by sophomore Tatiana Ocasio off a steal and assist by fellow sophomore Alasha Moore.

But Waubonsie Valley's 5-foot-10 sophomore Ahniya Melton answered from the right wing just a few seconds later as part of a 5-0 run to close the quarter.

Trailing 45-36 with 2:19 to play, the Tomcats got back-to-back 3-pointers from senior guard Celeste Rios and Moore to close to within 45-42 with

1:37 remaining. But Osaghae scored twice in a 25-second span to stymie the East Aurora rally.

"We waited too late to play," East Aurora coach Lee Clayborn said. "The girls prepared for this, they wanted it. (Waubonsie Valley was) just a better team tonight."

Osaghae led Waubonsie Valley with 13 points, McKnight added 12 points and Melton had 10. Six-foot-1 sophomore Grace Setter battled foul trouble and finished with just a basket.

"It's a learning process," Osaghae said. "We have to understand that when you lose, you have to try to come together and do what's good so we can win more games for each other."

Moore paced East Aurora with 14 points and Rios added 8, but 5-10 sophomore center Barakat Adekola had trouble around the basket against the taller Warriors and finished with just 5 points.

"This is their first time getting regional and playoff experience," Clayborn said. "Sometimes the moment is too big for them as sophomores. You wish they would mature in that situation, but as youth they have to learn from it."

Addison Trail's Scorza rises to the occasion vs. Wildcats

By ORRIN SCHWARZ
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As a senior, Addison Trail's Nicci Scorza understood very well what was at stake in Monday's Class 4A Addison Trail girls basketball regional quarterfinal.

"My mindset was knowing that I'm a senior and I do not want this to be my last game," Scorza said. "Especially knowing that we played West Chicago before and lost to them but I didn't play. We were ready to go. We knew what they were going to do. We knew what they were going to throw at us. I just gave it my all."

Scorza poured in 22 points and grabbed 5 rebounds and 2 steals with her usual all-out effort, leading the Blazers to a 49-39 victory against West Chicago.

"It's been all year. It's been all year," Blazers coach Rob Schader said of his senior averaging nearly a double-double this season.

The Blazers will be back at it Tuesday night when they host Glenbard West, the

sectional's third seed, in a 6 p.m. semifinal.

The 15th-seeded Blazers led by 4 late in the third quarter when senior Vincenza Zaccaro and junior Joanna Garay popped in back-to-back 3-pointers to bump the margin to double digits for the first time. The Blazers (10-16) took off from there.

"At halftime we knew we had a 4-point lead so we just took that and we ran with it. We knew we had to keep the lead because third quarters usually aren't our strongest quarters so we knew we had to turn that around and play as hard as we can in the third quarter," Scorza said.

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It was a tough end to the season for the Wildcats.

"I think turnovers and missed layups again the story of the season," West Chicago coach Dan Vashinko said. "That came back to hurt us again. We tried fixing that stuff all year, but at the end of the day that's the thing that kills us in games."

Seniors Sofia Radice and Sierra Koenig led the Wildcats (6-20), the 20th seed, in scoring, as usual, tallying 14 points apiece.

"We buckled down on defense in the fourth quarter," Schader said. "(Radice) is tough. She's been out there for three years now. We kind of shut her down a little bit in the fourth quarter, which helped us out."

"Without them," Vashinko added about Koenig and Radice, pausing to find the words. "It would be tough without those two. They're tough. They play whole games. They barely get any rest. They just grinded out the whole season. I couldn't say more about those two. They're just the two workhorses that carried us through the whole year."



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Class 4A Addison Trail regional

Addison Trail 48, West Chicago 39

West Chicago — Koenig 7-0-2-14, Radice 6-1-1-14, Brotnow

3-point baskets: C. Everton, Reyes, HC: Sheehan 3, Hughes, Howell, McLaughlin. Fouled out: None.

Class 4A Naperville Central regional

NEQUA VALLEY 67, JOLIET CENTRAL 63

Joliet Central — Wright 0-2-2-2, Stokes 8-6-2-4, Brown 5-3-1-3, Strickland 2-0-2-4, Martin 4-1-2-13, Hyton 2-3-4-7.

Total 21 15-24-65.

Nequa Valley — Medina 11-2-4, Abbott 0-0-1-0, Callahan 8-1-2-22, Harvey 7-4-5-18, Crowley 0-0-1-0, Vonnahme 0-1-2-1.

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College commitments

The following Month's high school students have announced their college commitments: Emily Samp (back/cross country) Aurora University; Annie Marie Olaszka (volleyball) Concordia University-Wisconsin; Nanea Franks (football) Benedictine University; Matthew Pestel (baseball) Carroll College; Emma Hopkins (soccer) Olivet Nazarene; Sonia Finch (soccer) Augustana College; Matt Pierson (crosser) Augustana College; Sam Stevenson (crosser) Aquinas College; Allen Slater (football) Carthage College; Ryan O'Connor (football) University of St. Thomas; Austin Cullen (football) Culver Stockton University; Matt Guglia (football) University of Chicago; Nick Orfano (football) Butler University; Adam Krause (football) Western Kentucky University.

Boys basketball

Monday's results

WESTMONT 46, CASA 37

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ST. LAURENCE 60, ST. FRANCIS 61

Girls basketball

Monday's results

Class 3A Chicago Christian sectional semifinals

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN 94, CARVER MILITARY ACADEMY 36
Carver Military Acad — Kincaid 10 1-1 22, Stewart 4 1-1 10, McKinley 0 0-0 0, Boyd 2 0-0 4, Dunlap 0 0-0 0, Jones 0 0-0 0, Farrow 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 2-2 36.
Timothy Christian — Strube 3 4-4 11, Westra 1 0-0 2, Vandermeer 0 0-0 0, DeBoer 7 2-3 16, Carstensen 0 2-2 8, Gunkle 1 0-0 2, Alex 0 1-2 1, O. Schuringa 7 7-12 21, Hoogstra 0 0-0 0, H. Schuringa 0 1-2 1, S. Carstensen 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 17-28 56.
Carver 14 7 9 6 — 36
Timothy Christ. 15 17 11 13 — 56
3-point baskets: CMA: Kincaid 2, Stewart, TC: Strube. Fouled out: CMA: Kincaid, McKinley.

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ADDISON TRAIL 49, WEST CHICAGO 39

West Chicago — Horton 7 0-2 14, Radice 6 1-1 14, Brotzow 0 0-0 0, Culver 2 0-0 5, Miller 0 0-0 0, Patel 0 0-0 0, Ficarra 0 0-0 0, Obermaier 0 0-0 0, Lamantia 1 0-0 2, Wiegke 2 0-1 4, Callahan 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 1-4 38.
Addison Trail — Garay 2 2-8, Scorza 8 6-9 22, Be. Berumen 0 0-0 0, Martinez 2 0-0 4, Gilliam 4 0-0 8, Cameras 0 0-0 0, Zaccaro 1 0-0 3, B. Berumen 2 0-0 4, Herrera 0 0-0 0, Giannetti 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 8-11 49.
West Chicago 11 9 7 12 — 38
Addison Trail 11 13 11 14 — 49
3-point baskets: WC: Radice, Culver. AT: Garay 2, Zaccaro. Fouled out: None.

Class 4A Rollingbrook regional

WAUBONSIE VALLEY 46, EAST AURORA 46

Waubonsie Valley — Milton 5 0-0 10, Palocz 2 0-0 24, Setter 1 0-0 2, Osaghae 6 1-4 13, Bellows 1 0-0 2, McKnight 3 5-6 12, Hamilton 1 0-0 2, Berkompas 1 2-2 4, Totals 20 8-14 49.
East Aurora — Slater 2 1-4 5, Moore 6 0-0 16, Orasso 1 2-2 4, Westley 2 1-2 5, Adekola 2 1-7 5, Rios 3 0-0 6, Navarro 2 1-1 5. Totals 18 16-46.
Waubonsie Vall. 10 12 11 16 — 49
East Aurora 6 12 11 17 — 46
3-point baskets: WV: McKnight, SA: Moore 2, Rios 2. Fouled out: None.

Class 4A DeKalb regional

Conant 51, DeKalb 39

ELK GROVE 50, GLENBARD EAST 40

Glenbard East — Dooley 7 0-0 21, Hansen 4 0-1 9, Davies 0 2-2 5, Moore 1 0-0 2, Bolinski 2 2-2 6. Totals 14 4-5 40.
Elk Grove — Murray 5 4-5 15, Tierney 9 0-2 21, Blomquist 3 0-0 0, Medica 1 0-0 2, Kandelier 1 0-0 2, Heggersten 1 0-0 2, Smola 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 4-7 50.
Glenbard East 5 16 11 8 — 40
Elk Grove 12 11 17 10 — 50
3-point baskets: GE: Dooley 7, Hansen, EG: Murray, Tierney. Fouled out: None.

Class 4A St. Ignace regional

HINSDALE CENTRAL 65, CURIE 14

Curie — Flores 1 0-0 2, King 0 0-0 0, Mallet 0 0-0 0, Husan 0 0-0 0, Evertson 3 0-0 1, McMorris 0 0-0 0, Reyes 1 0-0 3, Serrano 1 0-0 2, Dardiego 0 0-0 0, Martinez 0 0-0 0, Lopez 0 0-0 0, Alvarez 0 0-0 0. Totals 6 0-0 14.
Hinsdale Central — Sheehan 3 0-0 9, Revord 2 0-0 4, Hughes 6 0-0 13, Lopez 4 3-4 11, Kruze 3 1-2 7, Nwankpa 1 2-4 4, Howell 1 1-2 4, Rivera 2 2-4 8, Carmagli 0 0-0 0, McLaughlin 1 0-0 3, Bokich 1 0-0 2. Totals 24 11-16 65.
Curie 7 3 4 0 — 14
Hinsdale Central 14 13 20 18 — 65

3-point baskets: C: Evertson, Reyes, HC: Sheehan 3, Hughes, Howell, McLaughlin. Fouled out: None.

Class 4A Naperville Central regional

NEQUA VALLEY 67, JOLIET CENTRAL 63

Joliet Central — Wright 0 2-2 2, Stokes 8 6-8 24, Brown 5 3-6 13, Shockland 2 0-0 4, Martin 4 1-2 15, Hyman 2 3-4 7. Totals 21 15-24 63.
Nequa Valley — Medina 1 1-2 4, Abbott 0 0-1 0, Callahan 8 1-1 22, Harvey 7 4-5 18, Crowley 0 0-1 0, Vonnahme 0 1-2 1, Jones 0 0-0 0, Walker 2 0-0 6, Ishman 1 0-0 3, Lee 1 0-0 2, Tait 1 3-4 5, Gallegos 2 2-2 6. Totals 23 12-16 67.
Joliet Central 19 10 16 22 — 63
Nequa Valley 17 16 19 15 — 67
3-point baskets: JC: Stokes 2, Martin 4, N.V. Medina, Callahan 5, Walker 2, Ishman. Fouled out: None.

Class 4A Oswego East regional

LOCKPORT 56, META VALLEY 22

Lockport — Davis 1 0-0 2, Shigler 2 0-2 4, James 2 0-0 4, Thompson 8 0-0 16, Hopkins 1 0-0 2, Holatz 1 1-2 3, Cotter 2 0-0 4. Totals 17 1-4 35.
Meta Valley — Whigham 4 4-7 12, Goluch 1 0-2 2, Thompson 1 0-0 2, Woods 2 0-0 4, Page 1 0-0 2. Totals 9 4-9 22.

Class 4A NW South regional

HOFFMAN ESTATES 66, FENTON 63

Hoffman Estates — Williams 3 3-4 10, DuPart 7 3-6 18, Thomas 6 4-6 18, Watas 0 2-6 2, Chaudhari 0 2-7 2, Mongold 0 4-6 4, Wilson 6 0-2 12. Totals 28.
Fenton — Martinez 1 0-0 3, Miller 1 0-0 2, Minard 1 1-3 4, Acuna 2 0-0 5, Landa 2 4-5 10, Kaspari 1 0-0 2, Benbow 4 3-6 11, Lira 1 0-1 3, Milano 3 0-0 8, Lucas 3 0-0 9, Holling 2 0-0 6. Totals 17 13 17 19 — 66
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West Chicago's Maggie Culver (23) fights off Addison Trail's Nicci Scorza (23) and Karime Martinez (52) for control of the ball Monday night.

2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Lake Forest's Knight living hockey dream

BY TIM BANNON | Chicago Tribune

Hilary Knight, who grew up in Lake Forest, is a 5-foot-11 forward on the U.S. women's hockey team, which played the Olympic Athletes from Russia on Tuesday. It's the third straight Winter Games for Knight, who won silver in 2010 and 2014.

When you were 5, you told your grandmother you were going to play hockey at the Olympics. How did she respond?

She pulled my mom aside and told her "girls don't play hockey." She looked at me like (I was) crazy. ... Now she's one of my biggest fans.

Tell us about your mom and the role she played in inspiring you.

She was super athletic. She played field hockey, tennis, paddle tennis. She understood the importance of being out there ... leading a healthy lifestyle. And (she knew) what sports can do not only on the playing field but in life.

As a young player, you played on all-boys teams. What was the best thing about that experience?

I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to play hockey, especially when there weren't equal opportunities, as there are now. But at times it was challenging. I faced my fair share of bullying, not necessarily from my teammates but from other teams and teammates' parents, (who said) girls don't belong in the sport; you're taking a spot away from my son. Or (it was) just people targeting me in general.

That had to be very difficult.

My mom would always say: Bust your butt, have fun and just control what you can control. I wanted to be a factor, be a competitor on the ice. ... (I was) trying to stay above the noise and focus on the things I could focus on and do what I love, and that's playing hockey.

This is your third Olympics. In 2010, you were the youngest member of Team USA in Vancouver, man or woman; now you're a veteran. What are you telling the Olympic rookies? The Olympics are a completely different beast. ... It's the most magical moment of your career. And without building it up too much, just remember it's a hockey game. So as long as we're having fun and have that calm, collected focus, we'll do really well.

That gold-medal OT game against Canada in 2014 was a thriller, and a heartbreaker for the U.S. What have you carried from that game that can help you in South Korea?

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At long last, Mikaela Shiffrin will make her 2018 Olympic debut in prime time Tuesday.

Hype storm

Weather delays Shiffrin's debut, but NBC's massive promo blitz marches on



PHIL ROSENTHAL
On media

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WHAT TO WATCH TUESDAY

As Mikaela Shiffrin finally takes to the hill in the slalom, Addison's Alexa Scimeca Knierim and husband Chris are back on the ice for the pairs short program. And suddenly ancient Shaun White tries to hold off the youngsters in the halfpipe.

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HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang



Shani Davis
Speedskating/Chicago

A four-time Olympic medalist, Davis, 35, became the first black athlete to win a gold medal in an individual event at a Winter Olympics at the 2006 Games in Turin, Italy, when he was 24.

▣ Next: 1,500 meters, Tuesday



Alexa Scimeca Knierim
Pairs figure skater/Addison

The 26-year-old, a 2009 Addison Trail graduate, is skating with her husband and partner, Chris Knierim, and they won bronze in the team figure skating event.

▣ Next: Pairs short program, Tuesday



Kendall Coyne
Hockey/Palos Heights

The 25-year-old from Palos Heights, making her second appearance for Team USA, scored the game-winning goal against Finland on Sunday.

▣ Next: Versus OAR (Olympic Athletes from Russia), Tuesday



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Hockey/Lake Forest

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Expect NBC's own gusts to return to full strength and then some in advance of the women's slalom, the event Shiffrin won at the Sochi Olympics four years ago. That's set to air in prime time Tuesday, assuming the weather still isn't a problem. It's her best event, and it can't come soon enough. Even the best sales pitch for something

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So far there has been no shortage of glitter attached to Shiffrin and her quest, but it won't be valuable until there's fresh gold to go with it.

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MEDAL WINNERS

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Glenbard W. gets back on track, breezes past Blazers

By SCOTT SCHMID
Daily Herald Correspondent

It had been six days since Glenbard West last played a game.

But in opening the Class 4A playoffs on Tuesday, the Hilltoppers didn't show any rust.

Limiting the host Blazers to four field goals and no free-throw attempts in the opening half, Glenbard West cruised to a 60-29 victory in an Addison Trail regional semifinal.

"It's just good to get back on the court after last week," said

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Glenbard West coach Kristi Faulkner, whose team lost to Proviso East in the West Suburban Conference championship crossover contest on Feb. 7. "Our team brought a lot of energy. They played with heart, they played together."

"It's the fun time of year; it's fun to be part of the playoffs and to win and keep playing. We want these seniors to keep playing as long as possible."



Cameron Kruse

All 12 players on the visiting roster saw action and each grabbed a rebound. Ten of the 12 entered into the scoring column, led by the 11 points apiece from guards Cameron Kruse and Katelyn Heller.

"Our whole team is super deep," Kruse said. "Everyone can do anything. And the

best way to play basketball is to pass the ball and get an open look. I thought we really executed."

Glenbard West led 17-7 after the opening eight minutes and then held Addison Trail scoreless in the second quarter until less than a minute remained. A 31-10 halftime advantage swelled to 44-24 at the end of three periods.

The Blazers (10-17) received 11 points and 9 rebounds from three-year starter and senior Nicci Scorza and 8 from

Brenda Berumen.

"Nicci put the work in," Addison Trail coach Rob Schader said. "She would come in on Sundays to shoot all season. She was phenomenal. She averaged 12.5 points and right around 10 rebounds a game. She did everything. I'm extremely proud of her and I'm extremely proud of them all."

"Glenbard West is big and they are a good basketball team. But I was happy with our effort."

The Hilltoppers (24-5)

blocked seven shots as a team and totaled 11 steals. Lilly Soane added 9 points and Taylor Huff scored 8.

The team now advances to the 7 p.m. Thursday regional final.

"It's an amazing feeling to finally be here after four years," said Kruse, who will be playing in her first regional final. "I always dreamed about winning a conference (title) and now we are at the regionals. I'm so proud of everyone, we are such a close-knit team."

Dennis gets enough time to pace Dukes

By ORRIN SCHWARZ
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Danielle Dennis isn't accustomed to playing so little in a girls basketball game.

Between catching a finger in the eye in the first quarter and foul trouble, the York senior guard spent a chunk of Tuesday night's game on the Dukes' bench. But when she got back on the floor, Dennis made the most of her time.

Dennis notched 19 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals to lead the Dukes to a 45-37 victory against St. Charles North at the Class 4A Wheaton Warrenville South regional semifinals. She also finished with 4 fouls.



Danielle Dennis

"The second I went in there I just wanted to get at them right away because I was a little angry about the eye," said Dennis, her eye fine after

the game. The seventh-seeded Dukes will meet No. 2 WW South at 7 p.m. Thursday in the regional final looking for their first regional title since 2009.

York (19-9) clearly got a boost each time its leading scorer re-entered the game.

"We need her. We need her out there for four quarters," added York coach Brandon Collings. "I mean, if she's not in foul trouble she doesn't leave the floor. So the amount she was out today is more than we are used to losing our No. 1 scorer there. They didn't have an answer for her. They

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didn't have anybody there that can guard her."

York took the lead for good in the second quarter. Trailing 13-10 after the first, the Dukes outscored St. Charles North 20-4 for a 30-17 halftime lead, their biggest of the game.

"Second quarter I thought was the difference," North Stars coach Michael Tomczak said. "We went awful cold and they took advantage of it, and we were fighting uphill the rest of the way."

Despite winning York rued missed opportunities. The Dukes were just 8 of 19 at the free-throw line, missing the front end of a 1-and-1 three times.

"That's one where we had a chance to put them away and just didn't do it," Collings said. "Knock down some layups, hit some free throws and instead of an 8-point game it's a 15-point game and we've got nothing to worry about."

The 10th-seeded North Stars (15-13) came within 6 points twice in the final minute, but a Madison Park steal followed by a pair of Dennis free throws and a Caylin Rufus block sealed the win for the Dukes.

"We became more relaxed in the fourth quarter and that's what sealed the deal at the end," Dennis said.

Junior Annie Tate led the North Stars with 16 points and 12 rebounds, 7 of them on the offensive end.

"We knew (Tate) was a good rebounder, but we didn't think we were going to get killed that bad by her," Collings said.



PHOTOS BY MARK BLACK/mblack@dailyherald.com
Naperville North's Jack Hill (12) drives for a layup past Naperville Central's Daniel Raab (10) during Tuesday's 56-40 Huskies victory in Naperville.

Huskies take control against Redhawks

By KEVIN SCHMIT
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Naperville North's boys basketball team came to Naper-

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center Ben Wolf, who was home sick Tuesday.

"When you find out your big man isn't going to play at 6 a.m. against your archrivals on

Girls basketball

Bartlett defeats Batavia

By CRAIG BRUESKE
Daily Herald Correspondent

Perhaps a little pregame adversity was just what Batavia needed.

Prior to Tuesday night's Class 4A Schaumburg regional semifinal — held at Conant due to gym floor surface issues — the Bulldogs had to deal with their own transportation problems.

"We started with a little bus fiasco," said Batavia coach Kevin Jensen, whose team held on for a 65-62 victory over Bartlett. "It didn't get scheduled the way it was supposed to so we were frantically scrambling to get two of our smaller activity buses."

"Looking back, maybe that was a good thing. They stayed calm. I needed to vent, but the girls did a great job."

Batavia (18-11), which defeated Bartlett 54-39 back on Nov. 21, got off to another fast start this time around.

Junior guard Hailey Orman knocked down a pair of 3-pointers and junior center Ava Sergio added 6 points of her own as the Bulldogs opened an early 14-8 lead.

Batavia, which led 20-16 after the first quarter, built a 38-27 halftime advantage.

"Unfortunately, we dug ourselves a little bit of a hole in the first quarter and a half," said Hawks coach Brad Hunt. "It ended up being the difference in the game."

Batavia's lead swelled to as many as 11 in the second half, as sophomore guard Erin Golden tallied 8 of her 15 points in the third quarter.

Led by seniors Kayla Hare and Danielle Kleeman, the determined Hawks (19-11) cut the deficit to 2 on five occasions in the fourth quarter.

A steal and layup by the Hawks' Savannah Stander trimmed Batavia's lead to 63-62 with 19 seconds remaining.

Tigers warm up with lopsided win

What to watch today

World champion Heather Bergsma goes for gold in speedskating. The U.S. women's hockey team takes on archival Canada. The U.S. men's hockey team, largely unknown players, plays its first game, against Slovenia. The free skate in figure skating pairs will determine the medalists. Three of the top pairs are from Russia.

NBC

3-5 p.m.: Luge, doubles gold; men's Nordic combined, normal hill/10km gold

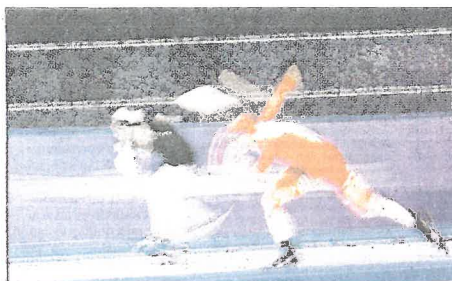
8-11:30 p.m.: Figure skating, pairs gold (live); men's skiing, super-G gold (live); men's skeleton (live); women's speedskating, 1,000-meter gold

12:05-1:30 a.m.: Men's snowboard cross gold (live); men's skeleton speedskating, women's 500 gold

NECSN

6:30-9:30 a.m.: Men's hockey, U.S.-Slovenia (live)

10:10 p.m.-12:30 a.m.: Women's hockey, U.S.-Canada (live)



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A blur on the ice, Glenview's Brian Hansen, left, and Zbigniew Brodka of Poland compete during the men's 1,500 meters race at the Gangneung Oval at the 2018 Winter Olympics on Tuesday. Hansen finished 15th.

Race hard to stomach

Dutch dominate speedskating again; Glenview's Hansen finishes in 15th

By ANNA KOOK

Special to the Daily Herald

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Brian Hansen stood at the start line and realized he ate too much.

"This is just going to sound like a big excuse but I felt like I had Thanksgiving out there," Hansen said. "It took me awhile to take my skates off because I was going to throw up for a good 30 minutes."

After the overbearing pre-race dinner, which included huge portions of rice, Hansen placed 15th Tuesday in the 1,500-meter final with a time of 1 minute 46.44 seconds.

"It was honestly so stupid. I was nervous and it sounds stupid but I just misgauged it," Hansen said.

The Netherlands took both the gold and silver medals, as Kjeld Nuis skated first place in 1 minute 44.01 seconds and Patrick Roest finished in 1 minute 44.86 seconds. South Korean Kim Min-seok took bronze.

U.S. team Joey Mantia, who ranked third in the world, placed eighth, and Evanston native Shani Davis, a silver medalist at this distance in the 2010 Vancouver Games, finished 19th.

Hansen, silver medalist in the 2010 team pursuit, has a chance at redemption in the team pursuit race coming up on Feb. 21.

"I can't wait to get back on the ice tomorrow and start training. I think the three of us are starting to click in that race and we have everything to gain and nothing to lose," Hansen

race: blue M&M's. Hansen has suffered severe lower back issues for the past five years, which he tried various ways to help assuage. He said he found comfort in blue M&M's.

The 27-year-old and three-time Olympian grew up training at the Northbrook Speed Skating Club, and spent most of his time before the Olympics training at the Pettit National Ice Center in Milwaukee. Upon his return from South Korea, he plans to spend time away from the ice.

"I have a list of 20 to 30 jobs I've been making in the Milwaukee and Chicago area," Hansen said.

His response when asked if that meant retirement from skating: "Yeah probably, to be honest."

Hansen won a silver medal in the 2010 Olympics, and placed seventh in the 1,500 m race at the Sochi Olympics in 2014. After his disappointment in Sochi, he took two years off to attend the University of Colorado, where he earned a degree in business and gained a fresh perspective on life off the ice.

While that unusually long break set up the next chapter to his life, it also may have contributed to his disappointing finish in Pyeongchang on Tuesday.

"I don't regret it but it made the comeback a lot more difficult. Two years off is not something common you see," Hansen said.

• Anna Kook, a graduate student at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism

Figure skating unveils new, modern soundtrack

Associated press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — When the International Skating Union made the popular decision to allow lyrics in all performances, the Paul Simon classic "The Sound of Silence" seemed like it would be a natural choice.

The folk tune is light and airy and fits neatly within the confines of traditional figure skating.

Vanessa James and Morgan Cipres went in another direction.

Yes, the French pairs team chose the 1960s hit for their free skate last year, and will bring it back for their Olympic program Thursday. But rather than the melodic version performed by Simon and Art Garfunkel, they opted for a haunting, heavy metal cover by American rock band Disturbed.

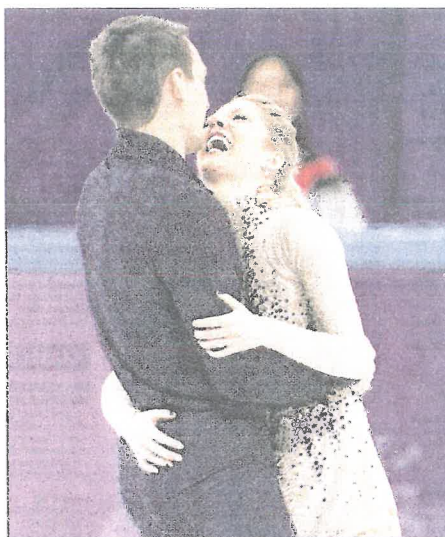
"It was our coaches who found it," James told The Associated Press. "They were like, 'We really think it could be a hit.' And Morgan listened to it and was like, 'I don't like it,' because we weren't used to it. And I was like, 'OK, let me see if I can get into this.' I thought it could be amazing, and I was like, 'Morgan, let's trust them.' And we were so right to have trusted them."

That's because the stirring rendition, coupled with the pair's dramatic program, became such a fan favorite that they replaced this season's program with it for the Pyeongchang Games.

"When you have a powerful voice and words to express," James said, "it changes everything."

Now, nobody is throwing tradition out the window. Fans still will see four Olympic programs set to "Carmen" and three to "Swan Lake." Two programs are set to the figure skating staple "Moonlight Sonata," including one by ice dance favorites Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron.

But the decision by skating's governing body after the 2014 Sochi Games to allow lyrics in all disciplines expanded the



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Addison native Alexa Scimeca Knierim and her partner Chris Knierim react after their performance in the pairs figure skating short program in the Gangneung Ice Arena at the 2018 Winter Olympics on Wednesday. The pair scored a 65.55 in the short program, landing them in 14th place. That was good enough to guarantee the American pair a spot in the next round of the competition — free skate, which takes place tonight.

breadth of what is available, and skaters have taken broad liberties with it.

Ed Sheeran and Coldplay will provide popular soundtracks to the rest of the Olympic skating scene. The rock bands Imagine Dragons and Snow Patrol, English vocalist Benjamin Clementine and pop musicians Lorde, Christina Aguilera and Adele also have music in the mix.

"At the beginning, people were just choosing random music," Cipres recalled, "but after some time I think people realized it didn't work. You have to choose your music carefully."

Many skaters, such as James and Cipres, wound up choosing covers over an original. They may like the lyrics or message of a song but they also want it to have a different rhythm or feel.

Two-time world champions Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford of Canada wanted "With or Without You" for their short program, but they decided U2's original was a bit monotone. Their choreographers unearthed a little-known cover by singer-songwriter April Meservy that worked better for their routine.

"There are people who are like, 'Why aren't they skating to the original?' But if you listen to the original, it doesn't lend itself well to a figure skating program," Radford explained. "April's version just has more ebb and flow, and it just works better for us."

Worked out well for Meservy, too. An anonymous donor provided funds for her to travel from the U.S. to South Korea and watch Duhamel and Radford perform to her rendition on Olympic ice.

Luger says she's fine after scary crash

Daily Herald news services

DAEGWALLYEONG, South Korea — They walked away from the luge track one after the next, the three leading women of American luge, each disappointed and shaken in her own way. The one who finished in 19th place said her performance was "incredibly devastating."

The one who finished in sixth place, the last Olympic race of her career, Erin Hamlin, said she just wanted to go to bed and sleep. The one who crashed, caromed and didn't finish the race was the luger most upset of all, evaluated by doctors who detected neither head trauma nor broken bones, but crying nonetheless.

Emily Sweeney's injury cast a pall over this race, a reminder of what can happen on an ice track when going 80 mph downhill. Halfway through the course, near the ninth turn, she skidded and lost control. Her body ping-

Olympic notes

But Sweeney hobbled away on her own.

"I'm fine," she said 20 minutes later, wiping tears, telling the half-dozen people around her that she didn't want to go to the hospital. A USA Luge statement said she was taken to a clinic at the Olympic Village for evaluation. "It was a heavy crash and she was feeling sore," the statement said.

Slalom postponed again:

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — The start of Mikaela Shiffrin's bid for multiple medals at the 2018 Olympics was delayed yet again when the women's slalom was postponed from Wednesday to Friday because of strong winds.

It's the third time in four days an Alpine skiing race was shelved because gusts made it too dangerous for competition. Shiffrin originally was

first at these Winter Games. Weather permitting, that is.

The men's downhill, which was supposed to open the 11-event Alpine program on Sunday, also was shifted to Thursday, when the forecast calls for a lessening of the swirling and blustery wind that has been creating problems.

Canada claims first gold:

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — With a triumphant hug and fist pump, Canada won the first Olympic gold medal in curling mixed doubles, beating Switzerland 10-3 on Tuesday in front of a roaring crowd of jubilant Canadians.

The win over the defending world champions marked a historic moment for mixed doubles, which was making its Olympic debut at the Pyeongchang Games. Switzerland conceded the match early after falling too far behind, reaching out to shake

U.S. women thrash Russia, showdown with Canada next

Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson can't remember ever scoring twice on the same shift. The three-time Olympian looking for her first gold medal is just happy to give the Americans a bit of a boost.

She did it in Olympic record fashion.

Lamoureux-Davidson had the fastest back-to-back goals in Olympic history, scoring 6 seconds apart in the second period as the United States shut out the Russians 5-0 on Tuesday night.

"I don't know if I'll ever come close to that again," Lamoureux-Davidson said. "But we'll see."

Lamoureux-Davidson not only topped Canada's Caroline Ouellette, who scored twice in 16 seconds on Feb. 11, 2006, in a 16-0 rout of Italy at Turin, but also the men's mark of 8 seconds apart held by Carl Goran Oberg of Sweden in 1960 at Squaw Valley.

Kacey Bellamy, who scored the first goal of the game off a pass from Lamoureux-Davidson, called the record incredible.

With the win, the Americans remained undefeated going into their early Olympic showdown with Canada, which is also 2-0. The Americans won eight of the last 10 world championships, including an overtime win over Canada last spring for their fourth straight title. But they are at the Pyeongchang Games trying to end a 20-year gold medal drought. The last time these teams met in the Olympics, Canada rallied from an 0-2 deficit to win its fourth straight gold in overtime in 2014 in Sochi.

No medal will be on the line Thursday, just positioning for the semifinals. That made tuning up the offense a must for the Americans with Canada routing its first two opponents 9-1 after a 4-1 win over Finland earlier Tuesday.

"I have no doubt we're ready," goalie Nicole Hensley said.

Gold:

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after sitting down during his first trip to put White on notice during the second.

The 19-year-old uncorked back-to-back 1440s of his own and when the crowd exploded as his 95.25 flashed, he simply shrugged his shoulders, unfazed by the stakes.

Hirano missed an opportunity to go even higher when he washed out on his final run. James put together an spectacular last set, setting the stage for White.

He called the opportunity to go last his "good luck spot." And with good reason. He went last during his gold medal runs in Turin in 2006 and Vancouver in 2010. Yet White had the top of the podium locked up during his last sprint down the pipe on both occasions. This moment required something more. And he delivered.

While the culture of snow-

central with just nine games to play, the Sox lost six times, dropped into second place and missed the playoffs.

Even tougher times have followed, and ESPN twice dismissed the White Sox with reporting that apparently forgot about that 11-1 surge through

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the 2005 playoffs capped by a four-game sweep of the Houston Astros in the World Series.

Even Wheel of Fortune — Wheel of Fortune! — piled on the Sox.

Earlier this month, the

It has been a difficult stretch, without a doubt. But even on an unusually cloudy, drizzly day in the desert at Camelback Ranch, there was a ray of light.

Pitchers and catchers reported to spring training Wednesday and, continuing a trend from SoxFest last month,

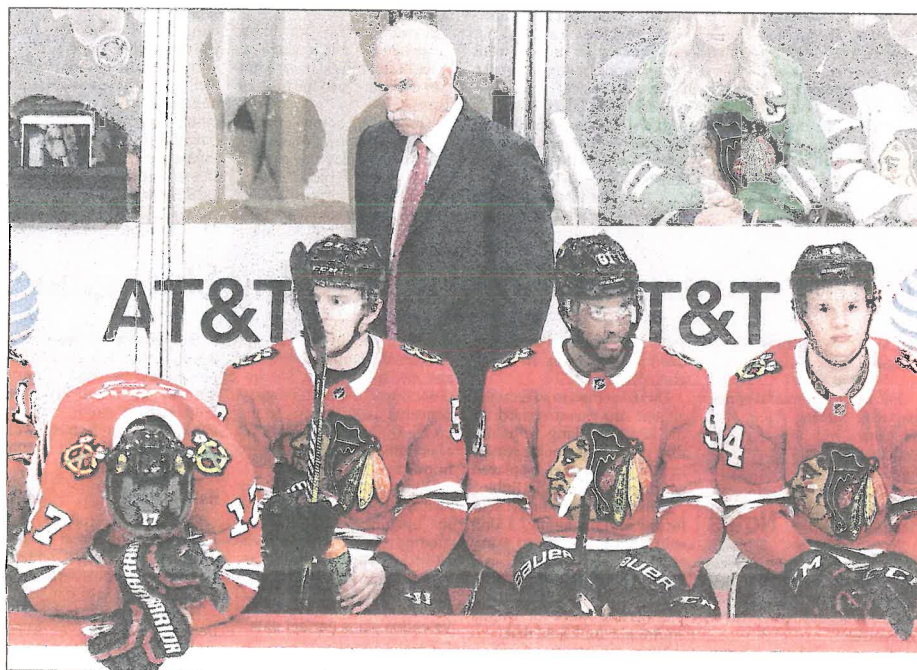
mal and you never know if this is going to be the year. If everybody has the best year of their career, we can go on a good run."

Soria actually sounded pessimistic compared to top

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The White Sox opened spring-training camp Wednesday, and there is already plenty of optimism in the Arizona air.



With the Blackhawks struggling mightily this season, is it time for Joel Quenneville to go? John Dietz says no, the head coach deserves at least one more shot to turn things around next season.

That kind of season

So what's left for Blackhawks? Some forward thinking

With the Blackhawks essentially out of the playoff picture, it's time to look forward.

So let's talk about five thoughts that are on many of your minds:

1. Fire Q?

Go back in time to 2015 or '16 and tell somebody that coach Joel Quenneville may be fired 2-3 years later. They'd have laughed in your face.

But that's where we sit today thanks to a season that has spun out of control. To be sure, Quenneville has struggled as much as his players have.

He has struggled to find the right line combinations and the right D pairings. He has struggled in determining who deserves playing time. And he hasn't adapted quickly enough to a young roster.

Quenneville is famous for his effective 25-35 minute practices, but this team needed more. They needed sessions that lasted 45, 60 or even 75 minutes. Work on the power play over and over until things click. Make guys work until the sloppy play stops. Make guys work to establish a



JOHN DIETZ'S

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net-front presence.

Many believe a new voice is needed, and that might be the case. But Quenneville deserves one more shot.

If things have gone south with the veterans, he needs to have some heart-to-heart conversations. Make them believe again, admit he has made mistakes and start fresh next season.

2. Fire Bowman?

Ever since he traded Richard Panik for Anthony Duclair and sent Cody Franson to Rockford in favor of Erik Gustafson, general manager Stan Bowman has been crowing about how great it is that the Hawks have one of the youngest rosters in the NHL.

But younger is not always better. The inexperience of this team has contributed — at least in part — to the Hawks going 3-10-2 since the trade for Duclair.

So should Bowman be relieved of his duties?

Last April, two days after the Hawks were swept by Nashville, I asked Bowman how careful he needed to be in terms of dismantling a 50-win team.

Bowman responded by saying, "We can't expect everything to come back the exact same and think we're going to have a different result."

As we see now, the result is much, much worse.

While many pundits — myself included — praised the Brandon Saad-for-Artemi Panarin deal, it clearly hasn't worked out the way Bowman had hoped. And the loss of Niklas Hjalmarsson has been felt on and off the ice in ways we can't even come close to calculating.

Should Bowman bear the lion's share of the blame for this shocking downfall? It's a good question and one president

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American duo pulls off figure-skating 1st

Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Addison native Alexa Scimeca Knierim and husband Chris Knierim became the first Americans to land a quad twist in an Olympic competition when they hit the four-revolution element in the pairs free skate early this morning.

The rest of their program didn't go nearly as well.

Knierim fell on both of their triple jumps, a salchow and the toe loop that was supposed to lead into a double toe loop. They were also out of synch on their combination spin and a bit shaky on their throw triple flip.

They wound up far out of medal contention, but they already had a successful Olympics — they were an integral part of the U.S. winning the team bronze.

The gold went to German pair Bruno Massot and Aliona Savchenko. Savchenko is the first female pairs skater to compete in five Olympics; this is her first gold medal. Sui Wenjing and Han Cong earned the silver for China, and Canadians Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford won the bronze.

Scimeca Knierim broke down in tears after the performance, saying the shootings at a Florida high school Wednesday had her "emotionally drained."

She didn't blame the news from Florida for a poor routine, but she said she was stressed out when she saw the news on television at the arena.

"We are so privileged and lucky to be doing what we are doing," she said, "and it's so sad that 17 people died in the United States. I told Chris today he'd need to be so much stronger than me."

"I am disappointed with the way we performed today, but so many people at home are hurting because their children have died."

She stopped to gather herself as her husband patted her on the head.

"I was not focused on it while we were skating, but now that we are done, after we've skated, there's an emotional hurt. I am



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Alexa Scimeca Knierim and Chris Knierim perform in the pairs free skate final.

WINTER GAMES 2018

MEDAL COUNT	G	S	B	TOTAL
Germany	7	2	3	12
Netherlands	5	4	2	11
Norway	3	5	3	11
Canada	3	4	3	10
United States	4	1	2	7

— as of 10:35 p.m. Wednesday

More Olympics, Page 3

• Faith helped Scimeca Knierim reach the Olympic ice.

• U.S. men's hockey team loses first game in OT to Slovenia.

overwhelmed."

Scimeca Knierim said she was bothered the previous night by intestinal problems, though nothing related to major abdominal surgeries she underwent in recent years that nearly curtailed their career. Their struggles on the ice Thursday mainly stemmed from Chris falling twice on jumps, and some uncoordinated spins.

"We did hit the quad twist," he noted. "That was the highlight of the program, unfortunately."

The Knierims skated four stressful programs in a span of a week, and with practice sessions and early morning wake-up calls, it's been a wearing time.

Both recognized they

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FEB. 17, 7PM
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Chris Knierim throws wife and Addison native Alexa Scimeca Knierim during their performance in this morning's pairs free skate figure skating final in Gangneung, South Korea.

Skate: Knierims to begin their training for world championships

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weren't close to their best in the free skate.

"My first thought," she said, "was I hope teams that are not here — we all want to be here — aren't saying they could've done better. We hate to skate poorly enough for a team not here to feel they could've done better than us."

The Knierims will remain in South Korea and soon begin training for the world championships set for late March in Milan. She recognized that they made a contribution to their nation with a bronze medal, and to their sport, judging by social media comments directed to them.

"What's really special and we've never experienced before is the reach," she said,

"and people who do not even following figure skating, it's so cool they are all writing the same thing. They say our story is an inspiration and they enjoy watching us. Even though we were not medaling (in the pairs event) or super competitive with the top teams, we are bringing enjoyment to them."

Before Scimeca-Knierim left the media zone, she asked to deliver a message back to those mourning in the U.S.

"I maybe am being too tough on myself, but we wanted to lift the spirits of those who have lost someone," she said. "Even though we are here, our hearts are with them. And we may be living in a different world here with all the Olympic hype, but we are hurting with them."

Norwegian is oldest gold-winner in Alpine skiing

Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Aksel Lund Svindal won the men's downhill in Pyeongchang early today, making the 35-year-old Norwegian the oldest-ever Olympic gold medalist in Alpine skiing.

Svindal was 0.12 seconds faster than Norwegian teammate Kjetil Jansrud down the 1 4/5-mile course at Jeongseon. Beat Feuz of Switzerland took bronze, 0.18 behind Svindal's time of 1 minute, 40.25 seconds.

The men's downhill was one of three Alpine races that was supposed to be held earlier in the week, but all were postponed because of gusty winds.

Shiffrin in position:

American Mikaela Shiffrin turned in an electric opening run of the Olympic giant slalom early today, sitting in second position and in prime position for a gold medal at press time.

The 22-year-old American standout trailed leader Manuela Moelgg of Italy by a scant 0.20 seconds heading into the final run later in the day at Yongpyong Alpine Center. The sun was out and the

Olympic notes

wind muted.

Finally, the women were racing.

Shiffrin was just happy for that, given all the postponements due to weather and strong wind.

"Oh my gosh, last night, I was like, 'Are we ever going to race?'" Shiffrin said, laughing. "It's really nice. And it's fair today, which is really, really important, especially at the Olympics. The conditions are great. The weather is beautiful. And it's a pleasure to be racing today."

Speedskating record:

Speedskater Jorien ter Mors set an Olympic record to win the 1,000 meters Wednesday night, earning a fifth gold medal for the Netherlands in as many events.

Favorite Nao Kodaira slumped over the last half lap and had to settle for silver ahead of her Japanese teammate Miho Takagi. Brittany Bowe of the United States finished just outside the medals.

No one has ever completed the race



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Joseph Luke Cecchini of Italy starts his first run during the men's skeleton competition Thursday in Pyeongchang.

faster at sea level. Ter Mors beat the 2002 Olympic mark of U.S. skater Chris Witt, which was set at high altitude.

WINTER OLYMPICS

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

At Pyeongchang, South Korea

CURLING

Men

Sweden 9, Denmark 5
Canada 5, Italy 3
United States 11, South Korea 7
Britain 6, Switzerland 5
Canada 7, Britain 4

Women

Sweden 7, South Korea 2
Italy 7, Switzerland 4
Japan 6, Norway 4

ICE HOCKEY

Men

Slovenia 3, United States 2 OT
Slovakia 3, OA Russia 2
Switzerland 2, Sweden 1
Japan 4, Korea 1

Women

Switzerland 2, Sweden 1
Japan 4, Korea 1

FIGURE SKATING

Pairs Short Program

Short Program

1. Han Cong and Sui Wenjing, China, 82.39.
2. Evgenia Tarasova and Vladimir Morozov, OA Russia, 81.68.
3. Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, Canada, 76.82.
4. Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot, Germany, 76.59.
5. Han Cong and Sui Wenjing, China, 75.58.
6. Vanessa James and Morgan Cipres, France, 75.34.
7. Nicole Della Monica and Matteo Guarise, Italy, 74.50.
8. Evgenia Tarasova and Vladimir Morozov, OA Russia, 74.35.
9. Nicole Della Monica and Matteo Guarise,

Italy, 74.00.

10. Evgenia Tarasova and Vladimir Morozov, OA Russia, 70.52.

11. Tae Ok Ryom and Ju Sik Kim, North Korea, 69.40.

12. Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, Canada, 67.52.

13. Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, Canada, 65.68.

14. Chris Knierim and Alexa Scimeca Knierim, United States, 65.55.

15. Anna Duskova and Martin Bidar, Czech Republic, 63.25.

16. Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot, Germany, 63.04.

17. Han Cong and Sui Wenjing, China, 62.61.

18. Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya and Harley Windsor, Australia, 61.55.

19. Paige Conners and Evgeni Krasnopolski, Israel, 60.35.

20. Miriam Ziegler and Severin Kiefer, Austria, 58.80.

21. Miya Suzuki and Ryuichi Kihara, Japan, 57.74.

22. Kim Kyueun and Kam Alex Kang Chan, South Korea, 42.93.

LUGE

Men's Doubles

Final Ranking

1. Germany 1 (Tobias Arit, Tobias Wendl), 1:31.697.
2. Austria 1 (Georg Fischler, Peter Penz), 1:31.785.
3. Germany 2 (Toni Eggert, Sascha Benecken), 1:31.987.
4. United States 2 (Andrew Sherer, Justin Krowczynski), 1:32.652.
5. Other U.S. Finisher
10. United States 1 (Jayson Terdiman, Matthew Mortensen), 1:32.687.

NORDIC COMBINED

Individual (Normal Hill)

Final Ranking

(K90 Jump; 10km Pursuit in parentheses)
1. Eric Frenzel, Germany, (5, 121.70; 1, 24:51.4),

24:51.4.

2. Akito Watabe, Japan, (3, 123.70; 2, 24:56.2), 24:56.2.

3. Lukas Klapfer, Austria, (4, 122.60; 3, 25:09.5), 25:09.5.

U.S. Finishers

17. Bryan Fletcher, (18, 99.00; 17, 27:03.6), 27:03.6.

35. Taylor Fletscher, (39, 76.40; 35, 28:19.2), 28:19.2.

41. Ben Loomis, (37, 79.50; 41, 29:20.8), 29:20.8.

45. Jasper Good, (47, 58.80; 45, 30:39.8), 30:39.8.

SNOWBOARD

Men's Halfpipe

Final Ranking

1. Shaun White, United States, (94.25; 55.0; 97.75) 97.75.
2. Ayumu Hirano, Japan, (35.25; 95.25; 43.25) 95.25.
3. Scott James, Australia, (92.0; 81.75; 40.25) 92.00.
4. Ben Ferguson, United States, (43.0; 83.5; 90.75) 90.75.
6. Chase Josey, United States, (87.75; 52.25; 88.0) 88.00.
8. Jake Pates, United States, (47.0; 82.25; 27.0) 82.25.

SPEEDSKATING

Women's 1000

1. Jorien ter Mors, Netherlands, 1:13.56.
2. Nao Kodaira, Japan, 1:13.82.
3. Miho Takagi, Japan, 1:13.98.
4. Brittany Bowe, United States, 1:14.36.
8. Heather Bergsma, United States, 1:15.15.
Other U.S. Finisher
28. Jerica Tandiman, 1:18.02.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Preliminary Round

GROUP A	W	L	OTW	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Canada	2	0	0	0	6	9	1
United States	2	0	0	0	6	8	1
Finland	0	2	0	0	0	2	7
OA Russia	0	2	0	0	0	0	10

GROUP B	W	L	OTW	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Switzerland	3	0	0	0	9	13	2
Sweden	2	1	0	0	6	11	3
Japan	1	2	0	0	3	6	6
Korea	0	3	0	0	0	1	20

At Kwangju Hockey Centre

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Canada 4, Finland 1

United States 5, Russia 0

Switzerland 2, Sweden 1

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Japan 4, Korea 1

United States vs. Canada, late

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Preliminary Round

GROUP A	W	L	OTW	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Korea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GROUP B	W	L	OTW	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Slovakia	1	0	0	0	3	3	2
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	2	3	2
United States	0	1	0	1	1	2	3
OA Russia	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
GROUP C	W	L	OTW	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Finland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Wednesday, Feb. 14

At Kwangju Hockey Centre

Slovakia 3, United States 2, OT

At Gangneung Hockey Centre

Slovakia 3, OA Russia 2

Finland vs. Germany, late

Thursday, Feb. 15

At Gangneung Hockey Centre

Norway vs. Sweden, 1:30 a.m.

Czech Republic vs. South Korea, 6 a.m.

United States vs. Slovakia, 9 p.m.

At Kwangju Hockey Centre

Switzerland vs. Canada, 6 a.m.

Addison native's faith helped her reach Olympic ice

By LORI JOHNSTON
Special To The Washington Post

Alexa Scimeca Knierim and Chris Knierim snagged bronze medals as members of the U.S. figure skating team, and the husband-wife duo took on the world this week in the Olympic pairs competition.

But Scimeca Knierim, an Addison native, has a higher mission than winning gold.

"Even here at the Games, it's no longer about me. I have fans out there who know that I'm a true believer in the Lord and I'm trying my best to shine his light and let people know that it's OK to kind of promote him and do things for him, because in the Christian life, that's kind of what we're supposed to do," she told the media over the weekend.

"So I'm treating this competition to glorify God, and my followers know that that's my purpose. And it makes me happy."

For her, faith matters all the time, whether the stage is big or small, said Ted Kluck, an author of books on topics ranging from Mike Tyson to the evangelical church, a professor of journalism at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and co-host of the Happy Rant podcast.

"Specifically, I think faith matters a lot in an Olympic context, where it seems like a person's whole existence is made or broken in a few minutes of competition," he said Tuesday. "In that context, it's more important than ever to remember that we are justified by faith in the finished work of Christ alone, and not by our performance."

Scimeca Knierim said giving up control and relying on her Christian faith allowed her to come back from an illness a couple of years ago. Gastrointestinal problems led to three

abdominal surgeries in 2016 and she had to withdraw from competitions to heal; she has also been photographed with her scar.

"It's the reason I was able to get back on the ice, because I stopped worrying and stopped trying to control life, because I couldn't in the moment," Scimeca Knierim said. "I was so sick and didn't really know where things were going to go for me, whether it be skating or life in general. So I finally just threw my hands up and said, 'You lead the way.' And it's my testimony and I stay true to it."

Nicholas Watson, a professor of sport and social justice at York St. John University in Britain, said in a Christianity Today podcast this week that the theology of "muscular Christianity" behind the modern Olympics was seeing "the body as a good thing that can be used as a tool to serve Jesus."

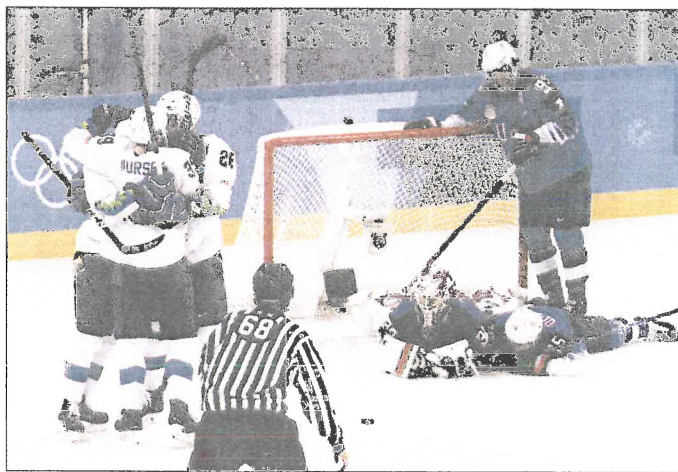
The Knierims attend a Bible study with athletes and coaches in Colorado Springs, where they live.

"We both share the same thing," Chris Knierim said of his faith.

The couple, who met in 2012 and wed in June 2016, are the first married duo to win an Olympics medal for the United States since 2000. In January 2018, they won a second national championship and joined the U.S. team.

Before they compete, they pray with other skaters and coaches, Scimeca Knierim said. Their coaches are Larry Ibarra and Daliah Sappenfield, who officiated their wedding, according to an NBC story.

"Luckily, both of our coaches are on board with the same kind of mindset and journey with us. So it's a huge group together," Scimeca Knierim said.



Matt Gilroy, right, of the United States watches with teammates Ryan Zapsolski and Ryan Donato after Jan Mursak (39) of Slovenia scores the game-winning goal in overtime Wednesday during the preliminary round of the men's hockey tournament at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

'No excuses'

U.S. men lose first game in overtime to Slovenia

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Hockey Writer

Hockey

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Five practices were supposed to prepare the Americans for this, and they knew at the second intermission Slovenia was going to come out punching.

The preparation and the knowledge were not enough to fend off the fatigue as the United States blew a two-goal lead and lost a 3-2 stunner in overtime Wednesday night in the Olympic opener for both teams. Slovenia captain Jan Mursak scored the tying goal with 1:37 left in regulation and the winner 38 seconds into overtime.

Long before that, the Americans started letting the game slip away with their mistakes.

"We started turning the puck over in our zone and they were getting chances and that led to some momentum for them," said goaltender Ryan Zapsolski,

who allowed three goals on 25 shots. "We can't give up those chances that we were giving up out of nothing there in the third. That really kills your momentum. And they scored a goal off one of them and from that point we were kind of on our heels."

Brian O'Neill and Jordan Greenway, who became the first African-American hockey player for the U.S. at an Olympics, scored to build the 2-0 lead in a dominant showing, and the shots were 24-12 after two periods. Coach Tony Granato pointed out that Slovenia probably should have been the more tired team from playing so much in its defensive zone, but there was none of that from a group that has only one player — Mursak — with NHL experience.

In the game because of goalie Gasper Kroselj, who

stopped 34 of 36 shots, Slovenia came to life when Jan Urbas scored 5:37 into the third period. With fans chanting "SLO-VE-NI-A," the underdogs started pouring it on.

"We outskated them in the third, especially, and had more energy," said Mursak, who spent time with the Detroit Red Wings. "After we scored that first goal, I think we really got that extra energy and the feeling that can score some more."

After flashing the breakneck speed of forward Garrett Roe on O'Neill's goal and the quick reaction of Greenway on his rebound tally, the U.S. suddenly looked gassed. Granato wondered if 21 players dressing in their first Olympic game combined with the hype and long day before a late start took a toll on his team, which hadn't played together much.

"Our energy in the third wasn't great," Granato said. "It could've been a little fatigue just set in mentally because of

What to watch today

The men take the ice for the short program in figure skating. Speedskating features the men's 10,000, an endurance race that always provides a wild finish. Top contender Sven Kramer of the Netherlands could become the most decorated Olympic speedskater of all time.

NBC

2-4 p.m. Women's cross-country, 10-km gold; men's speedskating, 10,000-meter gold

7 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Figure skating, men's short program (LIVE); men's skiing, super-G (LIVE); women's snowboard cross gold (LIVE); men's skeleton gold (LIVE); women's freestyle skiing, aerials; women's cross-country, 10-km gold

12:05-2 a.m. Luge, relay gold; men's biathlon, 20-km gold

NBCSN

4-6:10 a.m. Women's cross-country, 10-km gold

6:10-8:30 a.m. Men's hockey, Switzerland-Canada (LIVE)

8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Luge, relay gold; men's speedskating, 10,000-meter gold

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Men's biathlon, 20-km gold

1-4 p.m. Men's curling, U.S.-Italy

7-10 p.m. Figure skating, men's short program (LIVE)

10 p.m.-1:40 a.m. Men's curling, U.S.-Sweden; men's cross-country, 15-km gold (LIVE)

the way that the day was. But no excuses. ... They were the better team in the third and it was good enough for them to get the win.

The U.S. at least picked up a point by getting to overtime, while the Russians lost 3-2 in regulation to Slovakia across town at Gangneung Hockey Centre.

Slovenia gets the Russians next. The Americans will go back to the drawing board to prepare to face Slovakia on Friday.

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Naperville North's Nikki Kwilosz (12) looks for a shot against Lemont's Sarah Knoepfle (55) during the Class 4A girls basketball regional semifinals on Wednesday at Naperville Central.

Huskies wallop Lemont to set up cross-town game

By STAN GOFF
Daily Herald Correspondent

Lauren Platou was in no hurry to see her days as a high school basketball player come to a close, not with another fun cross-town rivalry game within reach for her and her Naperville North teammates.

The three-year varsity player saw to it that the Huskies' season will extend to at least Friday's regional championship against Naperville Central, the No. 2 seed in the Class 4A Nequa Valley sectional. Platou recorded game-high totals with 17 points and 10 rebounds as No. 7 Naperville North stormed past No. 10 Lemont 68-38 in Wednesday's regional semifinal at

Girls basketball

Naperville Central.

The Indians (14-13) struck first on a 3-pointer from Claudia Sikora, but the Huskies went on a 17-0 run en route to a 31-point first quarter. Platou had 7 points in the opening quarter, while teammates Nikki Kwilosz and Greta Kampschroeder each connected on a pair of 3-pointers in the big opening period.

"I think it was just us executing as much as we can. We're always trying to get as much we can, just push the ball up as much as we can and play great defense," said Platou, who welcomes another shot at the Redhawks, who won easily

in Wednesday's other semifinal. "It feels great to play like that, too. When you see your team just moving the ball and hitting the open shots. It's great basketball and it's fun to play."

Naperville North has won nine of its last 11 games, but it's been a couple years since the Huskies have knocked off their archrivals, who handed them a pair of defeats while winning the DuPage Valley Conference title this year.

"We have not beaten Central and it's obviously a huge game," Platou added. "As a senior playing Central again, getting to face them, is a lot of fun. We're all excited for it."

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Right up Willowbrook's alley

Willowbrook's activity bus bound for the girls state bowling finals in Rockford should be rollicking. These Warriors just want to have fun.

It helps them bowl better, too.

"Our last game at sectional was just really fun and we were all really upbeat, and that's when we shot our best, a 1,042," junior Holly Helsper said.

At the Glenbard East sectional on Feb. 10, Helsper trailed only Kenwood's Kaia Gray individually, knocking down 1,232 pins. Glenbard East sophomore Molly Galvin's third-



Molly Galvin

place total of 1,225 topped Lisle senior Haley Kowalski by a single pin despite Kowalski's perfect 300 in the second of six games.

"It was really exciting to watch her shoot that 300 game," said Willowbrook second-year coach Kevin Allen.

Galvin and Kowalski advanced as individuals to the state finals starting Friday morning at Cherry Bowl. So Willowbrook's West Suburban Conference rivals Downers Grove South and York — teams led at the sectional by junior Emily Spicuzza and senior Lauren Gould, respectively.

Topped by Willowbrook's 5,735 based on scoring by Helsper, sophomore Makayla Jones, seniors Elizabeth Soriano and Dana Sassenick and juniors Katherine Pettinger and Brianna Bryant, the Glenbard East sectional at Glen-dale Heights' Brunswick Zone produced the entirety of the DuPage County talent rolling into Rockford.

The Warriors, of course, are happy to be there.

"I always take pride in our girls enjoying themselves and having fun bowling," said Allen, who takes a Willowbrook team to the girls state finals for the first time since 2010.

"I mean, I want the girls to be successful and win," he said, "but it's a great thing when you have a team that comes together and just enjoys bowling together and having fun. As the season goes along we've seen that when we are enjoying each other and having fun our scores do go up."

They'll need to have a total blast at Rockford to hang with the Heavies.

Jones' strong 221 average led all Metea Valley regional bowlers and the Warriors won the team title with a score of 5,705, which ranked seventh among all regional winners.

Willowbrook's sectional total ranked sixth out of six sectional winners, joining Hoffman Estates,

David Oberhelman
Sidelines

Lincoln-Way West, Lockport, O'Fallon and defending state champion Machesney Park Harlem, which ran up a mammoth 6,497. Lockport placed second in state last year, O'Fallon fourth, Hoffman Estates fifth. (Typical trophy winner Waubonsie Valley did not make it out of regionals this season.)

"All the best teams are at state, so the competition is going to be tough but our girls are very confident," Allen said. "They're bowling the best they have all season so confidence is high and we truly believe we can compete with all those teams. We've just got to work with our shot making and make those spares and we'll be in good shape."

In bowling, like any sport, you can only worry about what you can control. And since Willowbrook already achieved its preseason goal of reaching the state finals, this is icing on the cake. A big, fun cake.

"It's really satisfying that we know we met our goal," Helsper said. "Now our next goal is to at least make (Friday's cut) to the next day. Pretty much we'll put on our blinders, worry about us and do the best that we can do."

Mr. Raider

There are super fans, and then there is Dave Key.

The 2000 Glenbard South graduate is a staple at Raiders football, basketball and baseball games and has watched softball, badminton, girls volleyball and boys and girls soccer beginning in 1996.

Key recently informed Glenbard South business teacher Brian Ricci, a former Raiders basketball coach who now assists at West Chicago, he was closing in on "another perfect year" attending boys basketball games. That makes it 21 straight years.

"I like it, it's something fun to do," Key said Saturday before the Raiders tipped off against IC Catholic Prep.

"I go to other teams as well, pretty much all around DuPage County," he said.

In 1998 Key tried out for Ricci's sophomore boys team. He didn't make the cut and became team manager. He was varsity manager the next two years, part of the 2000 Raiders group that went 27-3 and reached the Class AA Sweet Sixteen.

"He's been coming to games ever since. We get to places and he's there waiting for the bus to arrive," said Ricci, who also has seen Key boarding trains for Bears and White Sox games.

Key's highlights were the 2000 boys basketball team, Glenbard South's 15-14 football victory over Glenbard West in 2007, and the softball team's 2012 and 2013 Class 3A championships.

Key said he likes the competition and traditions found in high school sports. He's become a tradition himself.

Key counts on attending Raiders contests for the rest of his life: "Certainly."

Congrats

On Tuesday the Illinois High School Association and the Caterpillar company announced the 2018 IHSA Academic All-State Team. Criteria for the 26-person team, 13 each boys and girls, was a minimum 3.50 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale after seven semesters, outstanding citizenship and participation in at least two IHSA activities each of the last two years.

Among 400 statewide nominees one DuPage County student was chosen for the top 26 — Glenbard West multiple all-state track and cross country runner Lindsey Payne. The 2016 Class 3A 3,200-meter champion, a huge part of the Hilltoppers' 2017 track title, Payne has committed to Stanford.

Miles Christensen, who Downers Grove North proudly noted scored a perfect 36 on his ACT, made the Honorable Mention Team. (Wow, tough crowd.) Another track and cross country athlete, Christensen was the third runner — an all-state 16th overall — for the Trojans' Class 3A champion cross country team last fall.

Previously, the IHSA announced its coaches of the year based on 2016-17 achievements. Locals were plentiful — Naperville Central's Dan Brown in boys tennis, Glenbard West's Carlos Fuentes in girls gymnastics and Kelly Haas in girls track, Benet's Michael Hand in girls tennis, Waubonsie Valley's Marty Miller in girls bowling, Hinsdale Central's Nick Latorre in girls golf and Jess Krueger in boys golf.

Those selections were sent to the National Federation of State High School Associations for consideration for section and national honors. On Feb. 8 the IHSA reported that Krueger was the NFHS Section 4 winner, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin.

In 2016 Krueger's Red Devils won the Class 3A title by 25 strokes behind medalist and defending champion Brendan O'Reilly. That was Hinsdale Central's fifth straight state title — and the Red Devils won it again last fall.

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS



Davis off the fast track

BY MARK ZEIGLER
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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Here's the problem facing Shani Davis: He's not fast enough anymore to skate away from this.

He used to be, winning two gold and two silver speedskating medals in the Olympics, winning 11 titles at world championships, breaking world records nine times, breaking barriers in a sport as white as the ice it races on.

But the Chicagooan is 35 now, and the engine doesn't rev like it used to when he hits the gas.

It didn't Tuesday in the 1,500 meters. He blazed to a quick opening 300 and then — nothing. His time of 1 minute, 46.74 seconds was nearly six seconds slower than the world record he set in 2009 and held until December. He finished 19th in a field of 35. In his previous three Olympic races at this distance, he was second, second and 11th.

"The ice was super fast," Davis said. "Unfortunately, I wasn't."

And that's a problem. Americans are obsessed with winning, and glistening medals deflect biting criticism, or at least mute it. You get somewhat of a pass if you stand on the podium and the flag is raised.

Finish 19th, get blown away by the Dutch, fade badly in the back half of the race and the microscopes come out, fairly or unfairly. The knives come out. The hashtags grow fangs.

Davis has never been a warm, fuzzy character. He has never shied from controversy, much less a fight.

He was winning then. He's not now, which made extricating himself from his current hole harder even before he grabbed a shovel and kept digging.

ABOVE | Belgium's Bart Swings, left, leads against Shani Davis in the 1,500 meters, in which Davis placed 19th. JUNG YEON-JE/GETTY-APF

And that's part of his allure, part of his complexity — the courage of his convictions, a certain nobility in his defiance, no matter how misguided the cause may seem.

But he was winning then. He's not now, which made extricating himself from his current hole harder even before he grabbed a shovel and kept digging.

This is his fifth Olympic team, and he no doubt reasoned that warranted the honor of carrying the U.S. flag at the opening ceremony. Many of his U.S. teammates agreed, and it came down to him and luge veteran Erin Hamlin in the vote among athlete representatives from each of the eight winter sports federations.

Davis got four votes. Hamlin got four. The rules, published beforehand, were clear: Any ties would be broken by a coin flip.

The coin picked Hamlin, and Davis' verified Twitter account soon was recounting his resume and suggesting that Team USA "dishonorably tossed a coin." It added the hashtag: #BlackHistoryMonth.

Out came the knives, and Davis has

where he wasn't going: the opening ceremony.

His handlers said he never intended to attend unless, of course, he had been selected as flag bearer.

It's an empty excuse. The opening ceremony can be a long night on your feet for athletes, but in recent Games organizers have provided a solution: You walk into the stadium, take a lap with your teammates around the infield, soak up the experience and then quietly exit through the back. Get on a bus and you're back at the village 15 minutes later.

After finishing 19th in the 1,500 meters Tuesday, Davis did stop in front of a gaggle of journalists. A U.S. media relations officer stated the ground rules: Skating questions only.

Davis spoke about how "I've seen people create Olympic magic in the 1,500 who have never even won World Cups before" and "it's just that I didn't have the snap and drive" and "I really hope this got all the cobwebs out and I can refocus."

He has one race left, the 1,000 meters Feb. 23. The distance suits him better, but it's a long way from 19th place in a race just 30 seconds longer to an Olympic medals podium.

"There are no excuses for not performing on the ice," Davis said, "except for that I just wasn't strong enough to compete with the high

HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang



Alexa Scimeca Knierim
Figure skating/Addison

The 2009 Addison Trail graduate, skating with husband Chris Knierim, won bronze in the team event but failed to medal in the free skate Wednesday. But they became the first Americans to land a quad twist in the Olympics.

Next: Finished competing



Tony Granato
Hockey/Downers Grove

Granato graduated from Downers Grove North in 1982. Slovenia stunned his U.S. team Wednesday with a 3-2 win 38 seconds into overtime. "Our energy in the third wasn't great," he said. "It could've been a little fatigue just set in mentally because of the way the day was. But no excuses. ... They were the better team in the third, and it was good enough for them to get the win."

Next: Vs. Slovakia, Thursday



Chris Chelios
Hockey/Evergreen Park

Chelios is the assistant coach of the U.S. men's team. He played in four Winter Olympics and was captain of the U.S. team that finished second in 2002 in Salt Lake City. Slovenia stunned the U.S. on Wednesday with a 3-2 overtime win.

Next: Vs. Slovakia, Thursday



Kendall Coyne
Hockey/Palos Heights

Making her second appearance for Team USA, she scored the winner Sunday against Finland. The U.S. beat the Russians 5-0 on Tuesday and faced archival Canada on Wednesday.

Next: Quarterfinals, Sunday



Hilary Knight
Hockey/Lake Forest

Knight won silver medals at both the 2010 and 2014 Olympics. She assisted on the game-winning goal in the U.S.' 3-1 win over Finland. The U.S. beat the Russians 5-0 on Tuesday and faced archival Canada on Wednesday.

Next: Quarterfinals, Sunday