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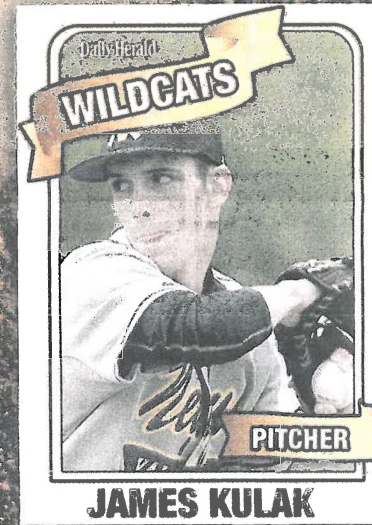
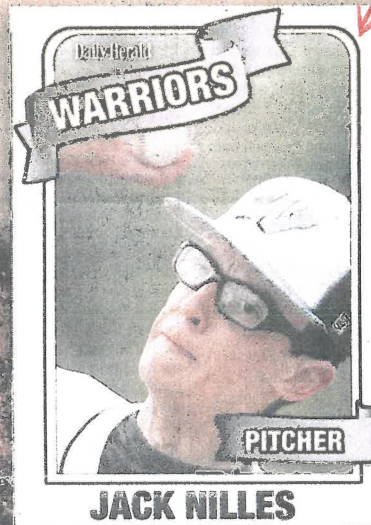
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**Addison Trail****Coach:** Mike Kennedy.

**Last year:** 13-17, 8-10, fifth in West Suburban Gold; lost 7-1 to Geneva in Class 4A Addison Trail regional semifinals.

**Top players:** Simon Marinelli, sr., C; Trevor Fulmer, sr., P-1B; Matt Crandall, OF-P, sr.; A.J. Parnell, 3B-P, sr.; Bryan Hidalgo-Ortiz, DH, sr.; Vince Daudelin, jr., OF; Michael Scali, jr., SS-2B; A.J. Carlson, so., P-IF; Javier Carreno, jr., P-IF-OF; Nick Daudelin, jr., P.

**Scouting report:** The Blazers graduated one of the area's dominant pitchers in Nick Villaseñor but they still return Fulmer, who struck out 47 and had a 2.50 ERA in 42 innings. With fellow third-year starter Marinelli behind the plate, that makes for a darn good battery. "We're going to rely on our veterans and get our juniors ready," Kennedy said. "Nick was so great for us, but people don't realize how good Trevor was. And Simon's one of the best catchers in the area." Marinelli hit a team-high .396 in the leadoff spot, but he'll likely be in the heart of the order. The offense in general must do a better job around him, and that'll be possible with Carlson at the top and Hidalgo-Ortiz adding power. Pitching depth must develop behind Fulmer. "Collectively I think this group is really coming together," Kennedy said.

**Benet****Coach:** Scott Lawler.

**Last year:** 25-12, 11-7, tied for third in East Suburban Catholic Conference; lost 13-4 to St. Viator in Class 3A North Central College supersectional.

**Top players:** Jack Schneider, sr., 3B; Brandon Gorz, sr., C; Paddy Hincks, sr., 2B; Collin Berry, sr., OF; Thomas Snell, sr., OF; Dolan Glasgow, jr., SS; Tate Davison, sr., OF; Aaron Staehely, jr., OF; Mike Wymer, jr., OF; Gio Ahern, sr., P; Tony Adams, sr., P; Quinn Moriarty, sr., P; Andrew Prisby, sr., 1B-P; Jared Novak, so., P; Chris Perry, so., P; Carter Winborne, so., P.

**Scouting report:** Bumping up to Class 4A won't be easy, but the Redwings will be strong as usual. Even while mixing three classes with up to four sophomores on varsity. "By the end of the year, I think we could be really good," Lawler said. Benet will put its experienced bats of Berry, Gorz, Schneider — who last season all hit over .300 — and Hincks in the middle of the order. Wymer, a speedster, will be at the top. Benet pitched by committee with success a year ago, so expect to see that again with Ahern, Moriarty and sophomores Novak, Perry and Winborne. "We'll have a lot of guys coming out of the pen, but that's a key role for our program," Lawler said.

**Downers Grove South****Coach:** Darren Orel.

**Last year:** 24-12, 13-5, third in West Suburban Gold; lost 12-1 to Minooka in Class 4A Nequa Valley regional semifinals.

**Top players:** Brett Riegler, sr., C; Nick Stacey, sr., P-OF; Cameron Crowley, sr., P-OF-IF; Michael Hoes, jr., 3B-P; Anthony Stellato, jr., SS; Jake Pileggi, jr., 1B; Kyle Heavey, jr., P; Keegan Garland, jr., OF-C; Andrew Alfini, jr., P; Jack Blazewich, so., IF; Gino Cozzi, jr., P.

**Scouting report:** The Mustangs were successful with five sophomores up last season. If they continue to progress, it'll be another strong year. "We'll be relatively young again, but they have experience," Orel said. "Being a year older I think we'll be able to compete a little better." The pitching staff, though, will be anchored by seniors. Stacey had a 1.82 ERA in 34½ innings while Crowley had a 2.66 ERA in 58 innings. Alfini brings back another 40 innings. Stacey was also last year's second-leading hitter with a .345 batting average. The Mustangs return three of their top run-producers with Stacey, Riegler and Stellato. Defensive improvement — something that was a problem last season — will make this team even tougher.

**Fenton****Coach:** David Schwabe.

**Last year:** 9-20, 2-10, tied for sixth in Metro Suburban Blue; lost 12-5 to Kaneland in Class 3A Burlington Central regional semifinals.

**Top players:** David Burch, fr., 2B-SS; Ethan Doliente, so., C; Ivan Lozada, jr., OF; Federico Romero, jr., DH; Tim Beecroft, sr., P-3B; Ryan Kielbasa, sr., Carlos Mercado, sr., SS.

**Scouting report:** This is an interesting team to watch because it's completely different from a year ago. Only a few players saw the field last season. "It's a whole new slate," Schwabe said. "They're all so young and none of them started last year." The youth is epitomized by Burch, who might be the team's best player as a freshman. Then there's the sophomore, Doliente, who will be behind the plate. And after a promotion to varsity for last year's playoffs, Lozada anchors the outfield in center. Schwabe already is committing to a pitching-by-committee strategy where everyone only sees the mound for two or three innings. Any senior experience is found there with Kielbasa and Beecroft. Mercado and power-hitting Romero provide offensive pop. "We've got to prepare as hard as we can and let the chips fall where they may," Schwabe said.

**The DuPage Dozen***Scouting the top baseball players in DuPage County*

Name	School	Yr.	Pcs.
Zach Aehlert	Lake Park	Sr.	C
Jimmy Allan	Timothy Christian	Sr.	SS-P
Noah Herdman	Neuqua Valley	Sr.	3B
Jake Karczewski	Montini	Sr.	SS-P
Nick Kosmelatos	St. Francis	Jr.	P-3B
James Kulak	Neuqua Valley	Sr.	P
Caleb Larson	VW South	Sr.	P
Ryan Nintz	Willowbrook	Jr.	P-IF
Evan Rannoklev	Neuqua Valley	Sr.	OF
Payton Thorne	Naperville Central	Jr.	P-IF-OF
Ryan Wheeler	Neuqua Valley	Sr.	SS
Kyle Wisch	Hinsdale Central	Jr.	P-IF

**Glenbard North****Coach:** Rich Smelko.

**Last year:** 13-21, 7-17, ninth in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 12-0 to St. Charles North in Class 4A Lake Park regional final.

**Top players:** Mike Wellman jr., P; John Marron, sr., Jim Zay, jr., IF; Anthony Ferreri, jr., IF; Jasper Serences, so., 1B; Dom Rotundo, sr., C; Isalah Thordarson, sr., P-OF; Francesco Sepede, sr., P; Marc Muller, jr., C; Brandon Gonzales, jr., 3B; Jon Martinez, jr., OF; Giuseppe Riggio, sr., OF.

**Scouting report:** Last season was a struggle for the Panthers, but they'll be better situated to handle the rigors of the DVC with the return of two of their most experienced pitchers from last year: Marron, who threw a team-high 53 innings, and Wellman, who threw 28. From a batch of about a half-dozen other arms, they'll need to develop mound depth. "Hopefully, those handful of guys can get some innings," Smelko said. "We need to get them experience early." With their top four hitters graduated, the pitching needs to be consistent right out of the gate. Zay, Ferreri and Serences will produce for a team that remains young with three returning juniors and a sophomore. "We'll be a scrappy team at the plate," Smelko said. "We're not going to sit and wait for the big inning."

**Glenbard South****Coach:** Marco Eufrazio.

**Last year:** 13-21, 6-6, fourth in Metro Suburban Blue; lost 6-5 to Benet in Class 3A Benet sectional semifinals.

**Top players:** John McMahon, jr., IF-P; Mike Paprota, sr., IF-P; Nick Atkinson, sr., OF; Jack Santucci, sr., P; Drew Voza, jr., OF; Logan Barnick, jr., P-IF; Mason Barnick, jr., P-IF; Quinn McDaniel, sr., OF; Cooper Wilson, so., C; Easton Lange, so., C; Jacob Cyrus, so., IF; Michael Nathe, so., OF-P.

**Scouting report:** The Raiders graduated seven starters but still managed to work in younger

high after the Hilltoppers reached the final eight of the summer state tourney. They'll ride that momentum into this spring. "There's no motivating we need to do," Schultz said. "They're ready to go." It'll help that they'll have up to seven senior starters. Last season Lalla and Fenske drove in and scored a combined 27 runs. They'll be helped by Bleker and Campanella at the top. Fenske, team leader with 49½ innings and a 1.99 ERA, is the definite No. 1 pitcher. Del Valle also has experience while Ciero and other arms will contribute. Good infield defense and a fast outfield adds to the optimism. "This is the best defensive team I've had," Schultz said.

**Hinsdale Central****Coach:** Jason Ziemer.

**Last year:** 21-10, 12-6, third in West Suburban Silver; lost 6-5 to Yorkville in Class 4A Oswego East regional semifinals.

**Top players:** Kyle Wisch, jr., P-IF; Murphy Juska, sr., P; Matt Deiss, sr., P; Andrew Harris, sr., OF; Tyler Jurack, sr., 2B; Kyle Jones Shah, sr., P; Simon Lane, jr., P-3B; Ayden Head, jr., IF-P; Connor Bauer, sr., C; Joey Malcolm, sr., 1B; Peter Mercurio, sr., P-OF; Alex Perez, jr., IF; Ethan Harrast, jr., IF.

**Scouting report:** With Wisch on the mound, the Red Devils will be as good as anyone this season. The junior tops at 91 mph and boosts numerous college offers after last season striking out 32 and posting a 2.70 ERA in 23 innings. "He'll give us a chance against anyone," Ziemer said. "I think we'll be pretty good on the mound this year." That's because the Red Devils have a solid No. 2 with Juska and flexibility in the rotation or the bullpen with Deiss and Jones Shah in addition to Lane and Head from last year's sophomore team. Harris and Jurack, who both hit in the mid-.300s and drove in 14 runs, might sit at the top of the order. That leaves less experienced hitters in the middle, but Wisch and Mercurio should be run

**IC Catholic Prep****Coach:** Frank DeAngelis.

**Last year:** 14-20, 5-7, fifth in Metro Suburban Blue; lost 2-0 to Holy Trinity in Class 2A IC Catholic Prep sectional semifinals.

**Top players:** C.J. West, sr., 3B-P; Andrew Falduto, sr., OF-P; Michael Hoffman, sr., C; C.J. Slowinski, sr., IF-OF-P; Griffen Eichhorn, sr., OF-IF; Jack Enright, sr., OF-IF-P; Jake DeWitte, sr., IF-OF; Michael Liszka, sr., C-OF; Dylan Packer, sr., 1B; Ryan Malek, jr., IF-P; Jake Lytton, jr., OF-C-P.

**Scouting report:** After the Knights won a state football title and advanced to a sectional final in basketball, some of the same athletes aim to carry that success to baseball. "This is a competitive group," DeAngelis said. They're no more competitive than West, a third-year starter who last season hit .294 and led the team with a 1.82 ERA in 42½ innings. Falduto and Slowinski return a combined 23 innings, but pitching experience is thin after the Knights graduated their top two pitchers from a regional champion. "We don't have to replace those arms one for one," DeAngelis said. "We can do it by committee." The Knights struggled at the plate, something they hope improves with the return of Eichhorn, Enright and others.

**Lake Park****Coach:** Dan Colucci.

**Last year:** 14-18, 8-15, eighth in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 6-5 to Willowbrook in Class 4A Hoffman Estates regional final.

**Top players:** Zach Aehlert, sr., C; Anthony DeConcilis, sr., SS; Jay Palmer, sr., P; Rory Marino, sr., 3B-C; Paul Beverly, sr., 1B; A.J. Dallman, sr., P-OF; Ryan Behling, sr., P; Thomas Ross, sr., 2B; James Donofrio, sr., OF; Michael Kukula, sr., OF-P; Anthony Baturin, sr., P-IF-OF; Freddie March, sr., IF; Casey Berner, sr., P-OF; Masen Riser, jr., P.

**Scouting report:** With 12 seniors and nine players already slated to play in college, this team is battle tested — especially after a summer run to the state's final eight. "We've got the makings of a good team, but we need to put it together," Colucci said. "This team needs to develop its identity." Aehlert was one of the area's top hitters last season, batting .436 with 5 homers and 30 RBI. With Marino, DeConcilis and Beverly also back, it'll be a potent top half of the order. The Lancers are extremely deep on the mound. Palmer, Beverly, Dallman, Behling, Baturin and Berner combined for nearly 140 innings and 10 of last season's 14 victories. The Lancers will make things interesting in their final DVC season.

**Metee Valley****Coach:** Craig Tomczak.

**Last year:** 16-16, 10-14, sixth in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 7-0 to Neuqua Valley in Class 4A Neuqua Valley regional semifinals.

**Top players:** Jake Kmiecik, jr., IF-P; Jason Kirchner, jr., OF-OF; Cade Sullivan, so., IF; Andrew Cronin, sr., OF-P; Danny Zorn, sr., 1B-P; Jack Cagigal, jr., P; Brandon Sfikas, jr., OF-P; Spencer Collins, jr., C-OF; Van Harrington, jr., 1B; Sam LaBarbera, jr., C; Carter Wardell, jr., IF.

**Scouting report:** Cronin and Zorn are the only seniors on a team featuring 15 juniors, a returning sophomore in Sullivan and possibly five new sophomores in the mix. Because many of the juniors were up last season, the growing pains will be minimized. "We have enough juniors to be competitive," Tomczak said. "We'll be a better team midseason and at the end of the year." Cronin, who missed significant time last season due to injury, Sullivan and Kirchner and all hit over .300, while Zorn and Kmiecik weren't far behind. Cronin's injury kept him from pitching last year, but he'll be one of the Mustangs' top arms along with Cagigal, who threw 30 innings. "We'll have our ups and downs early in the year," Tomczak said. "It'll be an adjustment period."

**Montini****Coach:** Rich Janor.

**Last year:** 19-16, 11-9, tied for first in Chicago Catholic League White; lost 11-7 to Nazareth in Class 3A Benet sectional semifinals.

**Top players:** Jake Karczewski, sr., SS-P; Ryan Nelson, jr., 2B; Ben Steiner, sr., P-Util.; Michael Koszewski, so., OF; Alex Weisshaar, sr., C; Matt Pestel, sr., OF; Seth Quick, sr., P; Bobby Meifert, so., P; Luke Morrill, jr., P.

**Scouting report:** A trio of third-year starters — Karczewski, Nelson and Steiner — blend with a group featuring four sophomores and a freshman in hopes of repeating last season's conference title and deep playoff run. "We think they're ready and they'll rise up, but they're untested," Janor said of the younger players. "They need to step into their roles." Karczewski batted a team-high .379 while Nelson, last year's leadoff man, will shift deeper in the order after batting .323. That duo combined for 34 RBI and should get more run-producing chances with Koszewski at the top. Steiner and Quick combined for 70 innings on the mound. Youth extends to the staff with Sciafani and Meifert. "These guys aren't flashy," Janor said.



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"We need our juniors to step up and be ready to play varsity right away," Stock said.

## Naperville North

**Coach:** Carl Hunckler.

**Last year:** 13-18, 13-11, tied for third in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 4-3 to Bolingbrook in Class 4A Oswego East regional quarterfinals.

**Top players:** Jack Whitley, P-2B, sr.; Mark McCabe, sr., P-1B; Jarred Dunnett, sr., P-OF; Cliff Vickers, jr., P-OF; Ryan Bottens, sr., C; Brendan Lacey, sr., SS; D.J. DiMatteo, sr., OF.

**Scouting report:** Hunckler and assistant coach Mark Lindo, both members of the IHSBCA Hall of Fame, are retiring at the end of the school year and the Huskies are in position to send them out on top. "It seems like every year we have to replace our whole lineup," Hunckler said. "This year we have a bunch of returning players and that's why we're confident." Most of the experience is on the mound, with Whitley, Dunnett and McCabe returning about 125 innings and 12 wins. Whitley had 5 wins and a 2.43 ERA. Vickers also saw time on the mound as a sophomore and will be a spark at the top of the order. He, Lacey and Whitley hit over .300 last year, but the Huskies still have several spots to fill. That's true on defense as well, especially in the outfield. There will be many moving pieces out there depending on who's pitching.

## Nauqua Valley

**Coach:** Robin Renner.

**Last year:** 35-2, 22-1, first in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 5-1 to St. Laurence in Class 4A Standard Bank Stadium super-sectional.

**Top players:** Noah Herdman, sr., 3B; James Kulak, sr., P; Ricky Castro, sr., P; Ryan Wheeler, sr., SS; Evan Rannekleiv, sr., OF; Jack Rignoni, sr., OF; Jake Wenz, sr., C; Trevor Tesmond, sr., OF; Adam Graham, sr., OF; Andrew Churchman, sr., P; Anthony Sterchele, jr., P; Jake Karaba, jr., P; Nick Taylor, jr., 2B; Justin Blazek, jr., 1B; Noah Ernst, sr., C-1B; Ryan Wolff, sr., C-1B.

**Scouting report:** Renner's final team before retiring is as good as last year's, mainly because it's virtually the same team. Six position players and two top pitchers return, including Purdue-bound Kulak, who last year won nine games and struck out 80, and Castro. The Wildcats graduated 20 wins, but that means they return 15. Churchman had a great summer, and Sterchele and Karaba are ready to step up on the mound. The batting order will be as good as any in the state. Wheeler, Tesmond, Herdman and Rannekleiv hit over .400. They

be strong additions to the lineup. "We have some unknowns with injuries and guys coming back from basketball, but it could be a good year for us," Hall said.

## Timothy Christian

**Coach:** Jim Snoeyink.

**Last year:** 19-11, 9-3, tied for second in Metro Suburban White; lost 7-0 to Chicago Christian in Class 2A Benedictine University super-sectional.

**Top players:** Jimmy Allen, sr., SS-P; Nick Huisman, sr., P-1B; Jake Loerop, sr., P-IF; Connor Gwaltney, sr., C; Brady Klooster, sr., OF; John Tazelaar, sr., OF; Ty Merrick, sr., OF; Trent Marrera, jr., IF-P; Thomas Becvar, jr., OF-P; Garrett Pullen, jr., OF-P; Matt Bootsma, jr., 1B-OF; Sebastian Bravo, jr., IF-P; Harrison Stanton, so., IF-C.

**Scouting report:** The Trojans have the talent to build upon the best season in program history. Western Michigan-bound Jimmy Allen leads the charge. "These guys have been looking forward to the start of the season for a long time," Snoeyink said. Last year Allen batted .459 with 35 RBI but only pitched 25 innings while striking out 50 with a 1.66 ERA. His workload will jump as the team's No. 1 starter. Huisman was the Trojans' leader with 43 innings while he and Loerop had 5 wins. Five graduated starters will hamper the batting order. Beyond Allen, no one hit higher than .280. "I feel like we have guys who can step up but we'll have to see," Snoeyink said.

## Waubonsie Valley

**Coach:** Bryan Acevedo.

**Last year:** 15-18, 11-13, fifth in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 9-6 to Metea Valley in Class 4A Nauqua Valley regional quarterfinals.

**Top players:** Zach Laws, sr., P-OF-IF; Drew Gray, sr., P; Nick Lamoso, sr., IF-OF; Jake Klatt, sr., P; Cole Gregario, jr., 1B-3B; Zach Bebar, sr., C; Ryan Gorkis, sr., P; Jack Carpenter, jr., P; Matt

Bauer, sr., P; Jack Drow, jr., IF; Will Jaynes, so., IF; Ben Jaynes, sr., 1B-DH.

**Scouting report:** Early focus has allowed the Warriors to have a quick start the past few seasons. With a deeper pitching staff they look to keep up the winning through the end of the campaign. "Pitching is definitely going to carry us," Acevedo said. "We're hoping our starters go deep into games but hopefully we have the depth this year if they can't." Laws, last year's closer, had 4 wins and 4 saves, and he's joined by Drew Gray, Klatt and Gorkis, who return a combined 73 innings. There's more depth beyond them, but the Warriors must improve upon last year's cumulative .238 batting average. Reducing strikeouts and scrapping for runs is the goal. "We have to find a way to be more consistent at the plate," Acevedo said.

## West Chicago

**Coach:** T.J. Nall.

**Last year:** 5-23, 4-16, fifth in Upstate Eight Valley; lost 11-1 to Addison Trail in Class 4A Addison Trail regional quarterfinals.

**Top players:** Billy Lietzow, sr., SS-P; Joey Wales, sr., OF-P; Matt Natzke, sr., 1B-P; Bobby Bartlett, jr., P-IF-OF; Cade McHenry, sr., OF; MarcAntonio Pischetola, sr., 2B-P; Jeff Zajac, sr., P-1B; Mike Sawicki, sr., C; Luke Krogh, so., P; Jordan Wilkins, jr., IF; Ryan Schmidt, fr., 3B-OF.

**Scouting report:** Experience on the mound should help the Wildcats improve in Nall's second season heading the program. "We feel a lot better going into this year," Nall said. "The guys we have coming back know what to expect. They've done a good job of buying in." The Wildcats' three most experienced pitchers are back in Natzke, Bartlett and Zajac, and they return a combined 105 innings. Between Pischetola, Krogh, Lietzow and Wales, the staff is prepped to vastly improve upon last season's cumulative 5.47 ERA. The offense, however, still must find a way to scratch for runs. Lietzow,

who hit .323 with 10 RBI, will be near the top of the order. Schmidt, though a freshman, is ready to hit in the middle with McHenry and Sawicki.

## Westmont

**Coach:** D.J. Cocks.

**Last year:** 19-17, 5-11, fifth in Interstate Eight North; lost 6-5 to IC Catholic Prep in Class 2A Westmont regional final.

**Top players:** Caden Anderson, jr., 1B-P; Michael Kokoszka, sr., 2B-P; Matt O'Leary, jr., SS-P; Alex Marotta, jr., OF-P; Shawn Kwasny, jr., 3B-P; Riley Basit, so., C-P; Malek Mostafa, sr., 1B-OF-P; Chad Johnson, sr., OF-P; Robbie Burns, jr., OF-P; Bobby Ridsen, sr., OF-P; Dan Hietko, sr., P; Christian Alexander, sr., OF.

**Scouting report:** The two greatest players in program history — Charlie and Joe Donovan — are no longer on the roster, but this still could be one of the Sentinels' best teams. "This is the first time in seven years we haven't had a Donovan," Cocks said. "It's a strange feeling, but we've still got a lot of talent." Westmont graduated only two starters, leaving vast experience everywhere. Anderson, O'Leary and Marotta are third-year varsity players, and Kokoszka is an all-conference returner who last year hit .429 with 36 RBI. Of the 14 players on the roster, 13 are pitchers. All but one player who saw time on the mound last year is back. "It's a veteran group," Cocks said. "It's one we've been trying to set up for a couple years."

## Wheaton Academy

**Coach:** Brad Byrne.

**Last year:** 8-15, 2-10, tied for sixth in Metro Suburban Blue; lost 7-3 to Burlington Central in Class 3A Burlington Central regional semifinals.

**Top players:** Payton Sowa, sr., P-SS; Jake Koslosky, sr., P-IF; Max Martin, jr., IF-P; Mike Cortez, jr., C-P-IF; Peter Crowe, jr., P-OF; Thomas Love, jr., OF; Luke Roman, so., SS; Jack Dykema, jr., OF-P; Sam Mennella, sr.,

## Presaison Top 20

Team	Comment
1. Nauqua Valley (35-2)	Almost entire lineup returns
2. Libertyville (30-7)	NSC champs have key pieces back
3. Mundelein (33-7)	Plenty of pitching, plenty of seniors
4. Huntley (31-7)	Morgan, Laxner head the rotation
5. St. Charles N. (30-5)	UEC River champs return 1 starting IF
6. Crystal Lake S. (38-5)	Lang (10-0) returns for Class 4A champs
7. St. Viator (25-15)	3A winners ready for 4A challenge
8. Carmel (23-8)	Coreans bring back entire infield
9. Prospect (20-12)	MSL East champs eager for run at repeat
10. Willowbrook (29-9)	Mintz, Nilles lead the staff
11. Cary-Grove (24-10)	Priester (TOL), Ignoffo (ELL) top rotation
12. St. Charles E. (22-11)	Four pitchers will play collage ball
13. Downers G. (23-12)	Young team a year older
14. Elk Grove (14-18)	Looking for pitching-led bounce back
15. Stevenson (18-14)	Looks like nice strength in numbers
16. Buffalo Grove (29-5)	Plenty back after breakthrough '17
17. York (23-11)	Should compete in tough WSC Silver
18. Bonet (25-12)	Ready for vault to Class 4A
19. Jacobs (19-18)	Lavrisa tops the pitching rotation
20. Naperville C. (21-12)	Thorne is a great addition

C-OF; Jimmy Paganis, jr., IF.

**Scouting report:** Injuries hampered the Warriors last season but better health, especially from Sowa, will make for a better 2018. "Sowa had a great sophomore year but struggled with injuries last year," Byrne said. "He's the key to our season. How he goes is how we'll go." Sowa will be the team's No. 1 pitcher, three hitter and shortstop when he's not on the mound. He'll be surrounded by a lot of experience, Cortez and Martin, who hit .403 last year, set the table at the top of the order. Koslosky and Crowe have shown the ability to drive in runs. Sowa, Koslosky and Crowe combined for 80 innings on the mound, where the Warriors have many more options than a year ago. "Our goal every year is to win the conference and I think we'll be in the hunt this year," Byrne said.

## Wheaton North

**Coach:** Dan Schoessling.

**Last year:** 15-18, 13-11, tied for third in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 7-4 to Glenbard North in Class 4A St. Charles North regional semifinals.

**Top players:** Connor Olson, sr., 3B; Jackson Gray, sr., P-1B; Jon Vesevick, sr., P; Tyler Woltman, so., C-P-2B; Chris Donahue, sr., OF-P; Chase Langford, sr., P; Jackson Pastore, sr., P; Andy Nelson, so., SS-P; Rocco Gambalani, sr., 2B; Joe Klein, jr., OF.

**Scouting report:** Though young in key spots, the Falcons ride a bunch of confidence stemming from their final eight run in the summer. "Any time you have success in the summer that gives you confidence heading into the spring," Schoessling said. "But we have some question marks." The questions are few on the mound, where the Falcons return

the area's top pitchers after last season posting a 1.80 ERA and 70 strikeouts in 54 innings. The pitching staff, however, took a hit with an injury to junior Ryan Keeley. Matt Scherrman, one of four sophomores on varsity last year, notched a pair of wins in 30 innings. Adamek, Scherrman and Novak, who hit .333 with 22 RBI, lead the offense. "Our kids want to win," coach Scherrman said. "They're tired of struggling."

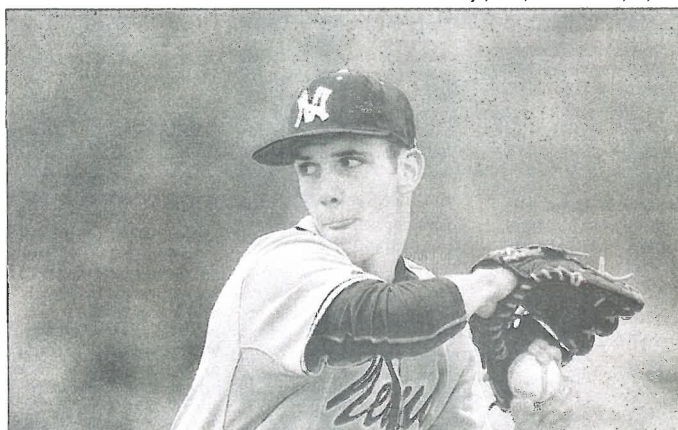
## Willowbrook

**Coach:** Vic Wisner.

**Last year:** 26-9, 14-4, second in West Suburban Gold; lost 4-1 to South Elgin in Class 4A Lake Park sectional final.

**Top players:** Ryan Mintz, jr., P-IF; Jack Nilles, jr., P; Jack Hines, jr., SS-P; Vince Ruchala, sr., P; Mason Kamp, sr., DH-1B; Trevor Jaloszynski, jr., OF; Dan Gusel, sr., C; Scott Tumilty, jr., OF; Jeff Guthrie, jr., P-IF; Dax Meyer, so., P-3B; Sam Tumilty, so., OF-C; Jeremy Conforti, jr., 3B.

**Scouting report:** The Warriors won a regional with five sophomores deep in the mix. With that core returning and other members of a talented junior class coming up, sights are set even higher this season. "Last year we had a bunch of guys step up and we need that leadership again," Wisner said. The Warriors graduated their top five hitters from last year, but there's no reason to think this group won't hit. Four returners — Kamp, Hines, McDonnell and Jaloszynski — hit near or above .300. The team strength is with a pitching staff featuring only one senior in Ruchala. Mintz and Nilles combined for 90 innings and 13 wins with sub-2.00 ERAs. "We think we'll compete every year, but this could be a real good season for us," Wisner said.



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**Addison Trail****Coach:** Mark Olson

**Last year:** 14-17 6-6 fourth place West Suburban Conference Gold Division; lost 12-0 in regional semifinal to St. Charles East.

**Top players:** Gianna Trippiedi, sr., C; Sophia Hawkins, jr., CF; Vincenza Zaccaro, sr., LF; Katie Lacni, sr., RF; Nicci Scorza, sr., IF.

**Scouting report:** Mark Olson and Addison Trail like the depth of this year's squad. The Blazers will have depth across the field, and Olson has seen that turn into competition on the squad. Trippiedi, Zaccaro and Lacni are three-year varsity players and Hawkins has been on varsity since she was a freshman. Couple that with some underclassmen, and Olson feels the Blazers can take another step in 2018. "This year we really hit the ground running with that mix of young energy," Olson said. "I think that's spurred on some good competition and increased that effort for us." Scorza, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, will also be a big boost to the Blazers lineup.

**Benet****Coach:** Jerry Schilf.

**Last year:** 11-23, 2-12 last place East Suburban Catholic Conference; lost 5-0 in regional championship to Montini

**Top players:** Lexi Potapczak, sr., 1B; Elena Stevenson, jr., P/IF; Megan Seranko, so., P.

**Scouting report:** The Redwings are hoping their youth — they have one senior on the roster — will make strides early and help them overcome some low numbers. They have only 20 players in the program. Potapczak, a Tiffin University commit, will look to bounce back from a tough junior year in which she hit .214, after hitting .300 in her freshman and sophomore years. Seranko, who started as a freshman, injured a tendon in her knee and won't return to the Redwings until around playoff time, if she can return at all. So the Redwings will lean on Stevenson and sophomore Bridget Linders in the circle. "The two of them are going to have to carry the load until Megan can come back," Schilf said. "We're a young team and we're growing. We're going to be a much better team at the end of the season than at the start."

**Downers Grove North****Coach:** Eric Landschoot.

**Last year:** 26-7, 10-2 second place in West Suburban Conference Silver Division; lost 2-1 in sectional championship to West Aurora.

**Top players:** Renee Bielawa, sr., OF; Jade Mejia Wick, sr., IF/OF; Maddi Greenberg, sr., C/3B; Mackenzie Bernhard, sr., IF; Savannah Rodriguez, sr., P/1B; Estelle Czech, so., P/1B.

**Scouting report:** The Trojans will

Gold title. The outfield, which could include two varsity newcomers, will be young, but Berg and the Mustangs see a lot of talent and potential. The strength will lie in the circle for Downers South. "Much of our strength will lie in pitching experience as well as our speed," Berg said. "We have a hardworking core group of senior leaders who are exemplifying leadership and dedication to the program that our younger athletes are building off of." The Mustangs are looking to use that balance to take another step in the playoffs this year.

**Fenton****Coach:** Dave Mello.

**Last year:** 13-23, 1-11 last in Metro Suburban Conference; lost 6-2 in regional semifinal to Richmond-Burton.

**Top players:** Isa Lozada, jr., SS; Dorothy Novello, sr., 1B; Payton Pugliese, jr., 2B; Rose Riley, sr., 3B; Reyna DeLaTorre, sr., OF; Cristina Villegas, sr., OF; Alyssa Texta, so., C.

**Scouting report:** A young Bison squad will rely heavily on the experience of its infield. Novello, Pugliese, Riley and Lozada all played on a full-time basis for Fenton last season. They hope that'll overcome all the youth on the squad. The Bison will have four freshmen on the team and will have four sophomores on the varsity squad for the first time. Mello and Fenton will look to five pitchers, all freshmen or sophomores, to carry the load in the circle. They're expecting some hiccups with the young squad but hope to grow from them. "By that time in late May these freshmen aren't going to be freshmen anymore," Mello said. "I'm sure there will be a game where we won't have it, but as long as we use those as learning experiences, we'll be fine."

**Glenbard East****Coach:** Dawn Chantos.

**Last year:** 11-19, 7-8 Uptate Eight Conference Valley Division; lost 11-1 in regional semifinals to Conant.

**Top players:** Tori Tyler, sr., P; Sam Dooley, sr., CF; Alivia Chuman, sr., 3B; Elisa Versetto, sr., 2B; Ari King, jr., C; Joselyn Molinar, jr., OF; Alexia Gonzalez, so., SS; Brook Hernandez, fr., 1B.

**Scouting report:** Glenbard East wants to compete to the very last pitch. The Rams enter their season with goals of "compete and tenacity." They hope to do that behind all-conference pitcher Tyler. Tyler will carry a bulk of the load and Chantos expects the senior to have her best season. Dooley, Chuman and Versetto will also be key leaders for the

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Name	School	Yr.	Pos.
Halle Arends	Naperville Central	Jr.	P
Rissa Bajusz	Metea Valley	So.	P
Mady Carli	Glenbard South	Sr.	OF
Carlee Clark	St. Francis	Jr.	P/1B
Bri Clifton	Montini	Sr.	P
Nikki Cuchran	Montini	Sr.	3B
Madison Ebeling	Wheaton Academy	Sr.	SS
Jessica Gaseor	Lake Park	Sr.	OF
Kyra Kroll	York	Sr.	CF
Savannah Rodriguez	Downers North	Sr.	P/1B
Kaitlyn Scheidler	Glenbard North	Jr.	P/3B/1B
Shelby Winkelman	St. Francis	Sr.	P/1B

Rams. "I expect our seniors and returning varsity players to bring a lot of leadership to the team," Chantos said. "They are experienced varsity players and that will be key to a successful season. They are a strong group of seniors." Dooley and Chuman were all-conference selections. That senior leadership will try and lead the Rams to a finish in the top half of the Uptate Eight Valley.

**Glenbard North****Coach:** Josh Sanew.

**Last year:** 11-15, 9-7 third in DuPage Valley Conference; lost 3-2 in regional semifinal to South Elgin.

**Top players:** Trinity Medina, sr., SS/CF; Kaitlyn Scheidler, jr., P/3B/1B; Rushika Amin, jr., 1B/3B/P.

**Scouting report:** The Panthers have a young team this season, with Medina the only senior on the roster. That may cause some bumps in the road, but they hope to use those as building blocks for the rest of the season. Glenbard North will have to toy with its lineup to find its optimal lineup. "We have a lot of new people this year and we are still figuring out where everyone's best position is," Sanew said. "Overall our goal is to be a better team at the end of the year than we were at the beginning." Medina will be the leader on the team, but Sanew hopes to have others step up in the leadership roles as the season progresses. Four pitchers will give the Panthers variety and flexibility in the circle, too.

**Glenbard South****Coach:** Julie Fonda.

**Last year:** 19-15, second in Metro Suburban Conference, lost to St. Francis in sectional semifinal.

**Top players:** Mady Carli, sr., OF;

Bailee Flanagan, sr., 1B; Daniella Little, jr., P/3B; Elizabeth Cizek, jr., OF/3B; Kate Mora, sr., 3B.

**Scouting report:** The Raiders lost their most games since 1992 last year but still won their 13th straight regional title. They return three all-conference players — Carli, Flanagan and Little — and nine overall. Carli is fresh off helping the basketball team win its first state trophy with a third-place finish at the Class 3A finals. She is a four-year varsity player, as are Flanagan and Mora. Sophomore Grace Wallner could be an impact player at shortstop, and Fonda says Cizek brings speed and a powerful bat to center field. "The Raiders are a hardworking bunch who are hungry for success this year," Fonda said.

**Glenbard West****Coach:** Mary McGrane.

**Last year:** 7-21, sixth in West Suburban Silver, lost to Fremd in regional semifinal.

**Top players:** Lexi Gregule, sr., 3B; Haley Walker, sr., P; Eliza Pasterik, sr., SS; Jessica Bongiorno, sr., OF; Isabel Hermanson, sr., 1B; Alize Aranda, jr., C/3B; Mallory Small, jr., P.

**Scouting report:** The Hilltoppers have two college recruits in Gregule, who is headed to Stevens Institute of Technology, and Bongiorno, who will play at Calvin. The bulk of last year's team returns and is eager to put its struggles in the past. "We return a solid core from last season and look to build upon the growth from last year's team," McGrane said. "Our seniors have grown into strong leaders and as a team our hope is to stay healthy and compete every game."

**Hinsdale Central****Coach:** Brittany Wolski.

**Last year:** 12-10, 6-6 in West Suburban Silver (fourth); lost to Richards 11-7 in Class

4A Hinsdale Central regional semifinals.

**Top players:** Julia Chatterjee, sr., SS; Eleni Tsokolas, sr., 2B; Cait Doneske, jr., CF; Piper Huffman, jr., 1B; Mikayla Karon, jr., OF; Mary Grant, fr., P; Melaina Harvey, fr., OF/IF.

**Scouting report:** Fourth-year starter Chatterjee and third-year starters Tsokolas and Doneske will mentor numerous newcomers. "Through their leadership, we hope some of these younger girls see how to play the game and play at the varsity level," Wolski said. "We are really starting fresh. These girls are determined to work together and be the best they can be." Chatterjee, who will play at MIT, hit .355 with 16 RBI and 17 stolen bases. Senior all-conference infielder Liija Carden is injured and may not return.

**Hinsdale South****Coach:** Kelly Van Hout.

**Last year:** 13-17, second in West Suburban Gold, lost to Shephard in regional semifinal.

**Top players:** Madison Kern, sr., P; Donna Stevens, sr., 3B; Kaitlyn Little, sr., 1B; Ellie Fichtelberg, sr., 2B; Marisa Marrera, sr., P/SS/OF; Jasmine Carlson, jr., IF/OF.

**Scouting report:** The Hornets made good progress last season and now have a veteran, athletic group that could have a breakout seasons. Kern, who will play at Carthage College, Stevens, Fichtelberg and Marrera were all-conference picks. Two freshmen — infielder/outfielder Molly Gricus and catcher/infielder Megan McGinley — are the top newcomers. "Hinsdale South is looking to make some noise this year," Van Hout said. "We have the entire team returning from last year and we are looking to have a strong season. We need to be consistent on defense and offense. Overall, I'm looking forward to this year with this group of athletes."

**IC Catholic Prep****Coach:** Frank Reaber.

**Last year:** 21-13, lost to Beecher in Class 2A supersectional.

**Top players:** Josie Lytton, sr., C; Kayla Faber, jr., P; Kayla Cervantes, jr., CF; Natalie Murillo, jr., 2B; Alessandra Eccardt, so., 1B.

**Scouting report:** The Knights have plenty of reasons to be optimistic after graduating just one starter from a team that came within one win of capturing the program's first state trophy. Lytton and Faber were all-conference and there is plenty of depth with sophomores Dani Murillo, Emma Lytton and Brooklyn Campos and freshman pitcher Rebecca Cash. That group will see plenty of action early as the Knights head to Cocoa Beach, Florida, for games over spring break. "We are fortunate to be returning many of our players from last year," Reaber said. "Our school is in the top bracket of the MSC yet we are one of the smallest schools. so

up against any in the area. We have so many great hitters we are going to find out who pounds the ball the best and we will find a spot in the field for them."

**Lisle****Coach:** Trent Schalk

**Last year:** 15-14, fourth in Interstate Eight North, lost to Westmont in Class 2A sectional semifinal.

**Top players:** Amanda Ericson, sr., P/1B; Jacque Sedlacek, sr., 3B; Mandy Kaiser, jr., IF/OF; Jamie Kaiser, jr., C; Sam Harmon, sr., IF.

**Scouting report:** With only 12 players on the roster, there isn't much margin for error. But seven of those players have varsity experience and Ericson is a returning all-conference pick. Freshman infielder Abby Casmer heads the list of five newcomers. "With seven returning players, we have a lot of varsity experience and those players will be a great influence on the five newcomers," Schalk said. "Our strength is our experience while our weakness is going to be depth. If we focus on getting better both individually and as a team every day, good things will happen for us this year."

**Metea Valley****Coach:** Kris Kalivas.

**Last year:** 19-11, 12-4, DuPage Valley Conference champion; lost to Yorkville in Class 4A Yorkville regional semifinal.

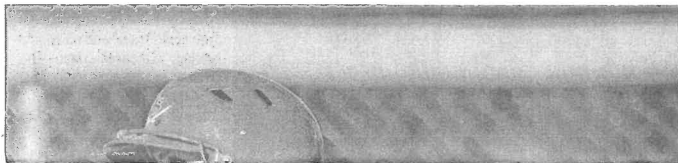
**Top players:** Emily Finger, jr., C/3B; Rissa Bajusz, so., P; Moira Danko, so., 3B/Utility; Samantha Golimnas, jr., 1B/OF.

**Scouting report:** The Mustangs lost seven key players to graduation. However, four starters return and add in a talented group of young players and the cupboard isn't bare for Metea Valley. Bajusz's freshman season on the varsity saw her go 17-6 in the circle. She set the school record for strikeouts thrown in a season with 23 and a 2.92 ERA. Finger is switching from third base to catcher and Kalivas said the team counts on her for leadership not only overall but with the pitching staff. Danko will likely switch from shortstop to third base and will be key to increasing the aggressiveness of Metea's bunt defense. Kalivas is expecting further contributions from Golimnas on both offense and defense. "Our success will depend on how quickly they (the younger players) adjust to the varsity level and how well they will respond to the adversity they will face," Kalivas said.

**Montini****Coach:** Mike Bukovsky.

**Last year:** 28-7, 10-3 in GCAC Red for second place in regular season; won conference tournament; lost to Nazareth Academy in Class 3A Rosemont supersectional.

**Top players:** Nikki Cuchran, sr., 3B; Bri Clifton, sr., P; Lauren





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Aurora regional semifinal.

**Top players:** Halle Arends, Jr., P; Stacy Stark, sr., CF/P; Lauren Anderson, sr., 1B; Isabel Gomez, sr., C; Emma Gaskin, sr., 2B; Grace Biondo, sr., SS; Claire Busch, sr., 3B.

**Scouting report:** The Redhawks have made a trip to the Jacksonville, Illinois, area the last few seasons to help get in as many games possible in preparation for the highly competitive DuPage Valley Conference season. The team took a different direction this season, heading to the Orlando, Florida, area to take on various high schools there Thursday through Saturday. Nussbaum is optimistic about the Redhawks' capabilities for the 2017 season. "We have great pitching and great defense. We won't score a ton of runs," he said. Back at No. 1 pitcher is Arends, who is already committed to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Stark, the No. 2 pitcher, also is back at center field, Anderson is at first base, Gaskin at second, Biondo at shortstop and Busch at third base. Gomez is catcher. Nussbaum said if the Redhawks' offense heats up, that will be a big help, but the team's pitching and defense will go the longest way in determining the team's success this spring.

### Naperville North

**Coach:** Jerry Kedziora.

**Last year:** 6-24, 3-13, ninth place in the DuPage Valley Conference; lost to Waubonsie Valley in Class 4A Yorkville regional quarterfinal.

**Top players:** Janelle Honaker, sr., SS; Callie Ladone, sr., 2B; Maya Tucker, sr., OF; Sarah Smith, jr., C/1B; Alexis Hilgert, jr., C/OF; Brooke Reed, jr., 1B; Emma Johannes, jr., OF; Allysa Vansickle, jr., P/OF; Allison Arnold, sr., OF.

**Scouting report:** The Huskies are looking this year to rebound from their worst season since 2002. Everyone is healthy has another year of experience on their softball resume. "With the entire defensive middle returning (Smith, Honaker, Ladone, Tucker) as well as three other starters, we are hoping experience both offensively and defensively can help a young pitching staff improve upon last season's numbers," Kedziora said. Reed, Hilgert and sophomore Mackenzie Bradley provide addition offensive punch to the Naperville North lineup.

### Neuqua Valley

**Coach:** Christina Chrencik.

**Last year:** 16-16, 11-5, second in the DuPage Valley Conference; lost to Plainfield North in Class 4A Neuqua Valley regional semifinal.

**Top players:** Danielle Olson, sr., C; Zoe Herdman, sr., P/IF; Mikaela Domico, sr., OF; Paige Price, sr., IF/C; Delaney Molnar, sr. D; Lauren Montagna, sr.

Sectional final.

**Top players:** Shelby Winkelman, sr., P/1B; Carlee Clark, jr., P/1B; Becca Imbrogno, sr., OF; Josie Smith, sr., SS; Caroline Caesar, jr., C.

**Scouting report:** Remus speaks of this being the most experienced he's ever led. "Everyone is back from last year. We will be solid both on offense and defense, but I will still be looking for improvement as the season progresses. While our record may not end up as good as last year, we should be a better team," he said. Winkelman went 19-4 last spring and is 33-5 over the past two seasons. She was among the best in DuPage County in wins, strikeouts and ERA. At the plate she hit .476 with 7 home runs and 49 RBI last year. Clark was 14-1 on the mound with a 1.02 ERA. Caesar finished with 37 RBI and Imbrogno hit .466. "I think these players will use what they did last year to provide a framework for their achievements this year. Their goal is to be better in June than they are in March," Remus said.

### Timothy Christian

**Coach:** Lindsay Slovey.

**Last year:** Lost to Chicago Academy in Class 2A Lisle regional quarterfinal.

**Top players:** Liv Schuringa, sr., 1B/C; Lauren Gehrke, jr., P/3B; Allison Heersink, jr., SS/P.

**Scouting report:** Slovey said multiple injuries and not being able to field a full roster made life tough for the Trojans. But it's a new season and Slovey is optimistic her team can take steps forward. "We are a young team with a lot of heart. They are a strong group of girls. We are setting small goals for the season and I think they are capable of exceeding those goals. We are excited to have a full roster this season and look forward to the future softball teams at Timothy," she said. Schuringa, Gehrke



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**St. Francis pitcher Shelby Winkelman and her teammates hope to have a long run in the Class 3A playoffs this spring.**

and Heersink will be looked to for leadership. "They have the experience and talent to help lead the younger players," Slovey said.

### Waubonsie Valley

**Coach:** Val Wood.

**Last year:** 11-22-2, 5-11, eighth in the DuPage Valley Conference; lost to Geneva in Class 4A Yorkville regional semifinal.

**Top players:** Michele Calabrese, sr., SS; Caleigh Cramer, sr., 3B; Emily Olson, jr., P.

**Scouting report:** Wood is confident the Warriors have the talent and ability to improve their

softball lot in life this season. "Despite having a young squad this season, we are looking to be competitive with the talent and determination they bring to the team," she said. "We have experienced leadership in Michele and Caleigh who have taken the underclassmen under their wings and helped mold them into varsity players." Wood said that Olson is looking strong on the mound. "If we are able to stay focused on our goals and keep the 'one game at a time' mentality, we will be competitive throughout the season," the Waubonsie coach said.

### West Chicago

**Coach:** Sean Gimpert.

**Last year:** 5-18, 4-12 in Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division (fifth); lost to Bolingbrook 14-0 in Class 4A Downers Grove North regional quarterfinals.

**Top players:** Gianna Hernandez, jr., C; Isabella Zentner, sr., P; Alyssa Szulczewski, jr., CF; Christina Trigueros, jr., 1B; Aimee Cejna, jr., SS; Emily Murphy, sr., OF; Ariana Elizondo, so., 3B/2B; Maggie Culver, fr., OF; Alexa Elizondo, fr., OF.

**Scouting report:** With their battery and infield intact and seven returning starters, the Wildcats should benefit from 2017 growing pains. Zentner, committed to Waubensee Community College, returns as the pitching workhorse with two-time all-UEC Hernandez catching. Trigueros, all-UEC in 2016, Murphy, Szulczewski and Cejna also enter their third varsity seasons. "We're a much more mature team and I think that's going to help with our resiliency," Gimpert said. "We'll never be out of a game with our potential on offense. (And) I'm expecting our defense to be a lot better."

### Westmont

**Coach:** Sue Zapinski.

**Last year:** 6-16, 1-15 in Interstate Eight Conference North (6th); lost to Immaculate Conception 1-0 in Class 2A Lisle sectional final.

**Top players:** Ashley Eiermann, sr., P/C/SS; Emily Whitburn, sr., 2B; Allie Kraft, sr., 3B; Caitlin Ashcraft, jr., CF; Maggie Durr, so., P/SS; Cassie Bogacz, fr., SS/IF; Delanie Graziano, fr., C.

**Scouting report:** With six seniors and five returning starters, including fourth-year Eiermann, Kraft and Whitburn, these Sentinels know playing predominantly Class 3A teams prepares them well. The 2017 Sentinels captured their fourth straight regional and reached their first sectional final since 2014. "We play so much stiff competition," Zapinski said. "These returning starters have a great mindset that we can start out a little rough but put ourselves together and be strong by the end." Whitburn will play at Prairie State College. Eiermann and Durr will add pitching duties after Westmont lost its primary duo.

### Wheaton Academy

**Coach:** Todd Starowitz.

**Last year:** 14-11, first in Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division, lost to Glenbard South in regional final.

**Top players:** Cassie Bonga, sr., IF; Krysta Deutch, sr., CF; Madison Ebeling, sr., SS; Haleigh an Wagner, sr., C; Leah Kodat, fr., 2B/P.

**Scouting report:** Graduation claimed two college players, including all-state center

**Scouting report:** It's a new look for the Falcons. Peterselli was last season's varsity assistant, and returning starter Campbell is the lone varsity returnee. Tryouts were extended to finalize the roster, which will add sophomores and freshmen and several key contributors from a successful junior varsity. "There's going to be a lot of girls who haven't been on the same team before," Peterselli said. "Chemistry and team bonding need to come together to make sure we have a successful season."

### Wheaton Warrenville South

**Coach:** Jeff Pawlak.

**Last year:** 16-11, 10-6 in DuPage Valley Conference (third); lost to Downers Grove North 2-0 in Class 4A Downers Grove North regional semifinals.

**Top players:** Kaitlyn Bresingham, jr., 1B/P; Aerin Moberg, sr., OF; Shaye Arwood, sr., P/OF; Sami Carr, sr., C; Kacie Vlach, sr., P; Carly Briggs, so., 2B/SS/3B; Abby Struebing, so., 2B/SS/3B.

**Scouting report:** The Tigers, who won nine of their final 13 in 2017, return seven starters and depth. All-DVC player Bresingham hit .357 with a team-high 21 RBI. Honorable mention Moberg, who will play at Wisconsin Lutheran, batted .348 with 20 stolen bases. Vlach, Carr and Briggs hit above .330. "This is the most position competition that we've had," Pawlak said. "Defensively, I think we should be pretty sound. Offensively, these kids have a really good approach." Vlach and Bresingham lead candidates to replace graduated pitching ace Sydne Shattuck.

### Willowbrook

**Coach:** Rachel Karos.

**Last year:** 10-20, 4-8 in West Suburban Gold (tied for fifth); lost to Neuqua Valley 10-0 in Class 4A Neuqua Valley regional quarterfinals.

**Top players:** Katie Smith, sr., 3B; Emma Barrington, jr., C; Sam Mishlove, jr., CF; Amy Bussa, jr., 1B; Maddie Campbell, sr., flex; Chloe Zunkel, sr., OF; Shannon Knudson, so., SS; Caroline Dooley, fr., P/OF/2B.

**Scouting report:** The hard-working Warriors are committed to be formidable by season's end. All-conference Smith leads five returning starters joined by younger players in key roles. Mishlove also is a third-year varsity standout. Dooley is among several promising pitching prospects in the program. "Hopefully (our overall) experience can get those younger girls on the same page quicker," Karos said. "We've got a talented group. We play such a tough schedule. (Our goal is) just to compete every single game and continue to improve."



also return. Metea Valley doesn't have the fortune of having a scoring threat like Jade Eriksen-Russo to scare opponents any longer, and it lost several other key players from last season's 16-4-4 team, including goalkeeper Amy Ahern and defender McKenna Schoolman among others. But the four-time defending regional champs still are quite talented. Maeve Riordan is a scoring threat, Sophia Senese and Chesney Wargo are solid, confident midfielders and defenders Nicole Dawson and Paige Buranowski should provide leadership and skill in front of goalkeepers Nikky Coyell and Myah Schoolman. "We have a number of girls that were a part of the varsity team last year that are hungry for larger roles and more playing time," Mustangs coach Chris Whaley said. "Expectations are always high and we will continue to be in the mix with the best teams in the area this year."

Naperville Central seems to always be looking for players who can score regularly, and once again that will be key for a team that should be able to battle most, if not, all opponents for the full 80 minutes. "We have a great deal of experience," Redhawks coach Ed Watson said. "While we

"Our weakness will likely be the transition we go through putting all these new pieces in place." Seniors Jaden Trometer, Rose Quinn and Hannah Swider have been regulars for three or four years now, while seniors Staci Galo, Kailee Sowers and junior Kristen Szumski transition from academy.

Wheaton Warrenville South coach Guy Callipari is only four wins away from 350, but he anticipates the Tigers winning much more than four games with a strong returning class of players. "Our speed of play should have us competing for a DVC title, regional final and hopefully a sectional final," Callipari said. "We'll have a good mix of young players and experienced players, coupled with team depth should carry us deep into the playoffs barring injury." The Tigers were only 9-10-1 in 2017, but with five returnees back for their third season and six others for their second, the team is rather hopeful. Paige Miller and Allie Anderson return.

In the Upstate Eight Conference Valley Division, Glenbard East is focusing on three accomplishments — three-peating as conference champion, repeating as Windy City Classic champ and winning its third straight regional

Mazurek and Patricia Miskinyte return for the defending West Suburban Gold Division champs, who finished 18-5-3 overall and undefeated in conference.

Downers Grove South was better than its 6-11-4 record showed last year and was particularly strong in the West Suburban Gold; its only loss was on PKs to Hinsdale South. The Mustangs are particularly strong in back with seniors Jen Masello (Augsburg) and Emily Brindac and sophomore goalkeeper Rose Dumford in net. Dumford is one of the key newcomers, along with sophomores Jordan Rose and Talia Davis. Junior forward Lauren Travis also returns. "We transitioned last year from a very successful team in 2016 to a very young team in 2017 with six sophomores and two freshmen earning big and important minutes throughout the season," Mustangs coach Chris Hernandez said.

Willowbrook battled through injuries last year and learned a lot on the spot due to its youthful roster. The team did lose eight seniors from last year's team. It will look to capitalize on its opponent's mistakes better this spring while relying on its defense again to keep it in games.



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Led by Jessica Siebers, left, Naperville North will again be one of the top teams in Illinois.



# Sousa, Willowbrook beat Blazers

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Senior Adam Sousa is back, he's bigger and stronger than when last competed for Willowbrook, and he believes he will be better than ever before.

The senior took a respite from the team last year after helping the Warriors to a fourth-place finish in the state

in 2015, the team's first state appearance in 24 years.

He also placed fourth in the state in the all-around in both 2015 and 2016 and qualified for the event finals in 10-of-12 events, which included a second-place medal on high bar, third on vault and fifth on pommel horse.

Sousa, who expects to compete at UIC next year, showed

why he was missed last spring during Wednesday's West Suburban Conference meet, winning all six events as Willowbrook cruised past Addison Trail, 142.6 to 118.9.

"I missed the energy from the whole team supporting each other and all that sort of stuff," he said. "That really

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helps me get through my routines and not being so individual but being part of a team as a unit."

His decision to return didn't come overnight.

"It took me a little bit to decide," he said. "I didn't want to rush it. I decided to come back and help my team out. I want to go to state and help out as much as I can, be a role model to the young guys and help coach and stuff like that."

Sousa's 53.8 in the all-around surpassed his all-around state scores during his underclassmen years.

"I'm hoping to see some good competition, which I already have and I respect

everyone who competes because they bring the best out of me," he said. "I've gotten better on rings with more strength, vault will be better once my ankle heals up, I'll be showing some nice stuff on the floor at the end and high bar I got a lot stronger on that."

Daniel Lopez-Egan also had a productive performance for the Warriors, taking second on still rings, tying teammate Matthew Smith for second on high bar and earning third place on vault and parallel bars.

"Things went pretty well and the only thing I didn't feel really good on was vault and I'll work on that more during the season," Lopez-Egan said.

## BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## SHOOTING STAR

Hinsdale South senior Zion Griffin's meteoric rise the result of hard work

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It's the gym by his house.

Rare is the day that 6-foot-6 Hinsdale South senior Zion Griffin doesn't go there to put in work. On one day, it's jump shots. Others, he'll practice off-hand dribbles.

He'll go with his cousin and uncles, or other times teammates. The goal is 500 shots a session, 1,000 a day.

"That's what I do," Griffin said, "and I'm sticking to it."

That routine, those long hours, are what enabled a good high school player with next-level athleticism to make a meteoric rise in one year.

Griffin, who had just one offer, from Division II St. Cloud State, at the beginning of last summer, committed to Iowa State in September.

He hardly rested on those laurels. Griffin went out this season and averaged 21.1 points and 9 rebounds, leading Hinsdale South to its first-ever West Suburban Gold championship. He hit 40 3-pointers after attempting just five all junior year.

"If I had to sum up this last year in one word, it's dedication," said Griffin, the Suburban Life Player of the Year. "Coming off last year, we could have settled. I felt like I had to put the leadership cap on and teach them the vision that I saw."

Few could envision Griffin's rise.

As a sophomore, he was an athlete who could score around the rim. He showed flashes and was a decent shooter.

The jumper started to come junior year. Griffin hit seven straight mid-range jumpers the first conference game at Morton, and he averaged 17.3 points and 8.7 rebounds. Still, the lack of a true outside game kept Griffin under the radar.

Hinsdale South coach Brett



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Hinsdale South's Zion Griffin is the Suburban Life Player of the Year.

Moore made a highlight video of Griffin and sent it to a ton of schools. He didn't get one response.

"He was a late bloomer on AAU, high school, you name it. It was a process," Moore said. "He spent a lot of time working on his shot."

Griffin watched video of that shot. He immersed himself in the weight room and gym to improve it.

It all took off for Griffin in late July. At the AAU Hardwood Classic in Lawrence, Kan., playing for the Illinois Hoopers, Griffin scored 42 and 31 points in two games. He made 18 threes in another AAU tournament.

The buzz grew. Griffin rose to a four-star, top-100 prospect. Kansas and Illinois offered, 15 schools total. Griffin chose Iowa State, his first Division I suitor.

"It definitely was a crazy time with all those schools, but crazy good," Griffin said. "It showed me that all the hard work paid off."

It kept paying off. Griffin was dominant in two games against Proviso East. He saved his best for

a home game against Willowbrook, going for 39 points and 17 rebounds.

"In a game he didn't shoot particularly well," Moore said. "That goes to show his growth."

Griffin looks forward to continuing that growth.

He'll lead quite a pipeline from Illinois to Ames next year. Joining Griffin will be Simeon's Talen Horton-Tucker, whose mom coincidentally went to the same school as Griffin's parents, and Corliss power forward George Conditt, who Griffin has known since AAU days in Indianapolis.

"It's ironic. I never thought it would have happened," Griffin said. "Those are the guys I want to go to war with. I know they're serious."

Moore knows his star is serious about the next level.

"He has the athleticism to play right away," Moore said. "Very few high school kids realize the jump. It will be a battle for him from this point on. I think he will be a kid motivated by that. He isn't going to back down from a challenge."

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## All-Area Boys Basketball Team

■ **David Buh, Benet, senior, guard:** Leading scorer and lockdown defender for 27-4 sectional champs. Buh, a 6-foot-4 wing, is averaging 13.1 points, 3.0 assists and 2.5 rebounds, and has made 60 3-pointers.

■ **Justin Eagins, Downers Grove South, junior, guard:** Multi-dimensional scoring threat averaged 17 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.5 assists, teaming with Wesley Hooker in a talented junior combo. Eagins made 80 3-pointers.

■ **Zion Griffin, Hinsdale South, senior, forward:** Iowa State recruit has had meteoric rise on national radar. Griffin averaged 21.1 points and 9 rebounds to lead Hornets to first West Suburban Gold title. He scored 1,000 points in two varsity seasons.

■ **Jake Healy, Wheaton Warrenville South, senior, guard:** Half of a tremendous Tigers backcourt with Parker Robinson. Healy led WW South in scoring (13.2 points) and rebounds (3.3), averaged 2.5 steals, shot 47.7 percent from 3-point range and 81.3 percent at the free-throw line.

■ **Sema'j Henderson, Downers Grove North, junior, guard:** Skilled combo guard averaged 17.9 points and 5.4 rebounds in his second varsity season. Henderson holds offers from Northern Illinois and Western Illinois.

■ **Stephon Jordan, Morton, senior, guard:** Ultra-athletic 6-foot-2 guard took his game to another level. Jordan averaged 17.4 points, 6.1 rebounds, 2.3 steals and shot 56 percent. He hit buzzer-beater in upset of Willowbrook.

■ **Paul O'Leary, Lemont, senior, center:** A traditional post, 6-foot-9 O'Leary was focal point for 19-win team. O'Leary averaged 18.1 points, 6.3 rebounds and shot 59 percent. O'Leary holds four Division II offers and is being recruited at the Division I level.

■ **Brandon Orange, Timothy Christian, senior, center:** This 6-foot-7 Wheaton College recruit was the Metro Suburban Red MVP. Orange averaged 14.3 points and 9.8 rebounds, with 12 double-doubles, and shot 53 percent.

■ **Ethan Schuemer, Willowbrook, senior, forward:** Committed to Division II St. Cloud State, 6-foot-6 Schuemer led 26-6 Warriors to first regional championship since 2004 and a sectional final. Schuemer averaged 15.8 points, 9 rebounds, 1.5 blocks and 1.5 assists.

■ **DJ Steward, Fenwick, sophomore, guard:** The leading scorer on Class 3A runner-up as a freshman, 6-foot-1 guard is one of the state's top sophomores. Steward averaged 18.4 points, 3.1 assists and 5 rebounds in leading Fenwick to Catholic League Blue title.

■ **Evan Taylor, Glenbard West, junior, forward:** Versatile 6-foot-6 wing already holds six Division I offers including Loyola and Illinois State. Taylor averaged 18 points, 7.1 rebounds and 3.6 assists.

■ **Brandon Whiteside, Glenbard South, senior, guard:** This 6-foot-1 repeat all-Metro Suburban Blue pick was a dynamic scorer. Whiteside averaged a team-high 18.5 points, 3.6 rebounds and 1.6 steals and made 36 3-pointers.

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# 'THEY'RE LEAVING A LEGACY'

## Willowbrook's playoff run ends in sectional final loss

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LOMBARD – David Buh held the game ball, the sectional nets draped around his shoulder.

Every Benet player, really, earned a piece.

Buh scored 14 points, one of four Redwings starters in double figures. Benet shot a blistering 61.4 percent for the game and blew past Willowbrook 67-40 in the Class 4A Glenbard East Sectional final March 9.

It was Benet's 18th straight win and put the Redwings (27-4) into a super-sectional matchup against Larkin in DeKalb.

"We feel like the sum of the parts on this team is better than any individual," said Buh, a senior guard. "This game just shows the depth and diversity on this team."

It sure did.

Will Engels had 17 points and nine rebounds, Jacob Petrovic scored 15 points – hitting five 3-pointers – and Colin Crothers scored 13 points.

It was Benet's ninth sectional title and third in the past five years.

And maybe the most unexpected.

The Redwings were not on many radars after a so-so showing at the Pontiac Holiday Tournament in December, but haven't lost since.

"We were maybe overlooked," Engels said. "Pontiac, we didn't play like we wanted to. We knew we just had to turn the corner. We're on a roll now."

Ethan Schuemer scored seven of his 15 points in the second quarter for Willowbrook (26-6), which was going for its first sectional title.

Willowbrook cut Benet's lead to 30-26 at halftime, and a Schuemer basket drew the Warriors to within two.

But Willowbrook never got closer.

Benet held the Warriors to 22.7 percent shooting in the second half, the 14th time the Redwings have kept a team to 40 points or fewer.

"They were double-teaming me, helping on the other guys. That's why they're sectional champs," Schuemer said. "They shot really well. Obviously we didn't make enough shots."

Petrovic, a senior guard, did.

He knocked down three 3-pointers in the first half, and his fourth got the Redwings rolling in the third quarter.

"We try to get the extra pass, always," Petrovic said. "Whoever is open for our team, if it needs kicking it to an even more open shooter, that's what we're going to do."

The Redwings' ball movement was

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**Ethan Schuemer**  
Willowbrook senior

indeed magnificent.

When it wasn't setting up shooters such as Petrovic and Buh, who led Benet's 7-for-16 shooting from beyond the arc, it was leading to Crothers or Engels scores at the rim.

And the Redwings committed just four turnovers in the second half against a Willowbrook defense committed to speed them up.

"The ball has energy, moving from side to side," Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins said, "and in their offense they definitely have the ball moving from side to side. That's a credit to them."

Engels scored nine of his 15 points in the third quarter. And he scored on all different fashions. The 6-foot-4 junior hit a 3-pointer to answer a Schuemer basket and scored on a driving layup.

Engels followed a miss to end the third quarter with Benet ahead 46-36, and Petrovic's fifth 3-pointer capped a 10-1 run to start the fourth.

"I just want to do whatever I can to help my team win," Engels said. "Willowbrook is an incredibly talented team. We withstood it and went on a run."

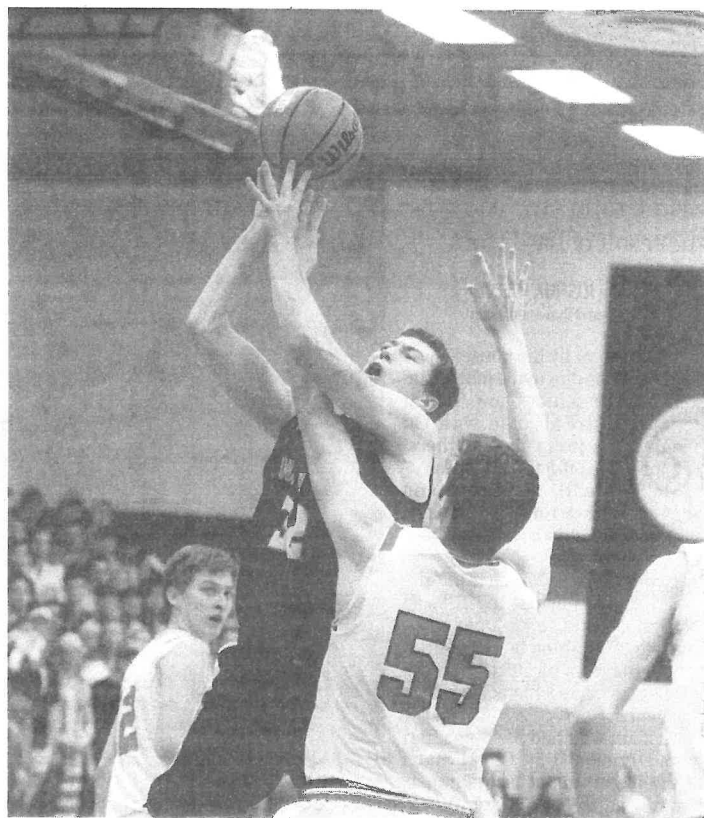
Willowbrook, meanwhile, managed just one basket from a player beside Schuemer in the second half. Benet doubled down on Schuemer in the first half, but opted to let Crothers guard him straight up the rest of the way.

"They got some easy baskets off our double team," Benet coach Gene Heidkamp said. "We kind of adjusted and we stayed home on shooters a little better."

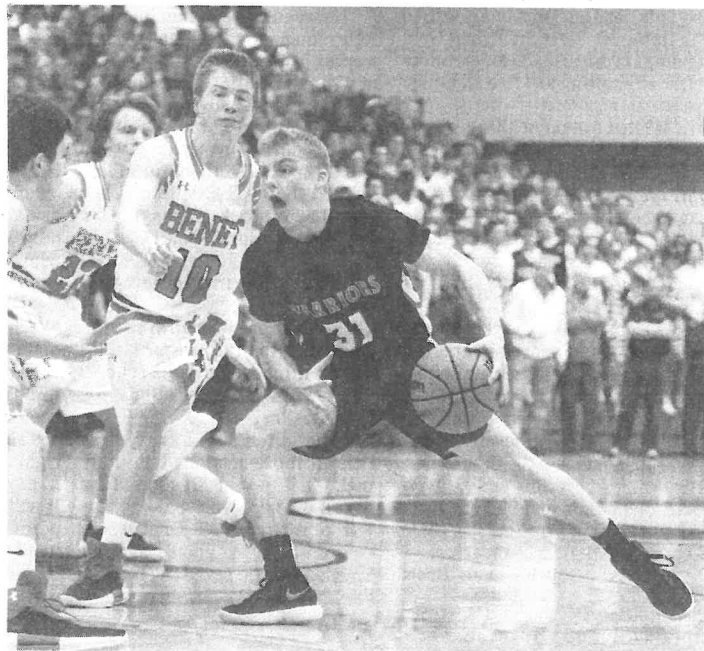
Scott Tumilty added six points for Willowbrook.

The Warriors, led by third-year varsity players Schuemer, Matthew Myers, Cornelius Paxton Jr., Sikander Zafar and Matas Masys, won the program's first regional title since 2004 – and went one further.

"I told them not to hang their head," Perkins said. "They're leaving a legacy and a foundation for other classes to follow. I couldn't be prouder of this group of seniors."



Willowbrook's Ethan Schuemer goes to the basket against Benet's Colin Crothers in the third quarter of the March 9 sectional title game at Glenbard East.



Willowbrook's Sam Tumilty drives toward the basket in the fourth quarter.

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# Area girls soccer teams take the field

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The girls soccer season starts this week as teams begin the quest to reach the state tournament at North Central College in Naperville. Here is a preview of area teams:

## Glenbard East Rams

COACH: Kent Overbey  
2017 RECORD: 14-5-4

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Katie Hansen	sr.	D
Elizabeth Toledo	sr.	F
Faith Davies	sr.	GK
Mimi Camacho	sr.	F
Mattie Pusateri	sr.	D

**Outlook:** The good times should keep coming for the Rams, who show no signs of slowing down after reaching the state semifinals two years ago and the sectional semifinals last year. Nine starters return, including Montana recruit Hansen, who will team with Carroll commit Pusateri and UIC-bound Davies to form an imposing defense. Toledo and Camacho, who combined for 15 goals last spring, lead the offense, which will be supplemented by sophomore Elaine Wesling and freshman Maddie Weltin.

"Expectations are as high as they've ever been," Overbey said. "We're the Windy City Classic reigning champions and the expectations is to compete for that title again as well as a third conference championship and third regional in a row."

## IC Catholic Prep Knights

COACH: Antonio Godinez  
2017 RECORD: 21-7

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Grace Fuller	sr.	M
Olivia Hurt	jr.	F
Bella Leslie	so.	M
Abi Wagner	so.	M

**Outlook:** Godinez takes the reins from Tom Schergen, who was promoted to school president after leading the Knights to their first state trophy. Several key players graduated from the team that finished fourth in Class 1A, but the speedy Hurt and the rugged Fuller are back to provide plenty of offense. Hurt tallied 27 goals and 18 assists last spring, while Fuller added 17 goals and 12 assists. Look for Wagner, who had four goals and three assists, to play a bigger role, while freshman So-



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IC Catholic teammates Kaitlyn Grady (from left), Tess Reardon, Olivia Hurt and Tessa Langan hoist the championship plaque after their win over University High School last season in a Class 1A girls soccer supersectional.

phie Hurt and Grace Grady and sophomore Cassandra Serrano could make an impact.

## Montini Lady Broncos

COACH: Sue Brown  
2017 RECORD: 9-9-2

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Ellie Krick	jr.	MF
Sonia Finch	sr.	D
Kate Crotty	sr.	D
Alondra Holler	sr.	F
Emma Repking	sr.	F

**Outlook:** There is optimism in Lombard and with good reason. Krick, Finch, Crotty and Holler were all-conference picks last season. Finch will continue her career at Augustana, while Repking has committed to Olivet Nazarene. Three freshmen – forward Alivia Gianatasio, midfielder Shea Smith and goalkeeper Franca Finch – could make an impact.

"We have a strong senior [class], plus some fresh new players," Brown said. "We're excited to see how they come together. We want to have a strong showing in the GCAC and do

well in the playoffs."

## Timothy Christian Trojans

COACH: Jon Hamelinck  
2017 RECORD: 5-14-1

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Maddie Schaafsma	sr.	F
Abby Carstensen	jr.	MF
Celeste VanderMeer	jr.	D
Emma Carter	fr.	MF
Angel Burke	fr.	GK

**Outlook:** With only five returning starters and five upperclassmen, the Trojans have a lot of questions marks. But Hamelinck thinks many may be answered soon and is especially excited about the addition of Carter and Burke.

"Emma Carter is a technically sound midfielder who has excellent game knowledge and has a way of making girls around her better," Hamelinck said. "Angel Burke is a true keeper that has great field skills as well, so I'll be looking for ways to use her in many different scenarios."

The Trojans also have a proven goal scorer in Schaafsma, who racked up 21 goals and seven assists last year.

## Willowbrook Warriors

COACH: Julio Del Real  
2017 RECORD: 7-12-1

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Sarah Poirer	sr.	M
Jessica Ragucci	sr.	D
Zoe Ericson	jr.	GK
Kaleigh Rugg	jr.	MF
Lizzy Florey	so.	M

**Outlook:** The Warriors finished a surprising third in the West Suburban Gold last year and are looking for more. Florey led the team in scoring as a freshman and Ericson is a solid keeper who also can play in the field. Del Real thinks freshmen Gracie Tumilty, who comes from a noted athletic family, Caitlin Brennan and Abby Spada will contribute a lot, so hopes are high for a winning season.

"Goalkeeping should be very solid, [the] defenders have looked very promising during practice, and if the midfield and forward line continue to improve, we should have a pretty strong team that will be able to challenge everyone we go against," Del Real said. "We hope to improve on last year's record and finish better in the conference. We are looking for great things from our leaders."

## York Dukes

COACH: Don Vana  
2017 RECORD: 13-9

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Maggie Bleyer	sr.	F
Haley Walker	sr.	M
Lauren Hailey	sr.	D
Kathleen Levins	jr.	GK
Siena Pinkerton	jr.	D
Haley Weiler	sr.	M

**Outlook:** At first glance this looks to be a rebuilding year for the Dukes, but Vana hopes that process will go quicker than people expect.

"We will be depending on many new players this year," Vana said. "How fast these players develop and adjust to the varsity game will be the question."

"If they can rise up to the challenge, then we can compete. As the young players develop and learn to compete at this level, this team can surprise others by the end of the season."

Newcomer Maggie Levins, a senior midfielder, has committed to play at Lewis. Two juniors – defender Riley Haugh and forward Caila Ward, could also be impact players."





Glenbard South's Clare Willis, left, celebrates her first-half goal with teammate Molly Moutvic. The Raiders beat Lake Park 1-0.

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## Willis' goal boosts Glenbard South

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### Girls soccer

Soccer players tend to keep things tight when playing against heavy winds, utilizing short passes, keeping the ball on the ground as much as possible, making clearances wide and looking for opportunities to pounce on.

Glenbard South found one of those chances, capitalized on it and held on for a 1-0 victory over Lake Park during Monday's Raiders Invitational game in Glen Ellyn.

"I'm very happy with 1-nil against a tough Lake Park team, and I was happy with 0-0 against Hinsdale South," Raiders coach Kevin Berner said. "Being a young team still, we kept it glued together in tough conditions."

The Raiders (1-0-1) stunned the Lancers with just 33 seconds remaining before halftime.

Against the wind Abby Showalter located Clare Willis

in the penalty area, and Willis converted.

"We had three or four corner kicks in a row there and coaches are always emphasizing high pressure so we get chances like that and we got one," Willis said. "I had an open shot and I hit it right into upper 90 on the right side."

Talk about a big boost before the break.

"In soccer going into the wind that's like a short-handed goal in hockey," Berner said. "So we'll take them into the wind. We even knew that going downwind (in the second half) would be a little tough on turf with the through balls, so it was a different approach more than anything."

Said Willis: "It was a great energy boost, especially off a dead tie in our last game. It gave us energy going into the second half."

Berner wasn't surprised that

it was Showalter and Willis who connected like they did to score the team's first goal of the season. If they can do more of it, the Raiders will be heading in the right direction.

"We've been training for Abby and Claire to get some touches," Berner said. "It can't just be Erin (Haslett) and Sam (Schutte). It was great she got that goal. She deserved it."

Frustration is mounting for the Lancers (0-3), who were blanked for the third straight time. Scoring problems aren't anything new; the Lancers were shut out in eight of their final nine games last spring.

There are positives in Lancers Land though. They created a good amount of scoring chances in both halves, which was a vast improvement compared to their losses to Conant and Naperville North.

"I guess it's a better frustration today than opposed to the first two games where we didn't materialize a lot of those chances and just

played a lot of defense," Lake Park coach Sean Crosby said. "Today we got dangerous, got risky and tried to take advantage of them out of position at times."

Senior Lauren Tarchala sent in a great-looking cross in the 76th minute, but none of her fellow Lancers could reach it. Tarchala also ran down a ball in the final seconds and earned a corner kick but goalkeeper Emily Villaseñor was there to snag it and seal the victory.

"Emily has been phenomenal as a sophomore, and it's tough to stay focused on a night like this and she kept it together," Berner said. "She's strong, she's vocal and she's got a booming leg."

It's only been 160 minutes, but the Raiders haven't surrendered a goal yet.

"I think the story so far is the defensive approach all over the field," Berner said. "It's not just the back line. Everybody is getting involved on the defensive side of the ball."

## Big inning sends Blazers to victory

By STAN GOFF  
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### Softball

Addison Trail had plenty of reasons to let Monday's softball season opener slip away, yet the Blazers saved plenty of runs for the end and came away with a nice start to their new campaign.

The host Blazers fell behind West Chicago 5-1 in the third inning after a slew of walks and wild pitches allowed the Wildcats to tally five runs with just one hit. Then after Addison Trail managed to tie the game at 5-5, the visitors scored twice to take a 7-5 lead in the top of the sixth on a very cold early spring afternoon.

Despite the weather the Blazers proved they were in no hurry to get home and in no hurry to end the contest. They sent 15 batters to the plate in the bottom of the sixth while scoring 10 times to take a 15-7 lead on their way to a 15-9 victory.

"The offense, it was great, and we fought through the cold," said junior Sophia Hawkins, who scored three runs, including two trips across the plate in the big sixth inning. "At first we were a little down and we didn't score as many runs. Toward the end of the game we really pulled through and scored runs. It was awesome."

Addison Trail had six hits in the inning while five others reached safely via walks, a hit batter and an error. But Hawkins also came up big on defense in center field. She completed a double play in the fourth inning with a perfect strike to the plate that saved a run and gave the team a spark.

"I feel like after we made some plays on defense our offense started getting more hits," she said. "We were getting really energetic after making those plays, so that carried over into the offense."

Hawkins believes the double play especially helped her at the plate. After opening the game with a pair of

groundouts, she reached base safely her final three trips and scored three runs.

"It felt great (scoring twice in one inning) and also after making that play at home," the Blazers leadoff hitter said. "Throwing home definitely boosted my confidence to do good with the hitting. My first two at-bats weren't great, but after I made that play I felt my confidence was there."

Senior outfielder Vincenzo Zaccaro also came up big, tying the score 5-5 with a 2-run triple in the fourth and then adding an RBI triple and a walk in the Blazers' huge sixth inning.

"It's definitely a confidence booster," Zaccaro said. "We could have easily just shut down in the third inning. We were down 5-1 and instead of shutting down we picked each other up. We just encouraged each other to get better because you don't want to start your season off on the wrong foot. You've got to persevere through tough times."

West Chicago took a 1-0 lead in the second after Gianna Hernandez walked with the bases loaded and then they went ahead 5-1 in the third. Aimee Cejna, who had three hits in the game, opened that 4-run inning with a double and eventually scored on a wild pitch. Cejna also singled and scored in the top of the seventh, but by then the Wildcats had been buried by the Blazers' 10-run outburst in the sixth.

"We ran short on our pitching today. We were not as sharp as we needed to be on the mound and then there were a couple plays we didn't make in the field that didn't help our cause," West Chicago coach Sean Gimpert said. "It's the first game of the year, but we've got a group of girls who are playing their third year, so we should be a lot sharper. We will be a lot sharper."

## Neuqua Valley drops Hilltoppers

By GREGG VOSS  
Daily Herald Correspondent

### Girls lacrosse

One minute, 36 seconds. That's all the time it took on a blustery Monday for the Neuqua Valley girls lacrosse team to build an insurmountable lead against visiting Glenbard West.

The Wildcats scored a pair of goals within 16 seconds of each other after winning the first two faceoffs of the game, courtesy of junior Peyton Metry and sophomore Caroline Perkins, both attacks. Then sophomore midfielder Lauren Reitzel added another with 23:24 left in the half.

That was all Neuqua Valley needed en route to a 19-2 win over the Hilltoppers, to improve to 2-0 overall and

attack Muneza Shams at 11:48 — were ignored completely.

You may be noticing a pattern here: A lot of names next to the goals in the scoring column. And you'd be right. Eight players scored for Neuqua Valley — Metry and Reitzel with 4 apiece; Perkins with 3; Corbin and freshman attack Zoey Laipple with 2; and Anderson and senior attack Kaylee Garcia with 1.

The common theme for the Wildcats was blistering speed and astute stickhandling, something first-year coach John Scanlon has been emphasizing.

"We're definitely a fast team, and we're definitely deep

## Lisle discovers a new scorer in Kane

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### Girls soccer

Francesca Wagoner and the Lisle girls soccer team knew they had a strong core.

Wagoner knew they were just missing a cog in the attack. The Lions may have found it in freshman Tara Kane.

"It's beautiful because last year we weren't used to that," the senior stopper said. "We had a new team, but we didn't have forces like her. It's like wow, we have something new."

Kane showed off her attacking prowess. The forward scored her first varsity goals, notching a hat trick in a 6-2

the left wing and Kane hit a first-time shot into the right corner of the net.

"Knowing that we can score early on, it set the tempo," Kane said. "We weren't sure how this team was going to be, so it was good."

Lisle's confidence grew with the goal. The Lions (2-0) nearly doubled their lead five minutes later, but Sara Carstensen cleared the ball off the goal line.

Eventually, Lisle's pressure did break down the Trojans defense. Chloe Pokorny slot-

little player," Timothy Christian coach Jon Hamelinck said. "She's tenacious (and) she understands the game."

Lisle had a response. With 11:29 left in the half, a blocked shot fell to Alexis Juveland, who ripped a shot into the net to take a 3-1 lead.

Carter and Timothy Christian responded a minute later, again, when Carter made the score 3-2 going into halftime.

"I told the girls that we were pretty lucky to be where we are (at halftime), based on how much more energy they brought than what we had," Hamelinck said.

Kane and Lisle though

just started rolling."

Wagoner came up big on the defensive end in the second half. Timothy Christian's Maddie Schaafsma dribbled around goalkeeper Grace Hoscheidt and seemed to have an open net, but Wagoner blocked the shot.

"Putting your body in front of anything is the goal as a stopper," Wagoner said. "I think that's a big momentum swinger."

Three minutes later, Fasone capped off the scoring when a ball fell to her on the left wing and she slotted it home and the Lions defense kept a second-half shutout



## Allen hopes to go out on high note

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Grayson Allen wants to make the most of his final run through the NCAA Tournament.

It hasn't exactly been a smooth four years for the Duke senior who won a national title in 2015 before becoming one of the sport's most polarizing figures amid a series of tripping incidents.



Grayson Allen

But he's evolved into the elder statesman on a team full of freshmen, and he has No. 2 seed Duke (28-7) preparing for a rematch with 11th-seeded Syracuse (23-13) on Friday night in Omaha, Nebraska, in the Midwest Regional semifinals.

"There's obviously no way I'm going to hold any words back or anything like that," Allen said Tuesday. "And I think it really helps with this team."

"It speaks to the maturity level of our team, and everyone's secure in their role on the team," he added. "Me, by being that secure leader and telling these guys and them either following or becoming a leader in their own right. ... Everyone is speaking up right now and it helps with our togetherness."

Part of his willingness to speak up, of course, is because this is his last shot at a national championship. But it's also a reflection of how he has grown more comfortable in leading through not just action but by words.

"He's just grown into being a leader," coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "He's not a vocal guy, so just learning about that and still playing his game, it's an evolution."

He can certainly draw upon plenty of the experiences — good and bad — of his previous three years.

His hustle plays against Wisconsin in the 2015 national championship game sparked Duke to its most recent NCAA title. During the following two seasons, though, his name became synonymous with three separate tripping incidents that earned him a flagrant foul, a reprimand from the Atlantic Coast Conference and a one-game suspension.

Aside from his hip-check foul on North Carolina's Garrison Brooks two weeks ago in the ACC Tournament — an incident that later was laughed off by the Tar Heels — Allen's senior season has been generally devoid of any controversy.

Instead, the focus has been on his production on the court and his leadership off it. Allen is the team's second-leading scorer at 15.6 points per game.

And though leadership skills are tougher to quantify, Krzyzewski offered an anecdote: He said he and Allen were among the last people out of the locker room following the second-round victory over Rhode Island, and the Hall of Fame coach told him that he



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Loyola guard Clayton Custer celebrates after making a basket in the Ramblers' win over Miami last Thursday. Custer hit the game-winning shot in the closing seconds against Tennessee.

## For Loyola, the ride has been sweet

Associated Press

These sure are sweet times for Loyola.

Two last-second shots — two prayers answered — vaulted the Ramblers to the Sweet 16 and placed them right in the national spotlight.

"Coach (Porter Moser) has been talking about how 'You think this is good? Look around. You think this is good? Well, it's gonna get even better,'" guard Ben Richardson said. "It's just kind of been bought into that, like put it in the bag and move on."

The Ramblers are moving on to face Nevada after two breathtaking victories, a run that has captivated college basketball and turned 98-year-old team chaplain Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt into a celebrity.

They knocked off Miami on Dante Ingram's buzzer-beating 3-pointer from the March Madness logo, then got the sweetest of all bounces on Clayton Custer's jumper in the closing seconds to beat Tennessee in Dallas.

The Ramblers (30-5) will bring more wins than any other team in the program's 100-year history into Thursday's game in Atlanta, having surpassed their 1963 champions during this NCAA run.

No small accomplishment for a team that struggled for decades following a Sweet 16 loss to Patrick Ewing and Georgetown in 1985. Loyola went 14 seasons without a winning record at one point. The first few years after Moser took over in 2011 weren't so smooth, either.

They've gone from 7-23 with just one win in the Horizon League in his first season to capturing the Missouri Valley Championship, from small home crowds to their first sell-out in 15 years, from obscurity to center stage. It's quite a turnaround for the Jesuit school of about 16,000 along the lakefront on Chicago's northern edge. For guard Lucas Williamson, it's been a nonstop flow of well-wishes and congratulations. Whether it's from posts on social media, students

well in classes, they keep pouring in.

"I love all the appreciation," said Williamson, a Chicago product.

Even former President Barack Obama gave the Ramblers — and Sister Jean — a shoutout. He tweeted after the first-round win: "Congrats to (at)LoyolaChicago and Sister Jean for a last-second upset - I had faith in my pick!"

"I can't even start to put into words the outreach that we've had across the country from so many people," Moser said. "When you have a media market like Chicago ... you can't put into words (what it means to the school). I'm sure in the months ahead they'll be put into a more detailed impact. But right now, it's just fun for the university to have this kind of national recognition."

And he's not shying away from the attention.

"The media scrutiny, the spotlight, it's great for them," Moser said. "They're mature enough to handle it. They've been handling it now for a month straight. I'm not that guy that's gonna hold back and not enjoy this journey. They're enjoying it. But they're gonna absolutely ... be locked in, ready to go."

That means figuring out a way to beat a team that just pulled off quite a shocker.

Nevada wiped out a 22-point deficit in the final 11 minutes to match the second-biggest comeback in NCAA Tournament history and knock out Cincinnati. The Wolf Pack (28-7) are in the Sweet 16 for the second time. Otherwise, it would have been Ramblers against Bearcats in a matchup that sure would have sparked flashbacks to the '63 title game. That year, Loyola beat two-time defending champion Cincinnati in a landmark moment for racial equality.

"Super, super, super talented offensive team," Richardson said about Nevada. "You've gotta give credit to a team like that that fought back from a huge deficit. That's just the kind of stuff that happens in March. You're always gotta

## Glenbard East goes the extra mile to overcome Willowbrook

By PAUL STEENO  
Daily Herald Correspondent

It may have been the first match of the season for both teams, but a second set that needed extra points to determine a winner created an electric atmosphere in Glenbard East's victory 25-19, 31-29 over Willowbrook on Tuesday night.

"That was a great match," Rams coach Marci Maier said. "It was back and forth, (and) it was unfortunate it ended on a controversial call because the play on both sides was fantastic. That was playoff atmosphere volleyball in the first match. It was high energy and fans were on their feet. That was an awesome atmosphere to play in."

The way the match ended was anything but awesome from the Warriors' perspective. A hit attempt by Willowbrook senior Tim Keefe sailed long, but everybody wearing Warriors blue and black thought two Rams blocking at the net had tipped the ball. However, the referees disagreed, and the Rams won on that point.

"I went ahead, and I voiced my disagreement with that,

but unfortunately at that point I really can't do much more than that," Willowbrook coach Ryan Bazon said about the play. "And I told the guys we can't get in a situation where that's the end-all, be-all. We have to make sure we are not leaving it in the officials' hands."

Drama was the buzzword of the night, as the Rams erased a 24-21 deficit in the second set behind back-to-back-to-back kills from juniors Cal Iwinski and two from Carson Brandt in quick succession to knot the game at 24. The point that pulled the Rams to within 24-23 lasted over a minute, as Brandt finally ended it with one of his many floor-smashing slams. Maier called it a key sequence in the match.

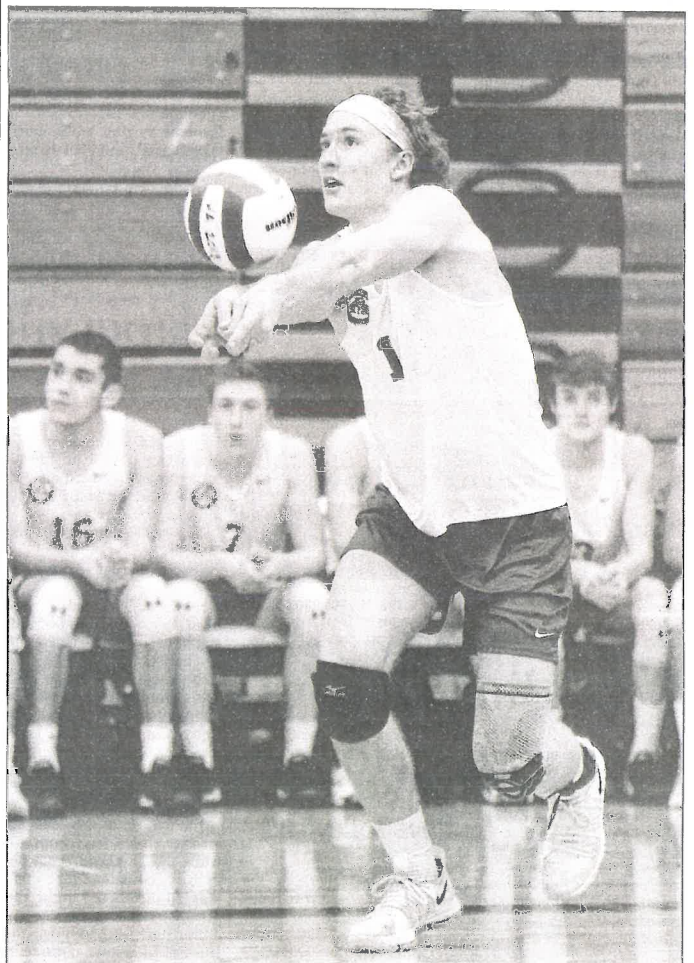
"That huge rally that just went back and forth, like in boys' volleyball you don't see (that), that's more girls' volleyball (where) there is great defense," Maier said. "But there was great defense on both sides, it went back and forth 10 or 15 times over the net. I think we ended up winning that point which obviously gave us some momentum to try to finish (the match) out."

Brandt finished the night with 14 kills, including one that knotted the second set at 25 and then another to inch the Rams ahead 30-29. Senior Matt Smith landed 9 kills and 4 aces and threw down the kill that allowed his team to gain a 30-29 advantage and set up the controversial play that ended the match.

The first set was a bit less dramatic as the Rams quickly erased an early deficit to win comfortably 25-19. Willowbrook jumped out to a 14-9 lead behind 4 kills from Keefe, but a 5-1 run from the Rams out of a timeout tied the game at 16-16.

After retaking the lead at 18-17, the Rams went on an 8-2 spurt to run away with the first set. Smith, sophomore Jack Wozniak, and Brandt slammed down kills during that sequence leaving the Warriors with nothing to show for their competitive effort.

"We see where the bar is now, we see how (well) we can play," Bazon said. "But if this is how we play the rest of the year, I'd be a little disappointed. I think we need to progress and work each game and see where that ceiling is at and hope this isn't the peak."



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Glenbard West's Ben Harrington bumps the volleyball Tuesday at West Aurora High School.

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## A pair of former captains lead off the College Achievers

As promised, here's a second and final round of college achievers, winter edition ...

The odds of two past Daily Herald DuPage County All-Area Boys Basketball Team captains playing for the same college may seem slim, but **Justin Pierce** (Glenbard West) and **David Cohn** (York) helped William & Mary (19-12) win the 10th-most games in its history while each earned third-team all-Colonial Athletic Association honors.

A senior, Cohn averaged 14.2 points, 6.7 assists and finished with Tribe season and career assist records. According to William & Mary he is the only player in Division I this season to make 50 percent of his 2-point baskets, 40 percent of his 3s and 90 percent from the foul line — where his 91.2 mark ranked sixth. Pierce's 33 points against Delaware on Feb. 10 were the second most by a Tribe sophomore. He averaged 14.7 points and a team-high 8.6 rebounds. Pierce ranked among CAA leaders in 10 categories.

Washington University in St. Louis guard **Jack Nolan** (Benet) earned D3hoops.com Central Region freshman of the year. He averaged 11.6 points and made 61 3-pointers, connecting on 47 percent. Nolan made 28 of 29 free throws.

Wheaton College's **Maggie Dansdill** (Wheaton Warrenville South) was a unanimous all-College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin pick. The senior guard averaged 11.9 points, 5.3 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.6 steals.

North Central College's



David Oberhelman  
Sidelines

**Connor Raridon** (Neuqua Valley) made first-team CCIW on the men's side. He averaged 13.1 points, 6.4 rebounds and 6.7 assists, sixth in the nation. Raridon

already owns Cardinals records for assists in a game, season and career. In an early season game at Aurora University, Raridon dealt 13 assists without a turnover.

**Diamond Pikulyk** (Addison Trail) a freshman center for the Edgewood College (Wisconsin), women's basketball team, was named Eagle of the Week two consecutive weeks in mid-January. Winless last season, with Pikulyk around the Eagles' 11-14 record was the fourth-best turnaround in all of Division III women's basketball, the college said.

**Erin Maloney** (IC Catholic), a guard at St. Mary's College (Indiana), ended her junior season with 201 steals and 253 assists. That ranks her fifth and sixth, respectively, on the Belles' all-time charts entering her senior season.

Last week we noted Montini graduate and Illinois freshman Dylan Duncan reached the NCAA Division I wrestling championships, but we missed Iowa sophomore **Vince Turk** (Montini). The 141-pounder placed fifth at the Big Ten meet, going 4-2 after entering unseeded. Also unseeded at the NAAs, Turk went 2-2 there to finish 15-10



PHOTO COURTESY JIM AGNEW/William & Mary Athletics  
**William & Mary senior guard David Cohn, right, a York graduate, and sophomore forward Justin Pierce from Glenbard West helped the Tribe to one of its best seasons in program history.**

on the season.

**Josh Martin** (Glenbard East), a 141-pound senior at Cornell (Iowa) College, earned his first All-America honor with a fifth-place finish at the Division III Wrestling Championships in Cleveland. Martin led the Rams (just like Glenbard East!) with a 32-5 record and 10 falls. He ended his college career on Cornell's leaderboard in season and career victories and winning percentage.

At the Big Ten Conference men's indoor track championships Nebraska junior **Ty Moss** (Neuqua Valley) placed second in the 600-meter run at 1 minute, 16.63 seconds, the third-fastest time in Cornhuskers history. Purdue sophomore **Samara Miller** (Neuqua Valley) led off a 1,600 relay that topped all Big Ten women's teams, and she ran a fourth-place 600 time of 1:28.55, second in school history.

Rice senior **Scott Filip** (Lake

Park) made Conference USA history by winning heptathlon a fourth time. Filip, who also has two C-USA decathlon titles, was in fifth place with two events remaining in NCAA Division I heptathlon until an atypical no-height in pole vault sent him to a second-team All-America honor. Filip's Lake Park teammate, Michigan State senior **Tim Ehrhardt**, earned second-team All-America in pole vault.

At Minnesota's Jack Johnson Invite on Jan. 26-27, **Joe Keys** (Downers Grove North) set Marquette's freshman heptathlon record with 4,608 points, sixth all-time for the Golden Eagles.

Clarkson senior captain and Downers Grove native **Savannah Harmon** was named ECAC Hockey's top defensive player a second straight season. Helping Clarkson (36-4-1) win a second straight Division I title and third in five seasons with Sunday's 2-1

overtime win over Colgate, Harmon finished with 8 goals, 26 assists and a whopping plus-54. She was among 10 finalists for the Patty Kazmaier Award as the best player in Division I women's hockey and on March 15 was named an American Hockey Coaches Association University Division First-Team All-American.

Air Force junior winger **Evan Giesler** (Naperville Central) forced a turnover and snapped a wrist for his 11th goal in a 5-1 win Saturday over Robert Morris (Pennsylvania), the Falcons' seventh Atlantic Hockey Conference title in 12 years. Giesler leads Air Force with a plus-16, his 22 points tied for second as the Falcons (22-14-5) enter NCAA play Friday against St. Cloud State.

**Sam Piazza** (Downers Grove South), a senior defenseman for Michigan, earned a second straight Big Ten sportsmanship award and is among 10 finalists nationwide for the Senior CLASS Award for men's hockey. His sister, **Cara Piazza**, just finished her college career as a forward for Minnesota.

St. Norbert's **T.J. Black**, a junior goalie from Wheaton, led the Green Knights to their 17th Northern Collegiate Hockey Association title in 24 years in the league. Entering the Division III Frozen Four this weekend in Lake Placid, New York, the 2017 AHCA All-American leads all Division III goalies with 25 wins, is second in goals-against at 1:39 and third in save percentage at .940.

For a second straight season, Gustavus (Massachusetts) junior goalie **Amanda**

**DiNella** (Willowbrook) earned AHCA Division III first-team All-America. She went 17-4-4 including 6 shutouts, with a 1.38 goals-against and a .931 save percentage. Her season ended with a 3-2 triple-overtime loss to Eau Claire, a four-hour game that was the longest in Division III women's hockey tournament history.

**Katie Granato**'s (Neuqua Valley) junior hockey season at Elmira (New York) ended with a 2-1 loss to Norwich in the Division III championship. Granato, a forward, was second on the Soaring Eagles with 22 goals and 42 points.

Lewis University freshman **Stephanie Palczynski** (WW South) earned All-America honors in the 200 backstroke at the NCAA Swimming Championships in North Carolina. Finishing seventh, she set a school record with her time of 1:59.00.

Earlier, on Lewis' senior day, senior **Meghan Beese** (Glenbard South) swam on a 200-yard medley relay that set a pool record of 1:48.91.

In a trio of Millikin releases spanning three different women's sports, sophomore **Lucy Koger** (Naperville North) was named the soccer team's offensive MVP after scoring 10 goals with 6 assists for 26 points; senior **Emily Mihalkanin** (Hinsdale South) earned the volleyball team's "best teammate" award; and **Sierra Birdsell** (Lisle) garnered the basketball squad's "Big Blue Award."

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# Students spend the night at Willowbrook during Relay for Life event

## Fundraiser yields about \$70,000

About 600 people participated in the eighth annual Relay for Life of District 88 All Youth, which took place Saturday evening at Willowbrook High School. The event raised about \$70,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Students from District 88's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail—spent Saturday night in Willowbrook's field house to raise money to fight cancer. The students arrived at about 6 p.m. on Saturday and spent the next 12 hours at the school.

Throughout the event, members of each Relay for Life fundraising team took turns walking around the track of the field house. Each team was instructed to have at least one of its members walking on the track at all times during the event to note that cancer never sleeps.

The opening lap of the event is reserved for cancer survivors. The Relay for Life participants formed a ring around the inside of the track as survivors walked the opening lap. Caregivers joined survivors for the second lap around the field house's track. The student participants then took to the track for the third lap.

In addition to walking around the track, the students who took part in the Relay for Life event spent the night in a variety of activities in the field house and the main gymnasium. Those activities included: dodgeball, ping pong, karaoke, yoga, volleyball and basketball.

The District 88 Relay for Life is the culmination of Willowbrook's Brook Olympics—a weeklong series of events and challenges created to enhance tradition, pride and class spirit at the school. The Brook Olympics events, along with some February events in honor of Breast Cancer



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The eighth annual Relay for Life of District 88 All Youth raised about \$70,000 for the American Cancer Society. The event took place Saturday night and into Sunday morning at Willowbrook High School. More than 600 participants spent the night at the school during the event. Members of each fundraising team took turns walking laps around the field house track throughout the event as a reminder that cancer never sleeps. The opening lap of the night was reserved for cancer survivors. The photo at right from Saturday shows caregivers joining survivors for the second lap. All participants took part in the third lap. The top photo shows the event's leading fundraising team—Alpha Pi Omega. The team of over 80 Willowbrook sophomores raised over \$10,000.

Awareness Month, generated money for the Relay for Life.

The event's top fundraising team, named Alpha Pi Omega, consists of about 85 Willowbrook sophomores. Those members of the school's Class of 2020 raised over \$10,000.



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## Lilac royalty

The five members of Lombard's 2018 Lilac Court posed for their first official photograph on Sunday, March 11, after being selected from a field of 10 contestants. Pictured are (left to right) Princess Elizabeth Reiter, Princess Madeline Novak, Princess Betty-Ann Garrett, Princess Chiara Biddle and Princess Kathleen Gomez. Garrett and Gomez are both seniors at Willowbrook High School. The preliminary judging for the contest was held on Saturday, March 10, at Sunset Knoll Recreation Center. One of the five princesses will be crowned as the 2018 Lilac Queen on May 5 in Lombard's Liliac Park. See additional photos inside this issue.

## Emergency professionals now have a new tool to combat opioid epidemic in DuPage County

DuPage County now has a new tool to fight the growing opioid epidemic in Illinois.

State Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) has announced a standing order has been issued to make the lifesaving drug, Naloxone, more readily available to first responders and community members.

"We can't rest until the opioid crisis is eliminated from our communities," Cullerton said. "Allowing emergency professionals to have quick access to this life saving tool will help us fight this nasty epidemic."

Naloxone is a non-addictive prescription medication that, if used while someone is having a heroin overdose, can save the person's life. It is more commonly referred to as Narcan.

The Naloxone Standing Order allows eligible organizations, mostly pharmacies and opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution (OEND) programs to provide naloxone to any person without a direct prescription. With Illinois' standing order, insurers, such as Medicaid and Medicare, can be billed.

Eligible individuals must complete appropriate training on naloxone administration to use the program.

Cullerton believes this standing order puts a missing link in place to provide the lifesaving drug to emergency professionals to save DuPage County residents' lives.

"Thirty-eight percent of Illinoisans have never heard of naloxone," said Deborah A.P. Hersman, president and CEO of the National Safety Council. "We are paying for that lack of awareness with lives lost. We applaud Sen. Cullerton and his

colleagues for making naloxone available via a statewide standing order. Efforts like these will save lives."

Since 2014, over 3,143 individuals have been trained to administer Narcan among 60 program sites across DuPage County and the northern Illinois area. The DuPage County Narcan Program was the first countywide overdose prevention program approved by the state Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

Approximately 145 lives were saved in DuPage County in 2016. However, the increased use of the deadly drug fentanyl with heroin is believed to have led to an increased number of overdose related deaths.

In 2016, Cullerton worked to address heroin and opioid abuse and addiction through House Bill 1. The law combats the opioid epidemic in a variety of ways, by training public safety entities in administering Narcan, requiring state agencies to develop a three-year heroin and opioid drug prevention program and expanding state-funded treatment to include addiction treatment and prescription costs.

"Our work to end the opioid overdose epidemic in Illinois and across our nation is far from done," Cullerton said. "We cannot rest until this crisis is eliminated from our communities. Until then our top priority will remain putting protections and precautions in place to save lives."

Cullerton urges DuPage County residents to give his Villa Park office a call at 630-903-6662 with any questions regarding where to receive help fighting opioid addiction.



# Willowbrook students reach Eagle Scout status

## Trio of scouts completes service projects in Villa Park

Three Willowbrook High School seniors recently earned Eagle Scout status—the highest attainable rank in Boy Scouts of America. All three scouts are members of Troop 242.

Scouts who achieve Eagle Scout status must meet certain requirements, such as earning at least 21 merit badges. They must also plan, organize and complete an extensive community service project.

Carl Tankersley's service project was replacing the lights at his church—St. Paul Lutheran Church in Villa Park—with LED bulbs. Tankersley, who joined Boy Scouts in 2005, said the project took about three months and 400 man hours to complete. He raised about \$2,500 to buy the LED bulbs.

Tankersley would like to stay involved with Boy Scouts by serving as an adult leader. He plans to attend college and major in math and astro-

physics before pursuing a doctorate in one of those fields.

Troop 242's Max Hield and Ethan Rojek worked together to complete their community service project—beautifying the entrance to the Great Western Trail in Villa Park. The project involved working with the Village of Villa Park, raising funds, cleaning up debris, planting trees and installing a patio and four benches. Hield and Rojek said the project took about 18 months to complete.

Hield and Rojek joined Boy Scouts in 2005 and 2006, respectively. Both plan to stay involved with Boy Scouts in some capacity. Hield plans to attend college and major in business management and continue working with the electronic sports company he created one year ago. Rojek also plans to attend college; he will major in math and possibly linguistics.



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Willowbrook High School seniors (left to right) Max Hield, Carl Tankersley and Ethan Rojek have earned Eagle Scout status, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America. One of the requirements for Eagle Scout status is to complete an extensive community service project. Tankersley's project was replacing the lights at his church—St. Paul Lutheran Church in Villa Park—with LED bulbs. Hield and Rojek worked together to complete their community service project—beautifying the entrance to the Great Western Trail in Villa Park.

## Coming events

### Grace Lutheran Holy Week services

Holy Week services at Grace Lutheran Church, 493 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn begin Sunday, March 25, and conclude with Easter services on April 1: Palm/Passion Sunday is March 25 and begins with the traditional Procession with Palms at the 8 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Holy Week continues with Maundy Worship at 7:30 p.m. on March 29. This service includes individual ab-

solution of sin and Holy Communion. Good Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. is a traditional Tenebrae (Darkness) liturgy with Adoration of the Cross. Easter Celebrations, April 1, are two festival worship services in an allergy-sensitive setting (no Easter lilies). The services are 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Planned events are an Easter egg hunt and brunch buffet at 9:15 a.m. Call 630-469-1555 for information or check [www.grace-glenellyn.org](http://www.grace-glenellyn.org).

### 'Age reversing' workout offered at VP Library

Age Reversing ESSENTRICS at the Villa Park Library: Saturday, March 17, 11 a.m. to noon. For men and women of all ages who are looking for a gentle, slow-tempo class. This workout is aimed at regaining your mobility while slowly building strength and reawakening the power of your 650 muscles. Easy to follow movements help restore movement in your joints, flexibility in your muscles, relieve pain, and stimulate your cells to increase energy, vibrancy and your immune system. Patrons can sign up through the Villa Park Library.

### Easter events with Villa Park Recreation

Villa Park Recreation is offering special Easter programs for kids. Baking with the Bunny is Wednesday, March 21, 2-4 p.m. Kids ages 4-10 will bake delicious goodies, participate in Easter-themed activities and visit with the Villa Park Bunny. Egg Coloring will be held Friday, March 30, 9-10 a.m. for ages 4-10. Kids will color eggs to take home for their own at-home egg hunt. Pre-registration is needed for both programs, which will be held at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa.

### Relay for Life registration

Join the fight against cancer. The

Relay For Life of Addison, Lombard, Villa Park will be held on Saturday, June 23, from 2-11 p.m. at the Four Seasons Park in Lombard. The relay event will have a survivor lap, music, raffles, food and more. To create a team or sign up a cancer survivor visit [www.relayforlife.org/addisonIL](http://www.relayforlife.org/addisonIL) or contact Melanie Lindsay at 630-932-1151 or [Melanie.lindsay@cancer.org](mailto:Melanie.lindsay@cancer.org).

### Women's History Month programs at Cantigny

"Mamie Eisenhower" Saturday, March 24, 3 p.m., McCormick House Freedom Hall. Living history actor Ellie Carlson will portray Mamie Eisenhower, America's beloved First Lady from 1953-1961. The program is ideal for families and children ages 10 and up.

"How Women Helped Build Chicago" Sunday, March 25, 3 p.m., McCormick House Freedom Hall. McCormick House docent Laurie Russell will discuss how women responded at critical moments in Chicago's history and shaped the city we know today. The program is suitable for adults and teens. Register for these events in advance: 630-260-8162 or online at Cantigny.org. Cantigny Park is now open 7 days a week. Parking is \$5. Parking is free on the first Wednesday of the month and always free for Cantigny Park members.

### St. Joseph's Table March 18

Christ the King Parish will hold its annual St. Joseph Table on Sunday, March 18, from 1-3 p.m. in their gymnasium, 115 E. 15th St., Lombard. The tradition behind this event is the offering of simple food dishes in return for a free-will donation. The proceeds of the St. Joseph Table will go to Catholic Charities. It is an opportunity to gather with family, friends and neighbors while helping others. You can enjoy good food and take a chance on a raffle prize.

### Early Morning Golf Association

Come join the boys of summer. The Lombard Early Morning Golf Association is having its 2018 sign-up on Friday, March 23, 7 p.m. at Western Acres Golf Course.

The league plays there on Saturday mornings. Sign up. Become one of the boys of summer.

### Kiwanis to meet March 22

The Kiwanis Club of Lombard will meet Thursday, March 22, from 7-9 p.m. at Sunset Knoll Recreation Center, 820 S. Finley Road, Lombard. The public is invited to help club members dress Teddy bears in Kiwanis shirts for the Lombard Fire Department's Trauma Teddy Bear Program, which helps bring comfort to young children when the need arises for them to ride in an ambulance.

## Obituaries

### JON F. BARTELS, 71

Jon F. Bartels, 71, of Montgomery, Ill., formerly of Villa Park, Ill., passed away on March 6, 2018.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 9, at Steuere Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Ill.

For info: 630-832-4161.

### PETER LOUIS GARBIN, 87

A memorial visitation for Peter Louis Garbin, 87, formerly of Villa Park, Ill., will be held Saturday, March 24, 2018, 11 a.m. until service time at noon, at Calvary Episcopal Church 105 W. Maple, Lombard, Ill.

Arrangements were made by Steuere Funeral Home: 630-832-4161.

### KEVIN DOUGHETRY, 59

Kevin Dougherty, age 59, a resident of Ray Graham Association, Lombard, died March 7, 2018.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 9, at Brust Funeral Home, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Entombment was at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, Ill.

Visit [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com) or call 888-629-0094 for more information.

### MARGARET MARY PILAFAS, 82

Margaret Mary Pilafas, nee Strzelecki, age 82, of Lombard.

Beloved wife of Nick Pilafas; loving mother of John (Oksan) Pilafas and Irene (Gregg) Jones; devoted grandmother of Troy and Jaden Pilafas, and Dylan and Mitchell Jones; fond sister of Patricia Raymond, Chuck Strzelecki, Carol Corsini and Phyllis Trush; aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 14, from Knollcrest Funeral Home to Mass at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1025 E. Madison, Lombard.

Funeral info: [www.knollcrest.net](http://www.knollcrest.net) or 630-932-1500.

### BARBARA JEAN RUNDLE

Barbara Jean Rundle, nee Hoyne, of Lombard.

Beloved wife of the late Richard Rundle; loving mother of Cheryl (Patrick) Murzyn, Lori (Mario) Contreras and Tim (Lisa) Rundle; devoted grandmother of Katie (Anthony) Auge and Chris Murzyn, and Nikki and Alex Contreras, and Carly Rundle; fond sister of the late Florence Sawyer and the late Carol Manning; aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Longtime Real Estate Broker in DuPage County, specializing in the Lombard area.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 13, from Knollcrest Funeral Home to Mass at Christ the King, 1501 S. Main St., Lombard. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorials to National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

Funeral info: 630-932-1500 or [www.knollcrest.net](http://www.knollcrest.net).

### GLADYS C. SEGGERSON, 87

Gladys C. Seggerson, nee Grabenstein, of Lombard, born July 22, 1930 (age 87), died March 8, 2018, at her home.

Private Funeral Service was held at Elm Lawn Cemetery, Elmhurst, by Rev. Dan Wegrzyn of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Seggerson is survived by a son, Jaime (Barb) of West Virginia; a brother, Richard (Linda) of Lombard; and three generations of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, William Joseph Seggerson; and by her son, William Richard Seggerson.

She graduated from St. John's Lutheran School and Glenbard West High School.

She was a resident of Lombard since 1940 and worked for Illinois Bell Telephone for nine years. She also worked as an independent Market Research Operator for 14 years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 215 S. Lincoln Ave., Lombard, IL 60148, would be appreciated.

Arrangements were made by Brust Funeral Home in Lombard.

For more information, visit [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com) or call 888-629-0094.



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## An emotional victory

Members of the Willowbrook boys basketball team celebrate their victory over Naperville North at last week's IHSA Class 4A Glenbard East Sectional in Lombard. The Warriors, who were the sectional's fifth seed, beat top-seeded Naperville North 47-43 in the March 6 contest. Benet Academy beat Willowbrook in Friday's sectional final. Pictured immediately after the win over Naperville North are senior Neil Paxton (No. 25), senior Matt Myers (No. 20), senior Ethan Schuemer (No. 32) and junior Matas Masys (No. 21). See the sports section for more about Willowbrook's boys basketball team.

# Sports

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## Warriors fall to Benet in a sectional final

*Willowbrook beats Naperville North before losing to the Redwings; Warriors finish season with a 26-6 record*

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW  
STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook boys basketball team's season ended with Friday's 67-40 loss to Benet Academy in the championship game of the IHSAA Class 4A Glenbard East Sectional in Lombard. The Warriors, who trailed Benet 30-26 at halftime, couldn't keep up with the Redwings in the second half. Benet increased its lead to 46-36 by the end of the third quarter. The Warriors managed only four points in the fourth period.

Benet improved to 27-4 and advanced to this week's super-sectional game against Elgin-Larkin at Northern Illinois University.

Willowbrook, which won its first regional title in 14 years on March 2, advanced to the sectional final by beating Naperville North 47-43 in Lombard on March 6. The Warriors finished their special season with an overall record of 26-6. This season's team set a new program record for victories in a season. Last season's Warriors established a new record by winning 24 games during the 2016-17 campaign.

Willowbrook trailed Naperville North—the sectional's No. 1 seeded team—20-12 at halftime. The Warriors rallied in the third quarter to grab a 30-27 edge with eight minutes to play.

"The kids have been fighting all year," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after the win over Naperville North. "We've been down before. Our outside shots started falling, and then it's like an avalanche."

Willowbrook, which was seeded fifth in the sectional, couldn't duplicate its second-half success against Benet, the sectional's No. 2 seed.

The atmosphere was electric during both of the Warriors' sectional games in Lombard. The Willowbrook student body came out in full force for each game to support its team. The Glenbard East gymnasium was packed to capacity for Friday's sectional final; some late-arriving fans weren't allowed in because there were no seats available. Benet brought its own raucous student section for Friday's battle.

Willowbrook sophomore Everett Stubblefield, who was called up to the varsity team in January, helped to spark his team's second-half rally against Naperville North. Stubblefield did not score in the first half, but he poured in 12 points, including three 3-point shots, during the third quarter. He closed out the period by draining a long 3-pointer to give the Warriors a 30-27 advantage.

"I saw the clock going down," said Stubblefield of his shot at the end of the third quarter. "I felt the crowd's energy. I already hit two threes before that."

"He came in, got hot and gave us a boost," said Perkins of Stubblefield. "The rest of the guys fed off of that energy, and our crowd got into it and we were able to build momentum."

"I was a little bit nervous," said Stubblefield after the win over the Huskies. "But once I got in the mood of the game, I started to calm down and it started coming to me."

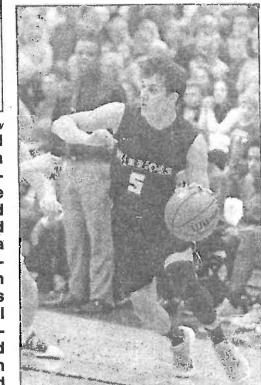
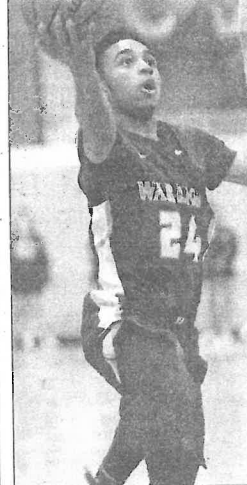
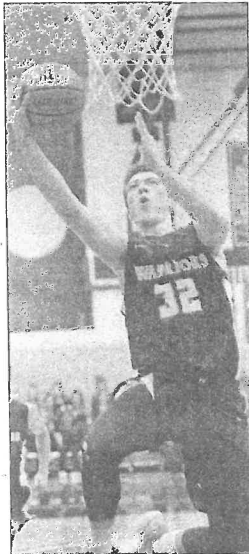
Stubblefield and senior Ethan Schuemer both scored 16 points in the Warriors' win over Naperville North, which finished its season with a 26-3 record. Schuemer scored four baskets during the final quarter. His steal and layup gave the Warriors a 38-31 lead with about four minutes to play.

"At halftime we kind of regrouped," said Schuemer after the sectional semifinal. "We made sure we came out with much more energy and much more intensity in the second half. It was crazy. Our fans were huge tonight. It was a lot of fun."

An offensive rebound and basket by senior Matt Myers pushed Willowbrook's lead to 44-39 with a little more than one minute to play. The Huskies scored a basket to cut the Warriors' advantage to 45-43 with 9.8 seconds to play.

Following a time out, Myers passed to Schuemer, who sent the ball to an open Stubblefield, who drove for a victory-sealing layup with a few seconds remaining.

Benet held a 15-9 lead over Willowbrook after one quarter of Friday's sectional final. The Redwings built a 21-9 lead early in the second quarter, but Willowbrook sliced the



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review  
Willowbrook's boys basketball team closed out its season with Friday's loss to Benet Academy in the championship game of the IHSAA Class 4A Glenbard East Sectional. Benet defeated the Warriors 67-40 in front of a capacity crowd in Lombard. Willowbrook finished its season with a 26-6 record. The Warriors advanced to the sectional final with a 47-43 win over Naperville North on March 6. Pictured during that win are senior Ethan Schuemer (No. 32-above left) and sophomore Everett Stubblefield (No. 24-above). Both Warriors scored 16 points in the victory. Two photos from Friday's game show seniors Matt Myers (No. 20-top right) and Sikander Zafar (No. 5-right). "I couldn't be prouder of this group of seniors," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after the season-ending loss.

from 3-point range. Willowbrook connected on just three of 19 attempts from beyond the 3-point line. "You've got to give credit to them," said Perkins after the season-ending loss to the Redwings.

Benet made seven of 16 shots

## Rams place second at District 87 Meet



The Glenbard East boys gymnastics team finished second in Saturday's four-team District 87 Meet in Lombard. Glenbard West won the team title with its score of 151.6. The Rams placed second with their team total of 136.4. Glenbard South finished third, while Glenbard North placed fourth. Glenbard East senior Marc Le won the meet's all-around title with his score of 51.7. That total included first-place scores of 9.4 in floor exercises, 9.1 on the still rings and 9.0 on the parallel bars. Le, who is pictured (top left) during his first-place performance on the parallel bars, turned in a second-place score of 8.4 on the horizontal bar. He placed third on the vault (8.6) and fourth on the pommel horse (7.2). Junior Sean O'Hara of the Rams claimed fourth in the all-around standings with his total of 43.90. O'Hara is shown (left) during his second-place effort on the vault, which earned a score of 8.9. O'Hara earned fifth-place scores in floor exercises and on the still rings. He placed eighth on both the horizontal bar and the parallel bars.

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## A successful season for the Sharks

The West Suburban Sharks fourth-grade girls basketball team followed its 15-1 regular season in the West Suburban Girls Basketball League by winning the league's season-ending tournament on Feb. 18. Pictured (left to right) holding the championship trophy are: Sydney David, Joely Maciejewski, Ashlynn Lindt, Leah Piper, Callie Hardtke, Audrey Spada, Jazzlyn Hamilton, Rheaanna Ferguson, Hannah Grivetti, Sophia Bernero and Kathleen Nevels. As a feeder program for Willowbrook High School, the Sharks teams are made up of girls from Lombard and Villa Park. The Sharks program will be changing its name to the Junior Lady Warriors for the upcoming spring/summer season. Tryouts will take place on Saturday, March 17, and Wednesday, March 21. For more information, or to register for tryouts, visit [juniorwarriorbasketball.com](http://juniorwarriorbasketball.com).



# REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS

## RE/MAX Agent Nicole Pecoraro earns annual sales production award

Nicole Pecoraro, with RE/MAX Achievers, has received the

## RE/MAX Agent Randy Marshall earns annual sales production award



Randy Marshall, with RE/MAX Achievers in Lombard Illinois, has qualified for the RE/MAX 100% Club Award for outstanding

business performance, which honors a select few successful agents each year. In 2016, only 22 percent of active RE/MAX agents earned this prestigious award. "It's a tremendous honor to receive this award," said Marshall. "As a real estate agent with RE/MAX Achievers, I'm fully committed to helping my clients and consumers find the home that is right for them. I'm honored to work with such an incredibly supportive office." Randy has been working in the real estate industry for more than four years and has extensive experience working with first time home buyers, seller, and investors, as well as assisting in real estate investment opportunities. In addition, Marshall actively supports St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

## Coming events

### Rep. Conroy hosts mobile March 22

Continuing her efforts to remain accessible and bring the services of her constituent services office to every part of her district, state Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, is hosting mobile office hours on Tuesday, March 22, from 1-3 p.m. at the Glendale Library located at 25 E. Fullerton Ave. in Glendale Heights. A representative from Conroy's office will be there to answer any questions regarding state matters. They will also be able to help residents who have issues with state services find the proper resources and contacts. All residents are welcome to share their concerns or ask questions regarding issues of the state. A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's office will be available to help residents search the state's iCash system for unclaimed property owed to them by the state, which can include checking and savings accounts, uncashed wage and payroll checks, uncashed stock dividends and stock certificates, insurance payments, utility deposits, customer deposits, accounts payable, credit balances, refund checks, money orders, traveler's checks, mineral proceeds, court deposits, uncashed death benefit checks and life insurance proceeds.

### Willowbrook concert March 20

The next Willowbrook Orchestra / Guitar Ensembles Concert is March 20, 7 p.m., in the auditorium. Director Jan Bobek. There will be selections based on the country of origin of the orchestra members' families and there will be an ensemble of strings from Polish folk style players, who will join the Willowbrook strings.

### Senior Men's Club meets March 20

The Senior Men's Club will meet March 20 at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the Lombard Bible Church (not affiliated) 111 S. Park Ave. (south side entrance) Lombard. The guest speaker will be Daniel Brown. He will be talking about "Behind the Sean at Kline Creek Farm." All men 55 and over are welcome. For more information, call 630-629-6822.

celebrated RE/MAX Executive Club Award for exceptional business performance for 2017, which honors a distinguished class of successful agents each year. In 2016, the Executive Club Award was presented to less than 18 percent of all active RE/MAX agents. "It's a tremendous honor to receive this prestigious award," said Pecoraro. "As a real estate agent with RE/MAX Achievers, I'm fully committed to helping my clients and consumers realize the dream of homeownership. It's truly an honor to be surrounded by such an incredibly supportive team."



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## Next Glenbard Parent Series—The Secrets to High School Victory—on March 17

FUSE: Families of African American Students United for Excellence and the Glenbard Parent Series will present the Secrets to High School Victory with former Chicago Bear and Glenbard East parent Ray McElroy on Saturday, March 17, at Glenbard South High School.

McElroy's ability to entertain while delivering a thought-provoking talk on the discipline and dedication necessary to achieve personal and professional goals has changed the lives of thousands of people.

The Glenbard Parent Series also will recognize the leadership of many of Glenbard's African American students at this event. Lunch will

be served, and all are welcome.

This program will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Glenbard South, 23W200 Butterfield Road in Glen Ellyn.

GPS is sponsored by the Cebrian Goodman Center, Cooperative Association for Special Education (CASE), College of DuPage, DuPage Medical Group, Emmy Gaffey Foundation and Trust Company of Illinois. The DuPage County NAACP is an Allied Partner of FUSE.

For further information, visit glenbardgps.org or contact Gilda Ross, Glenbard District 87 student and community projects coordinator, at 630-942-7668 or gilda\_ross@glenbard.org.

## Sudoku Puzzle Answers

4	7	8	2	9	1	5	6	3
3	5	6	8	7	4	1	9	2
1	9	2	6	5	3	4	7	8
2	8	1	5	6	7	3	4	9
7	4	5	3	2	9	8	1	6
6	3	9	4	1	8	2	5	7
9	1	3	7	8	5	6	2	4
5	2	4	9	3	6	7	8	1
8	6	7	1	4	2	9	3	5

## REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
PAMELA S OLWIG A/K/A PAM S OLWIG; JOHN OLWIG A/K/A JOHN W OLWIG; NORTH ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., DEFENDANTS.

2017CH 000855

605 NORTH VISTA AVENUE LOMBARD, IL 60148

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 13, 2018, Sheriff of DuPage County will on April 17, 2018, in 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DuPage, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 06-05-206-014  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 605 North Vista Avenue  
Lombard, IL 60148

Description of Improvements: single family home with detached 1 car garage. The Judgment amount was \$203,381.63.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Visit our website at <http://foreclosuresales.mprllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 262101.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameritrust Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-F1

PLAINTIFF

VS.

Patricia E. Vincent; et. al. DEFENDANTS

2017CH 000618

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/22/2018, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois will on April 24, 2018 at the hour of 10:00AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office 501 North County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 06-06-210-021  
Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 125 W. Sunset Ave

Lombard, IL 60148

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is in satisfaction for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Cordilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-17-04528.

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