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## Montini students celebrate 25th Annual Pi Day

At Montini Catholic, the AP BC Calculus class along with the Multivariable Calculus class took part in the school's 25th annual Pi Day on Wednesday, March 14, led by Math Department Chair Christine McManus. Here, the students are showing off projects they made: juniors built bridges made from straws and poster board, while seniors made logic puzzles. Students were invited to compete in a 24 tournament or the pi recitation contest, to see how many numbers of Pi they can recite.

## District 88 hosts 28 Chicago-area schools for School Safety Forum

On March 12, District 88 schools hosted an important and timely event at Willowbrook High School.

Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton reported on it in this week's District 88 newsletter.

"We had about 400 student leaders from 28 Chicago-area high schools ... come together for a day of conversation and planning regarding school safety during a forum at Wil-

lowbrook," he said. "Participants shared their voices and thoughts on local and national issues regarding this topic, left with an action plan to take back to their school and had an opportunity to speak with local and state civic leaders and legislators, as well as area first responders."

Helton said the forum began in Willowbrook's field house with participants answering online questions

about which issues concern them most as students. They then met in groups with their peers and participated in a web mapping activity. During that session, students shared the positive aspects of their school, community and beyond, as well as areas that could be improved, and brainstormed possible solutions to those issues/concerns. The students also wrote down questions that were

later asked to a panel of local dignitaries in attendance.

"It was truly an amazing experience to watch firsthand as these teenagers became involved and engaged citizens, taking action on a topic about which they feel passionate," Helton said.

Later in the auditorium, each group presented its web map to the other students and dignitaries in the

audience. The groups expressed their thoughts about school safety and shared ideas on how to make improvements, as well as how legislators and school administrators could assist in those efforts.

A panel of local legislators, village leaders and first responders then answered student-generated questions.

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# Addison 8th grader to perform at Carnegie Hall

Addison School District 4 and Indian Trail Junior High School have announced that 8th grader John Pinns has been selected to play in the 2018 Middle School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall June 20-24. John will be representing ASD4 on alto saxophone for this event. The Performance Series is an international event which showcases talented students from the United States, Canada, Isle of Mann, Mexico, and Taiwan.

As part of the experience, Pinns will "rehearse and perform under master conductors and have the opportunity to meet other like-minded

musicians from around the world. Though much of the students time is focused on performance preparation, the week also allows students to experience the best of the sights and the performance arts in New York City," states the organization website, [honorsperformance.org](http://honorsperformance.org).

This year, more than 15,000 auditions that were submitted. John is one of 200 students that have been selected based on his musical ability. It is very rare that students at such a young age have the opportunity to perform at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York. Congratulations to this gifted musician!



John Pinns plays a solo as part of a recent band performance at Indian Trail Junior High School. He has been selected to play in the 2018 Middle School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall on June 20-24.

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## • Forum

(Continued from front page)

Addison Trail social studies teacher Laura Magnavite and Willowbrook social studies Department Head Pete Montgomery served as moderators to guide the question-and-answer session.

"I would like to thank the panelists and other local leaders listed below, who joined us to listen to and speak with our students," Helton said. "I also would like to thank the schools listed below that participated in the forum."

### Participating schools included:

Addison Trail, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Batavia, Bolingbrook, Carl Sandburg, College Preparatory School of America, Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, East Leyden, Glenbard Directions Program, Glenbard East, Glenbard North, Glenbard South, Glenbard West, Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South, Kaneland, Lake Park, Lyons Township, Morton East, Morton West, Riverside Brookfield, Victor J. Andrew, West Leyden, Wheaton North, Wheaton Warrenville South, Willowbrook and York.

### Panelists:

Mike Lay, Villa Park Police Chief; Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra, Murray Snow, Director, DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Addison Deputy Police Chiefs Joe Maranowicz and Scott Walker; State Sen. Chris Nybo, State Rep. Deb Conroy, State Sen. Tom Cullerton, State Rep. Christine Winger, State Rep. Kathleen Willis, State Rep. David S. Olsen, State Sen. Tom Rooney, Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik and DuPage County Coroner Rich Jorgensen.

### Other guests:

DuPage Regional Superintendent Dr. Darlene Ruscitti; DuPage County Board member James Zay, Villa Park Trustee Bob Wagner, Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner, Villa Park Economic Development Director Jan Fiola and Villa Park Deputy Chief William Lyons.



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Attendees participate in various aspects of the Addison Safety Night, which took place on March 15 at Addison Trail.

## Addison Trail High School hosts Safety Night

On March 15, Addison Trail hosted an Addison Safety Night, in partnership with the Addison Fire Protection District and the Addison Police Department.

About 55 people attended the event, which featured a superhero theme. Participants were able to experience and learn about:

- 10-minute CPR training
- Home fire escape plan

- Touch a Truck
- Blood pressure check
- Renter insurance information
- Smoke alarm safety
- Apartment and home safety
- Cooking safety
- Outdoor fire safety
- Campus fire safety
- Fire safety activities

- Crime prevention
- Safety tips
- Drug safety
- Traffic unit
- Car seat safety
- Traffic safety tips
- American Automobile Association and Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center displayed booths and provided information

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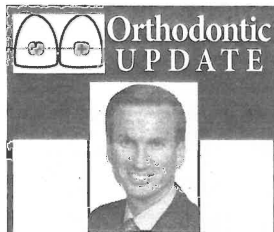
**Nybo joins local high school students in School Safety Forum**

In light of recent tragic incidents in Florida and Kentucky and increased attention on gun safety, State Senator Chris Nybo (R-Elmhurst) participated as a guest panelist at the School Safety Forum on March 12 at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park. "The forum provides a platform for students to vocalize their concerns and ideas about gun violence," said Nybo. "It's important to engage students in the political process and offer them opportunities to use their voices and be a part of the solution. It's great to hear from our student leaders and answer their thoughtful legislative and law enforcement-related questions. We all share the common goal of making our schools safer, and it will take a lot of work and unity. The forum today was a

great start to those efforts." More than 400 high school student leaders from nearly 30 high schools in the Chicagoland area were invited to participate—including York, Willowbrook, Downers Grove North, Glenbard East, Glenbard North, Glenbard West, Hinsdale Central, Lyons Township and the College Preparatory School of America. They gathered for a day of conversation and planning regarding school safety. Students were encouraged to voice their thoughts on national issues, present an action plan to im-

prove their schools' safety, and speak with local and state civic leaders, legislators and law enforcement. The day kicked off with team-building activities and discussions on national, state and local issues that impact school safety. The students then brainstormed how schools, students, law enforcement and public officials can work together to make schools safer and presented their ideas to the entire group. They also wrote a list of questions to ask Nybo and the fellow guest panelists.

"Students need to continue to speak up and be proactive," said Nybo. "Their voices have the ability to influence legislation, policy and important conversations. While the attention and news on gun safety is timely, we cannot let this issue get swept under the rug once the topic of conversation changes. It's up to all of us to make safety a top priority." Nybo invites all students to write into his office about any thoughts they have on school safety. To email the senator, please write to chris@chrisnybo.org or visit his legislative website at chrisnybo.org.



by Jeffrey T. Boland  
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

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To honor those who lost their lives in the tragic Parkland school shooting and all victims of gun violence, State Senator Chris Nybo (R-Elmhurst) also joined several Senate lawmakers in an organized "walkout" at the State Capitol on March 14. He presented the following remarks for the supporters in attendance: "We stand today with one another in memory of those who have lost their lives to violence. We stand today in support of students across the country demanding that we act to prevent more lives from being lost. We stand today not as politicians, but as colleagues committed to working together on behalf of students, teachers, police officers, parents and all members of our community who should be able to live, or work, or learn, or worship, or anything else without the fear that their lives are in danger."

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## Community calendar

### Monday, March 26

#### Meet Marie Antoinette at the Library

The Queen of France is visiting the Addison Public Library, 4 Friendship Plaza, to talk about her life, loves and intrigues from 7-8 p.m. Info: Call 630-458-3318 or visit [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) to register.

### Monday, April 2

#### International vintage desserts at the Library

Join vintage cookbook collector Amy Alessio at the Addison Public Library as she gives a humorous and delicious presentation on the history of these desserts from 7-8 p.m. Info: Call 630-458-3318 or visit [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) to register.

### Wednesday, April 11

#### Amazing Africa at the Library

Join the high-energy Urban Gateways touring performance for all ages featuring acrobatics, authentic African attire, and native instrumentation at the Addison Public Library from 7-7:45 p.m. Free tickets are available at the library beginning on April 1. Call 630-458-3320 or visit [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) to register.

### Saturday, April 14

#### Special event—World Fest at the Library

Join the Addison Public Library from 1-4 p.m. to celebrate cultures from all over the world. Come for entertainment, refreshments, and crafts. All ages welcome. Call 630-458-3338 or visit [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) to register.

### Saturday, April 21

#### St. Philip the Apostle Grade School alumni craft beer and wine social

A St. Philip the Apostle Grade School alumni craft beer and wine social for alumni ages 21-and-over (ID required) will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Church and School, 1233 W. Holtz Ave. Reconnect with your grade school friends. Admission is free; appetizers, pizza and a cash bar will be available. Spouses and guests are welcome. Register online at: [facebook.com/events/2039978362686084](https://www.facebook.com/events/2039978362686084). Info: call 630-543-4130.

### Sunday, April 22

#### Music of the Italian Baroque at the Library

The Bel Sonore Chamber Ensemble, a woodwind trio of flute, oboe and bassoon with soprano singer, will be performing at the Addison Public Library from 2-3 p.m. The concert will have music ranging from Italian Baroque arias to jazz standards. Call 630-458-3318 or visit [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) to register.

### Thursday, April 26

#### 1-CASH presentation at the Library

Debra Meyers-Martin from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office will present at the Addison Public Library from 7-8 p.m. Find out if there is "lost" money under your name. Call 630-458-3318 or visit [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) to register.

#### Addison Women's Club fundraiser

Beginning at 6 p.m., the Women's Club of Addison is holding its fundraiser, "Where the Magic Happens," at Empress Banquets, 200 E. Lake

St. Entertainment includes ATHS Jazz Ensemble and comedy magician James Sanden. Proceeds benefit local charities. For tickets and information, call 630-251-7924 or visit the facebook page.

### Saturday, April 28

#### AT Key Club pet adoption event

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the ATHS Key Club is holding 'Paws for a Cause,' a pet adoption event on the Village Green near Addison Village Hall. Pet costumes encouraged. Info: 630-628-2613.

### Ongoing events

#### • Get your high school diploma

The Addison Public Library is now offering adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through a new program, Career Online High School (COHS). The library is providing a limited number of free scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education. You must live in Addison and be 21 or older. Call 630-458-3334 or visit [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org)

#### • Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or [www.cfsites.org](http://www.cfsites.org).

#### • Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

#### • Upcoming Salvation Army events for youths

Join the Salvation Army Oakbrook Terrace Corps for the following events: --A free Easter party starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at The Salvation Army Oakbrook Terrace Corps Fun for all ages, games, crafts and snacks.

--Youth Councils at Camp Wonderland, Camp Lake, Wis., which is open to grades 6 and up from April 6-8. Go online to [metroyouthnetwork.org](http://metroyouthnetwork.org) for more information.

--Summer Day Camp begins June 11 through July 27 for ages 4-12 and a bridge program for ages 13-and-up. For more information about any of the upcoming events and camps, visit [saobt.org](http://saobt.org) or call 630-629-4948.

#### • TOPS meetings held on Thursday evenings, Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off Pounds Sensibly is still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings at the Addison Park District building at 120 E. Oak St. Weigh in from 6-6:30 p.m., and then meet from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: [independent@rvpublishing.com](mailto:independent@rvpublishing.com). Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

# Addison Trail shines at DECA Career Conference

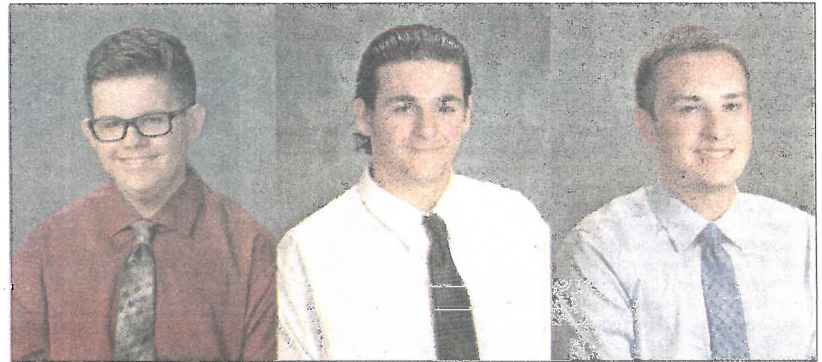
Addison Trail seniors Joseph Capone, Randall Petbok and Lucas Rusin have qualified to compete in the DECA International Career Development Conference.

That event will take place from April 21 to 24 in Georgia.

The group qualified in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Operations Research after placing 2nd in

that event at State.

Seniors Natalia Salamon (Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research), Nicholas Savinos (Start-Up Business Plan) and Rosa Bianca Piscopo (Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan) finished in the top 10 in their events at State and were recognized with medals during the Grand Awards Ceremony.



Pictured are (from left) Addison Trail seniors Joseph Capone, Randall Petbok and Lucas Rusin, who have qualified to compete in the DECA International Career Development Conference. That event will take place from April 21 to 24 in Georgia.



Pictured are (from left) Addison Trail seniors Natalia Salamon, Nicholas Savinos and Rosa Bianca Piscopo, who finished in the top 10 in their events at the DECA State competition and were recognized with medals during the Grand Awards Ceremony.

## Women's Club of Addison plans annual fundraiser

Reservations are now being accepted for the Women's Club of Addison fundraiser on Thursday, April 26, at Empress Banquets, 200 E. Lake Street in Addison. "Where the Magic Happens" will feature the Addison Trail High School Jazz Ensemble during the cocktail hour and a performance by comedy magician James Sanden. Members and guests also

have an opportunity to win a beautiful Razny necklace in the wine raffle and may purchase raffle tickets for a variety of other valuable prizes.

All proceeds earned at this annual event will be distributed to local charities in late spring. Previous recipients of Women's Club of Addison awards include Marklund Home for Children, Poised for Success,

Serenity House, PADS and Lutheran Church Charities.

Members and guests look forward to this springtime event each year. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Please log on to the Women's Club of Addison Facebook Page or phone 630-251-7924 for reservations or more information.

## Key Club to host animal-friendly adoption fair

On Saturday, April 28, the Addison Trail Key Club will host "PAWS FOR A CAUSE," an animal-friendly adoption fair.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on the Village Green in Addison, 1 Friendship Plaza. All proceeds will go to participating animal shelters: DuPage County Animal Care and Control, Hinsdale Humane

Society, Underdog Railway Rescue and Anderson Animal Shelter.

Pet costumes are encouraged, and the fair will feature:

- Pet adoptions
- Pet treats
- Face painting
- Pet kissing booth
- Pet photo booth
- Raffle baskets

- Pet toys and attire
- All goodies will be \$1

The fair is supported and funded in part by the Nickelodeon HALO Movement and Kiwanis International.

For more information, contact Addison Trail Key Club Sponsor Karen Grady at [kgrady@dupage88.net](mailto:kgrady@dupage88.net) or 630-628-2613.

# District 88 All Youth Relay raises \$70,000 for ACS

Willowbrook and Addison Trail recently demonstrate how giving back is a cornerstone of District 88 pride.

On March 10, the annual Relay For Life of District 88 All Youth event took place at Willowbrook, with a record number of participants. More than 600 staff, students, parents and community members attended the relay, which raised a record of more than \$70,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Participants enjoyed dancing, yoga, Zumba, karaoke, sports, games, an inflatable obstacle course, a coffee bar, a photo booth and more. There also was a luminaria to remember those who have lost their battle with cancer. The team that raised the most money was Alpha Pi Omega, with \$10,202.31. That group was comprised of more than 80 Willowbrook sophomores. The top individual fundraiser was Willowbrook senior Lili Greiwe, with \$1,962.



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## Nybo-sponsored bump stock ban passes Senate

The State of Illinois took pivotal steps toward reducing gun violence as the Senate passed a legislative measure cosponsored by State Sen. Chris Nybo (R-Elmhurst) to ban bump stocks on March 14.

"After the Parkland school shooting, the Las Vegas massacre and the increasing gun violence on the streets of Chicago and around the country, public safety must be a bipartisan issue and a top priority," said Nybo. "We must remove this fatal and unnecessary device from the hands of irresponsible and dangerous shooters, and protect civilians from senseless violence."

House Bill 1467 would ban the sales, manufacturing, purchase and possession of "bump stocks," a device attachment that allows a semiautomatic rifle to fire faster. The legislation was introduced as a response to the deadly mass shooting in Las Vegas after bump stocks were found at the scene of the crime, employed by the shooter to target more victims. It passed with an overwhelming majority in the Senate.

Earlier in the day, Nybo joined several Senate lawmakers in an organized "walkout" of the State Capitol to honor the students and staff members who lost their lives in the tragic Parkland school shooting and all victims of gun violence. In his remarks at the remembrance, Nybo said the group came together as "colleagues committed to working together on behalf of students, teachers, police officers, parents and all members of our community who should be able to live, or work, or learn, or worship, or anything else without the fear that their lives are in danger."

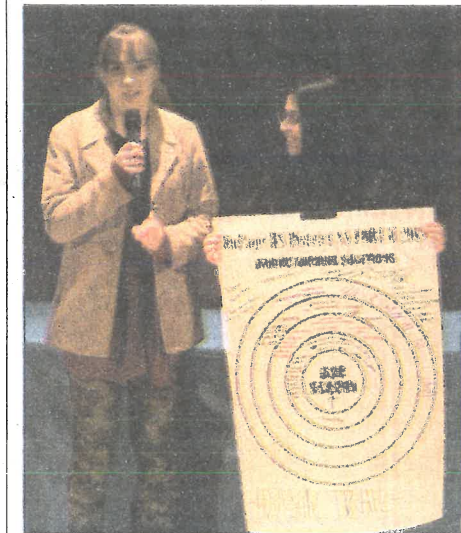
In a related event at the Capitol today, Nybo accepted an appointment to the Governor's newly formed Legislative Public Safety Group, where he will work with the Governor's Administration to support initiatives pertaining to school safety and reducing gun violence.



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## Students gather at Willowbrook to brainstorm about safety

Students participate in a School Safety Forum hosted by District 88 on March 12 at Willowbrook. The event was an opportunity for about 400 student leaders from 28 Chicago-area high schools to share their voices and thoughts on local and national issues regarding this topic. Pictured are students from Batavia (top left), Lake Park (top right), Addison Trail (bottom left) and Willowbrook (bottom right).



## SPORTS

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## Addison Trail girls track team spreads talent wealth

### High jump, hurdles and distance particular areas of strength for Blazers

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls track team has its bases covered heading into the outdoor season.

"Our team's strength lies in being well-rounded," said Blazers coach Dave Pytko. "This is probably our most well-rounded team between sprints, distance and field events. Sprinkle in a strong frosh-soph team and positive leadership from the upperclassmen and we have what it takes to be strong for a few years."

Along those lines, Pytko said high jump, hurdles and long distance are where the team is strongest right now. High jumpers Paulina Stachura (sophomore) and Stefania Camachi (senior), Pytko noted, are jumping near the top three in terms of team records and doing so with limited experience.

In the hurdles, sophomore Julia Swzerb has excelled at either level.

"She looks great over each hurdle," said Pytko.

Pytko added his distance roster is not a finished product, but is steadily progressing. "Our distance crew is not completely where we want them, but they are growing together really well," he said.

Freshman Viviana Sanfillippo "is lighting it up" in distances from 300 to 3,200, Pytko noted. She recently won the 800 and 1,600 at the varsity level in a meet, achieving major personal records.

Sanfillippo is joined on the progress front by junior Natalie Diaz and freshman Elizabeth Guerrero. "They are really coming on strong," said Pytko. "We could potentially break two or three distance records this season. This is scheduled to occur during the outdoor season."

Sophomore Kate Diego is another name to keep an eye out for. "Kate is the only sprinter under 30 seconds and

just set an all-time PR of 28.81," said Pytko. "This is a huge achievement for her and our team. We lost two key sprinters this season, so it's great to see her stepping up to possibly fill the shoes of one of those athletes."

Pytko said point-scoring is possible throughout the lineup this season. "Having a squad that can score points in all events is a major accomplishment and a huge step forward for our program," he said. "I also have a lot of girls that are not selfish and are willing to put themselves in situations they are not familiar with to benefit the team. This is sometimes a limiting factor with most teams I have coached because the nature of the sport sometimes becomes very individualistic. I'd have to thank the leadership of this year in facilitating this type of environment."

Pytko sees a lot of possibilities for this season in terms of success. "We have so many things going for our

team and I'd hate to focus too heavily on one group or individual," he said. "We have been a great sprint team the past eight years and when you lose a two-time all-state sprinter (Lauren Kroll), you have to use your resources to try to get our team near the top using the strengths you have. We will have to continue to grow our sprints and we have a chance of sending a relay team or individual to state again considering Alex Nava and Katerina Surjanecv both are returning from our state-qualifying relay team. If I were to pick an individual to make it down for sprints it would be Kate Diego. She is running with confidence, staying in the weight room late and every meet seems to take time off."

Pytko is equally ramped up about the team's distance chances. "If we continue to grow, we have a chance of sending an individual or relay team downstate for the first time ever, which has been my goal since I took

over the distance crew," he said. "If I had to look at one individual here it would be Viviana. She is running a 2:31 800 and is about 12 seconds off state-qualifying time. She is going to be very close by the time the season ends. She is learning how to not just be a competitive runner, but a competitive racer. As the season has progressed, she is learning how to control the race and push herself and I'm not convinced she has come close to tapping into knowing how to even do that yet. If how she ran recently is any indication of what the future holds, she will be knocking on the door of the state meet."

In terms of the team's outlook, "I see us doing whatever we can to stay competitive," said Pytko. "We have a very young crew and we still are learning about their strengths, which probably is the most exciting thing about showing up to practice every day."

## Warriors baseball team sweeps Glenbard South

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

An old friend is back with the Willowbrook boys gymnastics team.

Senior Adam Sousa, who did not compete with the team last year, is back as a two-time state qualifier (freshman and sophomore seasons). He'll be an all-around performer for coach Caleb Strejc. The last and only Willowbrook gymnast to win state titles in multiple events was Neal Schmitt in 1964.

Also back are seniors Matthew Smith (high bar, parallel bars, pommel horse and rings) and Daniel Lopez Egan (rings, vault, parallel bars and high bar), along with juniors

Brendan Bailey (all-around) and Isaiah Lewis (floor, rings, vault, parallel bars). Bailey was the 2017 JV all-around champion in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

"An overall strength is I don't think we have any very weak events that kill our team score, as long as our guys hit their routines, of course," said Strejc. "We have the potential to be average to above average on each event in my opinion. If we are looking specifically at point totals, vault and floor will be our highest-scoring events at the beginning of the season. We have four or five guys doing flipping vaults that could score in the 8s and low 9s."

Sousa, Lopez Egan and Smith are seniors who are leading the way for the Warriors. "Adam is coming back to pursue a state title in multiple events and especially the all-around," said Strejc. "Daniel is increasing the difficulty of his high bar, vault, p-bars and especially rings. It will be exciting to see his scores go up around mid-season once he has his new skills consistent and routine-ready. Matthew is close to having a really nice high bar set to back Adam up, but it needs to be cleaned up before he can score well with it."

Strejc is seeing plenty of buy-in from his group. "I like a lot of things

about this team, but what I like most is the dedication and love of the sport beyond a normal level from the juniors and seniors," he said. "That's the kind of thing I hope is passed on to the younger guys and keeps a program growing continually."

Strejc would like to see the team get to the high 130s in scoring in short order, get to 140 and then push to win the division (West Suburban Conference Gold Division) in the conference.

### Willowbrook baseball

The Willowbrook baseball team opened the season with a pair of victories against Glenbard South in

non-conference action.

The Warriors took the first contest 3-0. Ryan Mintz pitched the first six innings and struck out five en route to earning the win. Trevor Jaloszynski and Jack Hines each had a hit for Willowbrook. Those two hits were the extent of Willowbrook's offense in the game.

Mintz and Vince Ruchala combined to limit Glenbard South to one hit in the game. Ruchala had three strikeouts.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Willowbrook was a 6-1 winner. Marshall McDonnell, Niles and Frank Clements each had two hits.

## Fenton softball team has plenty to be optimistic about

### Junior shortstop Lozada headlines list of returners

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton softball team has no shortage of positives on its side this season.

Coach Dave Mello, fresh off his first season as the school's head girls basketball coach, returns a number of key offensive contributors from a 2017 team that won 13 games.

Junior shortstop Isa Lozada tops that list. She hit .377 last year with 40 runs scored and 30 stolen bases. Senior third baseman Rose Riley hit

.339 and knocked in 20 runs. Senior Dorothy Novello, a first baseman, returns after hitting .267 with 25 runs scored and 21 RBI. Junior second baseman Payton Pugliese hit .262 and scored 28 runs last spring.

"We will be very diverse on offense this season," said Mello. "We can put four lefties in the lineup if we choose. We always have been jealous of teams that had so many lefties. We have a few girls who can hit for power, a lot of girls who are good bunters and more than a few who have the speed to steal a lot of bases."

Newcomers to the team include sophomores Ashley Milano (OF), Joni Lucas (pitcher, 1B) and Gianna Mendoza (pitcher, OF), along with freshmen Clairia Panos (pitcher, util-

ity), Cynthia Ibarra (pitcher, 2B), Ashley Mitchell (pitcher, OF) and Madison Spencer (OF).

Mello has seen progress on the defensive side of the field as well. "We already have been able to work on special plays that we haven't even tried to use in past years," he said. "We are able to do that despite our youth. We have a lot of girls who play multiple positions so they are very flexible when it comes to our lineup."

Mello has a ton of depth in the pitching circle. "The staff is really shaping up well," he said. "The best part of the pitching staff is that every pitch we throw this season will be either by a sophomore or a freshman. We will be using five pitchers

on a regular basis. Each girl will get opportunities to start and relieve. I'm very excited to see how they progress throughout the season."

Mental toughness is in abundance as well, Mello noted. "The strength of the team right now is these girls are mentally tough," he said. "We have been practicing each day at 5:30 a.m., and then again after school a few days each week. We have been outside in snow, cold and wind. We feel with them having to wake up early and then work through all kinds of weather conditions that they are prepared for any type of game early in the year. We are hoping to steal a few wins early where the cold may affect our opponent."

Mello said Lozada has the poten-

tial to be the best softball player who has ever played at the school. "She is our leadoff hitter and has both speed and power," he said.

Mello also is excited about a pair of outfielders in Villegas and Milano. "Cristina has impressed the coaches with how much she has improved and how well she knows what we want from our outfielders," he said. "She made a huge sliding catch in our season opener. With Ashley, we have turned her into a slapper and she is working extremely hard at it. She went 3-for-3 with a double and a sacrifice bunt in our opener. She also is a very solid outfielder."

In terms of goals for the season,

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## Team of District 45 students advances to state competition

The District 45 Destination Imagination (DI) Annie's Angels team from Villa Park's Jackson Middle School advanced to state level competition after participating in the recent Region II DI Tournament in Glen Ellyn.

The team, which also includes one Westmore Elementary School student, secured its spot by taking second place at the regional competition. The DI State Tournament will be held this Saturday, March 24, at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Destination Imagination is a global program that promotes problem solving, teamwork and creativity in students. Teams of up to seven students and a parent manager choose a challenge and work creatively and collaboratively to find a solution. Teams present their challenge solutions by performing an interactive skit in front of an audience and appraisers. District 45 has a long history of participating in DI and annually receives generous support for the program from the Villa Park Rotary Club.

Annie's Angels took part in the regional's Service Learning Challenge—Inside Impact. This is the fourth time this team has participated in this challenge. It advanced to the state and then on to the Global DI Tournament in each of the three previous years. For the Service Learning Challenge, the team was required to:

- Identify, design, carry out, and evaluate a project that addresses a need in a real community.
- Create a live presentation that highlights the project and the impact it made on the community.
- Create infographics that include information about the project.
- Create a storage device that transforms as the story of the project unfolds.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength and talents.

This year, in response to the Service Learning Challenge, the members of Annie's Angels raised funds and awareness for the Annie LeGere Foundation with a district-wide skating party.



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A team of District 45 students advanced to the Destination Imagination (DI) State Tournament after placing second at a recent regional competition in Glen Ellyn. The state event takes place this Saturday. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: Elizabeth Pettinger, Christina Pettinger, Mia Barrington, Emma Foley, Maddie Barrington, Charlie Hayes and Thomas Hayes. As part of Destination Imagination's Service Learning Challenge, the students organized a fundraiser—a district-wide skating party.

In addition to donating all proceeds, those attending the event brought non-perishable gluten free and allergy friendly food items to fill local food pantry shelves. According to the Annie LeGere Foundation website, amazingannie.org, Annie was a seventh-grader from Elmhurst who passed away in the summer of 2015 as a result of anaphylactic shock due to an unknown allergic reaction.

"This team's presentation was incredible," said Anne Blyth, District 45's Destination Imagination coordinator. "They moved the audience to tears presenting on the serious topic of severe allergies while somehow remaining upbeat."

According to Blyth, Annie's Angels told of their journey that began with meeting with Shelly LeGere, Annie's mom. Next, they de-

ided on and then planned how to make an impact that coincided with the Annie LeGere Foundation's mission to prevent this from happening to another family. The members of the team detailed how they followed through with fundraising and awareness campaigns.

"This is a team of students who understand the importance of service to the community and that giving of yourself builds character and feels darn good too," said Blyth, who is also a teacher at York Center School.

Eight teams from District 45 schools participated in the 2018 Region II Tournament. Two of the district's teams took home prestigious awards. The Pretty Pandas team from York Center Elementary School took fourth place in the Scientific Challenge and received the DaVinci Award for Outstanding Creativity. Blyth explained that the team began its presentation with the narrator's grandchildren traveling back in time by entering a gigantic book titled, The Book of Life.

"Their story was exciting and funny and had the audience simultaneously laughing and on the edge of their seats," said Blyth. "The appraisers loved the science and amusement attraction [dunk tank] in the very unlikely setting of an interrogation room with a robbery suspect who strongly disliked getting wet. The appraisers especially were impressed with the gigantic Book of Life."

The Unstoppable Warriors from North Elementary School received the Spirit of DI Award at the regional for persevering and adapting in the face of some last-minute changes. District 45 was also represented at the tournament by the following teams: The Marvelous Minds, The Seven Super Girlz and The Fantastic Beasts from Ardmore Elementary School, along with Fab Five and Cool Dragon Players Who Eat Ice Cream from Westmore Elementary School.



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## Student demonstration at Willowbrook

About 550 District 88 students participated in last week's National Walkout Day demonstration outside of Willowbrook High School. According to information provided by District 88, students who chose not to participate in the March 14 demonstration remained in classrooms, engaged in instruction with teachers. "The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our No. 1 priority at District 88, and we are committed to working with all of our partners to uphold the security of our buildings," stated District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton. "We all share the goal of making our schools safe and welcoming for our students, staff and visitors, and we can accomplish that goal by working together and remembering that if you see something, say something." See related story on Page 2.

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# Willowbrook hosts school safety forum

*Hundreds of students engage in discussion with area legislators and first responders*

About 400 student leaders from 28 Chicago-area high schools joined elected officials and first responders to take part in last week's school safety forum at Willowbrook High School.

The March 12 forum began in Willowbrook's field house, with students answering online questions about issues that concern them. Students then met in groups and discussed the positive aspects of their schools and communities. The students also wrote down questions that were later asked to a panel of officials that attended the forum.

The students moved from Willowbrook's field house to the auditorium to express their thoughts regarding school safety with one another, as well as the legislators, first responders and school administrators in attendance. A panel including those elected officials and first responders

then answered student-generated questions.

The panelists included Villa Park Police Chief Mike Lay, Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik, State Sen. Tom Cullerton, State Sen. Chris Nybo and State Rep. Deb Conroy.

In addition to Willowbrook, the high schools that participated in the forum included: Glenbard East, Addison Trail, Glenbard South and York.

Two days after the forum, about 550 District 88 students participated in an act of demonstration related to school safety. The National Walkout Day demonstration took place on March 14 outside of Willowbrook High School. According to information provided by District 88, students who decided not to take part in the demonstration remained in classrooms, engaged in instruction with teachers.

## District 45 PTA Council holds annual run on April 21

The District 45 PTA Council will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Just for Fun 5K Run and Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, April 21. The 5-kilometer race will start at 8:30 a.m., while the 1-mile fun run for kids will start at 9:45 a.m.

A registration link is available at the District 45 website—d45.org. The pre-registration fees are \$20 for adults in the 5K race, \$15 for children in the 5K race, and \$10 for children in the 1-mile fun run.

The races will start and finish on the Illinois Prairie Path near the Ruggard Gazebo, located just west of Ardmore Avenue. Race-day registration and packet pick-up will begin near the gazebo at 7 a.m.

Race-day fees are \$25 for the 5-kilometer run and \$15 for the 1-mile kids' run. The mile-long run is only for children in kindergarten through

fifth grade.

An adult must accompany children under 12 years of age who participate in either race. Participants in both races will not be permitted to have headphones, bicycles, skates, skateboards or animals.

The first 25 runners to finish the 5-kilometer race will receive a T-shirt.

The annual event is dedicated to the memory of beloved District 45 physical education teacher Bonnie Scahill. Proceeds will benefit the School District 45 PTA Council, which is comprised of the PTAs from Ardmore, North, Schafer, Westmore, York Center/Stevenson Elementary Schools and Jackson and Jefferson Middle Schools.

For more information, contact PTA Council President Rich Kuban at richkuban@yahoo.com.



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## Resident receives award from Montini

Villa Park's James Van De Velde (left) received the 2018 Montini Catholic Leadership Award during the school's annual Maroon and Gold Gala, which took place March 10 at The Abbington in Glen Ellyn. Van De Velde, who is pictured with Montini President Jim Segredo (right), is a member of Montini's first graduating class—the Class of 1970. Van De Velde became re-involved with Montini in the 1980s and spent several years as the chairman of the school's board of directors. Since 2004, he has donated his time and lighting design talents to provide the lighting design and direction for each of Montini's fall plays and spring musicals. Van De Velde has lived in Villa Park since he was 4 years old. He and his wife Jane are the proud parents of Erin, Ryan (Montini's Class of 2002) and Caroly.



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## Montini honors Villa Park residents

Montini Catholic High School's honorees at its annual Maroon and Gold Gala included the Gentile family of Villa Park. Frank and Candie Gentile of Atomic Transmissions in Villa Park received Montini's Signum Fidei Award. They are pictured with Montini President Jim Segredo (right). The words Signum Fidei mean "sign of faith" and are a symbol of the commitment to the Catholic and Lasallian tradition that provides vision and purpose for Montini Catholic. Mr. and Mrs. Gentile joined the Montini Catholic school community in the fall of 1998 when their daughter Vanessa joined the student body as a member of the Class of 2002. Their son Frank graduated Montini Catholic in 2004 and their youngest daughter Alexandra "Lexi" graduated in 2010. This year's gala took place March 10 at The Abbington in Glen Ellyn. Atomic Transmissions was established in 1947. For the last 20 years, it has supported Montini Catholic through donated services for the school's vehicles, which has saved the school thousands of dollars in repair costs.

## Village board approves 2018 rates for Jefferson Pool

### No increase from last year

The Villa Park Village Board voted unanimously during its March 12 meeting to establish the 2018 fees for Jefferson Pool. The fees will remain the same as they were in 2017, when both Jefferson and Lufkin pools were open.

The board voted during its Feb. 26 meeting not to fund repairs to allow Lufkin Pool to open in 2018. The board also voted during that meeting to table a resolution to demolish Lufkin Pool. The resolution was tabled until November of this year.

The village board is required to approve Villa Park's annual pool pass rates. The village raised the rates by 10 percent in 2013, 2014 and 2015, and by five percent in 2016. There was no fee increase in 2017.

Season pool passes at Jefferson, which is located at 341 N. Harvard Ave., go on sale May 1. The early-bird discounted rate will be available to residents through June 2. Non-residents don't have the option

to purchase passes at the early-bird rate.

Season passes for residents age 3-59 will be available at an early-bird rate of \$53. The regular-season rate will be \$72. The non-resident fee for ages 3-59 is \$99. Residents age 60 and over can purchase a season pass at an early-bird rate of \$48. The regular-season rate is \$64. The fee for non-residents age 60 and over is \$92.

Daily admission fees will be \$7 for residents age 3 and older, and \$9 for non-residents age 3 and older. The evening discount fee, which will begin at 5 p.m., will be \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. The daily admission rates for 2018 are the same as they were last year.

Jefferson Pool will be open from June 2 through Sept. 3. Pool hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The pool will have limited weekday hours of 4 to 8 p.m. from Wednesday, Aug. 15, through Friday, Aug. 31.

## Breakfast with the Bunny on Saturday at the Iowa Community Center

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Breakfast with the Bunny event this Saturday, March 24. The event begins at 9 a.m. at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave.

Children will participate in a variety of holiday activities before proceeding outdoors for the egg hunt. A special prize will be awarded to the child who finds the

winning egg in each age group. The age groups include: under 2, 2 to 4, 5 to 7 and 8 to 11. Parents may assist children ages 4 and under.

The egg hunt will be held rain or shine. Children should bring a basket or bag to collect their eggs.

Pre-registration is encouraged; registration on Saturday is subject to availability.

For more information, call 630-834-8970.

# Sports



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## Strong arms carry the Warriors

Willowbrook's baseball team started its season with Saturday's 3-0 victory over Glenbard South in Villa Park. Junior pitcher Ryan Mintz (pictured above) worked the first six innings for the Warriors and picked up the victory. He didn't allow any hits and struck out five while allowing three walks. Also pictured below is senior Vince Ruchala, who recorded three strikeouts in the seventh inning to earn a save. See story on page 16.



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## Rams kick off their season by winning two of three matches

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW  
STAFF REPORTER

The Glenbard East girls soccer team opened its 2018 season by playing three home matches in the Windy City Classic. The Rams, who won five straight matches to win the title in last year's 32-team event, won't return to the championship contest this year.

After opening the tournament with a 3-0 victory over Andrew on March 13, the Rams lost their second match of this year's event, dropping a 3-2 decision to Providence Catholic on March 15. The Rams bounced back from that loss to post a 2-0 victory over Homewood-Flossmoor on Saturday.

Glenbard East will continue play in the Windy City Classic this week.

The March 13 battle against Andrew was a rematch of last year's tournament title contest. Glenbard East dominated that battle, prevailing 5-1 at Reavis High School in Burbank. Reavis runs the Windy City Classic. Glenbard East controlled this year's rematch, taking a 2-0 halftime lead. Senior Mimi Camacho scored both of the Rams' first-half goals. Seniors Alyse Donato and Elizabeth Toledo provided assists on Camacho's goals. Camacho assisted junior Lindsey Novak on the Rams' third goal, which came early in the second half.

Glenbard East senior goalkeeper Faith Davies made three saves in the season-opening shutout.

The Rams trailed Providence Catholic 1-0 at halftime of the March 15 match in Lombard. Freshman Maddie Weltin scored her first goal as a Ram to even the match at 1-1. Toledo delivered a go-ahead goal moments later to give Glenbard East a 2-1 lead in the middle of the second half. Providence Catholic evened the score at 2-2 with about nine minutes to play. The Celtics scored the winning goal with less than two minutes left in the match.

Toledo assisted Weltin's goal, while Camacho provided an assist on Toledo's goal.

The Rams moved their tournament and season record to 2-1 with Saturday's shutout of Homewood-Flossmoor. Novak scored both of Glenbard East's goals during the second half. Senior Ali Liljestrand and sophomore Elaine Westling provided assists. Davies earned her second shutout.

### Warriors open their season with one win and two losses

The Willowbrook girls soccer team is also competing in the season-opening Windy City Classic. The Warriors began the event with a 6-0 win over Reavis on March 14 in Burbank. One day later, Willowbrook dropped a 1-0 decision to Stagg. The Warriors suffered a 1-0 overtime loss in Saturday's match against Argo in Summit.

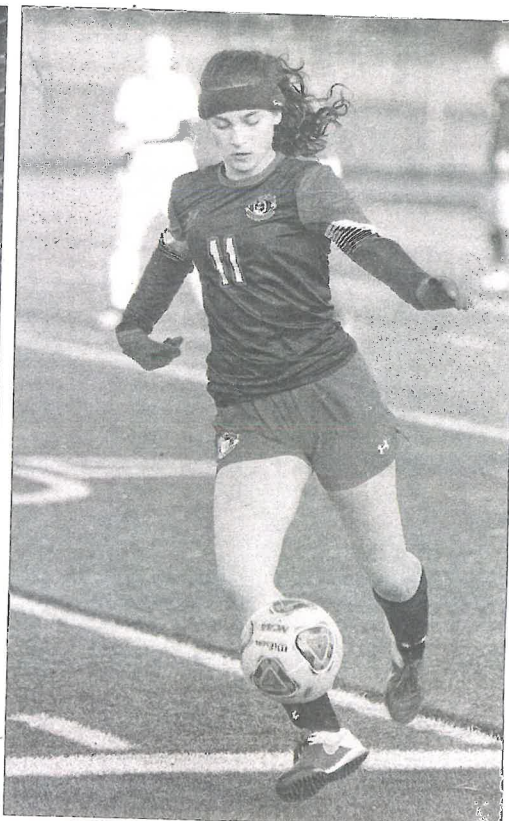
Sophomore Lizzy Florey scored three of Willowbrook's goals in its season-opening win. Freshman Gracie Tumilty added two goals, while sophomore Emy Hayes scored one goal.

Stagg scored the winning goal of the March 15 match with about 10 minutes to play.

"I was very proud of our girls; they did a nice job on defense," said Willowbrook coach Julio Del Real of the match against Stagg.

Junior Zoe Ericson handled the Warriors' goalkeeping duties during the team's first two matches. She shared time in goal with junior Ditz Montesinos in Saturday's overtime loss to Argo. The match was scoreless at the end of regulation. Argo scored the only goal during the first of two five-minute overtime periods.

Willowbrook will continue play in the Windy City Classic this week. Additionally, the Warriors will play their home opener today against Chicago Christian.



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The Glenbard East girls soccer team began its season with last week's 3-0 victory over Andrew in Lombard. The March 13 contest was part of the 32-team Windy City Classic tournament. The Rams won five straight matches to win the title of last year's event. They beat Andrew 5-1 in the championship match. Glenbard East lost its second match of this year's tournament, falling 3-2 to Providence Catholic on March 15. The Rams won their third match of the event, defeating Homewood-Flossmoor 2-0 on Saturday. One of the photos from the match against Providence Catholic shows senior Alyse Donato (No. 11-above right). Another photo shows senior goalkeeper Faith Davies (No. 0-above left). Also pictured is senior Mimi Camacho (No. 1-left), who scored two goals in the win over Andrew. One more picture shows sophomore Elaine Westling (No. 4-below). Glenbard East will continue to battle in the Windy City Classic this week.



## Warriors' arms look strong in season opener

### Mintz and Ruchala combine for a shutout

The Willowbrook baseball team began its season with Saturday's 3-0 victory over Glenbard South in sunny and chilly conditions in Villa Park.

Junior pitcher Ryan Mintz, who held the visiting Raiders hitless over six innings, earned the victory for Willowbrook. Mintz recorded five strikeouts and allowed three walks before senior Vince Ruchala took the mound during the top of the seventh inning. Ruchala allowed one walk and one hit but picked up the save by striking out three batters. He recorded the final strikeout with the bases loaded.

The Warriors collected only two hits of their own—one by junior Jack Hines and another by junior Trevor Jaloszynski. The hit by Hines brought in the Warriors' first run in the third inning. Jaloszynski's hit

drove in one of Willowbrook's two runs during the sixth inning.

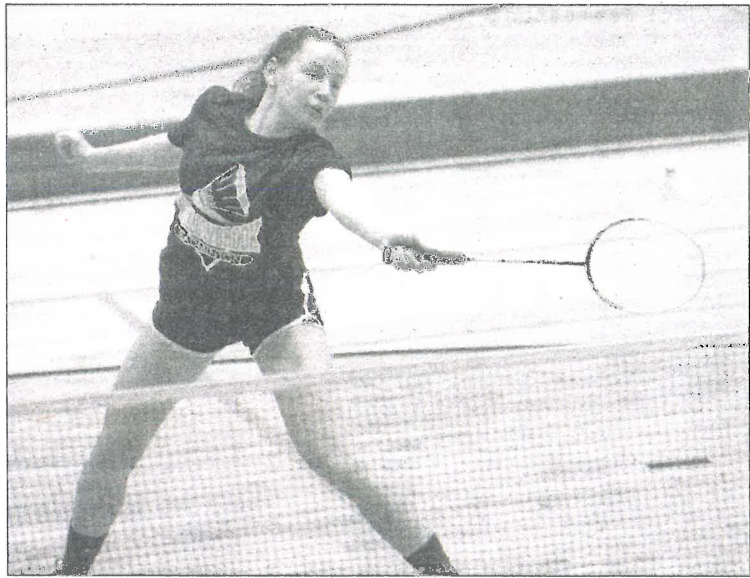
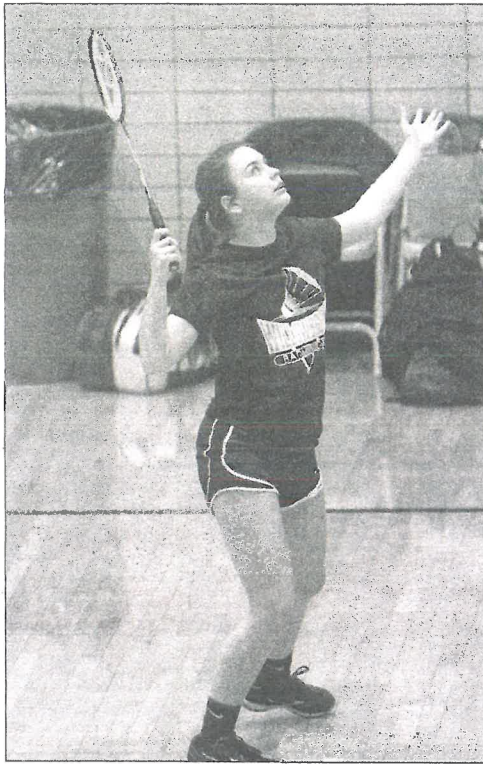
"Pitching is going to be our strength, for sure," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner, who named Mintz, junior Jack Nilles and sophomore Dax Meyer as the team's top three starting pitchers this season.

Wisner said he lifted Mintz in the top of the seventh inning because he didn't want the righthander to exceed 90 pitches for the day.

"We lost our top five hitters [to graduation] from last year," added Wisner. "I'm hoping someone steps up. I'd love to see who steps up and swings the bats."

The 2017 Warriors went 26-9 and won an IHSAA Class 4A regional title. Their season ended with a loss to South Elgin in an IHSAA sectional final at Boomers Stadium in Schaumburg.





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## Warrior badminton

The Willowbrook badminton team began its season with a 10-5 victory over Wheaton Warrenville South on March 12. Two days later, the Warriors traveled to Downers Grove North. Willowbrook beat Andrew in the March 14 event but lost duals to Hinsdale Central and Downers Grove North. The Warriors then finished third out of 10 teams at Saturday's Shepard Invitational. Junior Hanna Konrath (pictured above right at Downers Grove North) placed second in the No. 1 singles level during Saturday's competition. Junior Charlotte Dewey (pictured-left at Downers Grove North) claimed third place in the No. 2 singles flight. Juniors Kaitlyn Fox and Nicole Kapica finished third at No. 3 doubles.



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## Glenbard East graduate wins national title

Glenbard East graduate Patrick Mikel, who's now a sophomore at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, won a national title in the 400-meter run at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in Birmingham, Alabama. He won the March 10 final in a time of 47.74 seconds. During his senior year at Glenbard East, Mikel placed fifth in the 400-meter run at the 2016 IHSA Class 3A state meet.

## Some Illinois lawmakers want permanent Daylight Saving Time

ILLINOIS NEWS NETWORK

Now that most are out of the hangover from the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, should we never do that again?

As good as it feels to have that extra hour of sleep in the fall, the effect of near total darkness before most in Illinois are out of work has people grumbling.

State Rep. Tom Bennett's district in eastern Illinois shares a boundary with the eastern time zone, meaning people there have some of the earliest sunsets in Illinois.

He has a resolution urging Congress to keep DST permanently, which would give most of his constituents more than 270 days with sunsets after 6 p.m. every year, compared to around

230, depending on location.

"Iroquois County is a great county, but a lot of rural areas there are impacted by that," Bennett, R-Pontiac, said. "Maybe it's time that we look at this a little differently."

It appears that Congress has already taken note. The U.S. Committee on Energy and Commerce sent a letter Monday to Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, asking her to explore permanent DST.

"Every year the change from Standard to Daylight Saving Time is greeted with at least some level of befuddlement and confusion," the letter read.

Locally, two bills in the General Assembly would do away with DST and make it permanent, respectively. Both have yet to be granted consideration.

Some studies point to increased depression from lack of sunlight but warn that it's the morning hours that the sun really lifts the mood.

Beginning on the second Sunday in March and ending on the first Sunday in November, Daylight Saving Time has been in effect for the U.S. since 1918 to help conserve energy for the war effort during World War I.

But the concept had been around in Western Europe before that. Then, French Ambassador Benjamin Franklin wrote an essay in 1784 on the potential benefits of adopting the process of shifting clocks forward to better align waking hours to sunlight.

The official duration of Daylight Saving Time was extended in 2005 by Congress to cover 238 days of the year.

## Illinoisans' state and local taxes top the nation at \$8,300 per household

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Illinoisans shoulder the heaviest state and local tax burden in the nation, according to a report released by financial site WalletHub.

In the site's annual ranking of taxpayer burden by state, WalletHub found that Illinois households spend 14.89 percent of annual earnings to pay state and local taxes. That comes out to \$8,299 per median U.S. household. They pay federal taxes on top of that.

This is the second consecutive year that Illinois has been ranked 51st in the nation in WalletHub's study. In terms of overall taxes, Illinois was followed by Connecticut (50), Nebraska (49), New York (48) and Rhode Island (47). The state's with the lowest overall taxes were Alaska (1), Delaware (2), Montana (3), Nevada (4) and Wyoming (5). The study looked at all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

Illinoisans pay about \$8,300 per home in state and local taxes. Residents in Connecticut, which finished second highest to Illinois, pay about \$7,720 per household annually. Alaskans, with the lowest tax burden, pay \$3,164.

The latest report comes after a \$5 billion income and corporate tax hike in 2017, but the report appears to have based its income tax rankings on 2014 numbers, when the tax burden was still 5 percent.

Illinois' worst-in-nation ranking is in terms of median U.S. households and assumes a number of income and spending characteristics, including an annual income of \$55,754 and a median U.S. home value of \$184,700, according to WalletHub.

The biggest reason for Illinois' high tax burden was property taxes.

"You're paying a high property tax on property that is already increasing [in value]," WalletHub analyst Jill Gonzalez said. "Unfortunately, it's only gotten worse."

Illinoisans seem to be voting against the high taxes with their feet.

"All too often, customers come in and say that they're leaving," said Bob Anderson, a Wonder Lake

"If we don't bring down the burden of government on the people, they will leave. Our problems don't begin with not taxing people too much. It's because we've spent too much in the state of Illinois."

- State Sen. Kyle McCarter, R-Lebanon

barber and McHenry Township trustee who has spent decades advocating against township government. "They can't pay the property taxes anymore."

State Sen. Kyle McCarter, R-Lebanon, wasn't surprised by the ranking.

"If we don't bring down the burden of government on the people, they will leave," he said. "Our problems don't begin with not taxing people too much. It's because we've spent too much in the state of Illinois."

Meanwhile, wages in the Prairie State are stagnant.

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Illinois' wage growth as of Q3 in 2017 was only .6 percent. This could be because many Illinoisans aren't working. A February report by Moody's said Illinois is at a 40-year low for workforce participation.

The report came a week before Illinois' gubernatorial primary election. The leading Democratic candidates for governor are calling for a change to the state's constitution to allow for a progressive income tax in which higher wage earners would pay higher rates.



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Willowbrook High School placed fifth in the drama portion of the IHSA Drama and Group Interpretation state competition, which took place Friday and Saturday in Peoria. Willowbrook's cast and crew staged "Elizabeth Rex" at the state event. The top photo shows the cast and crew at a state sendoff event at Willowbrook on March 22.

The bottom photo shows (left to right) senior cast members John DeAngelo and Genevieve Corkery. DeAngelo and Corkery both received all-state drama cast awards in Peoria. Willowbrook's crew also won lighting and sound awards at the state meet.



## Willowbrook drama production places fifth at state meet

The cast and crew from Willowbrook High School's Illinois High School Association (IHSA) contest play competed in the drama portion of the IHSA Drama and Group Interpretation state competition, which took place on March 23-24 at the Peoria Civic Center. Willowbrook earned fifth-place honors at the state event for its performance of "Elizabeth Rex."

The Willowbrook students earned their berth in the state competition with their second-place showing at the IHSA Lake Park Sectional on March 17.

Written by Timothy Findley, "Elizabeth Rex" is based on the historical knowledge that Queen Elizabeth I saw a Shakespearean play the night before her lover, the Earl of Essex, was beheaded for treason. Find-

ley's Elizabeth spends her evening in her palace barn; she has chosen to spend the night with Shakespeare and his actors in an effort to distract herself from the upcoming execution. There, she passes the time with Shakespeare, Ned Lowenscroft (the world's greatest "player of women") and other actors who are stuck at the palace by a curfew, awaiting the execution.

"I chose this play because I fell in love with the script and its powerful themes," said Willowbrook theater director Regina Wathier. "I love how Findley explores the nature of gender expectations for men and women, and I found Elizabeth's struggle of balancing her leadership position with her personal relationships — and where and how that sacrifice occurs — is definitely applicable to women

(and men) in modern society. I also felt this play gave all of my students an opportunity to stretch themselves and learn something new: Elizabethan-period movement, dialect work, prosthetic makeup experience, period costuming and props, etc."

Willowbrook seniors Genevieve Corkery and John DeAngelo received all-state drama cast awards. Corkery portrayed Queen Elizabeth I, while DeAngelo played Ned Lowenscroft.

Willowbrook's crew received the Lighting Award and the Sound Award at the state competition.

Corkery, DeAngelo, junior Joe LaPointe (who portrayed Henry "Harry" Pearle) and senior Isabella Ledonne (who played Kate "Tardy" Tardwell) earned all-sectional cast recognition at the Lake Park Sectional.

## Villa Park resident, World War II veteran, celebrates 95th birthday

Arla Calyn who currently resides in Villa Park, recently celebrated her 95th birthday at the York Township Senior Nutrition Center.

York Township Supervisor John Valle surprised Arla with a birthday cake and after everybody sang Happy Birthday Arla asked to have the cake served for dessert.

Arla joined the Navy and became a WAVE in 1944. In those days the Navy did not send women overseas. She was taught to type and was deployed to the Mohave Desert, to the Naval Ordinance Testing

Station. At this testing station they tested rockets.

Arla did secretarial duty for the commissary. After her honorable discharge in 1946 she worked in Chicago where she met her husband Paul Calyn. They had one son, Michael Benjamin, who passed away in 2014.

Valle said, "We are proud to have Arla as one of our regulars here at the York Township Senior Nutrition Center. We wanted to show her how much we love her and thank her for her service to our country."



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World War II Veteran Arla Calyn with York Township Supervisor John Valle. Arla recently celebrated her 95th birthday.

## District 45 PTA Council to hold annual run April 21

The District 45 PTA Council will hold its 10th annual Just for Fun 5K Run and Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, April 21. The 5-kilometer race will start at 8:30 a.m., while the 1-mile fun run for kids will start at 9:45 a.m.

A registration link is available at the District 45 website—d45.org. The pre-registration fees are \$20 for adults in the 5K race, \$15 for children in the 5K race, and \$10 for children in the 1-mile fun run.

The races will start and finish on the Illinois Prairie Path near the Rugarud Gazebo, located just west of Ardmore Avenue. Race-day registration and packet pick-up will begin near the gazebo at 7 a.m.

Race-day fees are \$25 for the 5-kilometer run and \$15 for the 1-mile kids' run. The mile-long run is only for children in kindergarten through

fifth grade.

An adult must accompany children under 12 years of age who participate in either race. Participants in both races will not be permitted to have headphones, bicycles, skates, skateboards or animals.

The first 25 runners to finish the 5-kilometer race will receive a T-shirt.

The annual event is dedicated to the memory of beloved District 45 physical education teacher Bonnie Scabill. Proceeds will benefit the School District 45 PTA Council, which is comprised of the PTAs from Ardmore, North, Schafer, Westmore, York Center/Stevenson Elementary Schools and Jackson and Jefferson Middle Schools.

For more information, contact PTA Council President Rich Kuban at richkuban@yahoo.com.

## Villa Park twins receive 88's Best honor

Cicero sisters have been standouts on the stage

Twin sisters Julia and Kathleen Cicero of Willowbrook High School are the March recipients of the 88's Best award for their outstanding work in the classroom and in performing arts. The Ciceros, who are Villa Park residents and seniors at Willowbrook, were recognized during the March 19 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

The board presents the honor each month of the school year. While the award is normally presented to one Willowbrook student each month, the twins received the March award together.

Julia has consistently pursued the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. When she graduates in May, she will have completed nine Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses, as well as several Honors courses. Julia has been recognized as an AP Scholar, and she's been a member of Willowbrook's Distinction Honor Roll in each of her semesters in high school. She is an inductee of National Honor Society and several other honor societies, including the Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society.

Julia is an active member and leader in Willowbrook's theatrical and choral programs. She also serves as a co-captain of the school's speech team. As a theatrical performer, she has earned IHSA all-sectional and all-state cast recognition.

In music, Julia has been named to the Illinois Music Education (ILMEA) All-State Honors Chorus for the past two years. She is also a member of Willowbrook's show choir—CenterStage—and performs regularly at local venues.

Julia plans to attend Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University or Loyola University Chicago. She intends to pursue a double major in musical theater and English education.

Like Julia, Kathleen has pursued Willowbrook's most rigorous academic courses, and will have completed nine AP courses when she graduates. Kathleen has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction, and she's been a member of Willowbrook's Distinction Honor Roll in each of her high school semesters. She is an inductee of several honor societies, including National Honor Society and the Tri-M Honor Society. Kathleen is also the president of Willowbrook's Thespian Society.

Kathleen has joined her sister as a mainstay in



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Twin sisters Kathleen Cicero (left) and Julia Cicero (right) of Villa Park were named as Willowbrook High School's recipients of the 88's Best award for March. The Ciceros, who are seniors, are pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (center) at the District 88 Board of Education meeting on March 19. The district's board and administration created the 88's Best award to honor students for their achievements in and out of the classroom. The honor is presented to students from each of the district's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail—during each month of the school year.

Willowbrook's theatrical and choral programs, and a co-captain of the speech team. She was named to the ILMEA All-State Chorus last year, and she is a member of Willowbrook's CenterStage show choir.

Kathleen plans to attend Eastern Michigan or the University of Indianapolis. She will pursue a degree in music therapy.

# Area teams ready to make their pitch

By JOSHUA WELGE  
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The high school baseball season has begun as teams start their quest toward the state finals at the Joliet Slammers Stadium in Joliet and Dozer Park in Peoria. Here is a preview of area teams.

## IC Catholic Prep Knights

**COACH:** Frank DeAngelis  
**2017 RECORD:** 14-19

TOP PLAYERS		
NAME	YEAR	POS.
CJ West	sr.	P/3B
Griffen Eichhorn	sr.	OF/SS
Andrew Falduto	sr.	P/OF
CJ Slowsinski	sr.	P/SS
Michael Hoffman	sr.	C
Jack Enright	sr.	P/RF
Ryan Malek	jr.	P/2B
Jake Lytton	jr.	P
Thomas Hilgart	jr.	P
Michael Carpanzano	jr.	P
Tommy Ryan	so.	3B/1B
Dave Sykora	fr.	OF

**Outlook:** West in the fall was the quarterback for ICCP's state championship football team. He'll play a big role on the baseball diamond, too. The third-year starter and St. Norbert's football recruit (undecided on baseball), who hit .294 and had a 1.82 ERA in 42.1 innings last spring, is one of several Knights who could play multiple positions. ICCP did graduate its top two pitchers from a regional champion.

The Knights' struggles the past two seasons have been scoring runs with runners in scoring position. This group looks to be one that can put the ball in play and field their positions.

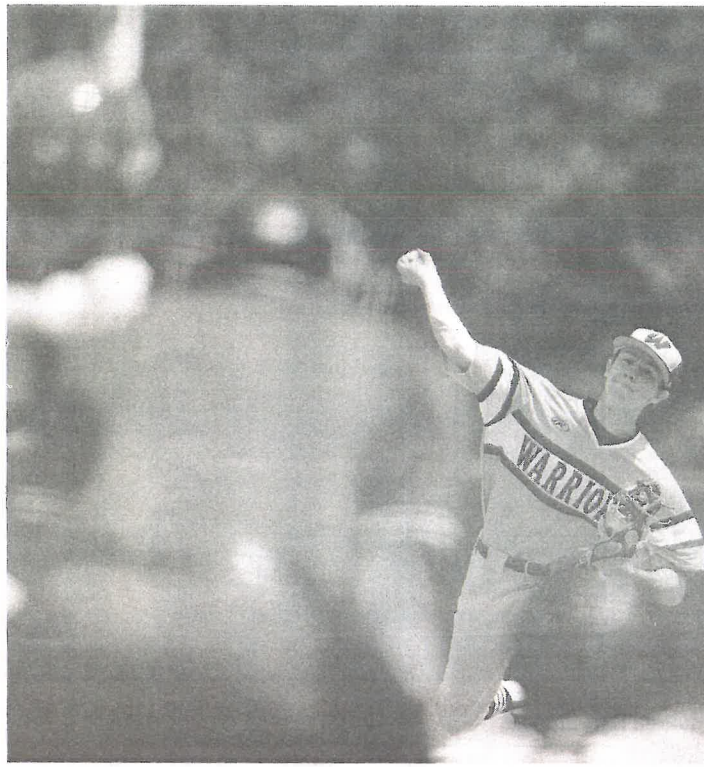
"Our outlook should be a team that will take care of the ball and get solid starting pitching," DeAngelis said.

## Montini Broncos

**COACH:** Rich Janor  
**2017 RECORD:** 19-16

TOP PLAYERS		
NAME	YEAR	POS.
Jake Karczewski	sr.	SS/P
Ryan Nelson	jr.	2B
Ben Steiner	sr.	P/U
Bobby Meifert	so.	P
Michael Sclafani	so.	P

**Outlook:** Third-year starters Karczewski, Nelson and Steiner will anchor the defending Chicago Catholic League White champs, who also won a Class 4A regional title. Karczewski, committed to play collegiately at Navy, hit a



David Toney - For Shaw Media

**Willowbrook's Ryan Mintz delivers a pitches last June in a Class 4A sectional championship game against South Elgin. Mintz went 6-2 with a 2.00 ERA last season.**

team-best .379 for the Broncos last spring. Nelson, who hit leadoff, batted .323. Steiner is Montini's No. 1 pitcher, followed by Meifert and Sclafani.

It's a young team - four sophomores and a freshman will either start or contribute. The Broncos won their first three games, beating highly-ranked St. Rita 5-4.

"We expect the young players to rise up and be very competitive again this year in the Chicago Catholic League White Division and the playoffs," Janor said.

## Timothy Christian Trojans

**COACH:** James Snoeyink  
**2017 RECORD:** 19-11

TOP PLAYERS		
NAME	YEAR	POS.
Jimmy Allen	sr.	SS/P
Nick Huisman	sr.	P/1B
Connor Gwaltney	sr.	C
Jake Loerop	sr.	P/1B
Brady Klooser	sr.	OF
Ty Merrick	sr.	OF
John Tazelaar	sr.	OF
Thomas Becvar	jr.	OF/P
Trent Marrera	jr.	IF

Garrett Pullen	jr.	P/OF
Harrison Stanton	so.	IF/C

**Outlook:** The Trojans are coming off the best season in program history, advancing to a Class 2A supersectional. Snoeyink is optimistic they can build on that, and it starts with Allen. The Western Michigan recruit, an All-State pick last year, hit .459 and led Timothy Christian in runs, RBIs (35), doubles, triples and stolen bases. He also is an excellent glove at shortstop and struck out 50 while posting a 1.66 ERA. Huisman, committed to Lewis, went 5-2 with a 2.10 ERA. Gwaltney drove in 14 runs and is an excellent defensive catcher. Loerop went 5-1 with a 0.86 ERA. There are holes to fill in the lineup.

"We have some very good players returning and some good young players to fill in for the players we lost to graduation," Snoeyink said. "We have good pitching depth and defense and we have the potential to be a decent hitting team. We are looking forward to getting started."

## Willowbrook Warriors

**COACH:** Vic Wisner

**2017 RECORD:** 26-9

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Trevor Jaloszynski	jr.	RF
Jack Hines	jr.	SS/P
Jack Nilles	jr.	P
Ryan Mintz	jr.	P/SS
Dan Gusel	sr.	C
Marshall McDonnell	jr.	C
Mason Kamp	sr.	1B
Scott Tumilty	jr.	CF
Sam Tumilty	so.	LF
John Taylor	sr.	OF
Dax Meyer	so.	P/3B
Joey Guthrie	jr.	P/SS

**Outlook:** The Warriors set a school record for wins last season, and started five sophomores in their regional championship win en route to the sectional final. With six starters back, there is reason to aim high. Pitching will be a strength. Willowbrook returns players who accounted for 18 wins. Nilles, who went 8-1 with a 1.86 ERA, and Mintz, who went 6-2 with a 2.00 ERA, anchor that group with Meyer, a sophomore. Hines hit .386 with 22 RBIs last year, Mason Kamp, committed to Waubesa, hit .356 and third-year varsity player Jaloszynski hit .295. The Warriors do have a few holes to fill in the lineup; four graduated seniors are now playing collegiately.

"We will be young but experienced because of how much time they got last year," Wisner said. "We should be in the mix for the WSC Gold championship and we believe very competitive come playoff time."

## York Dukes

**COACH:** Dave Kalal  
**2017 RECORD:** 23-11

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Joey Jaeger	sr.	DH/1B
Ryan Ross	jr.	SS
Andrew Deardurff	sr.	OF
Michael Pastuovic	sr.	1B
ian Steinorth	jr.	2B
Joe Chiapetta	sr.	3B/P
Charles Pakenas	sr.	P
John Hadawi	sr.	P

**Outlook:** The Dukes should be able to hit, with 16 players back from a team that collectively hit .318 last year. Jaeger and Ross combined for 35 RBIs, while Deardurff hit .318 with 26 RBIs and 29 runs scored. Pastuovic, who had 20 RBIs, figures to be in the middle of the lineup.

Pakenas and Hadawi anchor the pitching staff. They had ERAs of 6.63 and 2.95 ERA last season.

# Area teams looking for diamond gems

By JOSHUA WELGE  
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The high school softball season has begun as teams start their quest toward the state finals in East Peoria. Here is a preview of area teams.

## Gienbard East Rams

**COACH:** Dawn Chantos  
**2017 RECORD:** 11-19

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Tori Tyler	sr.	P
Sam Dooley	sr.	CF
Alivia Chuman	sr.	3B
Elise Versetto	sr.	2B
Ari King	jr.	C
Joselyn Molinar	jr.	OF
Alexia Gonzalez	so.	SS
Brooke Hernandez	fr.	1B

**Outlook:** The Rams are looking forward to a big season with five seniors and eight returning starters.

Tyler is a returning all-conference pitcher. Dooley, who hit .353, is another all-conference pick that returns. Chuman, who hit .381, was honorable mention all-conference. Versetto hit .326.

"Returning so many starters is nice because the girls know each other and are playing well together as a team," Chantos said. "Our seniors are strong, positive leaders that bring the team together."

## IC Catholic Prep Knights

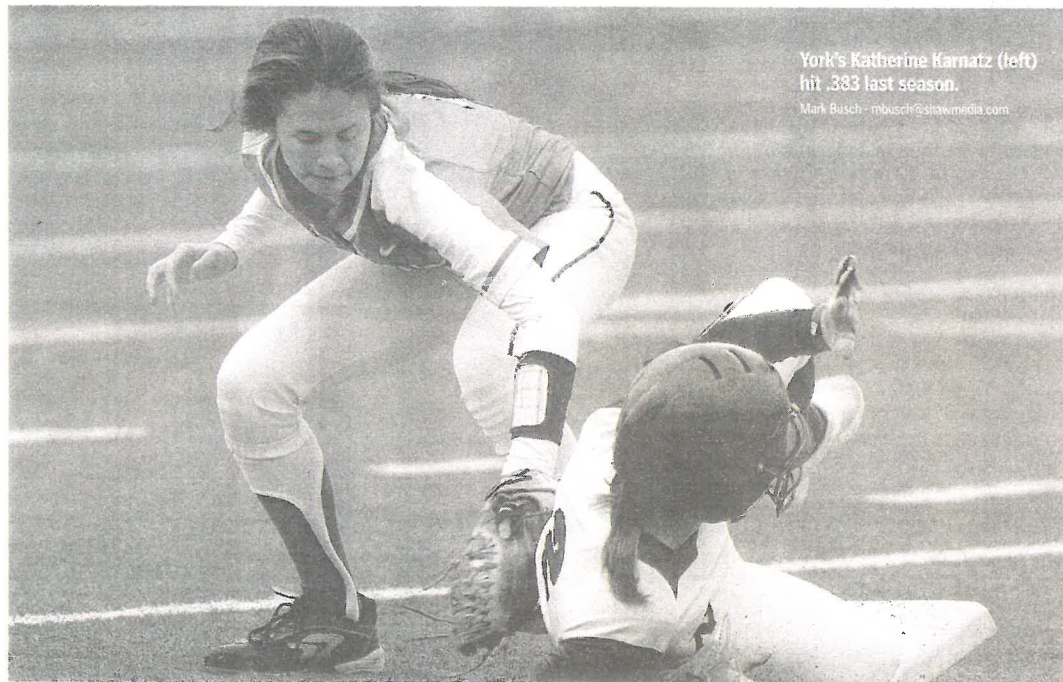
**COACH:** Frank Reaber  
**2017 RECORD:** 21-13

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Josie Lytton	sr.	C
Kayla Faber	jr.	P
Natalie Murillo	jr.	2B
Kayla Cervantes	jr.	CF
Alessandra Eccardt	so.	1B
Dani Murillo	so.	
Emma Lytton	so.	
Brooklyn Campos	so.	
Rebecca Cash	fr.	P/3B

**Outlook:** The Knights graduated just one starter off a team that lost in the supersectional to Beecher, finishing one win shy of their first state trophy. Josie Lytton and Faber are returning all-conference players.

"Our school is in the top bracket for the MSC conference, yet we are one of the smallest schools, so we have some tough competition," Reaber said. "However, we are strong in our pitching and catching and in our hitting."



York's Katherine Karnatz (left) hit .383 last season.  
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## Montini Lady Broncos

**COACH:** Mike Bukovsky  
**2017 RECORD:** 28-7

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Nikki Cuchran	sr.	3B
Bri Clifton	sr.	P
Emily Alexander	jr.	OF/SS
Lauren Latoria	jr.	2B/P
Alyssa Filkowski	jr.	OF
Samantha Ferruzza	sr.	C
Elyse Spaccapaniccia	so.	C/1B
Ashley Lynch	sr.	C/1B

**Outlook:** No shortage in experience, and a lineup that could pile up the runs. The Lady Broncos have several third- and fourth-year starters returning from a team that won the GCAC Red Tournament, and regional and sectional championships. Leading that group is DePaul recruit Cuchran, an all-state pick who hit .619 with 11 homers, 20 doubles and 65 runs batted in.

Clifton, who will play collegiately at Nicholls State, has 41 wins and 279 strikeouts the past two seasons, and hit .491 with 34 RBIs last year. Alexander, another third-year starter committed to Tennessee-Martin, hit .434. Filkowski hit .421 with seven homers and 28 RBIs and Latoria hit .309. Added to that mix is Lynch, a transfer from Queen of Peace with power.

"We should again be a strong defensive team, and have more power than

recent years," Bukovsky said. "Our bench will be the deepest we have had in a while, and our team speed is much improved."

## Timothy Christian Trojans

**COACH:** Lindsay Slovey  
**2017 RECORD:** 3-11 in conference

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Liv Schuringa	sr.	C/1B
Lauren Gehrke	jr.	P/SS
Allison Heersink	jr.	SS/P

**Outlook:** Injuries have hurt the Trojans in the past, but Slovey is pleased to report a full roster and a lot of growth in her program. Schuringa, Gehrke and Heersink will lead the way.

"We will be a young team that is looking forward to a year of growth," Slovey said.

## Willowbrook Warriors

**COACH:** Rachel Karos  
**2017 RECORD:** 10-20

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Katie Smith	sr.	3B
Emma Barrington	jr.	C
Sam Mishlove	jr.	CF
Amy Bussa	jr.	1B
Maddie Campbell	sr.	P
Chloe Zunkel	sr.	OF

Shannon Knudtson	so.	SS
Caroline Dooley	fr.	P
Annemarie Knudtson	fr.	2B/P

**Outlook:** Smith, an all-conference pick, leads five returning starters, and Mishlove is a third-year varsity player.

"I think as the year progresses we will improve in many areas, but defense will end up being a strength of ours," Karos said.

## York Dukes

**COACH:** Elizabeth Munn  
**2017 RECORD:** 18-14

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Kyra Kroll	sr.	CF
Izzy Smith	jr.	3B
Katherine Karnatz	jr.	SS/OF
Mia Tran	sr.	2B
Lauren Wojcik	sr.	P/1B
Jane Moran	sr.	OF

**Outlook:** Expectations are high for the Dukes with an experienced roster seven seniors deep.

Leading the way is Western Illinois recruit Kroll, who hit .520 with seven homers and 46 RBIs as a junior.

Smith, committed to Northern Illinois, hit .405 with 33 RBIs and Karnatz hit .383. Tran, with 30 RBIs last year and Moran, with 22 stolen bases, are others to watch. Moran leads the pitchers.

## Addison Trail boys track team making progress

*New coach Ziebka lauds athletes' hard work and willingness to learn*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

New Addison Trail boys track coach James Ziebka has seen his team progress despite the usual challenges associated with the season starting in the middle of the winter sports season.

"To this point, we have had mixed results," he said. "The indoor season begins before basketball, wrestling and hockey wrap up so we had some of our key student-athletes get a late start in track and field. We also had a number of athletes in the winter play and in Science Olympiad. So once the outdoor season begins, it

will only be a matter of time before we reach our full potential. I know our student-athletes are anxious to get off the 160-meter track and transition to the 400-meter track."

Ziebka highlighted a number of strong improvements he's seen so far, including those of Alvaro Garza, Lukas Rodriguez and Quincy Gunnerson. "Alvaro is our most consistent runner on varsity and brings an outstanding work ethic and attitude to practice every day," he said. "Lukas is such a competitor. He has a great attitude and keeps things loose in practice. Quincy is only a sophomore. He has demon-

strated incredible gains since his freshman year. His athleticism and his attitude to try new events have been awesome."

Ziebka likes the fact his athletes are willing to do whatever is best for the team. "Many of our guys are trying new events, wanting extra reps and in some cases working with teammates after practice has ended."

The coach likes the progress that has been made in the field events, where consistency has been in abundance. Ziebka added the 800 relay team as well as the 400 and 800 runners have demonstrated steady

improvement and should continue improving as the team transitions to the outdoor season.

"We have such a great group of student-athletes. They work hard every day and want to get better on a daily basis. They have done everything we have asked of them, training the right way, taking care of their bodies, fundraising and volunteering in the community."

Earlier this month at the Morton invitational, Garza took third in the 400, while Rodriguez was third in the 800. Pablo Mosely, Kevin Catano, Sergio Serna and Tyler Borriss were third in the 4 X 160 relay.

Garza, Mosely, Cesar Herrera and Angel Rodriguez took fourth in the 1,600 relay. Herrera and Jon Chambers Green both took third in the 55 low hurdles. Albert White was third in the high jump, while Mike Renc was second in the shot put. Ryan Sheehan was right behind Renc in the shot in third place.

At the frosh-soph level, Jonathan Ramos won the 600. Dylan Moran won the 3,200 and the 1,600 runs. Ramos, Cole Greaves, Gunnerson and Anthony Valenti took third in the 1,600 relay. Gunnerson was second in the triple jump, while Sal Napoli was fourth in the shot put.

## Plenty of positives for Willowbrook baseball team in first three games

*Mintz throws six innings of no-hit ball against Glenbard South*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

In recent years, the Willowbrook baseball team has had no shortage of strong pitchers.

And strong pitching was once again on full display in the Warriors first three games of the season.

The Warriors were 3-0 non-conference winners against Glenbard South in a game that saw Ryan Mintz throw six innings of no-hit baseball. Vince Ruchala pitched the seventh inning.

"We've had really good pitching so far," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner. "It's been really good pitching all the way through."

In a 3-2 non-conference loss to Naperville North, Willowbrook gave up only three hits and, as Wisner pointed out, only one ball made it into the outfield.

"They scored three unearned runs against us," he said.

Wisner was impressed with Mintz's effort in the Glenbard South game. "He throws a lot of first-pitch strikes," hthe manager said. "By the third or fourth inning he was throwing his breaking ball for strikes. He pounds the strike zone. If you are not ready to hit, it will be a quick at-bat."

Jack Nilles pitched the Naperville Central game, expending only 82 pitches in seven innings. "Usually with a first start we'll give a kid about 85 pitches," Wisner explained. "Jack was great. We just didn't give him any run support and we didn't field the ball well."

Willowbrook also defeated Maine West in a non-conference game. Sophomore Dax Meyer was the starting pitcher and had relief help from Joey Guthrie in the sixth inning and Ruchala in the seventh.

"Dax was really good," said Wisner.

Willowbrook defeated Maine West by an 11-4 count. "It was a 3-2 game at one point and then we extended it a little bit," said Wisner. "We still are trying to find ourselves. We have all our pitching back, but we lost five guys at the top of the lineup and all five are playing in college somewhere. The Maine West game, the guys looked like I think they

would look like."

Nilles had three hits and Jeremy Conforti had two hits in the Maine West win. John Taylor drew three walks and Scott Tumilty had two RBI. Dan Meyer pitched five innings and struck out four. Willowbrook scored eight runs over the fourth and fifth innings.

"We are starting to find our identity a little bit," said Wisner. "I thought it would take a little time for us to get going. Before, we had a set lineup in stone for a while, now we're figuring out where guys will bat. We have to find out who we think we are. The Maine West game was a big game for us. It showed me we took an important step ahead."

Wisner said the amount of pitching depth the team has will provide plenty of benefits. "We have Mintz, Nilles, Ruchala out of the bullpen, Dax and Joey Guthrie," he said. "These all are guys who throw it well and with them we know we always will be in games."

On the offensive side of the fence, Wisner knows this year's team will be different than lineups of year's past. "We have to be a different team this year," he said. "Maybe we'll have to manufacture runs."

And Wisner expects plenty of hotly contested games in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division. "The conference will be tough," he said. "Downers Grove South always is good and Hinsdale South is good and Addison Trail will be good this year. They have a lot of seniors who were up with them as sophomores. It will be a good year in the conference again."

Willowbrook is coming off a 2017 season where it set the school record for wins with 26, won a regional title and made it to the sectional championship game where it lost 3-1 to South Elgin. The team won 11 games this past summer.

Willowbrook has a front-loaded schedule this week during spring break. The Warriors were scheduled to play Glenbard East, Batavia (at the Wheaton College turf field) and West Chicago before heading to Tinley Park to face Andrew on Saturday. Willowbrook opens WSC Gold play right after spring break against Hinsdale South.

## Fenton boys volleyball team looks to take next step

*Hill, Bajo lead list of returning Bison players*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Sports teams with strong chemistry tend to produce positive results.

Fenton boys volleyball coach Heather Petersen is excited about that very thing with her 2018 team.

"So far I've observed a lot of chemistry, which is a great thing for a team to have," she said.

Fenton is coming off a 2017 season where it went 16-16. The Bison welcome back senior 6-1 setter Andrew Hill, who had 108 kills and 32 aces last year. Also back is 6-0 senior right side Alfred Bajo, who had 74 kills and 17 blocks.

Adam Gebala, a 6-3 junior middle blocker, is a key newcomer to the team.

"We have more volleyball experience this year," said Petersen. "We have more club volleyball players than we usually have and that's helped with the team chemistry component as well."

Petersen likes the fact Hill has numerous options at his disposal. "We have multiple threats from the outside, middle and right side," she said. "We typically don't have all these options. We can go to all three positions confidently."

At the same time, Petersen said the team continues to work hard at the defensive part of the puzzle. "Defense is something we need to keep working on," she said. "It's an area that's in progress and it's something we're still putting together. We need to adjust our defense based on how the other team's defense looks. We want to

So far I've observed a lot of chemistry, which is a great thing for a team to have."

— Heather Petersen, Fenton boys volleyball coach

have a stronger defense by the end of the year."

Having a player such as Hill leading the way is something Petersen is excited about. "Andrew brings a few things to the table," she said. "He played club this past year, which has helped him significantly. My personal observation is from freshman to senior year he has matured significantly in terms of being a volleyball player. This is his third year on varsity. He displays a lot more maturity. He knows what to do with the ball and he's also an offensive threat in the front row. He can put the ball away."

Petersen, who is assisted at the varsity level by Rich Wiess, said the team is focused on even bigger things this season. "We are hopeful we can improve our record from last year," she said. "We feel that with more players with more volleyball experience and playing club we're hopeful (we will) perform better in tournaments and ideally make a better run in the post-season. We're going to keep building on our team chemistry. I'm confident if we can do that it will give us the greatest chance at success."

Fenton started the season with a 1-1 mark. The Bison beat Rich East and lost to Maine East in three sets in a close match.

Fenton played over the weekend in the Oswego tournament.

# Addison Trail boys gymnastics team begins season

**Coach Galfi sees potential in numerous events**

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail boys gymnastics coach Mike Galfi is seeing progress in the early going of the 2018 season.

"Our team is developing quickly on floor and vault this year," he said. "We have potential to have multiple gymnasts scoring 8 or above. Our strongest events currently are floor and vault."

Addison Trail took fourth in the West Suburban Conference Gold

Division last year and returns junior Eric Estrada from that team. Estrada competes on horse, rings, parallel bars and horizontal bar.

Freshman Matt Wojdak is a key newcomer for the Blazers. He competes on floor and vault.

"Matt anchors our floor team with a start value of 10.0," Galfi explained. "He has scored in the 9s multiple times this year already and is working to improve his forms and landings in a hope to make state finals as a freshman."

Galfi said both Wojdak and Estrada are two gymnasts to keep an eye on, as well as sophomore Jakub Sitko. "Matt and Eric have strong work ethics and are very dedicated to improving their abilities,"

the coach said. "Jakub is a returning sophomore who has improved greatly from his freshman year. He has hopes of qualifying for state on parallel bars this year."

Galfi said while the majority of the team is new to the sport, he likes what he sees in the practice gym thus far. "The team this year is, generally speaking, very new to gymnastics," he said. "There is a tremendous amount of excited energy in the gym each day as these gymnasts learn new skills very quickly. The team is very dedicated and the gymnasts work hard every day in practice."

"Our goal for this season is to develop new skills and try to create routines that hit all the element

groups. We have a young team so we are preparing them to be successful in the coming years."

Addison Trail competed in the Hinsdale Central invitational where

it placed ninth with a score of 109.25. In a West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet against District 88 neighbor Willowbrook, the Blazers scored a 118.9.

## IC Catholic Prep baseball team off to strong start

**Knights softball team beats St. Francis with run in bottom of seventh**

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

After a rough start to the season, the IC Catholic Prep baseball team righted the ship in a hurry.

The Knights opened the season with a 15-1 non-conference loss to St. Joseph, which jumped out to a 15-0 lead before IC Catholic Prep scored its only run. The Knights were held to one hit and made four errors.

CJ West pitched 3 1/3 innings and struck out three while throwing 14 first-pitch strikes.

After the St. Joe's setback, the Knights then ran off three wins. In a 4-2 victory over Chicago Holy Trinity, West had two hits, while Tommy Ryan had a hit and CJ Slowinski had an RBI. Ryan turned in three statistically rated quality at-bats.

Andrew Falduto went the distance for the Knights. He threw 15 first-pitch strikes and fanned 11.

The game was scoreless through four innings before Holy Trinity struck first with two runs in the fifth. The Knights tied it with a pair in the bottom of the fifth and went ahead for good with a deuce in the sixth. The Knights had six hits in the game.

The Holy Trinity win was followed by a 5-1 victory over Lisle. Junior Thomas Hilgart had two hits (including a double), scored a run and had two RBI, while Jake Lytton had one RBI.

West was back at it on the mound. He went the distance, scattering six hits over seven innings. He struck out six and allowed only one earned run, while stranding six Lisle runners on base. He threw 18 first-pitch strikes.

## Willowbrook alum named CCIW Pitcher of the Week

Willowbrook grad Matt Pizur (2016), now a sophomore at Division III North Park University in Chicago, was named the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Pitcher of the Week recently.

The right-hander earned this honor after tossing a complete game shut-out for a 7-0 win over Wisconsin Lutheran on Thursday, March 15. His nine-inning performance for the Vikings featured three strikeouts. Pizur only allowed three hits in the contest; He did not allow any walks during the outing.

Pizur currently carries a team-best 1.78 ERA on the season while opponents are batting just .188 against him.

IC Catholic Prep moved to 3-1 with a 10-1 non-conference win over Northridge Prep. The Knights led 2-0 after the second inning, 5-1 after three innings and 9-1 after four innings. IC Catholic Prep had a season-high nine hits.

Falduto was again the winning pitcher. He pitched four innings and struck out four, while throwing 13 first-pitch strikes. He allowed only four hits, one earned run and stranded five Northridge runners. Junior Ryan Malek came in relief and allowed one hit and struck out one.

Malek also starred at the plate where he had two singles, scored two runs, walked one and stole a base. Senior Griffen Eichhorn had two singles, scored two runs and also stole a base. Falduto had a hit, scored a run and drove in three.

The three wins moved the Knights to 3-2 overall.

IC Catholic Prep is in the midst of its spring trip in Spring Hill, Tennessee this week. The Knights opened the trip against Maine West at Summit High School.

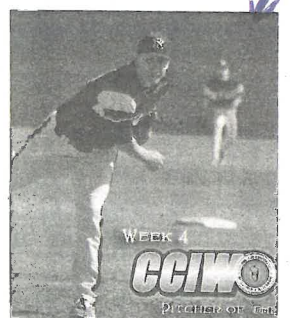
## IC Catholic Prep softball

The IC Catholic Prep softball team moved to 2-0 on the young season after a 2-0 non-conference win against St. Francis in a game played at Ruby Field in Melrose Park.

The Knights led 2-0 after the second inning and 3-0 after three innings. The Knights added a run in the fifth to take a 4-1 lead, however St. Francis came back with three runs in the seventh. IC Catholic Prep won it with a run in the bottom of the frame.

The Knights had nine hits. Josie Lytton had three triples in the game, while Rebecca Cash had a double and a triple.

Kayla Faber-Courmane was the winning pitcher, moving to 2-0 on the season.



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Villa Park Independent

Matt Pizur, a 2016 Willowbrook grad, was named the CCIW Pitcher of the Week for North Park University in Chicago.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
AMANDA E VENUTI; PORTFOLIO  
RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC,  
DEFENDANTS.

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816 NORTH HARROW COURT  
ADDISON, IL 60101

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 January 23, 2018, Sheriff of DuPage County will on April 24, 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:

LOT 71 IN KING'S POINT WEST, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE EAST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 26, 1969 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R69-17592, IN DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 02-24-203-016  
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NORTH HARROW COURT  
ADDISON, IL 60101

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The Judgment amount was \$322,360.62.  
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.

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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.

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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# 8784

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

Ditech Financial LLC  
PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Jonathan M. Kragel; et al.  
DEFENDANTS

2017 CH 000152

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 1/29/2018, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois will on May 1, 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:

LOT 2 IN ACITELLI'S PLAT OF SURVEY, THE SOUTH 60 FEET OF THE NORTH 120 FEET, OF THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1955 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 772905, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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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.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-17-00921.

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## Rams edge Warriors in an exciting season opener

*Glenbard East wins a thrilling second game to close out its victory*

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW  
STAFF REPORTER

The Glenbard East and Willowbrook boys volleyball teams opened the 2018 season with last week's spirited battle in Lombard. The Warriors held leads in both games of the March 20 match, but the Rams rallied in each game to pull out a 25-19, 31-29 victory.

"We've been practicing for a couple of weeks, so we really needed to play someone," said Glenbard East coach Marci Maier. "That was a great match. It was back and forth. We showed some resilience today. That was playoff atmosphere volleyball. It was a great test."

"I think it was exciting; people were getting into it," said Willowbrook coach Ryan Bazon of the intense contest of neighborhood rivals. "It was nice to see the kids come out and compete. I felt like we really pushed strong in the first game. I'm happy with how we competed in the second game. We still have a lot to work on, obviously, but I was happy with how the offense was going and with how we passed the ball."

Willowbrook built an early 10-5 lead in the first game before Glenbard East rallied and tied the score at 16-16. The Rams took an 18-17 lead that grew to 20-17. Glenbard East won five of the next seven points to close out the first game.

The Warriors held a 10-6 lead in the second game; Glenbard East eventually tied the game at 14-14 and took a 16-14 lead. Willowbrook then won three straight points to grab a 17-16 advantage. The Warriors grew their lead to 22-18 on the way to taking a 24-21 lead, which put them on the brink of sending the match to a third game.

Glenbard East, however, won the next three points to square the game at 24-24. That comeback included the Rams winning a ridiculously long point to cut the Warriors' lead to 24-23.

Willowbrook won the point that broke the 24-24 tie, but Glenbard East won the next point to extend the game. Willowbrook had another chance to win the game after taking a 26-25 lead, but the Rams won the next two points to grab a 27-26 lead and earn their first match point. Willowbrook won the ensuing point to tie the game at 27-27, but Glenbard East earned another match point by winning the following point. The Warriors then won two straight points to take a 29-28 lead. Glenbard East then closed out the match by winning the last three points. The Warriors and their fans questioned the last point, stating that Glenbard East tipped a ball as it sailed over the net and out of bounds.

"I voiced my disagreement with that," said Bazon. "At that point you can't do much about that."

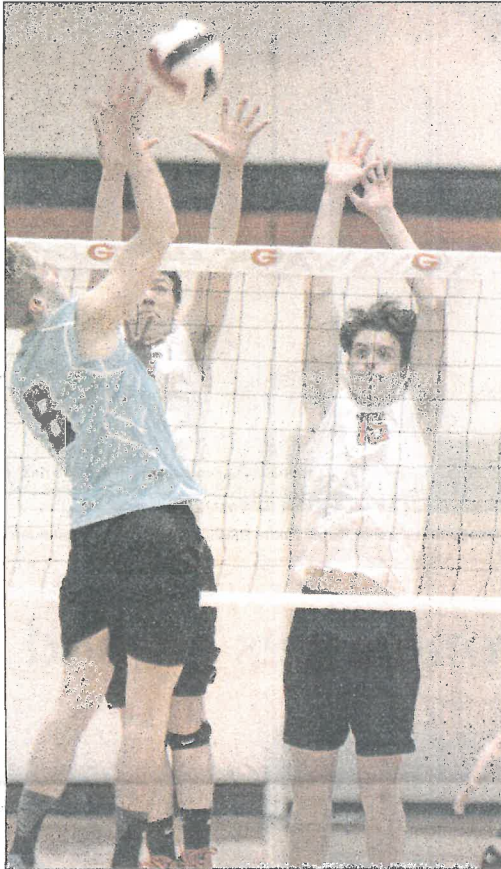
"It's unfortunate it ended on a controversial call because the play on both sides was fantastic," said Maier.

Junior Carson Brandt pounded a team-leading 14 kills for Glenbard East. Senior Matt Smith added nine kills; he also served four aces and handled the team's serving on the last three points of the match. Sophomore Pat Campuzano handed out 14 assists, while senior Preston Cox gave out nine assists. Senior Peter Surlina and junior Jacob Bojan provided five and four digs, respectively.

"We have two new setters; this year; both of them did a nice job of moving the ball around," said Maier of Campuzano and Cox.

Senior Tim Keefe connected for 12 kills for Willowbrook. Junior Joe Cavazos contributed five kills. Senior Nick Cookingham piled up 19 assists and made three kills. Seniors J.T. Beausoleil and Jake Entwistle each supplied three kills. Senior Buddy Martens had four digs.

Both coaches said their teams

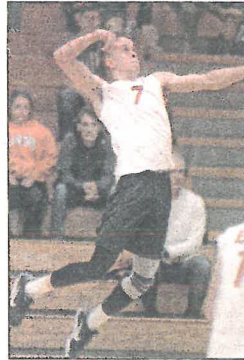


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The Glenbard East and Willowbrook boys volleyball teams opened their seasons with last week's match in Lombard. Glenbard East defeated the Warriors 25-19, 31-29. One photo from the contest shows Glenbard East junior Cal Iwinski (No. 15-above) rising up to defend the net. Glenbard East senior Matt Smith (No. 7-top middle) is shown leaping at the net, while senior J.T. Beausoleil (below) of the Warriors is pictured receiving a serve. Another photo shows senior Preston Cox (No. 8-far right) of the Rams making a set.

have plenty to work on as the season continues.

"If this is how we play the rest of the year, I think I'd be a little disappointed," said Bazon. "I think we can continue to progress and work, and see where that ceiling is. I hope this isn't the peak of where we're at."



## Play ball! Warriors begin their season with two wins

*Freshman pitcher fires complete games in each victory*

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook softball team opened its 2018 season with a pair of impressive home victories. The Warriors defeated Batavia 6-2 on March 22 in Villa Park. Willowbrook moved to 2-0 one day later with an 8-6 win over Plainfield Central.

Freshman Caroline Dooley pitched complete games in both contests to lead the Warriors to the two wins. Dooley gave up three hits in the season opener against Batavia. She allowed eight hits over seven innings in Friday's game against Plainfield Central.

"We played two tough teams, so to start 2-0 is a really good sign," said Willowbrook coach Rachel Karos after the March 23 win. "We have a good balance of experience and young talent, and we've shown a lot of heart in the last couple of days."

The Warriors scored two first-inning runs against Batavia. They added four more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

"We didn't hit that well," said Karos of the opener. "But we put some pressure on them and we capitalized on some of their errors."

Dooley and the team's other freshman—Annemarie Knudtson—had two hits each for the Warriors.

On the mound, Dooley allowed three hits and one earned run over seven innings. She recorded four strikeouts and allowed three walks. Willowbrook's defense supported Dooley with an error-free game.

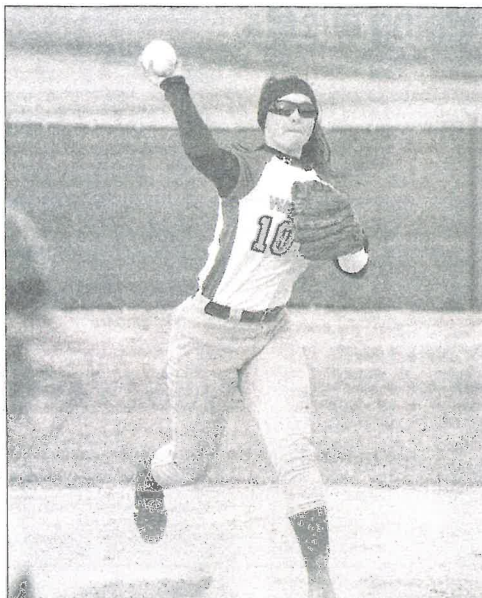
Plainfield Central scored two runs in the top of the first inning of Friday's game. Willowbrook responded with five runs in the bottom of the first inning. Junior Amy Bussa provided a two-run double for the team's first two runs. Sophomore Shannon Knudtson added a two-run triple.

"It was not a great start for us, but we battled back," said Karos, whose team made three errors in the first inning of Friday's game.

Shannon Knudtson, who added a two-run single in the fifth inning, finished the day with two hits and four runs batted in. Bussa also had two hits, while junior Katie Pettinger contributed a run-scoring double in the sixth inning.

Dooley allowed three earned runs in Friday's win. She had two strikeouts and didn't give up any walks.

See photos on page 13.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

## A great start for the Warriors

The Willowbrook softball team began its season with two home wins in two days. The Warriors started the season with a 6-2 victory over Batavia on March 22. One day later, the Warriors beat Plainfield Central 8-6. Freshman Caroline Dooley (No. 2, pictured) pitched all seven innings in each contest. Another photo from the win over Plainfield Central shows sophomore shortstop Shannon Knudtson (No. 10) firing to first base after fielding a grounder.



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

## A good week for the Rams

The Glenbard East girls soccer team won three straight matches last week to improve its overall season record to 5-1. The Rams began the week with a 1-0 victory over Lincoln-Way West on March 20. Senior Katie Hansen scored the only goal of the match during the first half. Senior goalkeeper Faith Davies earned the shutout for the Rams in the match, which was played at Lincoln-Way West. The contest was part of the 32-team Windy City Classic event. Five of the Rams' first six matches of the season were Windy City Classic battles. The one that wasn't part of that tournament was the March 22 match at District 87 rival Glenbard North. The Rams defeated the Panthers 4-0 in that match in Carol Stream. Junior Lindsey Novak (No. 13, pictured) scored three goals for the Rams, who built a 3-0 halftime lead. Novak scored her first two goals during the first four minutes of the match. Sophomore Elaine Wesling scored later in the first half to give the Rams a 3-0 lead. Novak scored her third goal in the middle of the second half. The Rams closed out the Windy City Classic with a 6-0 home victory over Marist on March 23. Senior Ali Liljestrand scored a pair of first-half goals for the Rams, who held a 4-0 halftime advantage. Novak, who's pictured during the March 23 match, also scored in the first half, as did senior McKayla Garcia. Senior Mimi Camacho and sophomore Summer Garcia provided second-half goals. The Rams' season continues with this Saturday's match at Addison Trail.



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## Delivering the pitch

Junior Mitch Glennon (No. 15, pictured) of the Glenbard East baseball team uncorks a pitch during last week's game against York in Elmhurst. York defeated the Rams 7-1 in the March 22 contest. The Dukes held a 1-0 lead through four innings. They scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 4-0 lead. Glenbard East, which committed six errors in the game, scored its lone run in the sixth inning. The Dukes added three more runs in the bottom of the sixth. Glennon allowed two hits and no earned runs in four and two-third innings. He struck out four batters and gave up one walk. Senior Taylor Westerhoff provided the Rams' only hit, which drove in the team's lone run. Glenbard East, which dropped to 2-1, opened its season with a 3-2 win over Addison Trail on March 15. The Rams beat Glenbard West 10-4 on March 19. Junior Bret Bushka went 4-for-4 and drove in four runs. Seniors Jack Oberill and Ben Campos both went 3-for-4. Oberill and Campos both drove in a pair of runs.

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# Coming events

## Cat Guardians fundraiser

Cat Guardians of Lombard Annual Pancake Breakfast Date: Saturday April 7, 8-11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 350 E. Madison, Lombard. \$13 donation for all you can eat pancakes, sausages, potatoes, eggs, fruit, pastries, juice, coffee, tea, milk and water. There will also be a mini bake sale. All proceeds benefit Cat Guardians shelter, a not for profit 501(c)(3) caring humane society for homeless cats. RSVP to 630-543-3395 so ample food can be provided.

## Stacy's Tavern tours

Beginning on Wednesday, April 4, and continuing every Wednesday and Saturday until mid-December, Stacy's Tavern Museum, 557 Geneva Road, is open for docent-led tours. The hours are 1:30-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students ages 6-17, and children 5 and under are free. Tours are also offered by appointment and can be reserved by calling 630-469-1867, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call a week ahead to schedule a private tour for times when the museum is not regularly open. Tours for Boy and Girl Scouts include an activity, time permitting. Admission is \$3 per scout, with two leaders admitted at no charge. Additional adults are \$5 each. Extra activities can be scheduled for Scouts and school groups; there may be an additional charge. Group tours scheduled outside normal museum hours are a minimum of \$25. There is free parking behind the museum and at the Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N. Main St.

## Elmhurst Symphony concert April 12

The Elmhurst Symphony Musicians in Performance at Mayslake concludes their 2017-18 season with "Bach and Beyond" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook. Soprano Josefien Stoppelenburg, cellist Jean Hatmaker and Sun Chang, harp-sichordist, will offer an engaging array of audience-pleasing works by Bach, Handel, Mozart and Wilhelm Stoppelenburg. The program includes Handel's dramatic cantata "La Lucrezia" and Mozart's joyful "Alleluia." Tickets are adults \$25; seniors \$23; students \$7. Call 630-941-0202 or visit <http://elmhurst-symphony.org/web/events.aspx> for tickets and information.

## PADS fundraiser April 14

DuPagePads Strikes Back will be held Saturday, April 14, at Fox Bowl in Wheaton from noon to 3 p.m. Thirty teams will compete to strike out homelessness and trophies are awarded on team bowling score and fundraising. The day of the event, bowlers receive a T-shirt, pizza, soda and ice cream. Additionally, there are many great raffle prizes and silent auction items. A team fundraising web page is set up for each five-person fundraising team, making it easy to collect donations and share with friends and family. Each team has a goal of \$500. Register your team today as only a few lanes remain. For more information, visit [www.dupagepads.org/events](http://www.dupagepads.org/events) or contact Carrie at 630-682-3846, ext. 2290, or CFlick@dupagepads.org.

## Prairie Weavers Guild to meet April 9

JoAnn Bachelder, a Michigan weaver and textile researcher, will present a program on diaper weave at the monthly meeting of the Illinois Prairie Weavers Guild held at Congregation Etz Chaim, 1710 S. Highland Ave., Lombard, on April 9 at 10 a.m. Diaper is about cloth and its use, as well as the structures and patterns employed to create it. The guild welcomes visitors. The guild is open to anyone interested in weaving. Monthly meetings are held at the Congregation Etz Chaim, September through June.

## Senior Men's Club meets April 3

The Senior Men's Club will meet April 3 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 Jim Proebstle. He will talk about "In the Absence of Honor," which is about a gambling casino on an Indian Reservation. All men 55 and over are welcome. For more information, call 630-629-6822.

## Community garden in Villa Park

Villa Park's community garden is getting ready for its second season. Garden plots are available to community members or organiza-

tions who want to grow vegetables. Anyone who has a green thumb or wants to try their hand at gardening is welcome to purchase a plot. Garden plots will be available for planting starting May 14 and the complete fall clean-up needs to be done by Oct. 31. The garden plots are located at Westmore Park (between Westmore and Biermann off of Plymouth). The fee to reserve a 10' x 10' plot is just \$10. Plots are sold on a first come, first served basis at the Iowa Community Center or the Villa Park Library.

## York Center Park District Chair PiYo

Chair PiYo, ages 18 and up, Mondays, April 23 to May 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$35/\$40, call 630-629-0886

for drop-in availability. Give Chair PiYo a try. PiYo is a blend of Yoga, Pilates and more done to some great tunes. The poses are modified so that they can be done while seated in a chair or standing behind a chair for added support. These adaptations make PiYo accessible to people of all abilities, who want to improve muscle tone and strength. Additional modifications are provided as needed. Participants also work with resistance bands and light weights to promote toning of the arms and legs. This class can make you stronger, improve your balance, promote better breathing habits and reduce stress levels—all while having a good time. Register by one week in advance. Visit [www.ycpdfun.com](http://www.ycpdfun.com) or call 630-629-

0886.

## Monthly programs at LHS

Monthly programs: Needle Works meets monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Euchre players will meet in the Carriage House monthly on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m., and Carl Shaver is looking forward to meeting train enthusiasts at the Peck Homestead, monthly, on the first and third Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m. The Lombard Historical Society operates the Victorian Cottage Museum, 23 W. Maple St., and the Sheldon Peck Homestead, 355 E. Parkside, Lombard. For more information on the Lombard Historical Society, visit [www.lombardhistory.org](http://www.lombardhistory.org), or call 630-629-1885.



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## A big win for the Warriors

The Willowbrook girls soccer team improved its overall season record to 2-2 with last week's 8-0 win over Chicago Christian in Villa Park. Sophomores Lizzy Florey (No. 12, pictured) and Julianna Paulsen both scored two first-half goals for the Warriors, who held a 5-0 halftime lead in the March 22 match. Senior Sarah Poirier (No. 17, pictured) added the team's other first-half goal. Paulsen scored her third goal of the match during the second half. Sophomore Sara Fitzgibbon and senior Jessica Ragucci also scored goals in the second half. The Warriors' season continues with this Saturday's home match against Proviso West.



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## Basketball champions

The Lombard Park District's youth basketball program held its high school level championship game on March 18 at Pleasant Lane School. The "King" team (pictured) defeated the "D Leaguers" team 66-56 to win the title. Members of the victorious team (pictured left to right) are (front row) Cole Esterly, Henry Barry and Matthew Gomez; (back row) Austin Esterly, Jack Milles, Benjamin Barry, Shaun Johnston, Mike King, Ryan Johnston and Coach Brian King. Austin Esterly sank six 3-point shots and scored 41 points in the championship game. The "King" team completed its season with a 7-1 record.

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Top local teams: Naperville North, Glenbard West, Hinsdale Central, Lake Park, Glenbard East, Downers Grove South, Naperville Central, Downers Grove North, Wheaton Warrenville South, Neuqua Valley.

Top athletes: Addison Trail: Alex Nava (jr., sprints), Viviana Sanfilippo (fr., distance), Julia Swierzb (so., sprints, hurdles), Katerina Surjanciv (sr., sprints); Benet: Jessica Jugovich (jr., sprints, distance), Lizzy McDonnell (jr., sprints), Catherine Meehan (jr., sprints, pole vault), Mia Nolan (jr., sprints), Emily Spellman (fr., distance), Ashley Tyburski (sr., sprints, distance); Downers Grove North: Celeste Bonga (so., sprints), Kim Brent (jr., sprints), Naomi Boyd (sr., throws), Isabel Maletich (sr., sprints, jumps), Kessie Olekanma (sr., sprints), Sarah Rogoz (jr., sprints, jumps); Downers Grove South: Brenna Cohoon (so., distance), Kelley Hackbarth (jr., distance); Maddie Manganiello (sr., jumps, pole vault), Erin Ready (so., distance); Fenton: Katerina Krebasch (sr., jumps, pole vault), Sarah Mason (sr., sprints, jumps), Hannah Matuszewski (jr., sprints, jumps); Glenbard East: Cailyn Biegalski (sr., sprints, distance), Claire Biegalski (so., sprints, hurdles), Lauren Huber (fr., sprints, distance), Emma Ludwig (jr., jumps), Brenna Peters (sr., sprints), Briana Raysby (sr., jumps), Kionnah Weaver (sr., sprints, hurdles), Lexi Weltin (fr., sprints, distance); Glenbard North: Hannah Ivy (sr., sprints), Alyssa Laherty (sr., sprints), Lauren Mahoney (sr., sprints, jumps), Brenda Nguyen (jr., sprints), Christy Nguyen (jr., sprints, hurdles, jumps), Jasmine Stokes (sr., throws); Glenbard South: Maggie Bair (jr., throws), Julia Clingen (jr., distance), Ania Gniatczyk (jr., sprints, distance), CeCe Jackson (jr., throws), Katie King (sr., distance), Emma Taylor (sr., sprints, hurdles, jumps), Savannah Williams (sr., sprints); Glenbard West: Chloe Arduino (sr., sprints), Katelynne Hart (so., distance), Katie Hohe (jr., distance), Claire Kenwood (sr., distance), Lindsey Payne (sr., distance), Ashley Samuta (so., sprints, jumps), Maddie Schrauth (sr., sprints, jumps); Hinsdale Central: Elle Geier (jr., sprints), Grace McCabe (jr., distance), Bella Pisani (jr., distance), McKenna Revord (so., distance), Reilly Revord (sr., distance); Hinsdale South: Rachel Arellano (sr., throws), Natalie Axelrod (fr., distance, jumps), Raquel Blumenstein (sr., sprints, jumps); IC Catholic Prep: Frankie Chaidzev (fr., distance), Alia Johnson (fr., sprints, jumps), Kiersten King (sr., sprints), Jaida Smith (jr., sprints, hurdles, jumps); Lake Park: Joie Allen (sr., sprints), Andie Granskog (sr., sprints, hurdles, jumps); Izzy Kennedy (sr., sprints,

jumps), Stephanie Montenegro (jr., throws), Kelly Zehnder (sr., jumps, pole vault); Lisle: Rachel Laning (so., distance), Liz LaScala (sr., sprints, middle distance, jumps), Shamirra Williams-Epps (jr., throws), Emily Woltmann (jr., distance); Metea Valley: Laurel Roney (sr., sprints), Terri Scarlett (jr., distance), Jacquia Slaughter (sr., sprints), Keely Weber (sr., distance); Montini: Joslyn Boyer (jr., sprints, jumps), Maggie Connelly (so., sprints, hurdles), Erica Holloway (jr., sprints), Andy Niunoz (sr., sprints, jumps); Naperville Central: Naomi Egharevba, (jr., sprints), Rose Fitz (jr., jumps, pole vault), Tikia Harris (sr., jumps), Natalie Sarris (sr., distance), Emily Scott (so., distance); Naperville North: Saffila Allie (jr., sprints, jumps), Annie Bieber (jr., sprints), Halle Bieber (jr., sprints, hurdles), Jill Fitz (sr., sprints, distance), Allison Grady (sr., sprints), Claire Hill (jr., sprints, distance), Alex Morris (jr., distance), Hannah Ricci (sr., distance), Sarah Schmitt (sr., distance), Sarah Wastek (sr., throws); Neuqua Valley: Riley Ammenhauser (fr., sprints, jumps), Corinna Pena (sr., distance), Maggie Bender (sr., sprints), Mikenna Robinson (jr., sprints, distance), Autumn Rosales (jr., sprints); St. Francis: Anna Bauer (jr., throws), Haley Gary (sr., sprints, distance), Taylor Gerard (jr., sprints, jumps), Claire Kolker (so., distance), Minnie Rolston (fr., distance), Allie Woods (sr., sprints, distance); Timothy Christian: Hope Clark (distance), Val Hoekstra (sr., sprints, distance), Priscilla Nartey (so., sprints), Gabi Silvia (jr., sprints), Rachel Stoll (sr., sprints, distance), Elise Terpestra (sr., distance, jumps); Waubonsie Valley: Itzel Garcia (jr., sprints, jumps), Ashley Heinenrich (so., distance), Julia Holstead, (jr., distance), Emma Kittridge (jr., throws), Cami Robinson (sr., sprints, jumps); West Chicago: Maddie Brotnow (sr., distance), Brooke Eidol (so., sprints, jumps), Dipali Patel (jr., sprints), Avalon Smith (sr., sprints, jumps); Wheaton Academy: Karyn Best (sr., sprints, hurdles), Stephanie Gregersen (jr., distance), Julia Robleski (sr., distance); Wheaton North: Sophie Daigle (so., distance), Malia Humecke (sr., sprints, pole vault), Christie Macris (jr., sprints, jumps), Ally Serbick (sr., sprints, jumps), Sarah Stair (jr., sprints, pole vault), Leeya Zander (so., sprints); Wheaton Warrenville South: Mykaila Century-Humphrey (jr., sprints), Jenna Holze (sr., sprints), Sarah Kulkarni (jr., distance), Melissa Marcheschi (so., jumps), Ariana Miller (sr., sprints, hurdles, jumps), Laurel Moneysmith (jr., distance), Sam Pogitsch (fr., distance), Tonjalaya Yarbar (sr., throws); Willowbrook: Miani Blackwell (jr., throws), Gianna Irion (so., sprints, hurdles), Daylee Braden (fr., sprints), Victoria Palma (jr., distance); York:



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Naperville North's Halle Bieber, right, wins the 400-meter run during the DuPage Valley Conference girls indoor track meet at North Central College in Naperville earlier this month.

Molly Evans (sr., sprints, jumps), Lydia Hickey (so., distance), Sarah May (jr., distance), Katherine Tomaska (jr., distance).

Scouting report: In track and field the 300-meter hurdles is as mentally and physically taxing as any high school event. But in consecutive heats on the final day of the girls season last spring at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Karyn Best and Halle Bieber were not to be denied. In the Class 2A championship heat Best put the Wheaton Academy program on the map by becoming the first girls state champion in school history. She outlasted Vernon Hills' Jordyn Bunning with her winning time of 43.49 seconds.

"It was definitely one of the greatest moments of my life," Best said. "There are no words for it." Moments later in the Class 3A finals race in the 300 hurdles, Bieber, then a Naperville North sophomore, decimated the field in claiming a 1.84-second victory over Thornton senior May Robinson with her personal-best time of 43.16 seconds. "We would not have expected that margin of victory," Naperville North coach Dan Iverson said of his star underclassman. "I was definitely happy but surprised at the end," Bieber said.

Best and Bieber return in what should be yet another onslaught of local athletes parading to the two-day state finals in late May. "Every time you think it can't get any better, it does," Benet coach Scott Brooks said of the depth of talent in the country.

Best is almost an accidental state champion for the Warriors. "My first year as head coach was two years ago when (Best) was a sophomore," Wheaton Academy coach James Houck said. "When I introduced myself to her, I asked what she did. She told me that she was a 100-meter runner. She then said, 'I want to be a state champion.' I said, 'It's not going to happen in the 100 (meters)!' But the endgame of

junior could very well be the difference for the Huskies to achieve an unprecedented feat in IHSAA history. No largest-division girls program has ever backed up a cross country state championship with a team title in track. The Huskies enter the season with an edge over Glenbard West at the state level as the result of their returning firepower. "We had 12 all-staters last year (between individuals and relays)," Iverson said.

"They are an all-around team," Waubonsie Valley coach Dave Gowing said of the Huskies. Bieber was the difference for the 800 sprint relay in Naperville North securing eighth place last spring. Bieber, twin sister Annie, Allie and Grady all return. "We are feeling pretty confident in the four-by-two," Halle Bieber said. Naperville North also returns an all-state thrower in shot-putter Wastek.

With multiple choices to make — trying Halle Bieber in the 100 hurdles is one option — Iverson will have delicate decisions to make where to slot his galaxy of stars. The Huskies' cross country pack of Schmitt, Morris, Ricci and Hill all made podium trips at state track last spring as well. "We have strengths about everywhere," Iverson said. "We will try to make some good decisions." Indiana-bound Schmitt was third in the 3,200 run last spring, but the Huskies' distance leader is equally encouraged by the team's balance in the sprints and hurdles. "(Halle Bieber) has been a powerhouse," Schmitt said. "Our sprinters have improved tremendously. It's really exciting to see what we can do this season."

But there is a monumental roadblock in the Huskies' quest for a state championship. "Katelynne Hart rewrites all the rules," Iverson said. The Glenbard West sophomore continues to defy all expectations in seeking to bring a second straight state championship to

bound for Stanford. "That (team state championship) was better than any individual feat I have ever had," said Payne, who won the 3,200 run as a sophomore. "There is more longevity to a team title. There is something really collectively special about that." Haas said, "It was the pinnacle."

The 800 run and 3,200 relay have been an almost personal domain for DuPage County individuals and schools since Wheaton North luminary Sammie Polock to start off the new century. Hart, Payne, Schmitt and Morris all finished in the top five last spring in the 3,200 run. Hinsdale Central has a state championship and runner-up finish the last two years in the relay; the Red Devils return all four relay members this spring, McCabe, Pisani and the two Revord sisters. Third-place Glenbard West and No. 4 Naperville North have six combined returnees in the event. York is another program to watch in the longest relay behind the top-notch May.

But Glenbard East is a program that bears watching this spring at the state level. Cailyn Biegalski qualified for the open 800 finals last year. Weltin, Peters and Huber — a leading candidate for the ever-present freshman sensation on the track this spring — could surprise in the 3,200 and 1,600 relays as well. Weaver is on the cusp of potential state-finals appearances in both hurdles races. Claire Biegalski gives Glenbard East coach Molly Gstalter even more flexibility in the two longest relays. "It's all about the process and enjoying the process," Cailyn Biegalski said. "I want to train harder this year so that I can place (in the open 800)." The field in the open 800 may be as deep as any event in the Class 3A finals. Three girls from outside the area eclipsed the 2:12 barrier at the Top Times meet last weekend. Hinsdale Central distance coach Mark McCabe has four potential finalists in his relay alone to choose his two

Allen and Zehnder, Granskog in the short hurdles and long jump and thrower Montenegro. Multitalented Maletich from Downers North is another leading contender for top honors in the triple jump.

Returning all-state sprint-relay members Bonga, Brent and Olekanma of Downers North will have plenty of company from the likes of Hinsdale Central and Naperville North in the 800 relay. In addition to Glenbard West all-state 1,600 relay runners Schrauth and Arduino, Neuqua Valley, Glenbard North and Glenbard East could very well make strong bids in the event. In the final year of the DuPage Valley Conference as a nine-team entity, Pena and Ammenhauser cannot be overlooked in the 1,600 run and two vertical jumps, respectively, for Neuqua Valley.

Downers Grove South will once again be the team to beat in the West Suburban Gold. The West Suburban Silver will be tight at the top with Glenbard West, Downers North, Oak Park-River Forest, Lyons Twp. and Hinsdale Central. Glenbard East has made tremendous strides in becoming more balanced — notable this year with the emergence of high-jump threats Ludwig and Raysby — but state power West Aurora will be a prohibitive favorite in the Upstate Eight.

Among the smaller-school hopefuls, traditional Class 2A local power Glenbard South will bank on returning state qualifier Taylor not only in the state series but also in defense of the Metro Suburban Blue championship. But Best could single-handedly derail such hopes by skipping hurdles — as she did last year — and again sweeping the three sprints at the conference meet. IC Catholic Prep could very well be represented on the final day of the Class 1A season as Smith is a former all-stater; freshman Chaidzev was third in cross country last fall.

### DuPage County girls track top returners

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*Timothy Christian:* Xavier Ross (sr., sprints, hurdles, jumps); *Waubonsie Valley:* Damion Curry (sr., sprints, high jump), Connor Forrest (sr., throws), Tre'Von Petty (sr., sprints), Wes York (sr., middle distance); *West Chicago:* Zenen Cardenas (sr., sprints); *Westmont:* Kyle Casper (sr., hurdles); *Wheaton Academy:* Ryan Wittstock (sr., middle distance); *Wheaton North:* Chris Buccini (sr., hurdles), Charlie Hill (sr., sprints), Tyler Johnson (sr., shot put), Joey Simon (sr., middle distance), Connor Zydek (jr., distance); *Wheaton Warrenville South:* Scott Maison (jr., distance), Sean Maison (jr., distance), Cedric Rowzee (jr., sprints), Danny Schricker (sr., sprints), Trent Schweitzer (sr., sprints), Joey Zubak (sr., hurdles); *Willowbrook:* Pat Florey (sr., sprints), Brandon Loth (sr., throws); *York:* Jackson Bode (sr., middle distance), Brendan Chaitin (sr., sprints), Brendan Hill (jr., pole vault), Deandre Klein (sr., sprints), Daniel Klysh (so., distance), Jonathan Tanner (sr., sprints).

**Outlook:** Enjoy one final turn into the homestretch.

In the 2018-19 school year restructuring will occur in the Chicago Catholic League and the DuPage Valley, Interstate Eight, Metro Suburban and Upstate Eight conferences. Only the East Suburban Catholic and West Suburban conferences will be spared among those in which DuPage County high schools compete.

Area boys track coaches have feelings about that.

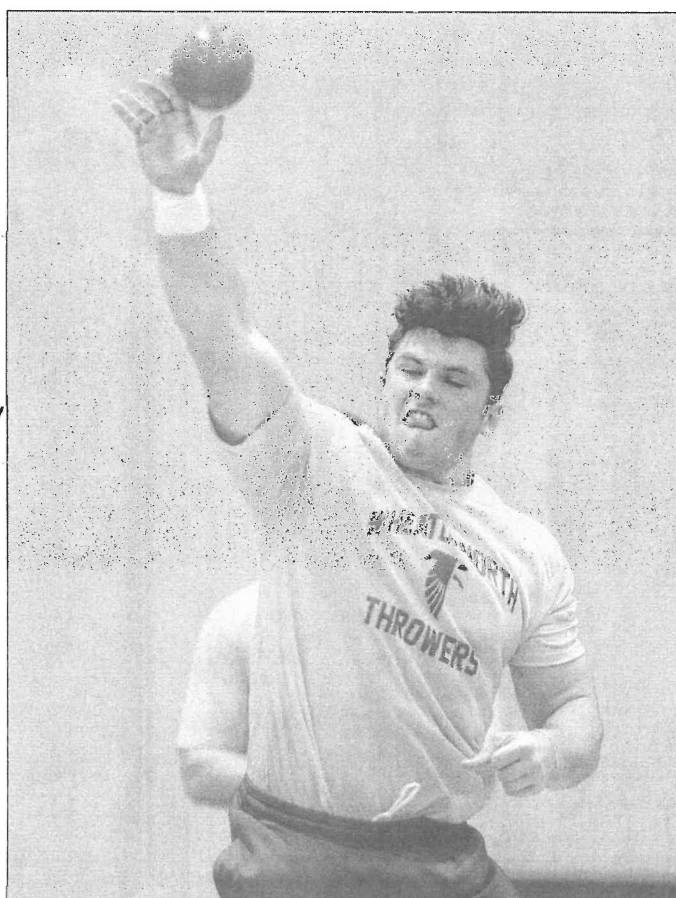
"I will miss it because I think it's been an outstanding conference," Naperville Central coach Steve Wiesbrook said March 16 at the DuPage Valley Conference indoor meet, a few months before Glenbard North, Lake Park, Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South join Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles East and St. Charles North to form the DuKane Conference.

With no additions on the horizon that leaves Wiesbrook's Redhaws, Metea Valley, Naperville North, Neuqua Valley and Waubonsie Valley to carry the DVC mantle.

"In track and field I think all of the coaches have always decided that the driving decision is what's best for kids — not what's best for 'my program' necessarily, but what's best for the kids that are involved. If it's best for the kids, then that's the right thing to do," said Wiesbrook, in the Redhaws program for 33 of the DVC's 43 years.

Among elder statesmen separation will cause some anxiety no matter how strong the DuKane turns out to be.

"I'm excited for the new conference, but it's sad to leave," said 26-year Wheaton North coach Don Helberg. "Some of those guys I've known my whole



Wheaton North's Tyler Johnson competes in the shot put during the DuPage Valley Conference boys indoor track meet at North Central College in Naperville earlier two weeks ago.

coaching career."

Neuqua Valley aims to close this chapter as it began. Seventh in Class 3A in 2017, the Wildcats won the DVC indoor title each of their three years in the league and aim to duplicate that feat outdoors. Their ultimate goals will be tested at the Class 3A Plainfield South sectional and the 124th state meet in Charleston.

The Wildcats offer traditional distance strength, second last fall behind Downers Grove North in 3A cross country. Zach Kinne is a returning 3,200-meter all-stater whose 2018 indoor times in the 1,600 (4 minutes, 15.47 seconds) and the 3,200 (9:09.74) led all Illinois runners. Senior Tyler Bombacino returns from a 3,200 relay that won his second 3A title in four years.

Sprinter Myles Gascon "brings a little bit of a different angle to our team that people might not expect," coach Mike Kennedy said. A returning 100-meter state qualifier, Gascon owns Neuqua's indoor 60-meter record and set its outdoor mark of 10.64 seconds at the Class 3A Naperville North sectional. (As did Wildcats junior Donovan Turner in the 110 high hurdles.)

Typical large numbers mean a wealth of scorers such as state-qualifying pole vaulter Alex Kiefer, triple jumper McKenzie "Mac" Mitchell and key utility men like Kai Larson, back from last year's third-place 1,600 relay.

"This year we have top performers in nearly every event," said Kennedy, keen on building depth for another assault on the DVC and Class 3A, won last year by Edwardsville.

The WW South Tigers, who won the DVC 12 of 13 seasons from 1995-2007, pack front-line

York of Waubonsie Valley on that day — just set the DVC indoor 800 mark, 1:56.22.

Metea Valley has a solid, well-rounded squad including Illinois Prep Top Times 3,200 relay winners Rokas Gudiniavicius, Derek Roberts, Charles Schaffer and Mike Varzino. At the DVC indoor meet Naperville Central and Glenbard North showed underclass power that will impact in May.

Naperville North sprinter Ameir Wilbourn is working back from a football leg injury, while Lake Park standouts such as Danny Speicher and 14-6 pole vaulter Tom Paprocki will vie for titles in this pivotal season.

"The conference has been outstanding really across the board," said Lake Park coach Jay Ivory. "But the way I look at it, the new conference is going to be outstanding, too."

The West Suburban Conference is a model of stability but has its own issues, particularly in the Silver Division.

"It's nice to have the consistency and the rivalry, but it's also tough because our conference is so good in track and cross country, it's so good on a consistent basis that you've really got to fight to keep your head above water," said Glenbard West coach Jon Schweighardt.

Example: York finished 92 points behind Oak Park indoors, sixth in the Silver. Though York has won 28 cross country titles to five in track, and it won the sophomore level by 64 points, that still sounds shocking.

Missouri-bound senior Charlie Kern has battled a mysterious ailment stemming from an infection more than two years ago (sophomore brother Ethan also is overcoming injury) and

problems.

"They're all interchangeable," Buhot said.

Besides Kern's third-place 800 last year in Charleston, Hinsdale Central senior Cullen Fitzgerald returns DuPage County's highest individual state finish, fourth place in 3A high jump at 6 feet, 7 inches. (After widespread adjustments, the only event with a lower qualifying standard in Class 3A than in 2A.)

Fitzgerald and teammates like hurdler Ethan Ruth and sprinter Luke Skokna led the Red Devils to third in the Silver indoor meet, but Glenbard West was second, a 41-point, four-place jump from 2017.

The Hilltoppers have scant holes, mainly in field events, and appear to have the pieces to again qualify all four relays. Sprinters Tyquan Cox, Joe Zydlo and Brady Heller will be joined by Cincinnati football recruit Alec Pierce, while Rory Cavan and Stephen Moody earned all-state nods in a seventh-place 3A cross country finish.

"Hopefully we can get some kids that actually run on Saturday (downstate) and don't just go down for Friday. That's really our goal," said coach Jon Schweighardt, who finally saw his IHSAA 300 hurdles record from 1999 broken last season by Freepport's Deion McShane.

Blessed with one of the area's largest rosters, look for Downers Grove South to rule the WSC Gold as it has three straight years as 10 of the last 12. Indoors, the Mustangs got 54 varsity points from sophomores such as thrower Shawn Lee and jumper Jayden Lambert, on top of a sophomore squad whose 205 points more than doubled up second-place Proviso East.

coaches by a year over Timothy Christian's John Vander Kamp, two years ahead of St. Francis' Scott Nelson. All three will see tweaks to their conferences.

Lisle and 6-5 high jumper Cam Stitt will bid adieu this fall to defending Interstate Eight champion Seneca, and Westmont's future affiliation remains in limbo. Kyle Casper of Class 1A Westmont, with about a quarter of its male students on the team, qualified in both hurdles events last year. Coach Rainy Kaplan thinks he's got more in him: "We expect him to be all-state in both hurdles," she said.

Timothy Christian's Xavier Ross ran in 2017 Class 1A preliminaries in the 110 and 300 hurdles and in the 200 dash. Finding his best event or events will be key for this six-time qualifier to reach the finals.

Before St. Francis leaves Montini and the Chicago Catholic League to join Fenton, IC Catholic, Timothy and Wheaton Academy in the Metro Suburban Conference, Jon Aquino, Alex Hernandez and Joe Leo will attempt what the Spartans haven't done in awhile — repeat as Class 2A qualifiers. All ran in the 3,200 relay while Aquino and Hernandez made the 800, St. Francis' first qualifiers since 2014.

Like IC Catholic, which graduated 10-time all-stater Jordan Rowell and is retooling with youth — and possibly hurdler Luke Ricobene, inactive since suffering a football injury in September — Montini graduated star sprinter Mitch West. Yet the Broncos return Zach Olson, Nick Fedanzo and Matt Quaglia from a 2A second-place 400 relay, plus Nick Orlando and Jalen Slater from a qualifying 800 relay with all runners back.

Glenbard South dominated the Metro Suburban indoor meet with numbers and a standout performance by Stevan Plavsic, who won two events and finished second in two others. Plavsic and sprinter Jeremy Earnst were among 2017 sophomores who beat Riverside-Brookfield on that level, giving hope to reverse last year's varsity standings before Glenbard South moves to the Upstate Eight.

The Raiders' move will give Glenbard East a built-in rival. Currently, aside from West Aurora, the Upstate Eight boys track strength is in the River Division, but one of the top individuals is West Chicago's Zenen Cardenas. Applying into the Air Force, the Wildcats' two-time MVP won the program's first UEC title March 16, running 400 meters in 51.41 seconds.

"He works hard and is great at pulling people to his level," said West Chicago coach Paul McLeland.

Finally, Benet is happily situated in the stable East Suburban Catholic Conference. Downstate berths proved unattainable for the smallest team in Class 3A in 2017 and may again at the Downers Grove North sectional. But DePaauw-bound sprinter Matt Hatch, defending ESCC pole vault champ Ian Smith and the Redwings maintain a huge goal — beat Marist in the ESCC. Last year Benet won by a point. Coach Brian Quick aims to disrupt Marist's habit of winning in even-numbered years.

"Even though it's 2018," he said, "we want to break that streak and win conference every year."

**Top meets:** April 7: Wheaton North Best 4; April 13: Naperville North

## DuPage County boys track top returners

Marka in parentheses are 2018 best automated state-qualifying standards for Class 3A, 2A and 1A, respectively.

\*\*\* 2017 Class 3A state qualifier  
\*\* 2017 Class 2A state qualifier  
\* 2017 Class 1A state qualifier  
— best time converted to fully automated time (FAT) by adding 24 seconds

160 meters (11:36, 11:12, 10:50)	10.64	*** Glenbard West (Ryan Cox)	1:29.90
200 meters (8:26, 8:12, 8:00)	10.74	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.70
400 meters (3:24, 3:12, 3:00)	10.73	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.70
800 meters (2:12, 2:00, 1:56.22)	11.63	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
1,600 meters (4:16, 4:00, 3:52)	11.98	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
3,200 meters (8:24, 8:08, 7:52)	22.32	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
6,400 meters (16:48, 16:32, 16:16)	22.37	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
12,800 meters (33:36, 33:20, 33:04)	24.42	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
25,600 meters (67:12, 66:56, 66:40)	25.52	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
51,200 meters (134:24, 134:08, 133:52)	25.67	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
100 meters (14.00, 13.80, 13.60)	14.04	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
200 meters (28:00, 27:60, 26:40)	14.73	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
400 meters (56:00, 55:20, 54:40)	14.83	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90
800 meters (1:12:00, 1:11:20, 1:10:40)	14.98	*** York (Tyler Johnson)	1:29.90

1,600 relay (24:55, 24:37, 24:19)	3:18.63	*** York (Tyler Johnson, Ryan Cox, Jake Mondschean, Myles Gascon)
3,200 relay (8:24.97, 8:12.81, 8:01.67)	7:41.51	*** York (Tyler Johnson, Ryan Cox, Jake Mondschean, Myles Gascon)
400 meter (59.00, 58.80, 58.60)	7:48.74	*** York (Tyler Johnson)
800 meter (1:19:00, 1:18:40, 1:18:20)	7:52.92	*** York (Tyler Johnson)

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**Top teams:** Naperville Central, Hinsdale Central, Naperville North, Neuqua Valley, Benet, Glenbard West, Hinsdale South, Wheaton Academy.

**Top players:** *Benet:* Casey Schrader, so.; Danny McGuigan, so.; Ben Lee, so.; Danny Smith, sr.; *Downers Grove North:* Matthew Jazyk, fr.; Scравan Lingareddygar, so.; Nick Arand, sr.; Roy Southworth, fr.; *Downers Grove South:* Matt Garcia, jr.; Tanuj Singh, so.; Mitch Ludewig, jr.; Nolan Orth, sr.; *Fenton:* Jeff Andrews, jr.; *Glenbard East:* Samir Mehta, jr.; Sahil Mehta, jr.; Kevin Kruzel, so.; Georgi Solar, sr.; Brandon Pineda, sr.; *Glenbard North:* Sean Boland, jr.; *Glenbard South:* Alex Bergendorf, jr.; Omar Qurram, so.; *Glenbard West:* Alex Kernagis, jr.; Griffin Foster, jr.; Christo Matby, jr.; Andrew Immink, fr.; *Hinsdale Central:* Zack Elliott, sr.; Trevor Hamilton, sr.; Andrew Buhelos, sr.; Joe Daw, jr.; Daniel Schmelka, fr.; Ansh Shah, fr.; *Hinsdale South:* Namit Sambare, sr.; Joris Bizys, jr.; Josh Eisenschenk, sr.; *Lake Park:* Aayush Patel, jr.; Tyler Ferengul, jr.; Will Belmonte, sr.; *Metea Valley:* Ian Doyle, sr.; Aleks Schroeder, so.; Andre Ladron De Guevarar, jr.; *Montini:* Thomas Batka, sr.; David Batka, so.; *Naperville Central:* Ryan Roegner, sr.; Martin Matov, sr.; Ammaar Saeed, jr.; Joseph Li, so.; Mark Polowczak, sr.; Naveen Ramakrishnan, fr.; *Naperville North:* Kevin Zhang, sr.; Sam Liu, jr.; Ian Guppy, sr.; Preston Cho, jr.; *Neuqua Valley:* Rohan Sanjay, jr.; Alex Neuman, so.; Eddie Neuman, so.; Jared Bennick, jr.; Nolan George, sr.; *St. Francis:* Danny Vale, jr.; Justin Fay, jr.; John Bibo, sr.; Matt Kazmirak, fr.; *Timothy Christian:* Joel Daniels, sr.; *Waubonsie Valley:* Anthony Nguyen, sr.; *Wheaton Academy:* Ty Krill, sr.; Owen Setran, jr.; Tristan Hilson, so.; Devin Greeno, so.; Graham Shelton, so.; Jacob Williams, fr.; Caleb Hoogerheide, sr.; *Wheaton North:* Kevin Li, jr.; *Wheaton Warrenville South:* Jack Lillig, sr.; Sunny Sirinet, so.; Paul Choi, fr.; *Willowbrook:* Drake Del Valle, jr.; Ben Cavka, so.; Mark Lobdell, jr.; Abdullah Kaludi, sr.

**Outlook:** Naperville Central went all the way last year, winning the DuPage Valley Conference, sectional and then topping it off with the Redhawks boys' first state championship. And that was with a young team that graduated only Bill Zhang, who combined with Matov to finish fifth in the state doubles field. Leading this year's charge is Roegner, who finished third in state at singles. Roegner will be in the mix of players vying for a state singles title. The first order of business for coach Dan Brown is to find a doubles partner for Matov. It could be Saeed, who spent some time at doubles with Matov after they finished 13th at state together two years ago. Another possibility would be Ramakrishnan, the most varsity-ready member of a freshman class that's being hailed as the school's best since Roegner and company came in three years ago. "Roegner has improved his serve and every other aspect of his game," Brown said. Saeed and Polowczak, who played together last year, could be another lethal doubles combination. And Joseph Li is top-grade at either doubles or second singles. "All the guys worked hard in the off-season and everyone is better than last year," Brown said. "We just have

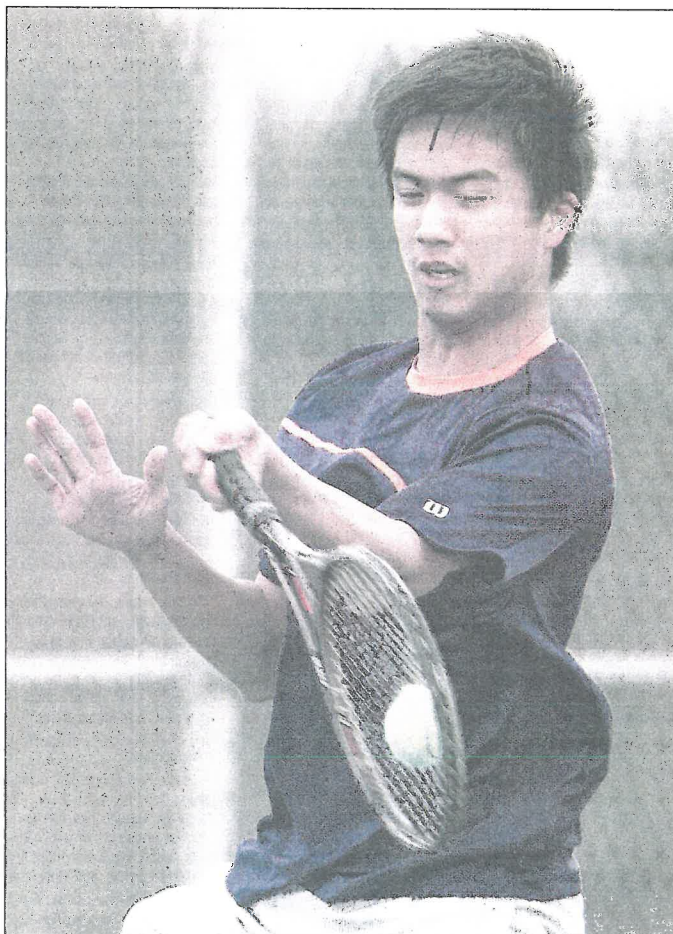


Benet's Casey Schrader and his doubles partner, Danny McGuigan, hope to have another great season after placing fourth in Class 1A last year.

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said. "They're good friends and they feed off each other." The Huskies, who have a deep group of returning veterans, also hope to qualify a second doubles team in Cho and Guppy, a couple of soccer players who specialize in an up tempo game. "Both of our doubles teams play a strong mental game and can fight through adversity," Henriksen said.

Third-place finisher Neuqua Valley is solid all the way through with a veteran lineup that will be augmented by four promising freshmen who made the varsity. Sanjay and George are, in the words of coach Trudy Bennorth, "wonderful doubles players" while Eddie Neuman made state from the two singles position. Bennick and Alex Neuman will figure prominently in the lineup somewhere as Bennorth has a lot of interchangeable parts. "I would love to beat Naperville Central," Bennorth said. "But I'd be OK with second in conference. We have to do better than last year in conference and sectionals. We didn't peak when we were supposed to. We'll be putting new doubles teams together and that should help." Wheaton Warrenville South will be powerful at the top of the lineup with Sirinet, who made second-team all-state, should be much stronger this year. Lillig, who made all-state two years ago at doubles, should team with the outstanding freshman Choi to give the Tigers a first-class doubles team as well. "We have some strong returning people in support, but the top three should bring us within striking distance of the top three in conference," coach Patti Clousing said. "We could be a dark horse for one of those top three spots."



Naperville North's Kevin Zhang again is one of the top tennis players in DuPage County this year.

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win sectional and qualify an entire lineup for state," coach Tad Keely said. "We're a lot better and more experienced this year, so we should be able to turn some of our close losses into victories."

Downers Grove North has solid leaders in Jazyk and Lingareddygar. Defending champion Hinsdale South will try to fend off Downers Grove South and an improved Willowbrook in the West Suburban Gold, but the Hornets should be one of the top teams in Class 1A. Bizys was conference champ at first singles, while Sambare and Eisenschenk will join forces after their last year's doubles partners graduated. "Josh is ferocious at the net and Namit has a great transition game," coach Steve Snider said. "We could qualify our entire team, and our goal is to win state."

The Hornets' main competition in Class 1A will be from Wheaton Academy, who finished 10th last year, but the Warriors will have the phenomenal Krill back at first singles. He was injured last year and played doubles in order to help him heal. He and Setran finished sixth at state together. But Krill, who is 6-foot-7, is a first-class singles player who could take it all. "He has a great serve," coach Chris Jones said. "He's really quick, has powerful groundstrokes and great control of the ball. Numerous colleges are interested in him." Jones will have to find a new partner for Setran and it could be freshman Williams or senior Hoogerheide. "We're strong from top to bottom," Jones said.

Timothy Christian is led by Daniels who can play singles or doubles and coach Keith Mills is confident he has several other

or doubles.

the game seriously, but they

straight state championships.

# Montini coach Thomas, who starred at Indiana, dies

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Montini boys basketball coach Daryl Thomas, who starred in high school at St. Joseph and later collegiately at Indiana, died of a heart attack March 28. He was 52.

Montini's Twitter account confirmed Thomas' passing.

"It is with a heavy heart that we announce that our head basketball coach, Daryl Thomas, passed away from a heart attack this morning," the tweet read. "No details are available at this time. Please keep his family and loved ones in your prayers."

Thomas was an assistant coach at St. Joseph for eight years, taking over as Montini head coach in 2015. A 1999 Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, Thomas also worked as a lead instructor in player development at the Bulls/Sox Academy.

"Coach [Thomas] had such a big influence in my life," said Southern Cal center Nick Rakocevic, who played for Thomas at St. Joseph. "He was so nice, and it was devastating news when I found out this morning. He was always texting me and



Daryl Thomas

asking me how I was doing. He was always smiling, always smiling and happy. I'll always remember that."

Playing for legendary St. Joseph coach Gene Pingatore, Thomas was a Parade and McDonald's All-American his senior year in 1983.

"He's part of a Charger community. We're one big family," Pingatore said. "I've been getting calls from former players all over the country that already picked up the information. We're such a close-knit group. Far more important than his basketball ability, just the fact that he was such a good person and well-liked by everyone. That carried over to being a coach at Montini, working at the

Bulls Academy. No one had a bad thing to say about him."

Thomas played at Indiana for another basketball legend, Bob Knight, for four seasons, starting for three, and was a key part of the Hoosiers' 1987 national championship team. He was an all-Big Ten player as a senior. He made the pass that set up Keith Smart's game-winning shot against Syracuse in the championship game.

Thomas, drafted by the Sacramento Kings, had a brief stint in the NBA before playing basketball in Europe and South America for 13 years.

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## Area boys track teams looking forward to successful seasons

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The boys track season is set to go outdoors as teams begin their quests toward the state finals in Charleston. Here is a preview of area teams.

### Glenbard East Rams

**COACH:** Dan Greco

#### ATHLETES TO WATCH

NAME	YEAR
David Crossland	sr.
Gino Dalesandro	sr.
John Pokorn	sr.
Alec Wolff	sr.
Kadari Wright-Jones	sr.
Nehemiah Jones	jr.
Peter Steiskal	jr.
Aidan Ihms	so.

**Outlook:** Steiskal had the Rams' highest finish at the Upstate Eight Conference indoor meet March 16 with fifth in shot put. Outdoors should go even better as he took fourth in the Class 3A sectional in discus.

### IC Catholic Prep Knights

**COACH:** Bob Cronin

#### RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS

NAME	YEAR	EVENT
Dan McCann	sr.	shot put
Luke Ricobene	sr.	400 relay, 800 relay
Khalil Saunders	jr.	800 relay

#### OTHERS TO WATCH

NAME	YEAR
Jared Bon	sr.
Tim McCann	sr.
Robbie Whelan	sr.
Sean Hipskind	jr.
Kyle Franklin	fr.
Justin Hall	fr.

**Outlook:** Ricobene and Saunders return from relay lineups that graduated 10-time all-state sprinter/jumper Jordan Rowell. Dan McCann won shot put at sectionals. Tim McCann, Dan's twin brother, won last year's Metro Suburban Conference in discus and took fourth at sectionals. Hipskind was fourth in the 300 hurdles at sectionals and won triple jump at the indoor MSC meet.

### Montini Broncos

**COACH:** Eric Brechtel

#### RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS

NAME	YEAR	EVENT
Dan McCann	sr.	shot put
Matt Quaglia	sr.	100, 400 relay
Nick Orlando	sr.	800 relay
Jalen Slater	sr.	800 relay
Nick Fedanzo	jr.	400 relay, 800 relay
Zack Olson	jr.	400 relay, 800 relay

#### OTHERS TO WATCH

NAME	YEAR
Jake Mondschean	sr.
Johnny Palumbo	so.

**Outlook:** Several sprint returnees, including football recruits Quaglia (Chicago), Orlando (Butler) and Slater (Carthage), give the Broncos high hopes. Quaglia, Fedanzo and Olson return from the 400 relay that finished second at state to Rich Central.

### Timothy Christian Trojans

**COACH:** John Vander Kamp

#### RETURNING STATE QUALIFIER

NAME	YEAR	EVENT
Xavier Ross	sr.	200, 110, 300 hurdles

#### OTHERS TO WATCH

NAME	YEAR
Will Terpstra	sr.
Clint Fincher	jr.
Carson Hooker	so.
Caleb Mitchell	so.
Luke Mitchell	so.

**Outlook:** Ross, who will compete at Concordia University (Neb.), had a busy state meet last year after winning three events at the Class 1A Seneca Sectional. Ross was 12th in the 110 hurdles and 15th in the 200 at state.

### Willowbrook Warriors

**COACH:** T.J. Artman

#### ATHLETES TO WATCH

NAME	YEAR
Patrick Florey	sr.
Mike Isaacson	sr.

Brandon Loth	sr.
Matt Caron	jr.
D'Onite Gholson	jr.
Anthony Jones	jr.
William Stout	jr.

**Outlook:** Loth was second in shot put for the Warriors' highest finish at the indoor West Suburban Gold Meet. Florey (400) and Isaacson (800) each were third. Gholson was fourth in long jump.

### York Dukes

**COACH:** Charlie Kern

#### RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS

NAME	YEAR	EVENT
Charlie Kern	sr.	800, 1,600
Jonathan Tanner	sr.	200, 800 relay
Jackson Bode	sr.	3,200
Brendan Chaltin	sr.	800 relay
Jimmy Hoffman	so.	800 relay

#### OTHERS TO WATCH

NAME	YEAR
Deandre Klein	sr.
Sean MacGregor	sr.
Mark Morgan	sr.
Tim Stevenson	sr.
Brendan Hill	jr.
Ethan Kern	so.
Daniel Klysh	so.

**Outlook:** Missouri recruit Charlie Kern was an all-state third in the 800 last season. Klein was third at the indoor West Suburban Silver meet in the 55 and 200, which Chaltin won. Bode, second in the 600, was 15th at state in the 3,200.

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# Colucci, Hornets stop Willowbrook

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John Colucci didn't see many jams on Monday, but when he did, he raised his game to another level.

The senior right-hander, a four-year varsity member, scattered 4 hits in a complete game to lead Hinsdale South's baseball team to a 5-0 victory over Willowbrook in Villa Park.

Colucci helped the Hornets (4-4, 1-0) set the tone for the West Suburban Gold series and season against a Warriors (4-4, 0-1) team expected to contend for the title.

"It was a good way to start off," said Colucci, who struck out six and walked one. "They're a good ball team. To dominate the way we did was good to see."

Willowbrook starter Ryan Mintz did a nice job avoiding huge innings by the Hornets, but the damage they did was plenty. An error led to a first-inning run, then a bases-loaded walk to Evan Zenger, who went 2-for-4, and an RBI single by Frankie Klemm boosted the fourth-inning lead to 3-0.

Hinsdale South added more insurance in the top of the seventh in the top of the seventh with a run-scoring triple by Jake Klepacz and Colucci's RBI single. The Hornets took advantage of 9 walks, a hit batter and 3 errors by the Warriors.

"There are things we have to do better," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner. "But I really liked the way we kept battling, especially Ryan on the mound. He got out of some real tough situations. Against a good team like that, though, they're going to take advantage of those freebies."

Willowbrook lacked the timely hitting Hinsdale South enjoyed, although Sam Tumilty went 2-for-3. Colucci

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stranded six runners, three in scoring position, and a seventh was cut down on a fielder's choice.

"He was awesome," said Hinsdale South coach Paul Hoel. "He just competes. It's cold today, so he ended up being a two-pitch guy, but he really battled."

### Naperville Central 10, Glenbard North 4:

The Redhawks (4-2, 1-0) broke out to a 7-0 lead to win the DuPage Valley Conference opener. Payton Thorne, Patrick Boyer and Sam Hohnar combined for 7 RBI. Winning pitcher Jared Suchevis allowed 3 hits in 5 innings. Dom Rotundo doubled and drove in 3 runs for Glenbard North (4-2, 0-1).

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### Downers Grove South 6, Addison Trail 1:

The Mustangs (4-2, 1-0) exploded for 5 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to claim the West Suburban Gold victory. Cameron Crowley struck out 11 in a complete-game performance. Keegan Garland homered. Nick Daudelin struck out 10 in 6 innings for Addison Trail (3-4, 0-1).

### West Chicago 6, Waubonsie Valley 1:

Bobby Bartlett needed only 74 pitches for the complete-game win for the Wildcats (3-2). Michael Sawicki homered and drove in 2 runs. Cade McHenry also had 2 RBI. Zach Bebar went 3-for-3 for Waubonsie Valley (1-5).

### Benet 6, Marmion 1:

Collin Berry and Connor Hincks, who drove in 2 runs, each had 2 hits in support of winning pitcher Chris Perry, who struck out seven in 5 innings.

of the season, the Saints just weren't able to shake a pesky Valley team that already had a pair of wins under its belt. That is, until the last 6:16, when they tallied three times to prevail 12-9.

The difference in that crucial stretch, according to senior midfielder Jacob Collins?

"Energy, you know?" said Collins, who scored four times and assisted on the de facto game-winner, a blast by sophomore midfielder Maxwell Connolly into the upper net at 6:16. "We had energy. We had fist bumps, high-fives, 'Great job,' 'Great play out there.' It really helped our team because we really haven't done that."

You want an example of that energy? Try junior



Valley's Garret Ruden, right, reaches for the ball with St. Charles East's Caleb Duranceau, left, and Jacob Collins, center, on Monday.

midfielder Ronan Macaluso's Michael Jackson-esque dance after his insurance goal at 4:24 of the fourth quarter that put the game out of reach. Junior attackman Mitchell Canales added the final score at 1:23, with the assist from Collins.

In light of that, Saints

with how faceoffs can play. Thankfully, in this game we were able to win some faceoffs and take it straight down.

"But this is a game of offense. You don't get shut-outs, so this could have really flipped on us."

Seven players scored for St. Charles East, including Macaluso and Canales, who each had a pair.

Valley coach Chris Conner knows St. Charles East well. He coached there for four years before taking on his current role two years ago, and he coached Collins and senior goalie Cam Meyer, among others. So there was a little extra mustard on this game for him, and he wasn't let down by his charges. Four players scored 2 goals

fielder Brenden Hennessy that was just wide left of the pipe.

"It got away a little bit," Conner said. "It was more lack of execution in the fourth quarter. We played a really good first three quarters, but the fourth quarter it got away from us a little bit."

Despite the loss Valley outshot St. Charles East 36-32, while junior goalie Ryan Benson had 9 saves. Asuan said there is plenty to take away from this early-season test.

"It's just consistency, that's pretty much it," he said. "Without a couple of bad errors that me and a couple of attackmen had in that fourth quarter, we were right with them until the end. So it's just making sure we stay focused and consistent."

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### Monday's results

**AURORA CHRISTIAN 18, LISLE 4**  
Lisle: Lisle 000 40 —4-6-1  
Aurora Christ. 089 1X —10-11-0  
2B: L. Cracco. AC: Ticket. WP: Kuznetsov.

**BENET 6, MARMION 1**  
Benet 002 202 0 —6-6-0  
Marmion 000 010 0 —1-4-1  
2B: B. Berry. WP: Perry LP: Ruddy.

**DOWNERS GROVE NORTH 12, PROVISIO WEST 0**  
Provisio West 000 00 —0-2-5  
Downers North 732 0X —12-7-0  
3B: DGN: Car. Drobah. Cogger. HR: DGN: Demos. WP: Baccaria.

**DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH 6, ADDISON TRAIL 1**  
Addison Trail 000 010 0 —1-5-0  
Downers South 000 015 X —6-6-4  
2B: DGS: Hasek. 3B: DGS: Slatto. HR: DGS: Garland. WP: Growley LP: Daudelin.

**GLENBARD EAST 10, GLENBARD NORTH 7**  
Glenbard East 002 070 0 —10-10-3  
Glenbard North 200 040 X —7-9-4  
2B: GE: Bushka. Crockett. Glennon. Oberli. GS: Atkinson. Barwick. WP: Westenthal LP: Piroda.

**HINSDALE SOUTH 5, WILLOWBROOK 0**  
Hinsdale South 100 200 20 —6-7-0  
Willowbrook 000 000 0X —0-5-1  
3B: HS: Klepacz. WP: Colucci LP: Mintz.

**IC CATHOLIC PREP 3, FENTON 0**  
Fenton 000 000 0 —0-6-0  
IC Catholic Prep 100 200 X —3-4-3  
2B: F: Doliente. IC: Enright. WP: West LP: Beccroft.

**LYONS TOP/INS/PP, HINSDALE CENTRAL 1**  
Hinsdale Centr. 000 000 1 —1-4-1  
Lyons 001 000 1 —2-0-0  
2B: HC: Jurack. Mercurio. HR: HC: Head. LP: Head.

**NAPEVILLE CENTRAL 10, GLENBARD NORTH 4**  
Naperville Centr. 303 103 0 —10-11-2  
Glenbard North 000 003 1 —4-5-1  
2B: NC: Lindmark. Grafan. GN: Rolando. 3B: NC: Thorne. HR: NC: Carlson. Hohnar. WP: Suchevis LP: Marron.

**NAPEVILLE NORTH 11, HOMERIDGE 3**  
Naperville North 000 021 0 —3-3-3  
Homeridge 000 000 1 —11-10-3  
2B: R: Riley. NR: Brubach. Whitley. WP: Whitley LP: Horvath.

**OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST 4, GLENBARD WEST 1**  
OPRF 000 002 2 —4-6-1

**Glenbard West 000 010 0 —1-2-1**  
HR: OPRF: Hoffstetler. LP: Fencak.

**TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN 4, WALTER CHRISTIAN 3**  
Timothy Christ. 102 000 0 —3-3-4  
Timothy Christ. 000 130 X —4-5-4  
2B: TC: Gwathney. Station. WP: Allen LP: Giber.

**WEST AURORA 8, WESTMOUNT 2**  
Westmont 000 020 0 —2-7-4  
West Aurora 402 011 X —8-7-2  
2B: WA: Rivera. HR: W: Mostafa. WP: Tomas LP: Marotta.

**WEST CHICAGO 6, WAUBONSIE VALLEY 1**  
West Chicago 000 400 2 —6-5-0  
Waubonsie Vall. 100 000 0 —1-6-3  
2B: WC: McHenry. Natkze. WP: Bebar. HR: WC: Sawicki. WP: Bartlett LP: Lemmons.

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**HR: IC: Lyton 2. WP: Cash LP: Gehrke.**

**MARIET 6, METEVA VALLEY 7**  
Meteva Valley 022 000 3 —7-6-2  
Mariet 150 001 1 —6-14-2  
2B: MV: Dominic. O'Connor, Werner. HR: MV: Herdman 2.

**ROLLING MEADOWS 7, GLENBARD EAST 6**  
Glenbard East 113 100 0 —6-7-8  
Rolling Mead. 002 020 3 —7-10-1  
2B: RE: Tyler. DM: Benner. HR: GE: Chumey.

**ST. CHARLES EAST 14, METEVA VALLEY 1**  
Meteva Valley 0 0 0 —0-1-6  
St. Charles East 10 1 21X —14-12-0  
2B: SCE: Ligoles. Stolt. Arvanitis.

**YORK 11, FENWICK 0**  
York 000 102 8 —11-9-1  
Fenwick 000 000 0 —0-2-0  
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**Hinsdale Central at Naperville Central, 4:30 p.m.**  
St. Francis at Timothy Christian, 4 p.m.  
Waubonsie Valley at South Egan, 4:30 p.m.

**Wharton Warrenville South at York, 4:30 p.m.**  
Willowbrook at Glenbard East, 4:30 p.m.  
Boys track & field  
Downers Grove North, Meteva Valley at Plainfield North Quad, 4:30 p.m.

**Hinsley Big Rock, Sandwich at Lisle, 4:15 p.m.**  
Meteva Valley at Plainfield North Quad, 4:30 p.m.  
St. Francis at Plano West, 4:30 p.m.  
West Chicago at South Egan Quad, 4 p.m.

**Boys volleyball**  
Addison Trail at Willowbrook, 5:30 p.m.  
Downers Grove North at Glenbard West, 5:30 p.m.  
Hinsdale Central at Lyons, 5:30 p.m.  
Lincoln Valley Central at Naperville Central, 6 p.m.  
Provisio East at Downers Grove South, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys water polo**  
Hinsdale South at Oak Park-River Forest, 6 p.m.  
Naperville Central at Naperville North, 6 p.m.  
Waubonsie Valley at Naperville North, 6 p.m.

**Boys lacrosse**  
Downers Grove South at Hinsdale Central, 6:15 p.m.  
Lincoln Valley Central at Wheaton North, 7 p.m.  
West Chicago at Jackson, 7:30 p.m.  
Wheaton Warrenville South at Lyons, 7 p.m.  
York at Glenbard West, 6:30 p.m.

**Softball**  
Aurora Central Catholic at Glenbard South, 4:30 p.m.  
Downers Grove South at Plainfield North, 4:30 p.m.  
Glenbard East at Egan, 4:30 p.m.  
Glenbard North at Benet, 4:30 p.m.  
IC Catholic Prep at Wheaton Academy, 4:30 p.m.  
Loyola Academy at Montini, 4:30 p.m.  
Morton at Hinsdale Central, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls soccer**  
Naperville Central at Wheaton North, 4:30 p.m.  
Downers Grove South at Addison Trail, 4:30 p.m.  
Rolling Meadows at Addison Trail, 4:45 p.m.  
St. Ignace at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.  
West Chicago at Larkin, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls soccer**  
Addison Trail at Fenton, 6:30 p.m.  
Bartlett at Glenbard East, 6:30 p.m.  
Downers Grove North at Glenbard West, 4:45 p.m.  
Downers Grove South at Hinsdale South, 6:30 p.m.  
East Aurora at West Chicago, 6:30 p.m.

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