# Willowbrook softball team defeats Hinsdale South

Warriors baseball team ting .448 with seven RBI. splits pair of games with Addison Trail

By Mike Miazga CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook softball team split a pair of recent games with Glenbard West and Hinsdale South.

The Warriors dropped a 8-6 West Suburban Conference crossover game to Glenbard West and also downed Hinsdale South 9-5 to open

WSC Gold Division play.
Through late last week, the Warriors were 6-3 overall and 1-0 in conference play.

Freshman pitcher Caroline Dooley had a 6-2 mark through late last week with 60 strikeouts. She also was hit-

Freshman second baseman Ree Knudtson was hitting .516 with nine RBI, 13 runs scored and two home

Senior third baseman Katie Smith was hitting .407 with four RBI, while sophomore shortstop Shan-non Knudtson had 10 RBI. Junior first baseman Amy Bussa was hitting .357 with 10 RBI.

## Willowbrook baseball

The Willowbrook baseball team was 9-6 through late last week.

The Warriors opened last week with a 2-0 loss to District 88 foe Addison Trail in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

Sam Turnilty and Sam Pelsor each

had two hits, while Ryan Mintz, Trevor Jaloszynski and Scott Tumilty each had a hit. Sam Tumilty had a double. Mintz took the loss despite pitching six innings and allowing six hits, while striking out four.

Willowbrook then took the second ame in the Addison Trail series 4-3. Willowbrook trailed 3-2 but scored two runs in the sixth inning to pull ahead. The Warriors had six hits.

Jack Hines had two of those hits, while Sam Tumilty, Mason Kamp, Scott Tumilty and Pelsor each had a hit. Pelsor had two RBI, while Scott Tumilty's hit was a double. He also had one RBI.

Jack Nilles was the winning pitcher. He went six innings and allowed no earned runs, while striking out runs in the fourth inning

three. Dax Meyer earned the save. Willowbrook was then a 16-0 win-

ner in five innings against Proviso West. The Warriors had 12 hits. Jeremy Conforti and Dan Gusel each had two hits. Conforti had two RBI, while Gusel had three, Sam Turnilty and Mintz each had two RBI as well, as did Pelsor. John Taylor drew three walks. Gusel, Mintz, Pelsor and Vince Ruchala each had a double.

Brandon Shissler, Ethan Pieniazak and Josh Roucka combined to throw a one-hit, five-inning shutout. They struck out a combined eight while walking only one.

Willowbook then recorded a 6-2 WSC crossover win against Hinsdale Central. The Warriors scored all their

Hines went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Mintz had a hit, a run scored and two RBI. Kamp had a hit and an RBI. Matt Tuma had an RBI, while Sam Turnilty had a hit, a run scored and an RBI. Sam Turnilty doubled in the game and Mintz had a triple. Scott Tumilty stole two bases.

Meyer was the winning pitcher. He went six innings and allowed two earned runs, while striking out six and walking none.

In the junior-varsity game that followed, Hinsdale Central downed Willowbrook 10-1. Joey Guthrie had Willowbrook's only hit. Willowbrook gave up only two earned runs. Of note, pitcher Andrew Schellhorn

fanned seven in three innings of re-

# Addison Trail girls badminton team faring well

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# Addison Trail baseball team splits with Willowbrook

Coach Kennedy pleased Kennedy with team's week-long

progress
By Mike Miazga

CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail baseball coach Mike Kennedy knew his team would be challenged during a recent stretch of conference games with Willow-brook and Downers Grove South,

And the Blazers had just that happen to them

and Kennedy couldn't be more happy.
"We played pretty tough," he said.

The Blazers started the week with a 2-0 win over Willowbrook in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play on the strength of Trevor Fulmer's pitching.

Addison Trail then lost 4-3 to Willowbrook.

The Warriors came up with a two-run hit in the sixth inning to take the lead.

The Blazers also lost 3-0 to Downers South in WSC Gold play. "We ran into a buzz saw with their pitcher," said Kennedy. "The guy was outstanding. We went 1-2, but we saw a lot of good things. We competed. We lost a tough one to Willowbrook, but we played well. It was a tough three games. Just like I said before, this week of games will define how our season goes

and the guys responded very well."

Kennedy pointed out this week is even tougher with three games against Hinsdale South in WSC Gold series, plus makeup games with Willowbrook and Downers Grove South on tap.

"It's a tough stretch of five games," he said.
"If we can play like we played last week we will

Kennedy praised Fulmer's effort in the Wil-lowbrook win. "He was lights out in that game,"

Bryan Hidalgo came in and struck out two in the seventh to pick up the save. "Brian shut the door," said Kennedy.

Nick Daudelin pitched well in the second Willowbrook game. "Nick threw a great five innings and left when we were winning 3-2," said

In this loss to Downers South, it was AJ Parnell who pitched a strong game. "AJ threw great," said Kennedy. "He gave up two earned runs in seven imings."

Offensively, Simon Marinelli, Michael Scali and Matt Crandall are three players who have been swinging the bat well, Additionally, Angelo Pahopos was cited for strong play. "Angelo is swinging the bat very well," the coach said. 'He is a senior who is coming on and cementing himself in the outfield."

Vince Daudelin had a couple of big RBI during the three-game stretch to further give Addison Trail a roster full of contributors.

The Blazers were 6-7 overall and 3-4 in WSC Gold play through late last week. "We have another really tough week coming up here," said Kennedy. "Of course, we'd like to see those games spread out more, but we're going to go right after them and hopefully we can string together some good wins against these good

# Fenton softball gearing up for busy stretch

By Mike Miazga CORRESPONDENT

It's the calm before the storm for the Fenton

The Bison had a relatively quiet stretch last week with only two games played against Chi-cago Whitney Young and Aurora Central Cath-olic. The Bison lost both those contests and brought a 4-6 overall mark and a 0-3 record in Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division games into this week.

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# Tattoos times three

Three visitors to the Addison Public Library show off their hand tattoos they received while attending World Fest on Saturday, April 14. Attendees celebrated cultures around the world and enjoyed entertainment, crafts, a photo booth and more.



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These children are captivated by the presentation provided by this soldier who told stories about the various things on his uniform. It was all part of World Fest at the Addison Public Library on Saturday,

# Rep. Bellock named to state budget negotiating team

Representative Patti Bellock, R-Hinsdale, has been named a budget negotiator to help craft a bipartisan balanced state budget this spring for Fiscal Year 2019, announced House Republican Leader Jim Durkin. R-Western Springs. The General Assembly is required to pass a state budget by May 31 for the new fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Joining Representative Bellock on this year's budget negotiating team for the House Republicans is Representative David Harris, R-Arlington Heights. They will work closely in the coming weeks with the House Democrats team led by Representative Greg Harris, D-Chicago, and their counterparts in the State Senate, as well as staff from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

is vitally important that Democrats and Republicans work cooperatively in Springfield to pass a full-year balanced state budget this spring,

Deputy Illinois House Minority Leader and State Rep. Bellock said, "Our priorities must be to preserve the safety net for the state's most vulnerable children and families, meet the state's commitment to K-12 education and public safety, and respect taxpayers by passing a budget that does not include any new tax increases. We can and must achieve each of these

> Representative Bellock has served as a budget negotiator for the House Republican Caucus each year since she was appointed Deputy Minority Leader in October 2013. Bellock is serving her final year in the Illinois General Assembly, retiring at the end of her term in January 2019.

> In addition to serving as a budget negotiator, Bellock is also the Minority Spokesperson on the Human Services – Appropriations Committee, one of five House committees responsible for setting spending priorities within the state budget.

For more information, call (630) 852-8633.

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# DeCarlo brings demo to Art Guild

Pictured is Samantha DeCarlo who offered a demonstration on painting portraits at the meeting of the Addison Art Guild on April 12.

# **Community calendar**

# Thursday, April 26 • I-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 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 informa-tion, 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 Exhibition of local artists in the Addison Center for the Arts Gallery

The Addison Center for the Art's newest exhibit, "Creative Insights" is a juried collection of work from 28 local artists representing a myriad of medium and styles exploring the theme of creative insights. The exhibit continues through April 27. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sahurday 1-4 p.m. and is located at 213 N. Lombard Road, Door #4, adjacent to Addison Trail High School. Parking is available in the North lot. Special tours are available by calling 630-548-4500. Or visit the center's website at: addisoncenterforthearts.com. This exhibit is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency through federal funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts.

## · 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.

## 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 wow. 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 B. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option

# Upcoming Salvation Army

events for youths
Join the Salvation Army Oakbrook Terrace Corps for the following events:

--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 or call 630-629-4948.

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



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# Young chefs

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department offers young children the chance to show off their cooking skills in a class led by a Sticky Fingers Cooking master chef. The photo from a recent class shows (left to right) Nora McDaniel, Mila Okeksak and Vivian Mostardini. The next session of classes, for ages 4 to 6, runs on Wednesdays from May 2-23. The classes take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the lowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave. For more information, cell 630-834-8970.

# Villa Park Historical

# Museum opens its 2018 season

The Villa Park Historical Museum is opening its 2018 season with three new exhibits: "Step Out in Style", "Groovy Bags" and "Pewter and Doilies". These exhibits spotlight items not displayed before from the museum's collection. One-time Villa Park residents donated all of the items displayed in the aphibits. items displayed in the exhibits.

The museum is located at 220 South Villa Avenue, just south of the Illinois Prairie Path. While admission is free, monetary donations are sion is free, momerary consurons are accepted and appreciated. The muse-um is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The museum is closed on

'Step Out in Style" features once

fashionable shoes that were worn by ladies who lived in Villa Park and include styles from several eras, including the Roaring Twenties, the pre-war 1930's, Disco Mania and a pair or two representative of the women's liberation movement of the 1960's and 1970's. "Groovy Bags" presents beaded evening bags, as well as those constructed of wood, suede, satin, and chainmail metal

Also displayed are crocheted and embroidered purses. "Pewter and Doilies" highlights antique Kirk pewter, including salt and pepper sets, portingers, a pitcher, bud vase, and a variety of other serving pieces. The intricate doilies, all the rage in the 1920's, are hand-made by local

Villa Park women. The Villa Park Historical Museum is located in the 1929 Chicago. Auro-ra & Elgin electric train line station ra & High electric train and station that originally served the community as the Villa Avenue stop until 1937. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. Since 2009, the museum has served as a 2011. Dark visitus center moviding

2009, the museum has served as a villa Park visitor center, providing business information, Illinois Prairie Path maps and guides to local restaurants and shopping.

For 40 years, the museum has been operated by a volunteer board and staff and funded by the generosity of its membership, donors, visitors. visitors, fundraising activities and the Village of Villa Park partnership



# Willowbrook students attend international conference

Two Willowbrook High School students—senior Mille Zacharlah (left) and Junior Bahgat Hassan (right)—competed at the DECA international Career Development Conference. The event took place from April 21-24 in Atlanta, Georg The two students, who are both Villa Park, residents, are pictured at a state send-off event on April 20. Sacharlah competed in the Caulck Serve Management level in Atlanta. She qualified for the international competition with her fourth-place showing at the recent DECA state meet. Hasse competed in the Principles of Business Management and Administration level in Atlanta. He earned secondplace honors at the state event. DECA is a competitive event. DECA is a competitive club that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. For more information about DECA, visit www.deca.org.



# Willowbrook prom

Willowbrook High School held its 2018 prom earlier this month at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. About 430 students attended the April 13 event, which had a theme of "Vintage Hollywood." The photo, taken by Willowbrook senior Catherine Carey, shows this year's prom king and queen—seniors Steven Cerda-Sanchez and Maria Luz Alcala. The king is an Eimburst resident: the giasen lives to Villa Park. hurst resident; the queen lives in Villa Park.

# Conroy working to save retirement income from taxation

la Park, is co-sponsoring a measure in the House to oppose attempts by Springfield politicians to create a new tax on retirement income.

Seniors live on fixed incomes "Seniors live on fixed incomes and continue to face high property taxes, increased prescription drug and healthcare costs, and rising costs of living," Conroy said. "Seniors do not see an income increase as the cost of living increases. Creating a new tax on retirement income will only make it most difficult for environmental control of the cost of living increases.

State Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Vil- by the AARP and was introduced in response to the concerns of seniors across the state that politicians would look to vulnerable older residents to balance the state budget. Illinois does not currently tax retirement income and Conroy has voiced her oppo-sition to any plan to raise taxes on middle-class older residents.

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House Resolution 29 is supported

# Volunteers invited to Saturday's Great Western Trail/Prairie Path cleanup

Villa Park's Community Pride munity clubs and groups are invited Commission invites residents to to volunteer to pick up litter along participate in the annual cleanup of the village's portions of the Great Western Trail and Illinois Prairie Path. This year's event will take place, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.

until noon this Saturday, April 28.
Residents and members of com-

to volunteer to pick up nuter along the two trails.

Volunteers can sign in at the Villa Park Historical Museum, 220 S. Villa Ave. Each volunteer who signs in will be provided with wa-ter, snacks, rubber gloves and gar-haps hage. bage bags,



# Coming **Events**

York Center trip to Blue Chip Casino York Center Park District is taking a trip to Blue Chip Casino Friday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for ages 21 years and older. Fee: \$10/ resident; \$12/non-resident. Register by Friday, April 27. Visit www.ycpd-fun.com or call 630-629-0886, York Center Park District, 1609 S. Luther

Senior Men's Club meets May 1 The Senior Men's Club will meet May 1 at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the Lombard Bible Church (not affiliated) 111 S. Park Ave. (south armanen) 111 S. Park Ave. (souton side entrance), Lombard. The guest speaker will be Documentarian Marc Miller speaking about "The Lost Graves of Tarawa." In one of the bloodiest battles of WWII, over 4,000 marines were killed or wound-ed. Of the 1,250 who were buried on the island only 700 were recovered after the war. This is the story of the team who went back there to find and recover the missing. All men 55 and over are welcome. For more information, call 630-629-6822.

Harpeth Rising at Maple Street Chapel

Harpeth Rising is on tour to promote their brand new album, "Against All Tides," and will per-form at Maple Street Chapel on Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. They are a classically-trained trio of violin, cello and banjo/guitar, as well as three-part harmonies and a variety of foot percussion. Tickets are \$18 and are available for purchase online at www.maplestrectroncerts.org. All ages are welcome and doors open at 7 p.m. The net proceeds go toward the preservation and maintenance of the historic Maple Street Chapel, which is located at the Southwest corn Main and Maple streets, 200 S. Main St., Lombard. For more information, call 630-627-0171 or visit www.maplestreetconcerts.org.

National Day of Prayer Breakfast May 3 The Kiwanis Club of Lombard and Villa Park will hold its National Day of Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 3, at 7 a.m. at Lombard Gospel Chap-el, 369 N. Stewart Ave., Lombard. The guest speaker will be Milton Johnson from Christ Bible Church in Chicago. Special music will be provided by the Eastwind Vocal En-semble from Glenbard East High School, directed by Brandon Catt. All community members are invited. The cost is 410. Reservations can be made by phone to 630-709-7354 or whatbrowncando@comcast.net.

# A night of entertainment

Willowbrook High School's CenterStage show choir presented its annual "A Night at the Cabaret" event on Friday evening in the school's caleteria. The evening included dinner, followed by performances of 16 songs. The photo is from one of the songs that featured the entire show choir.



# Jessica Jaent and Daniel **Dukats engaged**

Jessica Jaent and Daniel Dukats of Darien, Ill.,

announce their engagement.

Jessica is the daughter of John and Debbie Jaent of Lombard, III. She is a graduate of Glenbard East High School and Chamberlain Nursing School. She is a Certified Pediatric Nurse at Christ Hospital

Dan is the son of Andy and Cindy Dukats of Villa Park, Ill. He is a graduate of Willowbrook High School and University of Illinois. He is a Shipping and Inventory Control Specialist with Adams Magnetic Company in Elmhurst.

mber wedding is planned.



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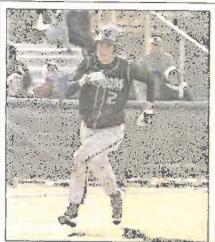
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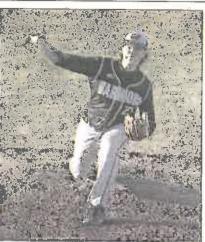
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# Warriors beat the Blazers

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The Willowbrook baseball team evened its West Suburban Gold Conference record at 3-3 with last week's 4-3 win over Addison Trall in Villa Park. The Warriors trailed the Blazers 3-2 going into the bottom of the sixth inning of the April 19 game. Willowbrook scored two runs in the sixth inning to take the lead. Junior Jack Hines (No. 2, pictured above left while scoring a run in the fourth inning) and senior Mason Kamp both singled in the sixth inning. Addison Trail committed an error on a ground ball later in the inning. Willowbrook scored a pair of runs on the play. Junior Jack Nilles (No. 5, pictured above center) pitched six innings and earned the victory for Willowbrook. He allowed six hits and two walks while striking out three batters. Sophomore Dax Meyer (No. 21, pictured above right) threw a hitless

seventh inning to earn the save. Two days before beating Addison Trall in Villa Park, the Warriors lost 2-0 to the Blazers in Addison, Junior Ryan Mintz fired six innings for Willowbrook. He gave up six hits and two walks. He struck out three batters. Addison Trall scored both of its runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. One day after beating the Blazers in Villa Park, the Warriors earned a 16-0 non-conference win over Proviso West. Willowbrook improved its overall record to 9-6 with Saturday's 6-2 win over Hinsdale Central. The Warriors accred all six of their runs in the fourth inning. Meyer pitched six innings and serred the victory. He gave up eight hits and no walks while recording six strikeouts. Mintz drove in two runs with a fourth-inning triple.

# Streaking Rams reel off four straight wins, team moves to 12-4 The Glenbard East baseball team improved its overall record to 12-4 with four straight wins last week. The Rams opened the week with a 2-1 lead. Senior Jack Crackel groundout. Junior Jeremy Johnson's single brought in the go-ahead run. The Rams picked up another convictory at West Aurora on April 17, Senior Taylor Westerhoff pithed a complete game for Glenbard Bast scored complete game for Glenbard Bast scored four runs when they rallied from a 4-0 deficit to beat the Blackhaws Westerhoff gave up four hits and 40 device in the game-tying run with a groundout. Junior Jeremy Johnson's single brought in the go-ahead run. The Rams picked up another converted at wo-run double in the general run, while junior Mitch Glennon went 2-for-3 with one run went 2-for-3 with one run went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs. Senior Jack Crackel and junior Elgin. Senior Jack Crackel and junior amount of the seventh inning to break the 1-1 tie. Campos went 2-for-3 with one run went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs. Senior Jack Crackel and junior Elgin. Senior Jack Crackel and junior Elgin. Senior Jack Crackel and junior ampose went 2-for-3 with one run went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs. Senior Jack Crackel and junior Elgin. Senior Jack Crackel and junior in the Campos went 2-for-3 with one run and dr

2-1 Opstate Figar Valley Conference victory at West Aurora on April 17. Senior Taylor Westerhoff pitched a complete game for Glenbard East. Westerhoff gave up four hits and one walk in seven innings. He struck out six batters in his winning perfor-

The Rams picked up another con-ference win over West Aurora on April 19, when they rallied from a 4-0 deficit to beat the Blackhawks 9-4. West Aurora scored four runs in the third inning to take a 4-0 lead. Glenbard East responded with one run in the fourth inning, two in the fifth inning, five in the sixth inning The Rams scored both of their fifth inning, five in the sixth runs in the top of the fourth inning to and one in the seventh inning.

ful week with Friday's 11-3 victory over Elgin, followed by Saturday's 4-2 win over Elgin-Larkin. Glennon

three runs in the top of the seventh inning. Elgin-Larkin managed one

run in the bottom of the inning.
Senior Jack Oberli went 3-for-4

drove in one run,
Senior Jared Rech pitched the final one and two-third innings to earn

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# Warrior in action

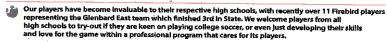
Junior Amy Bussa (No. 64) of the Willowbrook softball team is plotured playing first base during Friday's West Suburban Gold Conterence game at Downers Grove South. The Mustangs defeated the Warriors 8-0. The loss moved the Warriors to 1-1 in conference play, Willowbrook opened its conference season with a 9-5 win over Hinsdale South on April 16. Bussa went 2-for-4 and drove in four runs. Senior Katle Smith and treshman Caroline Dooley each went 2-for-4 with one run batted in. Freshman Annemarle Knuttson went 2-for-4 with three runs batted in. Knudtson also scored three runs. One day after beating Hinsdale South, the Warriors lest an 8-6 non-conference battle against Glenbard West. Knudston and Smith each collected three hits. Bussa had two hits and drove in two runs. One day after facing Downers Grove South, Willowbrook lost 7-3 at Naperville Central. That loss sent the Warriors' overall season record to 6-5.

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Firebirds SC continues to build upon its highly successful Girls High School program. In the past 3 years we have had 2 teams play within the State Premier Division and State Cup competitions, a further 2 participate in the Presidents Cup along with playing within the top divisions of IWSL. We are constantly achieving our goal of providing players a pathway to playing soccer at the collegiate level with over 10 players going on to play college soccer since graduating from our program



Our program goal is to provide all players with a positive learning environment where they feel a sense of belonging and pride. Our program provides a platform for players to reach their soccer aspirations, with a key focus to players aiming to play college soccer.



# The Rams battle Batavia

The Glenbard East girls soccer team played Batavia in last week's non-conference match in Lombard. Batavia defeated the Rams 2-1 non-conference match in Lombard. Batavia defeated the Rams 2-1 in the April 19 contest. Neither team scored in the first half. Batavia took a 1-0 lead when it scored with about 30 minutes left in the match. The Buildogs added their second goal with about 10 minutes to play. Glenbard East cut into Batavia's lead when treshman Maddle Weitin scored with about five minutes remaining. Two photos from the match show senior goalkeeper Faith Davies punting the ball and senior midifielder All Lilipstrand (No. 2) executing a comer kick. The loss to Batavia sent the Rams' overall season record to 7-3-2. Glenbard East will face Willowbrook in tonight's match in Villa Park. match in Villa Park



# **Broncos post a victory** at their Thursday Night Lights meet

The Montini boys track and field team won the team competition of its own Thursday Night Lights event. The six-team meet took place in Lombard

on April 19.

Montini won the team title with Montini won the team ture wun 167 points. St. Laurence placed sec-ond with 130 points. Nazareth Acad-emy finished third, while St. Joseph, IC Catholie Prep and DePaul College Prep placed fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

The Broncos' individual champi ons in the meet's track events include ed senior Matt Quaglia, who won the 100-meter dash in 11.31 seconds; senior Jake Mondschean, who won the 1.600-meter run in 4 minutes, 50.62 seconds; and senior Rvan Laughlin. who won the 300-meter hurdles race in 44.67 seconds.

Montini dominated the relay events. posting victories in the 4 x 100-meter race (with a winning time of 44.19 sec-onds), the 4 x 200-meter race (1 minute, 35.86 seconds), the 4 x 400-meter relay (3:37.80) and the 4 x 800-meter relay (9:14.35).

Junior Ron Urani provided the Broncos with a win in the pole vault competition. His best effort of the meet cleared 7 feet, 6 inches, Sophomore cleared 7 feet, o inches, sopnomore Patrick Peters of Monties; won the shot put; his best effort covered 38 feet, 9½ inches, Preshman Tyler McLaurin won the discus throw. His longest throw of the day traveled 105 feet, 7 inches.

# Club earns awards at district dinner

On Wednesday, April 11, members of the Lombard Junior Women's over the past three years), Junior of Club (LJWC) attended the Generative Vear (based on service over the al Pederation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) of Illinois 5th District Dinner and Awards Night. Hosted at Al-legra Banquets in Villa Park, LJWC took home all three of the prestigious individual awards.

In addition to individual successes LJWC was honored with a number of club awards. In the membership category size 31-50 members, LJWC took first place in all 12 awards: Legislation/Public Policy, Advocates for Children, Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues, Communications & Public Relations, Leadership, Membership, and Fundraising & Development.

Bach year, the LJWC nominates and awards three members of club for the following recognition: Out-

# Glenbard East production of 'Complete History' begins May 2

Don't miss Glenbard East Theatre's final production of the school year: The Complete History of America (Abridged)." This side-splitting show lampoons our country's history from the founding fathers through today and brings the phrase "fake news" to a whole new

Performances are May 2, 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday, May 3, at 4 p.m. at Glenbard East High School, 1014 S. Main St. in Lombard.

Cast members include Lilly Zuniga, Grace Melton, Tay Roylance, Will Wightkin, Marihe Mason, Connor Kamrack, Demetri Sepsis, Sam Hoey, Lahela MeClenahan, Chris Turner, Maddie Novak, Macken-na Clayton, Alison Moro, Graham Wendorff, Lizzy Mazzolini, Melissa Tumlos, Molly Fidlow, Jake Lom-bardi, Veronica Koralewski, Sammy Reyes and Anthony Maggio.

Tickets are \$8 and may be reserved by calling 630-424-6640. Tickets also may be purchased at Glenbard East during the lunch periods or at the door the evening of performanc-

For more information contact Mark Kaetzer at mark\_kaetzer@ glenbard.org.

the Year (based on service over the past year), and Spark Plug (based on service in the first year in club.) The winners' biographies and lists of involvement and accomplishments are on to be reviewed at the district and state levels Looking ahead, all

three of the LJWC 5th District Award Farm Road, Wheaton. The meeting recipients will move on to the State Awards on May 18 hosted at the GFWC State Convention hosted in

The next Lombard Junior Women's Club General Meeting is May 2 at 7 p.m. at the DuPage County Community Center, 115 N. County-

will include a private tour of the new Community Center building followed by the monthly meeting. If you would like more information please email LombardJrs@gmail com and/or follow the club on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ lombardjuniors/.



President Stary Schroeder and fallow LJWC members accepting their awards President Stary Schroeder and fallow LJWC members accepting their awards packet from Marie Mueler, 5th District Director of Junior Clubs. Pictured (left to right): Nancy Spartz, Diana Frerichs, Ashley Piper, Stacy Schroeder, Meria Mueller, Sun Bielends, Diana Addante, Maria Uribe, Ellen Leitschuh, Therese Piper and Sue Homer

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# Willowbrook's next athletic director is a familiar face

The District 88 Board of Education recently approved the ad-ministration's recommendation to name Brandon Murphy as Willowbrook High School's new athletic director. Murphy will of-ficially start his new duties on July 1. He will succeed Bob Daly, who is becoming an assistant principal at Willowbrook, Murphy graduated from Willowbrook in 2001. He attended Eastern IIII-2001. He attended Eastern Illi-nois University, where he lettered in wrestling, Murphy joined the Willowbrook faculty in 2007. He has taught physical education, health and driver education. He's also the head varsity coach of the Warriors' wrestling and bad-minton teams.



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# Victoria Palma breaks Willowbrook's mile record

York's 3,200-meter relay team turns in second-place finish

> By BILL STONE editorial@mysuburbanlife.com

GLEN ELLYN - After significant improvements to qualify for her first Class 3A girls cross country state meet in November, Willowbrook junior Victoria Palma promised herself this was

only the beginning.

"After cross country, I thought about my goals, wrote them down and was like, 'I can't just have one success and let it go.' I have three more seasons [including track and field] and I just want to keep building on it," Palma said. "I figured out what I needed to do, what I need to change. I've been implementing that, seeing how it works, and I think it's working."

On April 21, Palma again rose to the occasion against great competition to technically break a 32-year-old school record in the 1,600-meter run at Glenbard West's Sue Pariseau Invitational York was 13th (20 points) in the meet

and Willowbrook 16th (10.5)

Palma's sixth-place 5:15.31 fully-automatic time is on par with the 1986 school record by Jennifer Jorgensen of 5:15.2 manual time, which is 5:15.44 FAT converted. York junior Sarah May was fifth (5:10.69), already near the 5:09.66 state-qualifying standard.

Planning to definitively break Willowbrook's record soon, Palma challenged it with a strong final 300 meters.

'For some reason, finishing is always my best part of the race. It's the most fun," Palma said. "[The record] was definitely in the back of my mind the whole time. I was thinking, T've got to get closer to that time, hit the splits and just stay calm.' I get mentally frazzled, so I want to hold myself in when I run.'



Bill Ackerman - For Shaw Media

York's Katherine Tomaska runs the third leg of the 3,200-meter relay at the Sue Pariseau Invitational on April 21 at Glenbard West.

York's 3,200 relay of sophomores Lydia Hickey and Emma Kern, senior Katherine Tomaska and May reunited for the first time since they finished

12th at last year's 3A state finals. The Dukes (9:50.41) were second to Barrington (9:32.23).

At last year's state meet, York ran ond fastest in U.S. high school history.

9:35.72 in preliminaries to reach the 12team finals but finished 12th (9:48.94), 25.55 seconds from top-nine, all-state contention. Kern joined the lineup after prelims.

We were all really excited. We were like, 'All right. This is the day to compete and the time will come," Tomaska said. "I think we competed really well, but we're definitely trying to get that time down toward state qualifying (9:35.97) because we want to come back and really make a statement this year."

Like older brother Robert, Tomaska will attend the University of Minnesota and not compete on the collegiate level.

It's my senior year, so I want to try and get as good as I can before the season ends," Tomaska said. "I know I have some experience with what I need to do and what times we need to hit. Being a senior, I think I've realized. especially not having that much time left in the season, you need to leave it all out there every race."

Willowbrook freshman Daylee Braden was sixth in the 400 (1:01.81), Junior Miani Blackwell used personal bests for a sixth-place tie in shot put (34-2 3/4) and seventh in discus (100-0).

Finishing seventh for York were senior Molly Evans (300 low hurdles in 51.20), Hickey (400 in 1:02.50) and the 400 relay (sophomore Zoe Clark, freshman Amaya Rufus, junior Jessica Dryden and Evans in 52.39). The 800 relay (Dryden, Rufus, senior Madison Park and junior Kelly Leonard in 1:54.24) and 1,600 relay (sophomore Isabella Walker, junior Sarah Pinkowski, senior Olivia Chavez and Leonard in 4:18.75) were eighth.

In the 3,200, Glenbard West sophomore Katelynne Hart ran a remarkable 9:52.02, breaking the Illinois girls high school record by nearly five seconds with the fastest sophomore time and sec-

PREP YOUR OUR

# York's new girls soccer head coach is Stevan Dobric

## SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

York Community High School has named Stevan Dobric as the new girls soccer head coach.

Dobric has been an assistant coach in the girls soccer program at York for the past seven years.

Dobric played soccer at Maine South and at Elmhurst College, where he studied history and secondary education. During his time at Elmhurst College, he was the president and founder of the Elmhurst College Soccer Club, which evolved to become the from Emma Repking for Montini (6-6men's varsity team.

Dobric has 13 years of high school soccer coaching experience, coaching at Maine East before coming to York. He was the interim head coach with the girls soccer program when the Dukes went 10-8.

The Lady Broncos played to a 2-2 tie with DePaul Prep on April 25. Alondra Holler scored an unassisted goal and Shea Smith scored a goal on an assist

1, 3-0-1). Nikki Sclafani had two saves in the net.

Montini beat De La Salle 4-1. Emily Detmers scored two goals, Ellie Krick had an unassisted goal, Repking scored, and Holler and Kate Crotty had assists. Sclafani had five saves.

# BASEBALL **Timothy Christian**

Ridgewood beat the Trojans 5-0 on April 24 and 6-1 on April 23. Timothy Christian edged Chicago Christian 3-2 on April 21. Nick Huisman singled in two runs and Thomas Becvar drove in Huisman during a three-run first inning.

Harrison Stanton picked off a runner at second base to end the game, preserving the win for the Trojans (9-7, 6-3). Connor Gwaltney got the win.

Timothy Christian beat Fenton 6-1. Thomas Becvar got the win.

Gwaltney homered and Jimmy Allen doubled in Timothy Christian's 6-5 win over Aurora Central Catholic on April Allen was the winning pitcher.

# Raiders find nourishment in win

By Andy Martinez Daily Herald Correspondent

Omar Ourram was in his

The sophomore No. 2 singles player on the Glenbard South boys tennis team was so fixated on studying for his math test, that he completely forgot to use his lunch period to do what he's supposed to do: eat.

"Sometimes when I'm studying for a test, I don't focus on eating, I'm more focused on studying," Qurram said. "I only ate a granola bar for lunch."

It nearly affected him in his matchup against Willow-brook's Ben Cavka.

"I had to study, so I wasn't eating, so I came out here and I was like fatigued," Qurram said. "Usually my hunger gets me cranky and I start yelling and getting under control and

it affects everything."

Luckily for Qurram and the Raiders, he composed himself and beat Cavka 6-3, 7-6. Glenbard South beat Willowbrook

It wasn't the first time Qurram has been fatigued because he forgot to eat.

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# **Boys tennis**

"It's been that way for two years," Glenbard South coach Mark Conrad said. "That's why I keep snacks, specifically for him, in my bag. He digs into the bag when he needs something." Cavka, who is a close friend

of Qurram, rallied in the first set to make it 4-3, before Qurram closed the set out. In the second set Cavka led 5-4 and Qurram's frustration kicked in, yelling at himself after each

Conrad has given Qurram "terrible towel" to use when he becomes frustrated with himself on the court. When Qurram is upset with himself, he grabs the towel and yells into it or bites down on it.

Monday, Qurram calmed himself by sitting down in the shade between points and talking to himself.

"On the changeovers I just sit down, I have a nice little shade spot and I just think to myself, like, 'Come on, you can be a dominant player if you really keep your head in the game,'' Qurram said. "And it started to

Qurram closed the set 7-6 to pick up the win. But don't expect him to trash talk or tease Cayka

"I'm going to be nice about it because I respect him a lot," Ourram said.

At No. 1 singles Glenbard South's Alex Bergendorf beat Drake DelValle 6-0, 6-3.

"I kept to my playing style, which is fight to the end," Bergendorf said. "It's always a satisfying feeling to win after struggling through a match."

DelValle made things inter-

esting in the second set. Trailing 5-0, DelValle rallied to make it 5-3

"I had to be more of a defensive player, I was too much of an offensive player in the first set," DelValle said. "I found my rhythm pretty late in the

It proved to be a learning experience for DelValle. "The way I finished made me really like this match," Del-Valle said. "At the end of the match, I went up to him and said, "Thanks for kicking my butt, it really brought me out."
Glenbard South's Deven

Kinch beat Mark Lobdell 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a three-set thriller at

The No. 1 Glenbard South doubles team of Greg Kozlick and Cooper Reif beat Kiran Pentella and Abdullah Kaludi 6-1, 6-3. The No. 3 Raid-ers doubles team of Andrew Fortes and Ian Johnson beat Anmar Waheed and Logan Bliss 6-4, 6-2.

"My (No. 1) doubles played really well, minimized their mistakes," Conrad said. really well, minimized meir mistakes," Conrad said. "Overall, a win. I knew they were going to be tough." Willowbrook's Joe Garner picked up a 6-2, 6-4 win over

Jack Hurst at No. 4 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Taha Aktar and Steve Cerda beat Ryan Harrington and Jakob Jaquinde 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

"All of these cancellations, we literally get bunched up a little bit and that's what's hitting us, it's a bunch of matches," Willowbrook coach Eddie De La Cruz, whose team has matches Monday through Thursday, said. "I see a little bit of tired legs, especially with my guys in serving. Serving definitely let us down today.

"Both schools could've easily won 5-2, 6-1 today, it was just every single match was definitely a battle."

# **Softball Top 20**

# Team

1. Barrington (19-2)

2. Warren (15-1)

3. Downers Grove N. (17-3)

4. Hundey (14-4)

5. Montini (16-3)

6. Palatine (15-4)

7. Downers Grove S. (12-3)

8. Hersey (12-3)

9. St. Francis (15-2) 10. St. Charles East (12-5)

11. Geneva (15-4)

12. Carv-Grove (10-4)

13. Glenbard South (11-2)

14. Conant (9-6)

15. WW South (12-6) 16. Prospect (14-5)

17. Neuqua Vailey (11-6)

18. Antioch (12-5) 19. Libertyvílje (13-5)

20. Dundee-Crown (10-8)

## Comment

McMahon gets 2nd career no-hitter Blue Devils crank 7 HRs vs. Lakes Trojans can score in bunches Tripped up by Dundee-Crown Winner of seven straight Sr. 3B M. Craver on a hitting tear On a six-game winning streak Luciano 14 Ks at Elk Grove Spartans having another great season Saints take UEC River lead Dierks acts 500th win Plays at Huntley Thursday Good win against WW South Burchfield solid in field and at plate Lost to Downers North, Glenbard South 1B Palczynski grand słam vs. Palatine Lost to WW South in DVC Sequolts belt 8 HRs vs. Wauconda Wildcats sweep DH from Deerfield

# Girls water polo Top 10 Comment

Excelled out of state

1. Stevenson (25-1)

2. Naperville Central (21-5)

3. Naperville North (20-8)

4. York (19-6)

5. Conant (24-4)

6. Mundelein (21-8)

7. Hersey (23-2)

8. Metea Valley (18-5)

9. St. Charles North (17-9)

10. Barrington (15-7)

Great matchup ahead at Stevenson Wednedsay date at No. 1 Patriots No. 2 seed in own sectional Plays No. 7 for MSL title on Thursday

Surging Chargers surprise Huntley

Fell by 3 against No. 5 Hosts No. 5 for MSL crown Thursday

Nice test Tuesday at Hersey Plays at Fremd on Saturday

Runner-up finish in MSL West

# **Boys water polo Top 10**

# Team

1. Naperville Central (23-1) 2. Stevenson (24-3)

3. Neuqua Valley (20-6)

4. York (17-10)

5. Naperville North (17-11)

6. Barrington (17-5)

7. Conant (17-8)

8. Buffalo Grove (24-4)

9. Metea Valley (15-10)

10. Mundclein (13-15)

Fell to Lyons at Stevenson

Nice weekend showing

Great results at Conant

Looking forward to WSC tourney

Quality win vs. Barrington

Meets No. 8 in MSL title game

Defense keeps getting better

Hosts No. 6 in MSL title game

Won three times at St. Charles N.

Close loss to Lockport on Saturday

Team

1. Glenbard West (22-2) 2. Hersey (22-3)

3. Libertyville (21-4)

4. Lake Park (22-4)

5. Neuqua Valley (20-4)

6. Barrington (19-5)

7. Stevenson (19-5)

R. Addison Trail (17-6)

9. Palatine (22-8)

10. Carmel (16-7)

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**Boys volleyball Top 10** 

Huskies are champs at own tournament

Wildcats struggling on Saturday mornings Lancers got a good win vs. Addison Traili

Third place at Benet Invitational

Broncos are 7-0 in Mid-Suburban West

Patriots kept it close vs. Libertyville

Tough week, tough competition

Nix with 41 digs at Libertyville tournament

Henderson 9 digs against Jollet Catholic

# Lacrosse: Hilltoppers win Continued from Page 6 position, winning 9 of 10 in the second half and 11 total for the

the third period.

"After we got that buzz-er-beater and then that faceoff with the goal right out of the half, we rallied behind that and put our foot on the pedal,

Ball possession is crucial in lacrosse and Frick was partic-ularly effective at the faceoff

contest. "I think they stepped it up

second quarter, and through-out the rest of the game they outworked us on the ground-balls, and faceoffs, I don't know if we won a single one in the second half," said Neuque Valley coach Josh Maluta, whose team fell to 12-1.



MARK BLACK/mblack@dailyherald.co Glenbard West's Ben Frick (34) moves the ball away form Neuqua Valley's Jack Trelo (21) and John Kubicki (11) in Glen Ellyn on Monday.

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**Boys tennis** 

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**Boys volleyball** 

Monday's results

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LS COLF To establish your setup, Louis Sauer suggests starting with your feet together with the ball in line with your frent foot. Then take your trail foot back just past your trail hip. Tee the ball up high and tilt your upper body away from the target.

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Iney can maximize their distance, however, by under-standing a few key concepts.

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Imagine a world-class sprinter getting as tight as you see some golfers do when preparing to swing. They wouldn't be able to run as fast. Tense muscles in all sports — espe-cially golf — work against you. You must try to relax when you step into the tee box and take some nice, easy practice swings to loosen up.
And, of course, think about

making a smooth swing.

Another common error amateur golfers make that hurts driving distance is when they tee the ball too low. It prevents them from hitting up on the ball. Hitting down on a ball that isn't teed up high creates the dreaded ground ball,



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which looks bad and doesn't get you closer to the hole.

To maximize your distance with lower clubhead speed, you must tee the ball high, play the ball forward in your stance and tilt your upper body away from the target. The most important skill to hitting a long, straight drive is hitting the ball in the center of the face, preferably with a face angle that isn't open to your

A simple way to establish your setup is start with your feet together with the ball in line with your front foot. Then take your trail foot back just past your trail hip. This gives you with the correct ball position and width for your stance.

Then take a nice, smooth swing and enjoy the results. See you on the first tee!

•Louis Sauer is a PGA Professional and owns LS Golf in Northbrook. He can be contacted by email at swingbylou@ me.com, and you can follow him on Instagram at score\_golf.

# Rounday: St. Francis wins big in Catholic League

Count St. Francis boys lacrosse coach Bob Grisanzio among that group. His Spar-Montini on Tuesday after-noon, winning 22-0 behind goals from 11 players. Senior attackman Zach Kinnas and junior midfielder Connor Polan each scored 4 goals, while senior midfielder Sam Sidari and sophomore attackman A.J. Donati each had 3.

It was an impressive per-formance, but the big ques-tion for Grisanzio to his team

Do you believe?

"We got crunched by Naperville North the first game of the season," said Grisanzio, whose team improved to 10-3 and 6-1 in the Chicago Catholic League. "They need to believe that they can play with them."

The Spartans got a big boost last Friday when they defeated Catholic League power Mt. Carmel 11-10 for the first time. Couple that with an impressive performance against Montini, which included a 22-3 advantage in faceoffs, and things are shaping up for an interesting last few weeks. But there's work to be done.

"I can say that as a unit, this team is coming together," Kinnas said, "We realize that there is a lot of games yet, and we've got to hustle and come out with more of a spark.

That's been a big downside.
We need to play four quarters to go far in the playoffs."
Added Sidarl: "As far as offensively, I think we just need to believe in ourselves a little more, and that can be said defensive side, too, and it's just believing we can be a great team. We've got to focus on finishing."

Across the field it's been

a tough season for Montini,

which fell to 1-11 overall and 1-3 in the CCL. Coach Mike Thurna returned Tuesday after having his left leg amputated below the knee last week to remove a cancerous tumor in his ankle. But don't let all that get you down.

Take sophomore goalie David Leonard, who had 17 saves. The team also is getting great leadership from its four seniors, Sam-uel Stevenson, Matthew Pierson, Michael Kuranty and Tajh McKelvy. Taken together, the Broncos could prove to be a real pain for their first-round playoff opponent.

- Gregg Voss

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## Baseball

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said. "Because of that, my expectations aren't as high for this year."

Home-course knowledge should count, though. The tourney starts Monday, with the semifinals and championship matches set for May 10.

The Illinois and Wisconsin men's teams will get their NCAA regional assignments during today's 5:30 p.m. selection show on The Golf Channel.

For Illini senior Nick Hardy of Northbrook it will mark the beginning to the end of a great college career. He will turn



goals. Neuqua Valley and Naperville North also have just one DVC loss.

"We still have some tough games ahead of us, but we're pretty excited," Tigers goal-keeper Abbie Brennan said, "This is huge."

"Conference game, and we wanted to win conference. Mustangs coach Chris Wha-ley added. "They came on our field last time (in the Pepsi Showdown) and got one on us. We just wanted to obviously come here and get one on them."

Miller opened the scoring in the 51st minute. Collecting Roundup midfield.

Miller started on a 30-yard run down the middle of the field, winding her way through a pair of defenders before scor-

ing from 20 yards out. "It was actually kind of challenging because I didn't know which way to go with it," Miller said. "When one defender was coming across right I made an impulsive decision to cut right into her but I got lucky that it got just barely past her and was able to get around her. That one was a tough one and I was a little nervous

The Mustangs (10-6-1, 3-2) evened the game with exactly 10 minutes left when Nicole Dawson's 32-yard free kick near the left sideline found net, her first goal of the season.

The Tigers avoided overtime when Miller scored again in the 78th minute, putting her head to Allie Anderson's free kick from about the same spot but on the other side of the field as Dawson scored for the Mustangs. It was Miller's 13th goal of the season.

"Allie placed it perfectly and I just had to take a step back and drive into it," Miller said.

An apparent Mustangs goal in the 76th minute was disallowed for a foul.

The Tigers outshot the Mus-tangs 15-6 for the game, a function of their willingness to shoot from distance, especially with a strong wind at their backs in the first half.

"I was concerned about that laver in front of our defense, with the wind at their back, that they would go to goal more often, but they didn't," Tigers coach Guy Callipari said. "They tried to find that seam, they tried to find that last pass. We were able to close that out most of the day."

- Orrin Schwarz

# Naperville North 4, Naperville Central 3;

There's always plenty of fervor, emotion and energy when Naperville North and Naperville Central battle on the soccer pitch, and Huskies senior Shaina Dudas has been a part of it these past four years.

Conversely, it was a new sperience for Redhawks experience ^ freshman Sullivan Schubel, who didn't even know she was going to be in the starting

lineup.

Both players delivered for their respective teams, but it was the host Huskies who finally turned away the resil-ient Redhawks 4-3 during a windy DuPage Valley Conference game on Tuesday in Naperville.

That was definitely one of the craziest games I've been involved in," Dudas said. "They really got themselves back in it, and we made some mistakes, but we owned up to it and did something about it. I had a chance, I took it and it worked out for us.

After the Redhawks (7-10-1,



Wheaten Warrenville South's Paige Miller (20) and Metea Valley's Kayla Hurst (14) work for control of the ball during varsity girls soccer in Wheaten on Tuesday. The Tigers won 2-1.

1-4-0) had rallied to tie the game for the third time at 3-3 on Hannah Bradley-Leon's nifty goal with 14:48 remain ing, Dudas answered with the game-winner with just 3:48 left. "Once I scored we were

all really excited, but we also knew we couldn't take the foot off the pedal because we saw how they got right back in the game," Dudas said. "We wanted to make sure we had it for real this time."

The strong winds played a huge factor, making things difficult for both teams and certainly helped the squads combine for 7 goals.

"You throw the records out

every time we play, and the wind tonight changed the game," Huskies coach Steve Goletz said. "It changed it not only when you had it, but when you were going into it with weird bounces hanging up. There were just a lot of different things that happened

Leah Shumate put the Hus-kies (12-3-3, 5-1-0) ahead early in the first half, but the Redhawks responded with a penalty kick from Maddie Redeker with 12:01 left in the first half. The Huskies took advantage of a loose ball in the penalty area with 4:28 left and Katelynn Buescher buried it

for a 2-1 advantage.
"If it's 1-1 to halftime we would've been feeling pretty good," Redhawks coach Ed Watson said. "But from the run of play when (the Hus-kles) found opportunities, they buried them. Our girls battled though and that was our No. 1 priority, that we were going to come out and compete and I thought we

played pretty well. Emma Irle's shot caromed off the crossbar but narrowly found its way into the net with 34:39 left in the second half to knot the game at 2-2 but the Huskies answered three minutes when Dudas connected with Megan Benmore who got in deep and forced an own

"Dudas was outstanding," Goletz said. "She was what you would expect from a four-year starter and a senior captain."

The newbie on the other

side was awfully good too.
"Imagine starting your first varsity game as a freshman and it's against Naperville North," Watson said. "And she doesn't know she's starting until I tell her to go stand in line because I didn't want her to freak out before the

— Chris Walker

# Baseball

## Benet 11, Marian Catholic 8:

More often than not, the best you can hope for is a split in an East Suburban Catholic Conference baseball series.

That's why Benet feels like it's ahead of the curve so far this season,

The Redwings earned their fourth split in five series with Tuesday's 11-8 victory over Marian Catholic in Lisle, hanging on in a slugfest after seizing control with a 6-run bottom of the fifth inning.

Benet (11-10, 7-4) obviously would prefer to be dominating its conference competition, but that's unrealistic. The Redwings have split with St. Viator, last year's Class 3A cham-pion, and Marian Catholic, the 3A runner-up, and still have a series remaining against ESCC leader Joliet Catholic.

Any win is a big one in the ESCC. As ugly as Monday and Tuesday may have been against the Spartans (10-11, 6-6), scratching out a lone victory was huge for the Redwings.

"In our conference there are so many good teams," said Benet third baseman Jack Schneider. "No one's really out of it, even if it's the fifth or sixth inning and you're down 6 or 7 runs. We've battled with a bunch of teams in our conference. We've split with a lot of them. It just shows that anyone can beat anyone on any given day.

Marian Catholic, which beat Benet 12-4 on Monday, built a 4-1 lead in the top of the fourth. The Redwings grabbed the lead for good with a 4-run bottom of the fourth behind a 2-run double by Mike Wymer and RBI from Paddy Hincks and Aaron Staehely.

Leading 5-4, Benet xploded for its 6 runs in the fifth. Schneider cleared the bases with an interesting double that ricocheted off the pitcher's glove and past the center fielder. Staehely added

a sacrifice fly.

Even with a 7-run lead, the Redwings found themselves in precarious spots in the top of the sixth and seventh inning. Julian Ledezma and Angelo Cantelo each singled home runs in a 4-run sixth for the Spartans.

Marian Catholic had 10 hits in the final three innings and brought the tying run to the plate in the final two. Tony Adams closed out the final three innings, though, saving the win for Jared Novak.

"I don't care who it is in our league, you have to keep

pouring on runs," said Benet coach Scott Lawler. "Our guys for the last couple weeks have shown a lot of grit. They came out and said they were going to get after it today, and they did."

## — Kevin Schmit

## St. Francis 7. Mt. Carmel 6:

Trailing 6-5 heading to the bottom of the seventh. the Spartans (8-10, 2-9 Chicago Catholic League) won on a two-out walkoff hit when Matt Cooney singled in Trevor Hicks. Nick Kosmetatos tied the game with a home run. Cooney and Liam Brown, who also homered, each drove in 3 runs. Kosmetatos was the winning pitcher in relief of Ben Radel, who pitched into the eventh inning.

# Lake Park 14, Metea Valley 12:

The Lancers (10-10, 7-8) scored twice in the top of the ninth inning to win in the DuPage Valley. Zach Aehlert had 3 bits and 2 RBI while Rory Marino had 2 hits and 3 RBI. Anthony Baturin was the winning pitcher in relief. Jake Kmiecik went 3-for-5 with a homer and 4 RBI for Metea Valley (10-10, 7-8).

# Neuqua Valley 8, Naperville North 1:

The Wildcats (20-0, 14-0) swept in the DuPage Val-ley as Ethan Schreier, who ent 3-for-3 with 3 RBI, and Rvan Wheeler each homered. Andrew Churchman was the winning pitcher.

# WW South 6, Waubonsie Valley 4:

Winning pitcher Schertman went 3-for-4 with a triple and 3 RBI for the Tigers (10-11, 8-9 DuPage Valley), who won for the sixth time in eight games. Matt Brodhead and Matt Brennan each had 2 hits. Ben Jaynes went 3-for-4 and Zach Laws drove in 2 run for Waubonsie Valley (5-17,

# Boys gymnastics

## Mundelein sectional:

The first of five boys gymnastics sectional meets turned out to be a very good one Tuesday night at Mundelein, as two teams put themselves in a good position to reach the 67th state meet.

As expected, the host Mus-As expected, the host Mus-tangs captured the champi-onship of the eight-team meet with 155.95 points to auto-matically advance to the 22nd Elite Eight in program history

on May 11 at Hoffman Estates. Runner-up Downers Grove

North put itself in a pretty good position to earn one of the three at-large team berths to the Elite Eight meet with 151.45 points, while Willow-brook (144.95 points) took home third place behind all-around champion Adam Sousa with 54.7 points.

The Trojans will have to wait out the remaining four sectionals and hope their score of 151.45 holds up through the final qualifying meet, which will be held Saturday afternoon at Lyons Twp.

Downers Grove North's great effort was led by senior all-arounder Lukas Elisha in North's fourth overall. Sophomore Aaron Hepper placed sixth overall for the Trojans.

The top five placers in each event automatically advance to state along with the top three all-arounders. at-large all-arounders, and 25 at-large individuals in each event, will also advance to

"It was a great meet over-l — the kids stepped up, and we had one kid out on events," said Downers Grove North coach Tony Cieza-dlo. "Elisha did well in the all-around, going about four for six, and if we're the eighth team so be it just to get experience at the state meet

After placing fourth in the state all-around as a sophomore and taking a one-year hiatus from competing in the IHSA, Sousa should be on the top of his game for his final state meet.

"He should definitely do very well next week," said Willowbrook coach Caleb Strejc. 'And since we're the first sectional, he has a lot of time to prepare for state.

- John Bumbales

# Boys volleyball

## WW South d. Neuqua Valley:

Declin Ermer and the Wheaton Warrenville South boys volleyball team felt on top of the world.

And who could blame them?

Ermer and the Tigers finished the first set against Neuqua Valley on an 18-4 run to take the set.

"After the first (set) win, you feel like you can win, like you're unstoppable," Ermer

With only six wins on the season, and Neuqua carrying only four losses going into the match it was easy to understand why Ermer and the Tigers felt invincible.

And they carried that to the second set. Wheaton Warrenville South beat Neuqua Valley

go far in the postseason. Trailing 13-7 in the first set, Tigers coach Bill Sch-reier called a timeout. After

the teams exchanged points Wheaton Warrenville South (7-19, 2-2 DVC) scored 9 straight points to take a 17-14 lead. The Tigers forced 3 errors in the run, and Zeo Meyer had 3 kills and 2 blocks in the run.

"I knew if we get our serves in, we can go on a run," Ermer said. "That's what we needed to do."

It stunned Neuqua Valley

"We got served off the court," Neuqua Valley coach Brich Mendoza said. "We knew how they were swinging. Timing was off defensively, even when the ball got pay our block, back row wasn't in position. Those are mental mistakes."

The Tigers took advantage of that. They never let the Wildcats go on a run after they took the lead, Neugua Valley scored consecutive points when they trailed 23-16 on Wheaton Warrenville South errors but never scored more than one point at a time.

That stretch was easily the best stretch we've played all season," Schreier said. "So then you get concerned, what happens in the second set."
What happened was the

Tigers hung with the Wildcats. Wheaton Warrenville South took a 5-2 lead on an ace by Meyer, but a pair of Tigers errors and a block by Neuqua Valley's Ryan McGladdery tied the set at 5.

The Tigers were a bit tense. "(You're) always nervous for games, especially tight games," Ermer said.

But Wheaton Warrenville South hung tough in a tight set. There were 17 ties and 6 lead changes in the second set. No team led for more than 3 points in that second set.

Neuqua Valley led 18-15, which forced a Wheaton Warrenville South timeout, but the Tigers scored four of the next five points to tie the match at 19.

Meyer connected with Josh Gottlieb on a kill to tie the match at 23. A hitting error by the Wildcats gave the Tigers match point, but the Tigers committed a hitting error of their own to tie it back at 24.

Meyer connected with Owen Struebing for a kill to give them another match-point, but again the Tigers had a hitting

error to the match at 25. Struebing had a block to make it 26-25 and their third match point, which forced a timeout from Mendoza and made WW South's Colin Rachford think about his upcoming serve a little longer.

The other coach called a timeout and (Schreier) said get your feet set, get the block out," Ermer said.

Rachford's serve cleared the net and the Wildcats had an attack error that gave the

Tigers the win.

"(Colin) handled it well, put it in perfectly, it worked out well," Ermer said. "Just see-ing that ball fly out of bounds, it gets your joy so high. It's awesome."

- Andy Martinez

# **Boys lacrosse**

## St. Francis 22, Montini 0:

The IHSA lacrosse playoffs are within spitting distance, so this is a good time for most coaches to take stock in their teams — where they are right now, and where they could go in the next few weeks

See ROUNDUP on PAGE 5

# Small fish can still provide a big thrill

I am certain I will catch a lot of disparagement for this column.

Many of you won't agree with my way of thinking, but after about 50 years of doing this I am at a stage in my life where I choose to take a different route than others. Like it or not, it's my opinion.

I never claimed to be an expert, but rather someone who hung out with some of the best anglers in the world. I was able to learn quite a bit of knowledge from these people. I have used that knowledge as a guidepost for myself as well as passing some of it along to others who share a similar passion for the outdoors.

So here I go. As far as I am concerned size does not matter when fishing for muskies or any other fish large or small species for that matter. The same holds true for hunting for super-wide antiers on a deer or ultrawide antiers on a moose.

I've killed a few whitetail and mule deer in my time. The same is true for moose and elk as well. I stopped hunting these animals because I wanted to invest more time fishing. And I didn't like get-ting bloody while cleaning the game after the fatal shot.

But here's the rest of my story.

have countless pictures that will attest to the various types of fish I've been fortunate to catch and release.

I don't have it in my makeup to search for an allusive muskie that would stretch a measuring tape to its limits. Catching a big muskie is great because of the battle it offers on the surface and near the boat I've had my share of muskies I caught from Lake Shelbyville that measured slightly over 45 inches.

So what? I've had quite a few taken and released from Hay-

I would rather dream about catching 18-inch smallmouth bass because of the tremeridous battle that fish would provide me. I never had the need to catch a smallmouth



MIKE JACKSON

ON THE ROOM OF

that would make it to the

record books or the skillet.

The muskie tug of wars is more than enough to cleanse my arteries of plaque because of the tremendous shock value. I've managed to catch more of those toothy critters in the 30- to 40-inch range, and every one of those fish was fun

I wasn't out to get my name in those same books when I fought a monster largemouth bass. I just had a great time outwitting that bruiser. I gladly returned the fish to the canal in south Florida.

I was able to top that feat on a lake in Mexico's drug country with some jumbo largemouth that inhaled my spinner bait 65-feet down.

If catching 55-inch musk-ies winds your clock, so be it. If nailing a 12-pound walleye puts you at the head of the dinnertime bragging table, enjoy

the spotlight and your meal.

A late outdoor writer once chided me for attending an outdoor show in Rosemont with my group of "sycophants" that were following me around like puppy dogs.

was extremely happy to share my time with these "buds" on and off the water. Why? Because in the long run we all learned from each other on how to catch any fish

 Contact Mike Jackson at angler88@comcast.net, catch his radio show 7-9 a.m. Sundays on WGCO 1590-AM (livestreamed at www.1590WCGO. com) and get more content at www.mikejacksonoutdoors.

# Woods ready to return to work at Quail Hollow

By Doug Ferguson AP Golf Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tiger Woods spent three months working foward one week in

April.
The Masters has come and

Woods took a small step back at Augusta National when he misfired with his iron play, didn't break par until the final round and ned for 32nd. He finished 16 shots back, his widest distance from the lead in 19 appearances at the Masters.

It was a big step forward for Patrick Reed, who slept three hours after winning his first major, woke up at 5 a.m. because he couldn't sleep and responded to 155 text mes-

sages and about 180 emails. "Every one," he said with a

big smile. his is no time to rest Golf played. It's the only golf course where he has missed the 36-hole cut twice.

Since then, and mainly for the PGA Championship, Quail Hollow combined the opening two holes into one long par 4 and built two new holes on the front nine. Since the last time he played, the 16th hole has been overhauled so that the

green sits by the water.
"The golf course is much harder than it used to be, that's for sure," Woods said after his pro-am round Wednesday. "It's longer, but it's also more difficult's also more difficulty." difficult.

Woods wasn't sure what to make of the Masters except that his irons were off. He had been building toward April, a phrase he used on more than one occasion from the onset of his return following a fourth back surgery. He was in

# Addison Trail stumbles against Oak Park

By Orbin Schwarz oschwarz@dailyherald.com

Addison Trail was just a little bit off its game Wednesday night. Oak Park-River Forest took advantage of the Blazers' letdown.

letdown.

After clinching a share of
West Suburban Conference
Gold Division boys volleyball championship Tuesday
night and then celebrating
senior night before playing
Oak Park, the Blazers didn't
have enough energy left for have enough energy left for Wednesday's WSC crossover match.

The result was an "off day." according to senior setter Jacob Grygo. The Huskies

# **Boys volleyball**

capitalized, taking a 25-21, 25-19 victory in Addison.

"We played a really good match yesterday (against Downers Grove South) and I was hoping it would carry over," Addison Trail coach Chad Grant said. "But we didn't have the same inten-sity that we did yesterday, and it was definitely a factor.

The Blazers (19-8) fell behind 8-4 and 12-6 in Game I, then tried to claw back to even. Time and time again the Huskies did just what they needed to hold off the Blazers,

never letting them get closer than 2 points,

"We struggled in serve receive and defensively," Grant said. "I thought offen-sively we did a good job when we were in system and had the ball there. But we're not the kind of team that's going to win on offense alone. We've got to serve better, we've got to pass better, we've got to defend better."

They had to be better against Oak Park (17-4).

"We were off a little bit," Grygo said. "We didn't want it as bad as the other team. It showed at the end of the game.

Game 2 was more of the

same, only this time the Blazers never led, not even at the

"We've got a lot of weapons and it's just a matter of mak-ing the good pass and our setter, he's got ... five choices he can set the ball to," Oak Park coach Don August said.

Still, the Blazers are having another strong season.

"We have a lot of seniors that contribute for us," Grant we're not flashy. We don't have a ton of big guys that are going to put the ball away. We play really well together and I think our kids play really smart and they play hard for the most part."

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## **Boys volleyball**

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## Softball

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