

Willowbrook responds, beats Streamwood

BY STAN GOFF
Daily Herald Correspondent

Girls volleyball

Things could have gone south for the Willowbrook girls volleyball team in the third set against Streamwood, and most people would have understand.

After all, the Warriors dropped the middle set 25-22 and then fell behind the visiting Sabres 6-1 in the decisive set Monday night in Villa Park. The hosts then rallied to draw even at 7-7 behind four consecutive aces from Willowbrook's Payton Ceh, a team captain. Ceh then put down a winner for an 8-7 lead only to land awkwardly and eventually leave the gym in a wheelchair with her left knee wrapped.

But rather than get down, Ceh's teammates responded in a big way, going on a 13-3 run following the injury to one of their leaders. The surge paved the way to a 25-16, 22-25, 25-16 victory for the Warriors, who improved to 8-14 on the year.

"Payton's, like, definitely one of the strongest players on our team and she's our best defensive player," said Willowbrook senior outside hitter Katelyn McCann, who had 6 kills and 8 digs in the match. "We knew after that that if she's not coming back in that, we have to go 100 percent all out. We have to win this, not just for her but for everyone. We knew we had to put out a hundred percent effort and it showed. When she went down it was scary for all of us."

After the stoppage following Ceh's injury, Streamwood (5-20-2) scored to make it 8-8 in the third set. But Emma Barrington's big swing on the right side was followed by a kill from McCann and it was 10-8 and the home team was starting what would be a match-winning 12-1 streak.

Caleigh Tuma rattled off a pair of aces in Ceh's absence as strong serving by the Warriors on Monday took its toll on the Sabres.

"It was a momentum breaker for us," Streamwood coach Sheryl Hettinger said. "We didn't take advantage (of Ceh's absence). They didn't (get down) and they had a couple strong servers that took it to us. Our serve receive tonight got us, but we were stronger in other areas than we usually are ... we did good for us but we didn't come away with a win."

With McCann tough on the outside and Kaitlyn Karcz a force in the middle, Willowbrook never trailed while claiming the first set. Young setters Katie Linnig and Grace Reckamp were solid, with the freshman Linnig recording 11 assists and 11 digs in the match.

But Streamwood evened things up by claiming the middle set. The Sabres led 21-12 following a kill from Corinne Angle and a hitting error by Willowbrook. The Warriors did battle back to tie the set at 21-21, but the Sabres claimed the equalizer 25-22.

Warriors coach Irene Mason was glad to see a close match go her team's way, especially under Monday's tough circumstances.

"(Ceh) was bringing us back with the energy, getting us the momentum," Mason said. "But the rest of the girls did come and pick her up. It was good to see them band together and battle even when our leader went down. We're going to hope that she's OK as soon as possible, but we'll see."

Lillian Dewsnap and Mariely Sotelo each had 6 kills to pace Streamwood, while Ceh had 8 aces and 7 digs before her departure in the third set.



PATRICK KUNZER/pkunzer@dailyherald.com

Top from left, Willowbrook's Isabella Pennebaker and Kaitlyn Karcz battle with Streamwood's Leslie Garcia, front, at the net at Willowbrook on Monday night.

Deandre Holliday's late pick helps Willowbrook earn victory

By **MATT LE CREN**
editorial@mysuburbanlife.com

VILLA PARK - Like many of their teammates, Willowbrook football players D'Onte Gholston and Deandre Holliday can play both ways.

They often are called upon to play offense, defense and special teams - sometimes in the same game.

Yet from week to week, neither knows what to expect. Therein lies the difficulty for opponents.

"Everybody plays a role on this team, even the guys that are on the sidelines, they're keeping us motivated," Holliday said. "Everybody pursues their role well."

Holliday's role is to play receiver, defensive back and punt. He did all three Sept. 21 to varying degrees, catching three passes for 42 yards and

helping the defense hold Hinsdale South to 57 yards in the first half.

But his biggest play was an interception of a tipped pass at his own 3-yard line with 5:40 left in the fourth quarter.

That allowed the host Warriors to run out the clock on a 20-10 victory that gave them sole possession of first place in the West Suburban Gold.

Hinsdale South (3-2, 2-1) had driven to the Willowbrook 14. Marguese Garrett's pass was tipped by his intended receiver, who was hit hard by Sam Tummily. Holliday picked off the pass and returned the ball back to the 14.

"My guy ran a slant and the other guy ran a slant and I ended up being in the right place at the right time,"



Deandre Holliday

Holliday said. "Sam Tummily broke on it, hit the guy, he tipped it and I just caught the ball."

Holliday has been finding ways to make contributions on a team that appears capable of recording the first unbeaten regular season in school history.

"Last couple weeks I've had [good] offensive games," Holliday said. "I didn't really have a productive offensive game today, but I felt like I did have a strong defensive game. However I can help this team, I do [that]."

That's a common theme for the Warriors, who have surprised some people with their fast start after suffering heavy graduation losses.

"It's different guys every week," Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth said. Hinsdale South trailed 14-0 in the

first quarter, but pulled to within 14-10 thanks to a third-quarter touchdown pass from Garrett to Steve Farina and Sergio Gonzalez's 25-yard field with 9:24 left in the fourth quarter.

Three plays after Gonzalez's kick, Gholston gave the momentum back to the Warriors by rushing 55 yards up the left side for the decisive touchdown. It was only the fifth carry of the game for Gholston, who took advantage of a great block from Everett Stubblefield to get loose.

"Once I got out to the edge, I saw he had [the defender] turned outside, so I knew I had to cut it up right away," Gholston said. "Once I cut it, I saw the seam and I hit the gap."

Sam Tummily passed for 217 yards, including a 15-yard touchdown pass to his brother, Scotty, and rushed 21 times for 90 yards and another score.

Live video
online

For live broadcasts, replays and highlights click or swipe from your phone.
Visit mysuburbanlife.com/villapark.

Sports to
your phone

Visit mysuburbanlife.com/sports and alerts to your phone from Suburban Life.

Meet BSN students

UIC Nursing students--from bachelor's to master's to doctoral--are living lives of inspiration. Here we introduce a few of our undergraduates.

Check in often. We're adding new students regularly.

<https://nursing.uic.edu/programs/bachelor-science-nursing/traditional-bsn/meet-bsn-students/>



Franc De Guzman

Posted on September 17, 2018

BSN student

My interest in healthcare—especially access to equitable healthcare—is rooted in my experience as both an immigrant and a gay man.

I know how challenging navigating the healthcare system is from the intersection of those two identities. Accessing healthcare can be confusing, intimidating and unaffordable.

As a freshman, I started emailing all the UIC professors that I found doing health disparities research. I found a College of Nursing professor who was looking at two, commonly used health assessment textbooks to see how well they covered the needs of LGBT patients.

I soon joined the project, and with the encouragement of my faculty advisors, I became lead author. That was really daunting as a freshman, but they took a shot with me and put their faith in me. The paper, "LGBT inclusivity in health assessment textbooks," was published in the *Journal of Professional Nursing*.

The UIC College of Nursing has a culture to push people to really do more and be more, whatever it is that they want to do.

[Meet more BSN students](#) →

