

The Rest of the Best

Batavia (8-0, 6-0) at Wheaton North (4-4, 3-3)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Beating the top-ranked defending Class 7A champion is not an ideal must-win situation, but that's the Falcons' task. They beat St. Charles East last week thanks to six turnovers. Matching Batavia's physicality is crucial on both sides of the ball.

Burlington Central (2-6) at Westmont (5-3)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Clutch Mason Pardy and Michael Thompson catches, Gavin Carr's 1-yard touchdown run with 17 seconds left and Hadi Hammadeh's PAT saved Westmont's playoff life last week. With just 18 playoff points Westmont must beat a larger Rockets team to get in.

Downers Grove North (4-4, 2-3) at York (3-5, 2-3)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Back-to-back wins have the Trojans in position to be a qualifier with a third straight win. York's defense will key on quarterback Drew Cassens, who notched another 100-yard rushing effort. Duker quarterback Joe Javorek last week threw 5 touchdown passes.

Fenton (4-4, 2-2) at Chicago Christian (5-3, 1-3)

Game time: 7:15 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Fenton probably has the playoff points (35) but not the wins to reach Week 10; Chicago Christian has the wins but probably not the points (31). In addition to the Jeff Andrews-led defense against the run, Bison coach Matt Lynch says it's all about belief they can win.

Glenbard East (8-0, 3-0) at Larkin (4-4, 4-4)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Glenbard East has never had an unbeaten regular season (7-0-1 in 1965). Larkin will be determined to get that fifth win, but hard-hitting Rams linebackers Anthony Shockey, Jack Baka and Josh Landolina will be just as determined to win an outright UEC title.

Glenbard North (0-8, 0-6) at Geneva (2-6, 2-4)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Geneva's ground game obviously starts up front, where Glenbard North linemen Maurice Abdalla, Mayo Bola, Jaden Duenas and Jahquell Reese operate. It'd be a shame if senior linebacker and

punter Mike Wellman can't finish his third year on varsity due to injury.

Glenbard South (4-6, 4-4) at West Chicago (1-7, 1-7)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Glenbard South is in playoff mode and the return of a healthy Tavion Keith at receiver and back Antonio Carter with fresher legs helps. West Chicago senior linemen Joe Orr and John Karwoski play physical; receiver Mike Wagner has 44 catches for 500 yards.

Glenbard West (6-2, 4-1) at Proviso West (1-7, 0-5)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Expect a focused bounce-back effort from the Hilltoppers after last week's loss to Oak Park. Glenbard West would love to get its pass game going a bit with receivers Ethan Graff and Denin Limouris. Linebacker Will Skowronski has emerged on defense.

Winsdale South (6-2) at Winsdale Central (6-2)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Both teams already have clinched a playoff spot, so this chapter of the cross-town game is all about bragging rights. Red Devils quarterback Matt Rush was brilliant in last week's win over Lyons Twp., completing 12 of 15 passes for 219 yards and 4 TDs.

Lake Park (2-6, 1-5) at St. Charles East (4-4, 2-4)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The Lancers have lost two straight games, but they can still play the role of spoilers and end the Saints' playoff hopes. Running backs David Hardwick and Jordan Colon combined for 180 rushing yards last week. Nathanael Merchant added 140 passing yards.

Mapleville North (3-5, 1-2) at Neuqua Valley (5-3, 2-1)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The Huskies stood tall on defense in a win over Huntley, with defensive back Grant Pass coming through with 17 tackles. Seeking a playoff clincher, Neuqua counters with run-stopping linemen Matt Quinn, J.J. Robertson, Grant Pashkowsky, Justin Blazek.

Proviso East (2-6, 1-4) at Addison Trail (0-8, 0-5)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The Blazers' offense is struggling in the absence of

injured quarterback Nick Daudelin. Six turnovers doomed them last week against Morton. J.T. Daniels, Michael Ruggieri, Nico Nasti and Sammy Retondo continue to shine on defense for Addison Trail.

Riverside-Brookfield (2-6, 0-5) at IC Catholic (8-0, 5-0)

Game time: 7:15 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The Knights go for a sixth unbeaten regular season and top Class 4A seed. Quarterback Khalil Saunders delves deeper into the playbook this game, which also gives valuable reps to tackle Julian Vega, defensive backs Tommy Ryan, Nick Kozerski, Deontae Oatman.

St. Francis (6-2, 3-2) at Aurora Central Catholic (2-6, 1-4)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: St. Francis showed no quit at IC Catholic, pleasing coach Bob McMillen — but 5 turnovers didn't. Consistency is a key for the playoff-bound Spartans. So will be getting linebackers Marcus Ingold and Enzo Rendina to the edge against ACC's triple-option.

Waubonsie Valley (5-3, 1-2) at Metea Valley (1-7, 0-3)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Waubonsie leads the "Eola Bowl" 8-1. Metea's Colin Wilcox and Elijah Wright run the ball well, but that's hard to do against Warriors linebackers Carson O'Donnell, Ryan Mutz and Grayson Griffin. Loser of three straight, Waubonsie aims to improve its Class 8A seed.

Wheaton Academy (5-3, 2-3) at Aurora Christian (5-3, 2-3)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: These teams haven't met since the last season of the Suburban Christian Conference in 2013. A potential Class 1A contender, Aurora Christian still throws the ball a lot, giving a challenge for Warriors Noah Jones, Gerald Blackmon, Steven Ryan and Michael Cortez.

Willowbrook (8-0, 5-0) at Downers Grove South (4-4, 4-1)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The Warriors, bolstered on defense by linebacker Travis Moore and lineman Jazmany Mares, are a win away from their first unbeaten regular season since 1975. At the same time Willowbrook can end the playoff hopes of banged up Downers South.



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Glenbard East's Bret Bushka makes his way into the end zone during the game against Glenbard South on Oct. 12.

RAMS ROLL ON

Bret Bushka scores 3 TDs as unbeaten Glenbard East routs Glenbard South 38-7

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GLEN ELLYN – Glenbard East likes to get players involved. Having 10 players on offense touch the ball Oct. 12 proved that.

Still, every great team needs a leader. That's Bret Bushka.

The senior quarterback scored three touchdowns and led five touchdown drives as the Rams rolled past District 87 rival Glenbard South 38-7 in the Upstate Eight.

"The kid is a special player. He's tough to stop," Glenbard East coach John Walters said. "He runs the offense well. ... He's the engine."

Bushka played a key role in the Rams' first touchdown. With Glenbard East facing a third-and-13 from its 48-

yard line, Bushka eluded what looked to be a sure sack by the Raiders and completed a 37-yard pass on the run to wide receiver Deon Cook to set up Glenbard East in the red zone.

"They came with some good pressure. I got out of there, but I knew ... Deon would get open," Bushka said. "It's just being calm, knowing that everyone's doing their job and trust everyone."

Three plays later, the Rams took a 7-0 lead on a 6-yard run by Cook.

Later in the game, Bushka completed a 21-yard pass on a first-and-22 play after a Rams penalty.

Bushka scored with just over eight minutes left in the second quarter on a 20-yard run, and the Rams scored once more before halftime on a 28-yard field goal by Dominic Tenca for a 17-0 lead.

After a long kickoff return by Mashar Lewis, Jake Netchin, who ran for 83 yards on 16 carries, scored on an 8-yard run for Glenbard East.

Bushka got the Rams on the scoreboard twice more on a 1-yard run and an 8-yard pass to Jeremy Johnson to

begin the fourth quarter.

"Our offensive line did a really good job today," said Bushka, who finished 9-for-17 for 116 yards and also ran for 60 yards on 11 carries. "They gave me some time [to] toss the ball to our good wide receivers [and] they gave us some running lanes for our running backs to run through."

Glenbard East's defense, whose highlights this season include a timely interception by Lewis to help beat West Aurora, an 89-yard interception return for a TD by Anthony Shockey against West Chicago, and a fumble return for a TD last week by defensive tackle Jesus Lopez III against Streamwood, lived up to its reputation by containing Glenbard South most of the night.

"All around, those guys take a lot of pride in what they do," Walters said. "They're real defensive-minded kids."

A 10-yard TD pass from Nick Plaso to Cade Hardtke with just under two minutes to play were the only points the injury-plagued Raiders, who were without top receiver Tavion Keith be-

cause of an ankle injury, could muster.

Glenbard East and Glenbard South face different situations this week. The Raiders (4-4) travel to West Chicago to take on the Wildcats with a playoff berth on the line. The Rams (8-0), already guaranteed their first playoff berth since 1999, look to go undefeated with a win over Larkin.

Montini

Nick Fedanzo ran for 122 yards and touchdowns of 48 and 12 yards to lead the Broncos past Providence 27-3. Deontay Bell threw a 56-yard TD to Zach Olson and Robert Brazziel threw a 38-yard TD to Matt Ross for Montini (8-0).

Willowbrook

The Warriors (8-0, 5-0 West Suburban Gold) beat Proviso East 40-7.

York

The Dukes (3-5, 2-2) beat Proviso West 42-8 to snap a four-game losing streak.

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Hinsdale South stops Willowbrook

BY MATT LE CREN
Daily Herald Correspondent

Girls volleyball

Maybe it was the jitters of playing in a postseason opener.

For some reason Hinsdale South lacked energy in the early going of Monday night's Class 4A Lyons Twp. regional quarterfinal against Willowbrook.

Then Kaitlyn Hurka provided a spark that got her teammates fired up. Hurka spiked 6 of her game-high 9 kills in the first set and the 14th-seeded Hornets rolled to a 25-19, 25-13 victory over 19th-seeded Willowbrook.

Hinsdale South (17-19) advanced to play No. 3 seed Glenbard West in Tuesday's semifinals.

"I think we all started to come together as a team and work more with each other and less for ourselves," Hurka said. "That really helped us work more cohesively."

Despite playing without injured senior libero Peyton Ceh, the Warriors (15-21) led 8-6 following a kill from freshman setter Katie Linnig.

The Hornets ran off the next 4 points until senior Kaitlyn Karcz landed a kill to pull the Warriors within 10-9.

That's when Hurka got going. The junior outside landed back-to-back kills and Jenna Suda and Alayna Chavez both added kills during a 6-1 run that put the Hornets in control.

Hurka and Chavez were dominant in the second game. Hurka served 7 straight points, including a pair of aces, to give the Hornets an 8-2 lead and Chavez, a 5-foot-10 senior middle, also feasted at the service line, ripping off 9 consecutive points to increase the lead to 23-7.

"I feel like working together just gets us more excited and happy," Chavez said. "I got happy."

The Warriors had success

early with their tipping game, getting most of their kills on soft hits. But Hinsdale South coach Alison Balmer instructed libero Samantha Pacentine to move up to take that play away and the Warriors mustered only 3 kills in the second set.

"We did come in with a little bit of jitters and I think that's to be expected coming into postseason," Balmer said. "We started to pick up on things that they were doing and I think that helped us capitalize and take that second game as big as we did."

Junior outside Mia Lombardo had 5 kills while Chavez and Suda each had 4 for the Hornets, who made only 3 errors in the second game.

"A really important thing for us is hyping each other up," Hurka said. "When we're doing well and we're cheering for each other, we get excited and we just perform better together."

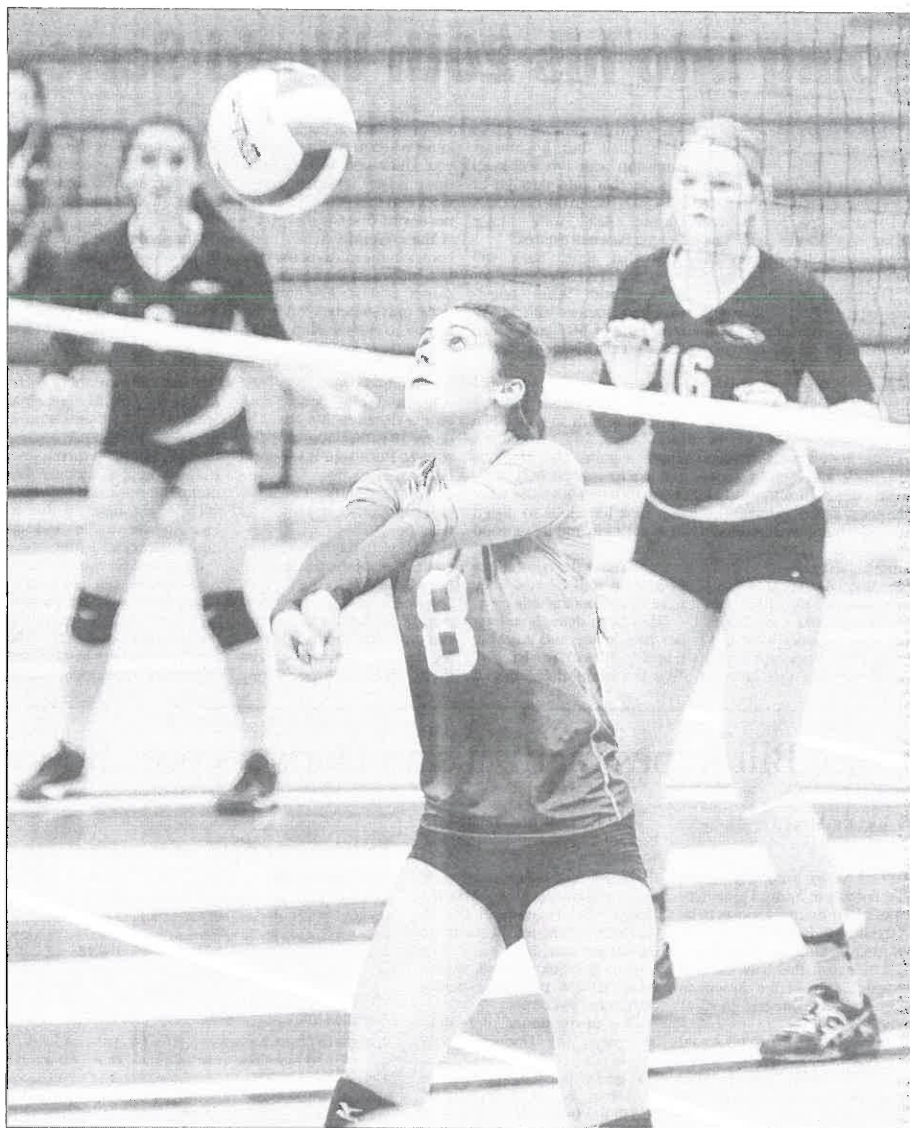
Willowbrook coach Irene Mason, whose team lost to Hinsdale South for the second time this season, can attest to that.

"They're a strong team and they didn't make a lot of errors," Mason said. "I think that was the difference tonight."

"That's how it's been for us all season. If we're on, we're on. If we have a few letups here and there, things can unravel a little bit. But I'm proud of my older girls and the leadership that they've showed and I'm excited with some of my younger girls."

Chavez is excited about getting a crack at Glenbard West, a team the Hornets did not face in the regular season.

"I feel excited because it's competitive and it's fun for us," Chavez said. "We get more excited when we play better teams, so it will be a good game."



Fenton's Mackenzie Miller (8) sets the volleyball during Monday's girls volleyball match against Leyden in Lombard.

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Miller, Bison stick together

By GREGG VOSS
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Senior setter MacKenzie Miller is the glue that holds together the Fenton girls volleyball team. And when she's on, which she usually is, she makes the Bison a tough customer.

That's good news, considering the IHSA Class 4A playoffs started Monday. Coming into Fenton's first-round regional match with Leyden, Miller had 568 assists this season.

Add 18 more against the Eagles, along with 5 digs, and the result was a 25-16, 25-20 victory for the Bison (24-11), which avenged a regular-season loss. They'll face host Glenbard East in the regional

semifinal at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"She's been incredible," Fenton coach Kelly Torres said. "She's probably going to go over 600 assists for a season, which is pretty incredible. She's irreplaceable with her speed, her dedication. She's a leader, she's a captain, she's one of those kids that works her butt off and leads by example."

But to ask Miller about personal accomplishments? Well, that's tough, because she'd rather talk about teammates like senior middle hitter Victoria Krzyzkowski, who ended up with 7 kills thanks in part to Miller's efforts.

"Our hitters are really strong, so it makes my job a lot easier, because they are able to finish it," said Miller, who also set up junior Julianna Krebasch and senior Agate Kukielko for success.

After a breezy 25-16 first-set win, Fenton needed Miller in a tight second set and she produced. The Bison held a slim 15-11 lead, which prompted a timeout by Leyden coach Danielle Kowalkowski.

Coming out of the play stoppage, Krzyzkowski made it 16-11 on a kill that was expertly set up by Miller.

A little while later, on a Leyden sideout, Miller did the same thing, setting up Kukielko for a kill to put the Bison up 18-12.

Looked good for Fenton, right? Wrong. Leyden stormed back thanks to solid serving from junior Summer Mohammad and senior Catherine Saponier to pull the Eagles to within 23-20.

But it was too little, too late. A Krebasch kill made the

score 24-20, and a Leyden return out of bounds sealed the victory for Fenton.

"It got a little nasty, obviously, but I'm really happy we pulled through," said Krzyzkowski, who recently committed to Dominican University in River Forest and added 3 blocks.

In the first set Fenton junior Sydney Minard's serving took a slim 9-7 advantage and made it 16-8 in almost the blink of an eye.

"I think the nerves got to them in the first set," said Kowalkowski, who saw her team's season end at 16-20. "They were extremely nervous, all of them. I think they kind of calmed down a little bit (in the second set), and once we got our hitters involved and some nice kills, we got the momentum on our side."

Football Top 20

Team	Comment
1. Batavia (9-0)	No. 4 seed in Class 7A; vs. Granite City
2. Cary-Grove (9-0)	No. 1 seed in Class 6A; vs. Wauconda
3. Willowbrook (9-0)	No. 5 seed in Class 7A; vs. Lincoln Park
4. Glenbard West (7-2)	No. 18 seed in Class 8A; at Bartlett
5. Hinsdale Central (7-2)	No. 9 seed in Class 8A; vs. Conant
6. Naperville Central (6-3)	No. 21 seed in Class 8A; at Plainfield South
7. Montini (8-1)	No. 4 seed in Class 5A; vs. Woodstock N.
8. Antioch (9-0)	No. 2 seed in Class 6A; vs. Reavis
9. Warren (8-1)	No. 8 seed in Class 8A; vs. Neuqua Valley
10. WW South (8-1)	No. 14 seed in Class 7A; vs. Belleville West
11. St. Charles N. (6-3)	No. 22 seed in Class 7A; at Normal
12. Benet (6-3)	No. 21 seed in Class 7A; at Maine West
13. Neuqua Valley (6-3)	No. 25 seed in Class 8A; at Warren
14. IC Catholic Prep (9-0)	No. 1 seed in Class 4A; vs. Raby
15. Rolling Meadows (9-0)	No. 6 seed in Class 7A; vs. Alton
16. Glenbard East (9-0)	No. 2 seed in Class 7A; vs. Prospect
17. West Aurora (8-1)	No. 7 seed in Class 8A; vs. South Elgin
18. Hersey (8-1)	No. 9 seed in Class 7A; vs. Lincoln-Way C.
19. Barrington (6-3)	No. 20 seed in Class 8A; at Oswego East
20. Waubesa Valley (6-3)	No. 22 seed in Class 8A; at Bolingbrook

Football

First round playoff pairings

CLASS 8A

Game 1 — #32 Zion-Benton (5-4) at #1 Chicago Brother Rice (9-0), Sat., Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
Game 2 — #17 New Trier (7-2) at #15 Oak Park-River Forest (7-2), Fri., Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m.
Game 3 — #25 Neuqua Valley (6-3) vs. #8 Warren (8-1) at Warren East Campus, Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.

CLASS 6A

Game 1 — #16 Wauconda (5-4) at #1 Cary-Grove (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Game 9 — #16 Jerseyville Jersey (5-4) at #1 Country Club Hills Hillcrest (9-0), Sat., Oct. 27, 9 p.m.
Game 10 — #9 Morton (6-3) at #8 Decatur MacArthur (6-3), Sat., Oct. 27, 1:30 p.m.
Game 11 — #13 Mt. Zion (6-3) at #4 Cahokia (8-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 4 p.m.
Game 12 — #12 Champaign Central (6-3) at #5 Carbondale (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
Game 13 — #15 Olympia Fields North Central (6-4) at #2 Highland (9-0), Sat., Oct. 27, 5 p.m.
Game 14 — #10 Macomb (6-3) at #7 Mattson (6-3), Sat., Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 15 — #14 Joliet Catholic Acad. (5-4) at

Dunbar (8-1) at Chicago Eckersall Stadium, Sat., Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 6 — #10 Spring Valley Hall (5-3) vs. #7 Chicago Clark (6-3) at Chicago Rockne Stadium, Sat., Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
Game 7 — #14 Chicago Urban Prep/Englewood (5-4) at #3 Eureka (6-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 8 — #11 Waukegan (6-3) at #6 Monmouth-Roseville (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 5 p.m.
Game 9 — #16 St. Joseph-Opelen (5-4) at #1 Monticello (8-0), Sat., Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 10 — #9 Frankfort (7-2) at #8 Annapolis-Jonesboro (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 11 — #13 Greenville (6-3) at #4 Farming-

Most valuable defensive player — Michael Love (Mazzy)
Most valuable offensive lineman — George Fanelli (Mazzy)
Most valuable defensive lineman — Jack Benish (Benet)
"Dave Mattio" ESCC Coach of the year — Ron Danczak (Mazzy)

Girls volleyball

Hinsdale results

Koepka's biggest feat as No. 1: Getting there

Reaching No. 1 in the world felt even sweeter to Brooks Koepka because of how he got there.

Golf is about winning, and the world ranking is merely a result of that. For all the math involved in a formula that tries to measure performance over two years, it's a lot easier to understand when the new No. 1 is posing with a trophy.

Dustin Johnson knows that feeling. So does Rory McIlroy. "I always wanted to earn my way to No. 1 in the world," Koepka said after his four-shot victory at the CJ Cup in South Korea. "And I felt like if I played and won, that would be exactly how I could draw it up."

Justin Rose would have preferred it that way instead of reaching No. 1 last month by missing a 4-foot putt to lose in a playoff at the BMW Championship. Tiger Woods got to No. 1 for the first time with a tie for 19th in the 1997 U.S. Open. There were no fist pumps that day.

Lee Westwood and Nick Faldo did not even play the week they rose to No. 1.

Of the 23 players who ascended to the top of the world ranking, Koepka became the 11th to get there for the first time by winning.

Nick Price remains the only player to reach No. 1 for the first time by winning a major, the 1994 PGA Championship at Southern Hills. Vijay Singh had one of the more gratifying moments in 2004 when he not only ended the five-year reign of Woods by winning the Deutsche Bank Championship, he played with Woods in the final group.

Ultimately, though, it's all about getting there.

And that's why it was such a big deal for Koepka. As much as he was trending as the best player in the world — especially after a double major season — there is no guarantee of being No. 1 until your name is at the top of the 8,712 others listed in the Official World Golf Ranking.

This was the sixth tournament where Koepka had a chance to reach No. 1.

He was poised to get there at the start of the FedEx Cup playoffs until Johnson birdied his last four holes for a 61 to stay No. 1 by a slim margin. The next week, Johnson closed with a 64 to finish one shot ahead of Koepka. And the following week, Rose went from No. 4 to No. 1 with his playoff loss in the BMW Championship.

Koepka shot 78 in the second round at East Lake to squander another



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opportunity. He tied for seventh at the Dunhill Links Championship.

And then, finally, he won the CJ Cup with a birdie-par-eagle finish for a 29 on the back nine.

Inevitable?

There was another multiple major champion who would say otherwise.

Because while golf celebrates a new No. 1 — the fourth this year, matching the most in a single year since 1997 — Koepka becoming the 23rd player at No. 1 is another reminder that the list does not include Phil Mickelson.

Lefty looked to be a lock to reach No. 1 in 2010, when Woods was recovering from the downfall in his personal life and the gap was shrinking by the week.

Mickelson won the Masters to get back to No. 2. He was runner-up at Quail Hollow. The Players Championship was the first time in his career that he had a mathematical chance to be No. 1.

Needing a victory, he bogeyed three of his opening six holes, closed with a 74 and tied for 17th. Then it was off to Colonial, where he had won two years earlier. He missed the cut. At the Memorial, he tied for fifth.

"I don't know the ranking system or world points or how that works, nor do I care," Mickelson said that year. "I just know that if I continue to play well, ultimately in the long run, it will happen."

But it never did.

He had nine more chances that year and except for a tie for fourth at the U.S. Open, never came particularly close. And when he showed up in Shanghai, golf finally had a new No. 1 — Westwood, which had to sting even more.

Westwood never won a major. He just played some of his best golf at the right time, which was the time Woods went on hiatus. Mickelson played some of his best golf when Woods was at his peak, which is why Lefty might forever hold the distinction of being No. 2 longer than any player who has never been No. 1.

That's one problem Koepka won't have.

Instead, he joins Johnson, Rose and Justin Thomas as players to occupy No. 1 this year. The last time that happened was in 1997 with Greg Norman, Ernie Els, Tom Lehman and Woods.

Lehman lasted only one week. He reached the top ranking with a tie for fourth at Hilton Head and never was introduced as the No. 1 player in the world. Lehman took a month off and when he returned at Colonial, he was back to No. 2.

But at least he was there. Mickelson wouldn't trade his five majors or 46 worldwide victories for the No. 1 ranking. His legacy is secure without it. But he probably would have taken No. 1 even for a week.

later, Justin Thomas won the

Hilltoppers hold on, advance

BY BILL STONE
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With middle fingers still taped together on her left hand, Glenbard West senior Nina Crawford knows all too well that a girls volleyball season can be halted abruptly.

The 5-foot-10 hitter missed 15 matches after dislocating her finger at Marist on Sept. 6.

"It was super hard to be on the bench. It felt like almost powerless," Crawford said.

"One thing that I heard multiple times was that, 'OK, you're out, but you getting healthy is what matters for playoffs and the delayed gratification is really coming now.'"

In Tuesday's Class 4A playoff opener the Hilltoppers received quite a scare, but their veteran lineup united for a strong third set to outlast determined Hinsdale South 25-13, 23-25, 25-18 at the Lyons Township regional semifinals in LaGrange.

Glenbard West (25-11),

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the No. 3 seed in the York sectional, plays for its seventh straight regional title at 6 p.m. Thursday against No. 6 Lyons Township (20-13), a 25-15, 25-17 winner over No. 10 Downers Grove South. The Hilltoppers won at Lyons' Twp. in two sets Oct. 16.

"It's really important for us to remember that when we play it's got to be all gas, no brakes," Crawford said.

"We knew that we had to get it done. Everyone has had their individual best game, but that came really close to where we all really felt that power and the energy of the playoff season."

Crawford had 10 kills for the Hilltoppers, followed by 8 apiece from senior Ellory Graff and junior Virginia Curtis and 7 by senior Ananda Patterson. Senior Kaitlyn DuMerer had 26 assists and senior Katie Ryan 21 digs.

For No. 14 Hinsdale South

(17-20), junior Kaitlyn Hurka had 8 of her 17 kills in the third set with 22 digs. Senior and four-year varsity setter Abby Mihalkanin had 13 assists and senior Clarissa Marron and junior Samantha Pacentine contributed 14 and 13 digs, respectively.

With all seven seniors in their regular rotation, the Hilltoppers displayed plenty of fight and experience in the third set.

Patterson had 5 kills and Crawford 4. With Crawford serving, three straight kills by Curtis opened a 5-2 lead. Back-to-back Crawford kills with Graff serving increased the lead to 10-5.

The Hornets never again got closer than four points.

"We were prepared. This is a very well-coached team. I was very, very worried about this game," Glenbard West coach Pete Mastandrea said. "I knew it was going to be hard fought. I said (to my players), 'Stay calm, stay the course and hopefully we can prevail.'"

Benet outlasts Blazers in OT

BY MATT LE CREN
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Hunter Randolph was not going to be beaten.

The Benet goalkeeper was brimming with confidence as Addison Trail's Anthony Hernandez teed up a 28-yard free kick with 2.5 seconds remaining in the second overtime Tuesday night.

Hernandez fired a cracker toward the lower left corner of the net, but Randolph fully extended to knock the ball around the post as time expired.

That put the finishing touch on Benet's thrilling 2-1 sectional semifinal victory over the host Blazers. The seventh-seeded Redwings (17-3-1) will face top-seeded Lake Park (18-3-3), which edged St. Charles East on penalty kicks, in Friday's title match.

Boys soccer

"Whether it was going in or not, I knew I had to be there and I just put everything I had into it," Randolph said. "I really wasn't able to show what I've got throughout the season and this game I really felt confident."

The Redwings, who have won 10 straight games, have recorded 13 shutouts this season, mostly because of a terrific defense that has surrendered only 10 goals, including 3 in the past 10 games. Randolph, a first-year varsity player, has been overshadowed.

"Really he's played great all year," Benet coach Sean Wesley said. "He's not called upon a lot and he's been kind of waiting, but he's an unbelievable athlete who has great instincts for the game, so he was big for us."

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Game 4 — #24 Conant (6-3) at #9 Hinsdale Central (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 5 — #29 Fremd (5-4) at #4 Homewood-Flossmoor (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 6 — #20 Barrington (6-3) at #13 Oswego East (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 7 — #28 Stevenson Central (6-3) at #5 Chicago Marist (8-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 7 p.m.
Game 8 — #21 Glenview Central (6-3) at #12 Plainfield South (7-2), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 9 — #31 St. Charles East (5-4) at #2 Lincoln-Wood East (9-0), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 10 — #18 Glenbard West (7-2) at #15 Bartlett (7-2), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 11 — #26 South Elgin (8-3) at #7 West Aurora (8-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 7 p.m.
Game 12 — #24 Lincoln-Wood Central (5-3) at #9 Haney (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 13 — #23 Edwardsville (6-3) at #10 Evanston Two (7-2), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 14 — #23 Oak Park (5-4) at #3 Oswego (9-0), Sat., Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
Game 15 — #19 Loyola Academy (5-3) at #14 (Minoqua) (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
Game 16 — #27 Huntley (6-3) vs. #13 Maine South (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 17 — #21 Benet Academy (6-3) at #15 Willowbrook (9-0), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 18 — #22 Waukegan Valley (6-3) at #11 Rollingbrook (7-2), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
CLASS 7A
Game 1 — #32 Rockford East (5-4) vs. #1 Chicago Simeon (9-0) at Chicago Field Stadium, Fri., Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Game 2 — #17 Lincoln-Wood South (7-2) at #16 Macquay Park (6-3) at Macquay Park, Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 3 — #25 Tinley Park Andrew (8-3) at #8 Nazareth Academy (8-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 4 — #24 Lincoln-Wood Central (5-3) at #9 Haney (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 5 — #23 Granite City (5-4) at #4 Batavia (9-0), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 6 — #20 Glenbrook North (7-2) vs. #13 Melrose (8-1) at Glenbrook North, Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 7 — #28 Chicago Lincoln Park (5-4) at #15 Willowbrook (9-0), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 8 — #21 Benet Academy (6-3) at #15 Maine West (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 9 — #31 Prospect (5-4) at #2 Glenbard East (9-0), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 10 — #16 Hoffman Estates (7-2) at #15 East St. Louis (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 11 — #20 Thornton Fractional South (8-3) vs. #7 Chicago Mt. Carmel (8-1) at Chicago Stadium, Fri., Oct. 26, 4 p.m.
Game 12 — #25 Lake Zurich (6-3) at #10 Oakdale (8-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 13 — #30 Buffalo Grove (5-4) at #3 Rockton Home (9-0), Fri., Oct. 26, 7:15 p.m.
Game 14 — #19 Belleville West (7-2) at #14 Wheaton Warrenville South (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 15 — #22 Alton St. (5-4) at #5 Rolling Meadows (9-0), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.

College commitments

The following DuPage County high school athletes committed to play in college:

Bo Richter

Naperville

North

Air Force

Academy

Football

France (7-2), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 9 — #16 Jerseyville Jersey (5-4) at #1 Country Club Hills Wilmet (9-0), Sat., Oct. 27, 3 p.m.
Game 10 — #9 Morton (6-3) at #9 Decatur MacArthur (9-0), Sat., Oct. 27, 12 p.m.
Game 11 — #13 Mt. Zion (6-3) at #4 Cahokia (8-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 4 p.m.
Game 12 — #12 Champaign Central (8-3) at #5 Cantonville (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
Game 13 — #15 Olympia Fields Rich Central (5-4) at #2 Highland (9-0), Sat., Oct. 27, 5 p.m.
Game 14 — #10 Macomb (8-3) at #7 Mattoon (6-3), Sat., Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
Game 15 — #14 Joliet Catholic Academy (5-4) at #3 Metamora (8-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
Game 16 — #11 Park Forest Rich East (5-3) at #6 Marion (8-3), Sat., Oct. 27, 2 p.m.

CLASS 4A

Game 1 — #16 Chicago Ruby (5-4) vs. #1 IC Catholic (8-0) at Emerson Parkside Athletic Complex, Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 2 — #9 Stillman Valley (8-3) at #8 Dixon (8-3), Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 3 — #13 Elgin St. Edward (5-4) vs. #4 Chicago Urban Prep/Bronzeville (8-1) at Chicago Stadium, Sat., Oct. 27, 10 a.m.
Game 4 — #12 Chicago Sullivan (5-3) at #5 Marengo (7-2), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 5 — #15 Wheaton Academy (5-4) at #2 Coal City (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 6 — #10 Lombard (6-3) vs. #7 Chicago Agricultural Science (7-2) at Chicago Gateway Stadium, Sat., Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Game 7 — #14 Plano (5-4) at #3 Richmond-Barton (8-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 8 — #11 Chicago Commerce (6-3) at #6 Geneva-Kingsland (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 9 — #16 Chicago Midway Valley Central (5-4) at #1 Taylorville (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 10 — #9 Freeburg (7-2) at #8 Columbia (7-2), Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
Game 11 — #13 Broeze Central (6-3) at #4 Rochester (8-1), Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Game 12 — #12 Harris (7-2) at #5 Pontiac (8-1), Sat., Oct. 27, 3 p.m.

Class 3A Riverside-Brookfield sectional

Oak Park-River Forest 1, Morton 2, Hinsdale Central 1

Class 3A Games scheduled 10/25/18

NAPERVILLE NORTH 3, BATAVIA 0

Batavia 0 0 0
Naperville North 3 0 0
Scoring — NW: Smith (Keston); Konrad (JL); Vrankin (Kunz). Goalkeepers — B. Marston (14 saves), NW: Weiss (10 saves).

WEST AURORA 1, OSWEGO 0

Oswego 0 0 0
West Aurora 1 0 0
Scoring — WA: Yula. Goalkeepers — O: Gutierrez (11 saves), WA: Barrios (10 saves).

Class 3A Addition Trail sectional

Benet 2, Addison Trail 1 (OT)

Class 3A Games scheduled 10/25/18

LAKE PARK & ST. CHARLES EAST 2 (WIN BY PK)

St. Charles East 2 1 0 (0-0)
Lake Park 0 1 0 (0-0)
Scoring — SC: Caballero (Kumar); Balin, P. Zank (Jaurico); Grodzowski. Goalkeepers — SCE: Slette (5 saves), LP: Lukic (4 saves).

Girls volleyball

Tuesday's results

Class 2A Perspectives regional

Westmont 4, Tilden 0, 25-4

Air Force Academy 6, Perspectives 25-12, 25-18

Class 2A Willows Academy regional

IC Catholic Prep 4, North Shore Country Day 25-12, 25-18

St. Edward 4, Willows 25-21, 25-8

Class 3A Northside regional

Marion 4, Northside 25-25, 25-17

Wheaton Academy 6, Addison Central CATHOLIC 25-21, 25-18, 25-18

Class 3A St. Francis regional

Wheaton Academy — Williams (11 kills, 9 assists, 1 block, 1 pt 3 aces, 11 digs); Mantia (2 kills, 1 block, 3 pts 1 ace, 12 digs); Johnson (2 kills, 1 block, 2 digs); Ekanonk (10 kills, 1 block, 10 assists, 10 digs); Miller (10 kills, 10 assists, 10 digs); McHugh (7 kills, 1 block, 10 assists, 4 digs); McKee (12 pts 2 aces, 13 digs); Hyde (1 assist, 12 pts 1 ace, 5 digs); Robinson (2 pts 1 ace, 12 pts 1 ace, 5 digs); Aueron Cent. Cath. — Remington (4 aces, 5 kills, 9 digs); Granger (3 assists, 10 kills); Anderson (14 assists, 8 digs); Wilson (6 digs).

Class 3A St. Francis regional

Glenbard South 4, NSA 25-19, 25-18

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC INTRINSIC 25-10, 25-12

St. Francis — Hanzhous (5 kills); Spies (7 digs).

Class 3A Timothy Christian regional

Timothy Christian 4, Roosevelt 25-13, 25-13

Class 3A St. Francis regional

Timothy Christian — Marshall (24 assists); Wynn (5 kills, 2 aces); Troner (9 kills); Mather (4 kills, 3 aces); Taylor (4 kills); Gehrie (4 kills).

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District 88 students named as ILMEA All-District Musicians

On Oct. 2, Addison Trail hosted auditions for District 9 of the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA).

About 3,000 students, teachers and parents/guardians participated to audition for the ILMEA All-District Band, Chorus, Orchestra and Jazz. The students represented about 60 area high schools.

Below are the District 88 students who were named as ILMEA All-District Musicians:

From Addison Trail:

BAND: Senior Gianna Caruso

ORCHESTRA: Senior Breanna Trejo

CHORUS: Junior Alex Gamino and senior Connor White

JAZZ BAND: Senior Noel

Saldierna

From Willowbrook:

BAND: Junior Collin Chuk

ORCHESTRA: Seniors Renee Maggard and Samuel Munoz

CHORUS: Junior Emma Cismesia, senior Michael Danielson, senior

Thomas Danielson, senior Bahgat Hassan, senior Joe LaPointe, sophomore Jenna Meola, senior Claire Mitchell, sophomore Sean Shepherd, junior Emma Staunton, junior Javier Sweeney and senior Cassandra Valencia

The Senior Festival will take place on Nov. 3 at Elgin High School, the Junior Festival will take place on Nov. 10 at Huntley High School and the Jazz Festival will take place on Nov. 17 at Dundee-Crown High School.



(Top row to bottom row, from left): Addison Trail senior Gianna Caruso, sophomore Elizabeth Bernar, senior Anna Anelli and senior Baylee Merrill rehearse before their District 9 Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) auditions. The auditions took place on Oct. 2 at Addison Trail, and five Addison Trail students were named as ILMEA All-District Musicians.



Willowbrook junior Kevin Valois (left) and senior Thomas Danielson rehearse before their District 9 Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) auditions. The auditions took place on Oct. 2 at Addison Trail, and 14 Willowbrook students were named as ILMEA All-District Musicians.

Support local artists at 8th Annual Wilder Mansion Holiday Market

Enjoy unique artisan holiday gifts including jewelry, handbags, pottery, winter hats and gloves, photography, stationery, ornaments, and gourmet food from more than 60 artisans and culinary food vendors at the 8th Annual Holiday Market presented by Brewpoint Coffee held inside the landmark Wilder Mansion on Nov. 2 & 3.

On Friday, Nov. 2 from 4-9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., stop by Wilder Mansion and shop for unique holiday gifts. Doti Liquors will be selling wine Friday evening from 4-9 p.m. Admission is FREE both days.

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Orthodontic UPDATE



by Jeffrey T. Boland
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

TREATING A GUMMY SMILE

When individuals' smiles reveal too much gum tissue above the top front teeth, they are said to have a "gummy smile," or "excessive gingival display." While there have been studies conducted to determine exactly what defines a gummy smile, it is largely a subjective matter. Research reveals that, in most cases, smiles are rated as attractive when two millimeters or less of gum tissue is exposed. However, at around three millimeters or more, the smile was deemed to be gummy. It is safe to say, therefore, that people know a gummy smile when they see it. When a gummy smile is caused by teeth that appear too short because they have erupted improperly, orthodontic treatment can help remedy the situation.

The treatment of gummy smiles depends on the severity of the problem. Mild to moderate gummy smiles can often be treated with braces. Our office places braces on the teeth, which apply an upward force to the upper incisors. This force causes the teeth and gums to move upward together. To schedule a consultation, please call our office. Available by appointment, we honor all kinds of insurance and charge zero interest on our financing. *Straighter Smiles Are Our Specialty!*

P.S. Gummy smiles are more common among women than men.



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World Language teacher featured in newsletter

Addison Trail world language teacher Judie Vitiritti-Lynch was recently featured in the "AP Advocates in Action" newsletter for her work with the Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level program.

Vitiritti-Lynch, who is the State Advocate Lead for Illinois through



Judie Vitiritti-Lynch

the AP Advocates program, was highlighted in the "AP Teacher Spotlight" section of the newsletter.

This past July, Vitiritti-Lynch met with other State Advocate Leads during the AP Annual Conference (APAC) to review their advocacy work and plan for the 2018-19 school year.

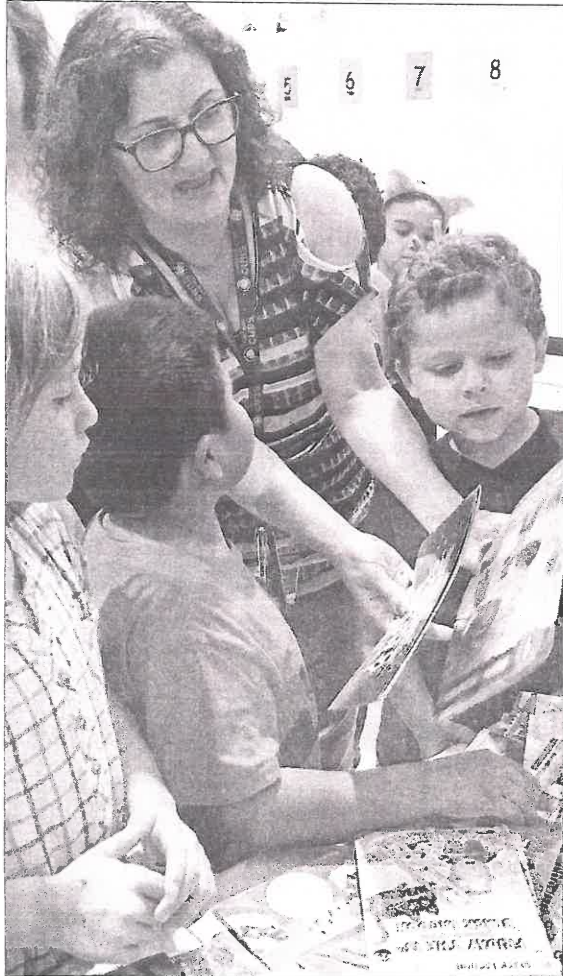
Vitiritti-Lynch also was the first recipient of the Midwest Award for Leadership in the Teaching of the Italian Language and Culture in November 2016.

Local UPS store donates books to Fullerton School

Every student at Fullerton School received a new book at an all-school assembly on Tuesday, thanks to the generosity of the Addison UPS Store and its customers.

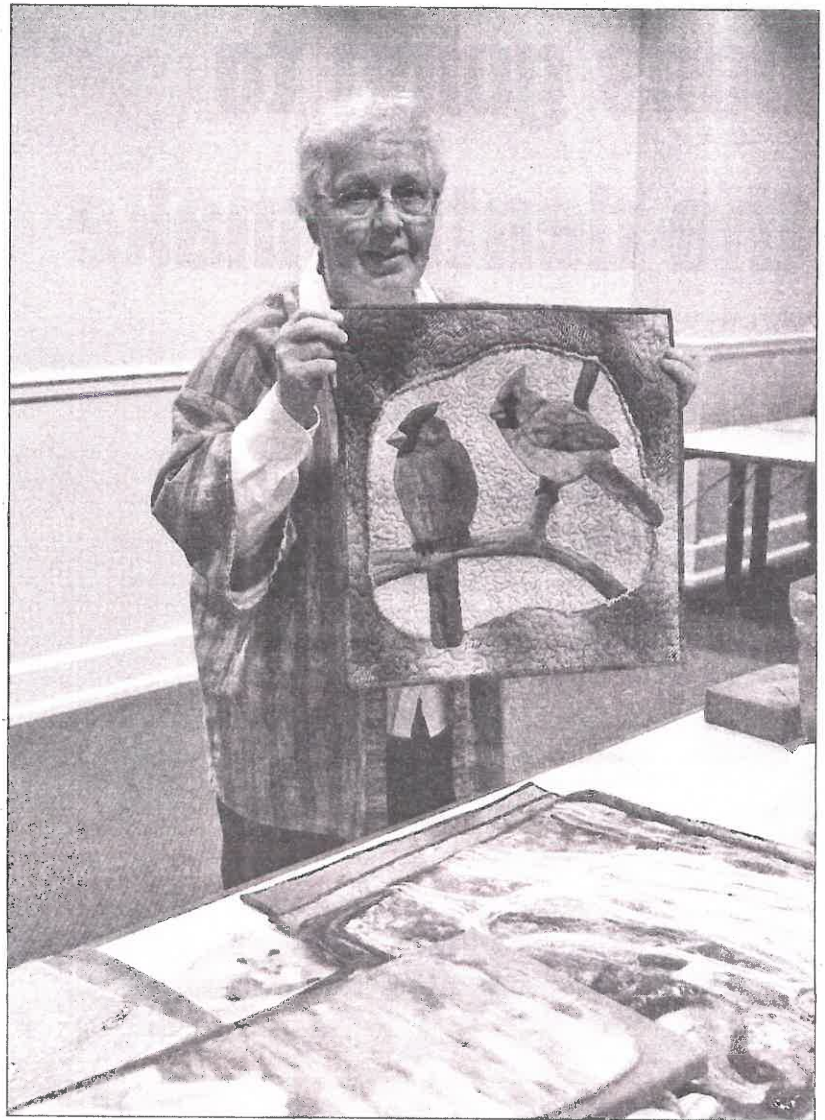
Megan Markovic and Gene Foxen from the UPS Store came to Fullerton Tuesday afternoon, bringing 700 new books with them. The visitors

explained that UPS customers had donated books through the Toys for Tots Literacy Program and that those donations were then matched by United Parcel Service. A wide variety of books—both English and Spanish titles—were available to the kindergarten through 5th grade students.



A teacher helped out these Fullerton students pick out books that were brought to the school by UPS last week.

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Art guild welcomes artist

At its meeting on Thursday, Oct. 11, the Addison Art Guild welcomed guest artist Sharon Malec, who showed her contemporary art quilts, wool felt, then hand spinning, crochet and tapestry weaving.

Community calendar

Friday, Oct. 26-Sunday, Oct. 28 Hole-O-Ween

Join Links & Tees and celebrate Halloween with a haunted mini golf course. Children 12-and-younger wearing their favorite Halloween costumes will be admitted for free when accompanied by another paying customer. Info: call 630-233-7275.

Friday, Oct. 26 Candy Carnival

Kids ages 10-and-younger are invited to the Centennial Rec Center from 5:30-7 p.m. for a night of games and sweet treats. Enjoy a variety of games for a chance to win some holiday treats. Games include boo buckets, bat beanbag toss,

ghoulish putting green, candy walk, pumpkin sack races, howlin' hula-hoops and more. There will also be a Halloween moon bounce. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for a costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for the most original, scariest and funniest costumes in three age categories. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fees are \$5 for residents, \$7 for nonresidents before Oct. 26; \$10 for residents, \$12 for nonresidents at the door. Code: 402211-01. Info: call 630-233-7275 or go online to: addisonparks.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Halloween party for Active Adults

The annual Halloween Bash is

back and in full spooky swing at the Community Rec Center from 1-3 p.m. Participants can dress in costumes to be part of the Halloween costume contest judging. The party includes games and refreshments will be served. Fees are \$6 for residents, \$8 for nonresidents. Code: 402545-01. Info: call 630-233-7275 or go online to: addisonparks.org.

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 On-

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SPORTS

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Addison Trail boys soccer team ends regular season with 15 wins

Blazers opened postseason play earlier this weekBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys soccer team is in the right frame of mind heading into this week's postseason action.

The Blazers recently concluded the regular season with a 15-5 overall mark and finished second in the

West Suburban Conference Gold Division with a 5-1 record.

Addison Trail lost 2-1 to Morton in a game for the WSC Gold championship. Addison Trail led 1-0 at halftime against the perennial conference titlists.

"Morton was a great game," said Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini. "They were ranked third and we are at something like 15. We had a packed house. They won it on a set

piece. They had a free kick from 35 yards out with 16 minutes left. We had some chances at the end. It wasn't our day."

Sophomore Anthony Hernandez had Addison Trail's lone goal off an assist from Ernesto Padua.

The Blazers finished the regular season with a 1-0 WSC crossover win against Hinsdale Central. Leo Acosta had the team's lone goal midway through the first half.

"Leo scored off the goalie," said Dini. "We had a free kick and the goalie came out and didn't get ahold

of it and he tapped it in."

Addison Trail goalie Sam Sandoval finished the regular season with an impressive 11 shutouts to his name.

"That's a good stat," said Dini. "He's been unbelievable for us. He's our biggest leader on the team. He's constantly talking to the defense and organizing the team."

Dini said despite the loss to Morton, his players are primed and ready to go for the postseason which started Wednesday in Hoffman Estates against the host school. Addison Trail is the No. 6 seed in its own sectional.

Hoffman is the No. 12 seed.

"The seniors have a sense of urgency, for sure," said Dini. "We had 11 seniors. They were devastated after Morton. Nobody has beaten Morton in conference in seven years. That's a good sign going into the playoffs. The guys definitely are all in."

If Addison Trail defeated Hoffman Estates, it will play for a Class 3A regional title Friday at 5 p.m. at Hoffman Estates. A possible opponent is No. 3 sectional seed York. The two teams played in the regular season with Addison Trail scoring a 2-1 win.

Willowbrook freshman Rattana competes at state girls golf

Warriors football team clinches no worse than share of second conference title in a rowBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

It sure didn't take Willowbrook freshman girls golfer Emma Rattana long to make an impact.

Rattana recently shot an 89 and tied for what turned out to be the eighth and final individual state-qualifying spot out of the Class 2A Conant sectional.

Rattana went on to the state meet where she finished tied for 104th with an 18-hole score of 100 at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur.

Willowbrook football

The Willowbrook football team upped its record to 8-0 with a 40-7 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win against Proviso East in Maywood.

The win also improved the Warriors to 5-0 in WSC Gold play and gave them no worse than a share of the WSC Gold title, the team's second conference title in a row.

If Willowbrook defeats Downers Grove South Friday it will win the conference title outright. Downers Grove South is 4-1 in WSC Gold play. Hinsdale South already finished its conference slate at 5-1, losing only to Willowbrook.

Willowbrook girls tennis

The Willowbrook girls tennis team finished the West Suburban Conference Gold Division season in third place at both the varsity and junior-varsity levels behind Downers Grove South and Hinsdale South.

Varsity medalists for the Warriors include Priscilla Delvalle, who finished second at No. 3 singles. Lizzie Martynenko and Victoria Zlatkova finished second at No. 3 doubles, while Ryley Goles and Ellie King were second at No. 4 doubles.

Penelope Delvalle took third at No. 2 singles, while Andrea Zulawski and Maddie Brown took third at No. 1 doubles.

Willowbrook boys cross country

Willowbrook boys cross country sophomore Tyler King recently won the sophomore race at the Niles West invitational.

Matt Caron took 22nd in the varsity race at Niles West. The Warriors took fifth place as a team there. "It was maybe our best finish ever there," said Willowbrook coach TJ Artman.

Willowbrook will run in the Class 3A Lake Park regional at the Lake Park East campus Saturday.

"We're looking to qualify the team through to sectionals, but it will be a time that all the guys racing must have their best races of the season," said Artman. "There are many tough teams to beat in order to make it to sectionals."

Willowbrook boys golf

Willowbrook's Taylor Sarovich shot a 90 at the recent Class 3A sectional at par-71 Bartlett Hills and did not advance to the state boys golf meet. Sarovich shot 48 on the front nine and 42 on the back.

"This marks the end of another great season for us," said Willowbrook coach Gary Walker.

The Warriors will host their team banquet on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Fenton girls volleyball team breaks 20-win barrier

Bison preparing for regional action; Miller, Krzyszkowski and Kukiello leading the wayBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton girls volleyball team has reached a historic milestone.

The Bison checked in at 22-10 overall through late last week. Coach Kelly Kleidorfer noted the last known time the Fenton girls volleyball team reached 20 wins was in 1991.

"We are trying to confirm the school record for wins, but we believe it is 24 or 25," she said.

Fenton was 3-2 in Metro Suburban Conference Red Division play through late last week. In recent action, the Bison defeated Elmwood Park 25-9, 25-22, downed Guerin Prep 25-5, 25-12, lost to Aurora Christian 25-22, 25-20 and lost to Bishop McNamara 27-25, 25-21.

Mackenzie Miller has gone over the 500-assist mark already this season, while Vicky Krzyszkowski is nearing 200 kills. "Our program hasn't seen

those numbers in a long time," said Kleidorfer.

Miller was leading the team in aces with 91, while Krzyszkowski was at 192 kills through late last week. Miller had 530 assists, while Krzyszkowski had 46 blocks and Agata Kukiello had 125 digs to lead the team.

"Our top players have really stepped up and have been performing at a high level," said Kleidorfer. "Mackenzie Miller has been averaging about 20 assists per match in recent weeks, while Agata has taken her game to a higher level as well. Her defense has been outstanding and then her attack has been unstoppable. Finally, Vicky has been the best player on the court in most matches. She has a variety of ways to get kills. She is really using her court awareness to put it where the defense isn't."

Kleidorfer liked how her team played in the loss to Aurora Christian. "Our passing was excellent against Aurora Christian," she said. "That match was the top two teams in the conference and it probably was the best-played match in our gym in quite some time. Both teams were outstanding and it was the best we passed in a long time. Passing is what we have improved on the most in recent times. We are really passing at a high level right now."

Fenton still is working on its service game. "Right now we have to improve our serving," said Kleidorfer. "Serving was a strength at the beginning of the season but has really haunted us in some of our big matches. We aren't getting the number of aces we got earlier in the season and our errors have increased."

Fenton played Wheaton Academy earlier this week to close out MSC Red play.

"We need to finish conference with a strong showing against Wheaton Academy, have fun and play well while honoring our seniors against Thornton-Fractional North," said Kleidorfer late last week. "And then we turn our focus to Leyden and the opening regional match. We are too good to not have some success in the state tourney."

Week 9 Preview**Willowbrook (8-0, 5-0) at Downers Grove South (4-4, 4-1)****When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.****Where: Downers Grove South High School****Last week: Willowbrook 40, Proviso East 7;****Downers North 10, Downers South 0****Last year: Willowbrook 40, Downers South 6**

Outlook: A Willowbrook win gives the Warriors their second undefeated conference championship in a row and even more importantly a perfect 9-0 regular-season record (The 1975 team that holds the school record for wins at 11-1 went undefeated as well during the regular season). The Warriors are shooting for their 12th conference win in a row, having last lost in the final week of the 2016 regular season to Leyden. Willowbrook is 19-2 over the last two years and 27-6 over the last three seasons.

Week 9 Preview**Proviso East (2-6, 1-4) at Addison Trail (0-8, 0-5)****When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.****Where: Addison Trail High School****Last week: Willowbrook 40, Proviso East 7;****Morton 13, Addison Trail 0****Last year: Addison Trail 64, Proviso East 6**

Outlook: The main storyline here is Addison Trail looking to end the season on a positive note at home with its first win of the year. The Blazers are looking to avoid the program's first-ever winless season. The 1967, 1975 and 2007 teams each won one game. Proviso East comes into the game with a pair of wins this season against Round Lake (20-7) and Morton (32-21). Addison Trail lost to Morton last week 13-0. The Morton win snapped a 38-game West Suburban Conference Gold Division losing streak for the Pirates who prior to that last had won a conference game in 2011 in Week 9 against that same Morton team. The opening-week win against Round Lake snapped an overall 35-game Proviso East losing streak that dated back to Week 2 of the 2014 season.