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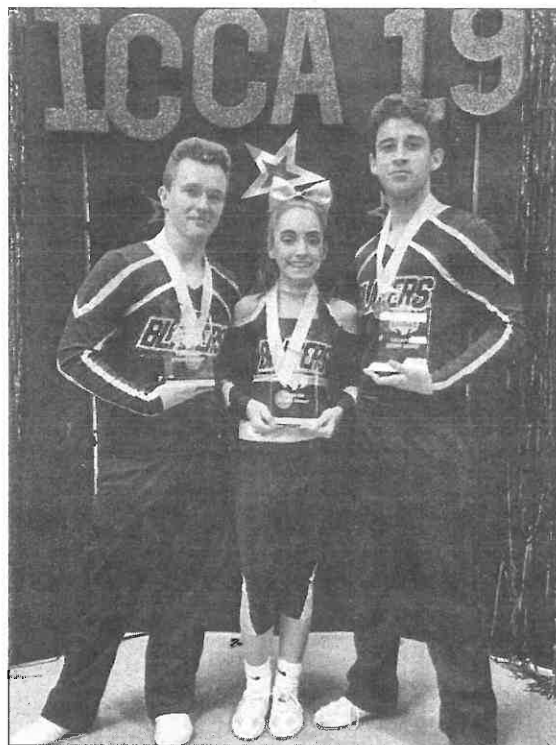
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Addison Trail takes 3rd at Cheer Championship

On Jan. 5, the Addison Trail Coed Varsity Cheerleading Team pictured here competed in the 35th Annual Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) Championship and earned a 3rd place finish.



Cheer standouts

Sophomore Mateusz Wojdak, freshman Marissa Zucchero and senior Eric Estrada (pictured above, from left) also were named as State Champions in the Coed Stunt Group category at the recent ICCA Championship.

DuPage County consolidates Election Commission into County Clerk's Office

The DuPage County Board voted on Jan. 15 to officially dissolve the DuPage Election Commission into the County Clerk's Office, completing a multi-year process to consolidate the sixth unit of government under the County's ACT Initiative. The action comes as a result of the enactment of Public Act 100-0628, which was passed by the General Assembly in May 2018 and signed by Gov. Bruce Rauner in July 2018.

"Today marks the conclusion of our efforts to bring greater oversight to the Election Commission and the election process by folding its operations into the County Clerk's Office," said County Board Chairman Dan Cronin. "The Election Commission staff performed admirably during the latest election, and we have faith the transition to the Clerk will be a smooth process."

DuPage County began soliciting public input on the proposed consolidation of the DuPage Election Commission in 2017. In March 2018, a majority of DuPage County voters said they were in favor of consolidating the Election Commission into the Clerk's Office.

Through this merger, DuPage County taxpayers can expect the County to save at least \$300,000 annually. The County Board approved the consolidation by a vote of 11-7.

Man carjacked at gunpoint in Elmhurst

Suspect displayed handgun, demanded keys, police say

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

On Sunday, Jan. 20, *The Independent* learned that a man had been carjacked at gunpoint on Saturday afternoon in the 800 block of Hillcrest in Elmhurst. Police said the incident took place at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19. According to reports, the man had just pulled up to a friend's house when he was approached by

a black male, who displayed a silver handgun and demanded the car keys.

The offender was described as about 6', 155 pounds, with a thin goatee. He was wearing a purple hoodie, blue jeans and black shoes, police said. He took the victim's 2017 Cadillac Coupe and fled the scene.

Police said the car was found about 30 minutes later abandoned near I-290 and Lexington St. in Chicago. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Elmhurst Police Department at 630-530-3050.

District 88 Board submits resolution in support of statewide access to property tax relief grants

As District 88 has previously shared, Illinois recently implemented a school funding law that looks to achieve adequacy and equity in education funding throughout the state.

That Evidence Based Funding law also provides money for a Property Tax Relief Grant. The intent of that program is to assist communities in Illinois that are experiencing a significant local property tax burden due to limited local property wealth. It's an opportunity to lower the property tax burden on local taxpayers, with the state replacing a portion of foregone tax revenue with state funds.

District 88 has applied for this grant on behalf of the property taxpayers of the district

and Illinois. However, the district is concerned there isn't sufficient funding allocated to fully and effectively implement this program to support all eligible communities. During its Jan. 14 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved submitting a resolution to address concerns regarding the underfunding by the state for property tax relief. That resolution was sent to State Senators Tom Cullerton and Don Harmon; State Representatives Deb Conroy, Deanne Mazzochi, Terra Costa Howard and Kathleen Willis; Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker; State Superintendent Dr. Tony Smith; and Peg Agnos, Executive Director of Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND).

An evening with James Carroll

College welcomes award-winning author of 'The Cloister', others

An award-winning writer and ordained priest, James Carroll is the author of 12 novels, including his most recent, *The Cloister*; and *Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews*, a New York Times Best Seller and acclaimed documentary.

Carroll will talk about his work during An Evening with James Carroll on Friday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Alexander Room of the Frick Center on the campus of Elmhurst College.

Besides his work as a novelist, Carroll is the author of eight works of non-fiction, most recently *Christ Actually: The Son of God for the Secular Age*, which The Boston Globe described as "a testament to the power of a critical, creative faith." Other books include the National Book Award-winning *An American Requiem*; *House of War*, which won the first PEN-John Kenneth Galbraith Award; and *Jerusalem, Jerusalem*, which was named a 2011 Best Book by *Publishers Weekly*.

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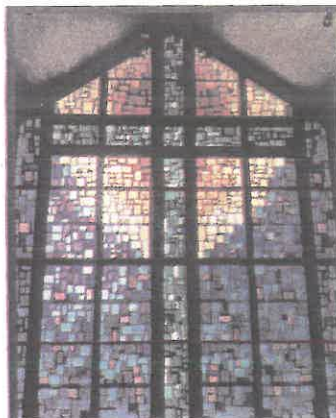
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Addison Trail girls basketball team defeats ICCP and Hoffman Estates

Birmingham hits game-winning 3-pointer against ICCP

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls basketball team scored recent non-conference wins against IC Catholic Prep and Hoffman Estates.

The Blazers were 43-42 winners over IC Catholic Prep when freshman Quiana Birmingham hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"We ran a play and they covered it, all three options to get the ball," said Schader. "We were able to get the ball back and Q banked in a 3 at the buzzer to win it."

Serena Gilliam led the Blazers with 14 points. Birmingham had eight points.

"It was a battle," said Schader. "We were up seven or eight points and maybe even a little more, but they came back and took the lead. We battled back and took the lead. We missed six free throws in the fourth quarter."

Addison Trail then downed Hoffman Estates 52-28 in a non-conference game. "We dominated," said Schader.

Mia Johnson led the Blazers with 14 points. Birmingham had 11 points, while Demi Koulogeorgas

had 10 points. Addison Trail shot 6-for-8 from the 3-point line.

"It was a breakout game for us," said Schader.

The Blazers then lost 49-45 to Morton in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action. Johnson had 12 points. Koulogeorgas had 10 points, while Gilliam and Karime Martinez each had eight points.

"We were up 22-11 at one point and then Morton went on a run," said Schader. "They cut it to four and then it was a battle back and forth and they took the lead. We missed a bunch of layups and easy buckets. We didn't play terrible, but we struggled at times. It was a tough game that we hoped to pull out."

The loss put Addison Trail at 9-12 overall. The Blazers were slated to play Proviso East and Willowbrook (Friday) this week before facing Maine East next Monday.

"We have a tough week ahead," said Schader late last week. "We are getting better. Offensively we are shooting more and scoring more and defensively we are playing a little better. We struggled offensively against Morton, but it was a long week for us. We're starting to spread the scoring out more and other kids are getting involved. We're playing pretty well but we have a tough couple weeks coming up."

Fenton wrestlers enjoy beneficial trip to Tennessee

Bison bowlers compete in sectional

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Fenton's trip to the Father Ryan Invite in Nashville, Tennessee right after the new year was a successful one.

"We competed very well and the guys also had a great experience exploring the city and surrounding area," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings.

Fenton had 12 wrestlers in the tournament and 11 won matches. Nine wrestlers won two or more matches.

Fenton finished 12th out of 44 of what Hastings labeled the better teams from Tennessee and the southeast.

"Among the teams entered were state champions from Tennessee, South Carolina and Kentucky," he noted.

Senior 160-pounder Ramiro Bracamontes won three matches against higher-ranked opponents to advance to the semifinals. He ended up fifth.

Jeremy Piskorz, a junior 138-pounder, won four matches to place seventh. Ricky Saucedo won three matches at 195 pounds, while sophomore 126-pounder Manny Lozada, sophomore 126-pounder Danny Saucedo, junior 152-pounder Danny Ramirez, senior 170-pounder Brandon Lopez, sophomore 182-pounder Michael Dukala and junior 285-pounder Filip Reduta each won two matches. Sophomore 120-pounder and senior 145-pounder Gio Mendoza each won one match. Sophomore 126-pounder John

Quinto lost two tough matches.

Fenton also had the opportunity to visit the engaging and interactive Muhammad Ali Museum in Louisville, Kentucky. "We had a couple great workouts in beautiful local parks, the kids challenged themselves at an escape room and we had some amazing barbeque."

In recent local competition, Fenton dropped duels to Addison Trail, Wheaton-Warrenville South and Cary-Grove and defeated Homewood-Flossmoor to move its overall record to 9-7.

Ramirez, Piskorz, sophomore David Burch (145 pounds), Ricky Saucedo and Bracamontes led Fenton during this stretch.

Fenton boys bowling

The Fenton boys bowling team finished the season with a dual-meet mark of 4-4. "We had a few highly competitive matches that could have gone either way," said Fenton coach Mike Baker.

Baker's squad competed at both the regional and sectional levels. "We bowled our best series of the year at the regional and although we did not advance as a team we were able to advance three bowlers," he said.

Joey Potkay, Henry Valenzuela and Matt Sipes moved onto the sectional. Potkay averaged a 202 at the regional, while Sipes and Valenzuela averaged in the 190s.

"They put out a stellar effort to shoot over their season averages," said Baker. "The team has improved its spare shooting significantly and that was a big factor at the regional."

Valenzuela finished with an 1,101 series at the Hinsdale South sectional. Potkay had a 915 series.

Fenton girls basketball team defeats Ridgewood

Weight-room program paying big dividends for Bison

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton girls basketball team split a pair of recent contests with Ridgewood and Elk Grove.

Fenton was victorious 56-22 against Ridgewood in a Metro Suburban Conference Red Division game and also lost 75-56 to Elk Grove in a non-conference game.

The split put Fenton at 11-10 overall and 6-3 in MSC Red Division action.

Coach Dave Mello noted one recent positive has been the play of freshmen Hailey Miller and Sophia Haska.

"It's really exciting watching our two freshmen develop and start to assert themselves at the varsity level," he said. "Both Hailey and Sophia have started to string together really strong games. Both of them are shooting the 3, rebounding, playing

"It's really exciting watching our two freshmen develop and start to assert themselves at the varsity level."

— Coach Dave Mello

strong defense and adding a lot to our overall play."

Mello also has watched his team's defensive move forward. "Despite giving up the 75 points to Elk Grove, we feel our defensive pressure has really started to increase," he said. "We are consistently getting deflec-

tions that are either leading to steals or taking the other team out of their normal offensive flow. Even against Elk Grove, we were happy with the pressure we applied. We have been really happy with our defense. We are much-improved from last season. The girls are getting much better at reading what the offense is trying to do against us."

Fenton shot 8-for-65 from the 3-point line against Ridgewood, but made 11 in the game against Elk Grove. "We really struggled shooting the 3 at Ridgewood," said Mello. "We went 4-for-39 in the first half and then followed that up with a 4-for-26 second half. However, at Elk Grove, we shot our best percentage of the season. We finished with 11 made 3s, but we just couldn't get our usual number of attempts up as they were making an effort to take away the 3. That allowed us to use

our inside game, which has really been improving."

Mello said Fenton must continue to work on its game from the foul line. "We will always need to get better at free throws," he said. "We are working more and more free throws into our practices, and the girls are spending time before and after practice trying to improve our percentage."

Senior Teagan Hausen and junior Ashley Milano also have been key contributors to Mello's squad. "Teagan is really creating a lot of problems at the point of our defense with her length," he said. "She is getting all kinds of deflections and steals On offense, she is consistently finishing around the rim when given the opportunity. Ashley has been locked in from the 3-point line. She has had back-to-back games with four made 3s, and even her misses have looked

like they were going in. She is another one that is all over the court on defense."

Mello also is excited about the program's weight-room usage and the benefits it has provided. "For the first time in the program's history, we consistently use the weight room. We build in 30-45 minutes in each practice for the girls to get in the weight room. Tara Lawson, my assistant coach, developed a great program and the girls are doing an amazing job with it. We have seen all kinds of improvements in terms of their strength and their overall athleticism. It has become a huge part of our season."

Fenton played over this past weekend in its inaugural Martin Luther King tournament against Chicago Academy and Thornridge. The Bison played two more games in the tournament this past Monday.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team places second at Shepard invitational

Also celebrates senior night against Morton as Burns, Zimmerman and Fagan honored

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team recently celebrated senior night during its West Suburban Conference Gold Division contest against Morton.

The team honored seniors Jack Burns (Willowbrook), Evan Zimmerman (Addison Trail) and Robert Fagan (Willowbrook).

"Each of these guys swam real-

ly well and had personal bests in each race," noted AT-Willowbrook coach Neil Wahlgren. Robert Fagan dropped six seconds in the 200 IM and three seconds in the 100 free. It was a good senior meet for Robert. Jack and Evan are two of our top guys and we kind of expect them to have fast times, but they dropped more time against Morton, which was good to see."

AT-Willowbrook then took second out of 10 teams at the Shepard invitational. "Each of our guys swam well and dropped time in pretty much every event," said Wahlgren.

"These last two meets we feel

like we are coming together and are becoming the team we expected to be. We're showing growth and that has been fun. It will be fun watching these guys the rest of the year as we head into conference and sectionals."

At Shepard, the AT-Willowbrook 200 medley relay team of Zimmerman, Willowbrook's Aidan Nichols, Addison Trail's Marco Chaidze and Burns won the event.

"Aidan Nichols also swam well in the 100 breaststroke and got second and was fourth for us in the 100 free," said Wahlgren.

Burns was second in the 100 free and third in the 50 free.

"Each of our other relays got second place," he said. "The nice thing about this invite is they have two frosh-soph relays and that shows how good the future of our team can be."

Wahlgren also has been pleased with the progress of freshman Michael Niemirski from Addison Trail. "He's been down mad time in every one of his events," he said. "He's a freshman who is becoming a top-four guy competing for spots on those sectional relays. He's also been a utility guy for us. We've used him in the 500 where he is a top-two guy and in the 100 free where he's a top three or four guy.

He's getting better and better as the year goes on."

Willowbrook's Sean Pienkos also has been a key contributor. "He's a sophomore who was second in the 500 free. He's another guy who works very hard in practice and is right behind our fastest guy. I know he will have an awesome taper and finish the year very strong."

AT-Willowbrook swam against Fenton earlier this week. "We're coming together at the end here," said Wahlgren. "We have a smaller group than we've had in the past, but everybody is clicking into their places and everybody is getting in good shape for the end of the year."

Timothy Christian boys basketball team scores two wins in Arizona

Trojans playing well after holiday break

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Timothy Christian boys basketball team recently headed to Arizona as part of the school's annual Renew initiative that engages students in discipleship opportunities through coursework, internships and service and/or travel experience not available to students during the academic semester.

While there, the Trojans played a pair of non-conference games and downed Gilbert Christian and Rancho Solano. Timothy defeated Gilbert by five points and defeated Rancho Solano by six points.

"We played a quality Gilbert Christian team and also played a talented Rancho Solano team," said Timothy Christian coach Scott Plaisier. "We played two good games down there. We rebounded the ball much better overall in both games. We're doing a better job on the glass. Defensively we are kind of coming around a little. The guys are getting in good position and they are doing a better job with individual defense."

Plaisier was impressed with the play of Danardo Jones in Arizona. "We are getting good minutes from Danardo," the coach said. "He's playing hard on the defensive end and is getting some big rebounds on the glass. The other guys get energized by that."

Plaisier also has been pleased with the scoring balance of the team. "We are getting balance," he said. "Josh Harris has had some nice nights and Matt Owens had good games both nights down there. AJ Vos is another guy who is stepping up and scoring a little for us."

Timothy returned to Metro Suburban Conference Red Division play and downed Ridgewood by 19 points.

"They beat us at our place earlier in the season by three points," said Plaisier. "The guys came out and played with good energy. Josh had another good scoring night with 22 points and Matt Owens gave us 13 points and 15 rebounds. Danardo had a good game defensively and a bunch

of other guys are chipping in for us. We had some good minutes off the bench from Chris Brooks and Marquis Johnson defensively."

The Ridgewood win pushed the Trojans to 4-2 in MSC Red play. Ridgewood and Wheaton Academy each had 5-1 records through late last week. Timothy holds a win against Wheaton Academy already.

"We needed that Ridgewood game to stay in the running for a possible conference championship," said Plaisier. "We'll take them one at a time and see if we can put ourselves in a good spot at the end. We know we have to take care of business with some of these games coming up. We kind of control our own destiny."

In the 65-49 MSC Red win against

Ridgewood, Timothy led 18-10 after the first quarter and 32-21 at halftime. The Trojans outscored Ridgewood 19-13 in the third quarter.

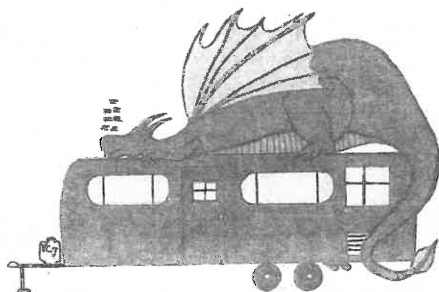
Harris led the way with 19 points, six rebounds and three steals. He hit two 3-pointers. Jack Baldrige had 13 points and hit three 3-pointers. Owens finished with 12 points, seven assists and six rebounds. Jones had eight points and two blocks. Timothy shot 55 percent from the field (26-for-47).

In a 65-56 MSC Red win over Guerin Prep, Timothy broke open a 12-12 first-quarter tie by outscoring Guerin 18-15 in the second quarter and 22-15 in the third quarter. Har-

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Jordan (IN)	19	196	10.3
Waltiewicz (IC)	19	196	10.3
Jay (GA)	19	196	10.3
Greene (SS)	19	194	10.2
Allgood (AT)	20	202	10.1
Waltiewicz (RW)	20	197	9.7
O'Leary (WCT)	20	177	8.9
Dyckman (MA)	18	176	9.6
O'Leary (NC)	18	173	9.6
Webb (LS)	20	180	9.5
Greene (IC)	22	192	9.2
Levy (MN)	20	183	9.2
Huckins (SA)	19	174	9.2
Thorne (NC)	18	163	9.1
Gaudin (IC)	18	170	8.9
Thompson (MA)	19	169	8.9
Capaccia (SF)	20	146	8.8
Reed (SD)	17	176	8.8
Sonuga (MA)	17	147	8.6
Coz (GE)	20	168	8.4
Jordan (IN)	19	149	8.3
Ferres (WA)	17	141	8.3
Thorne (NC)	18	140	8.2
Enright (GS)	18	147	8.2
Gambie (GS)	19	156	8.2
Farmer (WA)	19	153	8.2
Phillips (SW)	19	155	8.2
Berry (IN)	18	146	8.1
Nuckolls (SF)	22	176	8.8

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Player (school)	FTM-FTA	Pct.
Jeff (ES)	55-60	91.7
Schauer (NW)	65-60	91.7
Allgood (AT)	34-41	82.9
Podolsky (NW)	45-41	81.1
Boston (DTH)	68-84	81.0
Sorjors (NW)	39-47	83.0
Morgan (ES)	46-55	83.6
Wang (ES)	104-129	80.6
Alvin (West)	62-77	80.5
Go Harbison (GS)	60-76	78.9
Stableford (WMA)	62-79	78.5
Henderson (WMA)	71-90	78.9
Edgins (ES)	55-71	75.2
Dougherty (NC)	48-62	77.4
Johnson (ES)	54-70	76.1
Kuipers (NW)	31-41	75.6
Powers (NW)	35-46	75.8
Reid (NC)	76-101	75.2
Thompson (West)	44-59	74.8
Lang (ES)	55-74	74.6
Kratz (WMA)	33-45	73.3
Gamble (DGS)	48-66	72.7
Shaw (ES)	77-107	72.9
Starkley (TJ)	39-54	72.2
Enright (GS)	54-75	72.0
Dunlap (ES)	46-64	71.9
Henwig (NW)	73-102	71.6

Bull (W)	49-69	71.1
Hooker (BGS)	58-82	70.7
McGee (W)	62-89	70.0
Henderson (DGH)	82-86	69.8
Martin (L)	52-46	69.8
Kosich (Y)	54-78	69.2
Porter (W)	49-81	67.6
Keith (S)	52-73	67.5
Kim (GS)	52-68	66.7
Thompson (W)	60-76	66.7
Saunders (W)	62-78	66.6
Davis (E)	52-68	65.3
Vance (C)	50-69	65.3
Wojcikowski (H)	64-10	63.4
Walsh (W)	42-67	62.7
Phillips (Y)	58	62.5
Nelson (E)	54-67	62.0
Law (E)	44-72	61.1
Reed (G)	50	60.0
St. Turnley (M)	30-60	60.0

5-POINTERS		
Player (school)	Score	P/100
Krisz (MWS)	57	3.4
Wilkins (W)	56	3.4
Wentz (W)	54	3.2
Byrns (DGS)	55	3.1
Evans (DGS)	53	3.0
Bull (W)	43	2.4

Isaacson (HC)	47	5.2
Wahzh (Y)	115	5.2
Blackuz (NW)	113	5.1
Davis (NV)	111	5.0
Easter (DS)	95	5.0
Flak (NW)	94	5.0
Walker (SF)	90	5.0
Sut (WA)	85	4.9
Conway (HC)	93	4.9
Durkin (HS)	94	4.9
Morgan (NV)	91	4.8
Khanam (WP)	92	4.8
McQuarrie (GH)	64	4.6
Thompson (West)	88	4.5
McIntosh (AT)	81	4.3
Powers (AT)	86	4.3
Hines (NW)	72	4.2
Stueffert (WB)	80	4.2
Boston (GA)	91	4.1
Effenbecker (LP)	53	4.1
Lindam (SW)	78	4.1
Frederick (WZ)	70	4.1
Zabie (LP)	62	4.1
Hall (SE)	80	4.0

Artist(s)	Total	A/G
Ferry (school)	96	5.3
Dwells (TC)	96	5.3
Barry (NY)	95	5.2
Brend (NW)	95	5.2
Williams (SW)	95	5.2
Lindgren (AW)	91	4.8
Stratberg (MWS)	67	3.1
Wells (P)	79	3.9
Low (C)	56	3.7
Heider (AW)	56	3.7
Nelson (M)	73	3.5
Perry (P)	57	3.4
Taylor (SW)	55	3.5
Kratz (MWS)	57	3.5
O'Neil (M)	69	3.3
Thoms (NC)	58	3.2
Hesse (M)	60	3.1
Algoose (P)	60	3.0
Shawfield (M)	57	3.0
Gutten (P)	56	2.9
Henderson (DGM)	60	2.9
Mays (MWS)	60	2.9
Porter (M)	59	2.8
Hucker (DS)	54	2.8
Forster (M)	55	2.7
Kasch (Y)	59	2.7
Blackman (WA)	46	2.6
McGinn (M)	58	2.6
Nails (PW)	57	2.6
Ruh (M)	65	2.6
Emright (US)	45	2.5
hee (MWS)	42	2.5
But (M)	42	2.4
Brown-Poe (DGS)	40	2.4
Wells (P)	40	2.4

	Total	S/G
Jordan (C)	45	2.4
Mortland (LP)	53	2.4
Nease (R)	48	2.4
Ruth (H)	43	2.4
Schauer (NW)	48	2.4
Schiffman (R)	48	2.4
Yumfem (Fen)	48	2.4
Spockey (T)	44	2.2
Tokumitsu (Wak)	41	2.2
West (NW)	31	2.2
Arndsen (Wak)	34	2.1
Hill (G)	34	2.1
Jordan (W)	32	2.1
Nease (W)	32	2.1
Reisen (WC)	40	2.1
Lynch (HC)	36	2.0
Thompson (West)	36	2.0
Wilkins (W)	43	2.0
ISTEALS		
Perry (school)	51	3.1
Stubblerfield (Wk)	58	3.1
Kretz (WHF)	54	3.1
Nease (W)	44	2.2
Alford (AT)	42	2.1
Nease (W)	42	2.1
Reed (Fen)	44	2.1
Henderson (D/N)	43	2.0
Hoker (D/S)	38	2.0

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Zucker (Man)	33-43	76.7
Mackintosh (WW)	63-83	76.6
Bair (GS)	63-83	75.9
Sellers (GS)	27-36	75.0
Stebbins (WWS)	36-48	74.8
Rogers (LF)	138-148	74.6
K. Vermaire (NW)	32-44	72.7
Metby (NN)	35-47	74.5
Puggles (WWS)	36-48	72.2
Winter (SF)	23-33	70.0
Kampshoener (TC)	34-50	58.0
Campschneider (NW)	51-75	58.0
Gross (DSD)	48-60	62.2
Kramer (DJL)	37-56	66.1
Weaver (LS)	78-116	66.1
Heller (GW)	47-72	65.2
Moore (ES)	49-60	65.0
Adamski (JG)	46-71	64.7
Huber (EG)	53-82	64.6
Melton (NW)	61-86	64.1
Chapman (SF)	61-86	63.5
Torres (WN)	32-51	62.7
Topps (Wok)	47-70	60.3
Wright (Wok)	47-70	60.2

3-POINTERS		
Player (school)	Total	P/E
Rogers (LP)	77	37.7
Shelton (Gly)	77	31.7
Melby (Mo)	42	2.8
Darda (NC)	69	27
Barclay (WV)	41	2.6
Maile (LP)	47	24
Emma (WVS)	52	21
Sturges (Wron)	54	22.7
Gross (Gly)	35	21
Milano (WV)	32	21
Berkman (WV)	35	19
McGee (WV)	35	19
Rosell (LP)	48	19
Wagner (WV)	30	19
Zachary (WV)	31	19
McKnight (WV)	38	18
Hillman (WV)	29	17
Kempchendorf (NN)	28	15

REB/NDORS		
Player (school)	Total	P/E
Barclay (WV)	238	11.6
Rogers (LP)	227	10.8
Thomas (Mo)	256	10.7
Schmitt (WV)	199	9.9
Kempchendorf (NN)	179	8.4
Dalgaard (Mo)	197	9.6
Johnson (WV)	185	9.4
Gutless (WV)	181	8.3
Wagner (WV)	185	8.4
Wagner (LP)	196	7.3
Verhulzen (WV)	117	7.3

Turnilly (Wh*)	87	4.1
McKnight (NW)	82	3.5
Heller (GW)	84	3.7
Kampmichrer (NW)	89	3.1
Lovins (Fm)	86	3.4
Perkins (HS)	n/a	2.5
Sullivan (Mn)	60	2.7
Strebins (NW*)	91	2.1
Zucker (Mon)	56	2.5
Cohen (SS)	51	2.4
Kokkines (Mon)	45	2.4
M. Miller (Fm)	59	2.4
Weaver (Lis)	61	2.4
Alex (TC)	49	2.2
Huber (GW)	54	2.2
Rogers (LP)	52	2.2
Darre (LP)	42	2.1
Dore (NW)	41	2.1
H. Miller (Fm)	50	2.0
Moore (GW)	47	2.1
Osgathe (SS)	43	2.1
STEALS		
Pearl (school)	Total	\$/C

Weaver (LJ)	94	3.1
Regiers (L)	77	3.3
Wagner (Nathan) (NN)	67	3.3
Smith (F)	69	3.1
Simon (W)	51	3.1
Lomada (Fen)	80	3.2
Johnson	71	3.1
Dorsey (Wes)	61	2.1
Goss (DON)	60	2.1
Moss (W)	41	2.1
Cohen (IS)	55	2.1
Chapman (F)	55	2.1
Kirkham (L)	45	2.1
Lucif (F)	62	2.1
McCormack (Wes)	69	2.1
Cordery (RS)	n/a	2.1
Parsons (W)	50	2.1
Alex (TC)	41	2.1
Baird (W)	50	2.1
Herron (W)	50	2.1
Milano (F)	59	2.1
Ernst (WWS)	51	2.1
Kerr (J)	51	2.1
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McGowan (W)	49	2.1
Pivard (NN)	37	2.1
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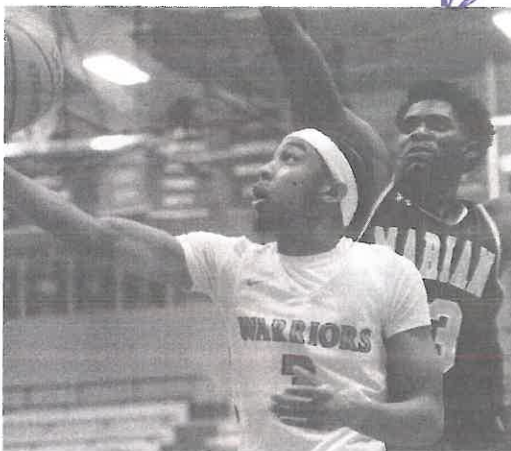
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Willowbrook's Everett Stubblefield III gets two points during a game against Marian Catholic in December at the Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic. Stubblefield scored 42 points Jan. 21 in Willowbrook's 87-85 overtime win over Oswego East at the Sterling MLK Classic.

Jeff Krage for Shaw Media



BOYS BASKETBALL NOTES

Willowbrook's Everett Stubblefield III puts on a show at Sterling MLK Classic

By JOSHUA WELGE
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Everett Stubblefield III didn't particularly like the gym in Sterling.

The rims, though, were to his liking.

Stubblefield, Willowbrook's junior guard, put on quite a show Jan. 21 at the Sterling MLK Classic.

Stubblefield scored a varsity career-high 42 points, rallying the Warriors to an 87-85 overtime win over Oswego East. Willowbrook later lost to Maine South, 72-58, despite Stubblefield's 24 points.

Against Oswego East, Stubblefield shot a sizzling 14-for-20, including 8-for-12 from 3-point range, in rallying Willowbrook from down eight after three quarters.

In one dazzling nine-second sequence late in regulation, Stubblefield hit two free throws, forced a turnover in the Oswego East backcourt, and hit a 3-pointer. His two free throws in overtime clinched it.

"It was a good game. We played pretty well," said Stubblefield, who scored 42 points in a sophomore game last year before a promotion to varsity. "We made a run to come back and tie the game and pulled it out."

Stubblefield, still uncommitted, made the most of an opportunity to go head-to-head with Oswego East senior Ray J Dennis, a Boise State recruit. Dennis, one of the rising stars of Illinois' senior class, scored 34 points.

Stubblefield's 42 points are the third-most in the five-year history of the event. Former Willowbrook star Alonzo Verge Jr. has the record of 45, set in 2015.

"It was a good experience," Stubblefield said. "I always hear [Dennis']

name and how good he's been doing. We played them over the summer, but I had got injured that game and hadn't had a chance to play a full game against him."

Willowbrook was less than full strength at Sterling. Senior guard Matas Masys missed both games with what Stubblefield said is an LCL injury. "It didn't change my role that much. I just ran the point a little more," Stubblefield said. "I still took the shots I normally do. The game was just flowing."

Willowbrook has a busy weekend ahead, hosting District 88 rival Addison Trail on Jan. 25, then playing Batavia on Jan. 26 in the nightcap of the Batavia "Night of Hoops."

"I still feel like we have more room to grow to become a better team," Stubblefield said. "I feel like if we play like we did against Oswego East, we can beat anybody."

'When Sides Collide' shootout

Glenbard East will host its "When Sides Collide" shootout Jan. 26. The five-game event starts at 1 p.m. with Evanston-Normal West, followed by Glenbard East-Glenbard West at 2:30 p.m., St. Viator-Bloom at 4 p.m. and Simeon-Bolingbrook at 5:30 p.m. It wraps up with Benet-Naperville North at 7 p.m.

Coaches vs. Cancer

IC Catholic Prep and Timothy Christian will host a Coaches vs. Cancer event Jan. 26 at ICCP. The day starts with the freshman boys game at 10:30 a.m., and concludes with the varsity girls at 7 p.m. and varsity boys at 8:30 p.m. ICCP will play at York on Jan. 30 in the first crosstown boys basketball classic. Varsity tipoff is 7 p.m.

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MVA - ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



TARIS THORNTON
MONTINI
Sophomore | Basketball

Why Thornton was selected:

Montini sophomore Taris Thornton had nine points, 16 rebounds and five blocked shots in a win over Hinsdale South, and 20 points, 19 rebounds and five blocks in a win over Butler Prep.

Thornton talked to Suburban Life sports editor Joshua Welge about the season and more. Here is an edited version of the transcript.

Welge: You had some huge rebounding games last week. Did you realize it at the time?

Thornton: I didn't. I didn't think about it, didn't think about the rebounds and blocks. I was really surprised when I heard it.

Welge: Is rebounding a big part of your game?

Thornton: I just wanted to step up and help the team by getting rebounds since one of our seniors Frankie [Kokkines] was out. She helps a lot. I wanted to step up and show my coach that I could fill that spot. For me, I just really want to get

that rebound so my team can have a second chance to get that shot and score.

Welge: You have so many freshmen on this team. Do you feel old?

Thornton: I feel a little older since there are so many of them. I'm really close with a lot of them. I knew them a little bit before they came here, but I've gotten way closer since we started playing together.

Welge: What did you take out of last year's experience, being a freshman on a team that took second in the state?

Thornton: I learned that it is really important to play your best at all times. What I got out of it is that I have to keep trying to play hard and play my best, so I can get back down there and we can win.



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District 88 Board supports access to property tax relief grants

As District 88 has previously shared, Illinois recently implemented a school funding law that looks to achieve adequacy and equity in education funding throughout the state.

That Evidence Based Funding law also provides money for a Property Tax Relief Grant. The intent of that program is to assist communities in Illinois that are experiencing a significant local property tax burden due to limited local property wealth. It's an opportunity to lower the property tax burden on local taxpayers, with the state replacing a portion of foregone tax revenue with state funds.

District 88 has applied for this grant on behalf of the property taxpayers of the district and Illinois. However, the district is concerned there isn't sufficient funding allocated to fully and effectively implement this program to support all eligible communities. During its Jan. 14 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved submitting a resolution to address concerns regarding the underfunding by the state for property tax relief. That resolution was sent to State Senators Tom Cullerton and Don Harmon; State Representatives Deb Conroy, Deanne Mazzochi, Terra Costa Howard and Kathleen Willis; Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker; State Superintendent Dr. Tony Smith; and Peg Agnos, Executive Director of Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND).



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Addison Trail High School to present 'Newsies'

Addison Trail will present its winter musical, "Newsies," on Feb. 7, 8 and 9. Pictured are five of the main actors, (from left) Addison Trail sophomore Ryan Ficarra (Davey Jacobs), sophomore Evan Grossman (Crutchie), senior Connor White (Jack Kelly), senior Rosemarie Mercado (Katherine Plumber) and senior Alex Grossman (Joseph Pulitzer). Full story and another photo inside.

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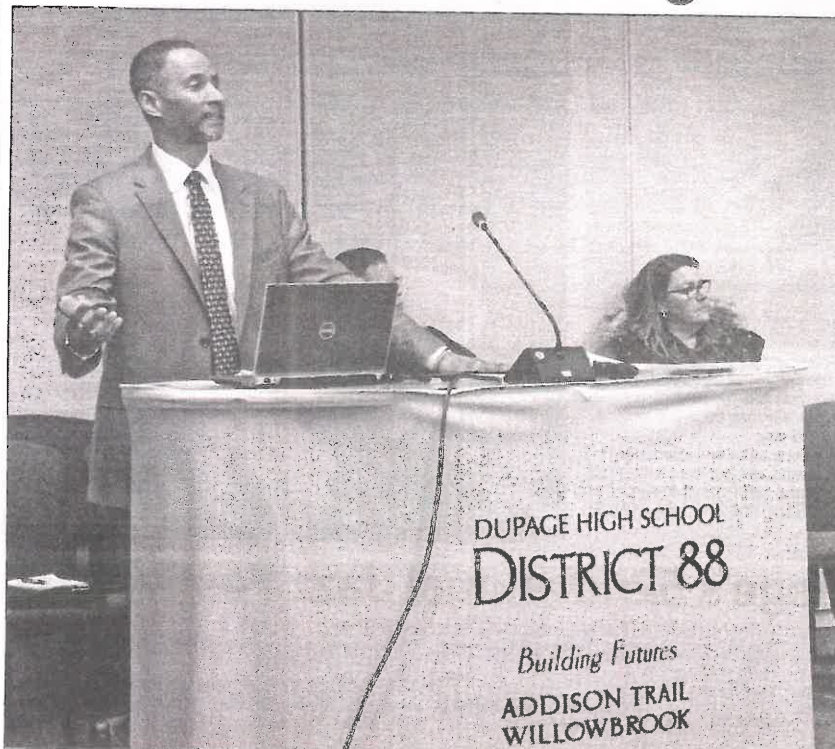
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District 88 offers Strategic Plan update



Jeff Cohn with Brave Dialogue provides an update to the District 88 Board of Education regarding the district's Strategic Plan during the Jan. 14 Board meeting. Cohn gave a recap of the Strategic Plan process and led the Board members in an interactive activity to gather their input on the process and suggested updates to the plan.

District 88 is in the process of updating its Strategic Plan to retool and enhance the district's existing 2010 plan and to ensure the focus remains on accomplishing the district's mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement. From September to November, facilitator Jeff Cohn with Brave Dialogue joined District 88 administrators and met with more than 700 stakeholders – including staff members, parents and guardians, community members and students – to gather their feedback and thoughts with this process.

During the District 88 Board of Education meeting held on Jan. 14, Cohn recapped the time line, goals and initiatives of the Strategic Plan process. The Board also participated in an interactive activity to provide their input on the process and suggested updates to the plan. The District 88 administration will incorporate the recommendations from the Board, set measures for each goal within the updated Strategic Plan and submit it for Board approval in February.

For more information, visit dupage88.net/StrategicPlan2018.

Addison Trail senior earns Eagle Scout status

Addison Trail senior Kristopher Kusnierz earned Eagle Scout status on Dec. 19, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America.

Those who receive that rank earn a total of 21 merit badges; demonstrate Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily life; and plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project.

Kusnierz is with Troop 408, and he joined Cub Scouts when he was in first grade. He said his parents encouraged him to get involved, and he developed a passion for the program when he was in seventh grade.

For his Eagle Scout project, Kusnierz reorganized The Kids Equipment Network (TKEN) trailer and redistributed unnecessary items. He cleaned out the trailer, organized the contents and took inventory of the wheelchairs. Kusnierz said the project took more than 80 hours to complete.

Kusnierz said he hopes to stay involved with Boy Scouts and become a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He plans to attend Elmhurst College and major in music education.



Kristopher Kusnierz

Addison Trail to present winter musical, 'Newsies'

"Extra! Extra!" Addison Trail will present its winter musical, "Newsies," on Feb. 7, 8 & 9. Curtain times are 7 p.m. each evening as well as a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday.

According to broadway.com, the show is based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899 and tells the story of Jack Kelly, a rebellious newsboy who dreams of a life as an artist away from the big city. After publishing giant Joseph Pulitzer raises newspaper prices at the newsboys' expense, Kelly and his fellow newsies take action. With help from reporter Katherine Plumber, all of New York City soon recognizes the power of "the little man."

Addison Trail Theatre Director Anna McSweeney said she grew up acting out scenes from the 1992 film version of the story and saw the show on Broadway in New York in 2012 and then again in 2014 during a school trip with students. She knew she wanted to bring it to the stage at Addison Trail and was thrilled when the rights were released for high schools last year.

"I hope the production provides a sense of nostalgia for those who grew up watching the movie and re-enacting the songs and dance numbers," she said. "The show also shares an important message to stand up for what you believe in and what's right."

She added "Newsies" will be the fourth Addison Trail production to be enrolled in Broadway In Chicago's Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards, where judges evaluate high school shows for awards in the categories of Best Actor, Best Actress,

Best Production presented by Guardian Music Travel, Best Direction, Best Scenic Design presented by SPL, Best Choreography and Best Ensemble.

Addison Trail senior Connor White plays Kelly and said the energy of "Newsies" is what makes the musical unique.

"Almost every song in the story is a hype song that makes you want to jump up and get into the show," White said. "The underlying theme is to open your eyes and see things aren't as bad as they seem. My character is always looking to escape from where he is, but he realizes there's beauty right there around him."

Addison Trail sophomore Ryan Ficarra, who plays fellow newsie Davey Jacobs (Kelly's friend who helps him lead the strike), said he hopes the audience takes away the message that "even if you feel like you stick out, you can fit in."

TPO Spaghetti Dinner

Between the two productions on Feb. 9, from 4 to 6:15 p.m., the AT Teacher-Parent Organization (TPO) will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner. For information, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/item-4281

Tickets, available at the door, are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 3 to 12, \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card.

For more information, call 630-628-3365. See photos on page 16.



[top left photo]: AT graduates Robert Kusior (left, class of '15) and Nicolette Scorza (center, '18) visit with Karen Grady, AT Guidance Department Administrative Assistant, during the school's Young Alumni Day on Jan. 11. [top center photo]: AT alumna Callie Weigelt ('18) takes a selfie with AT English teacher Jim Perusich during the event. [top right photo]: AT art teacher Tim Hockensmith (right) visits with graduates Christopher

"CJ" and Tiffany Marhut ('13) and checks out CJ's backpacker guitar. [bottom left photo]: (from left) AT alumni Jean Avila ('18), Kevin Marroquin ('18), ChunYan Tan ('17) and Keithleen Mendoza ('17) enjoy lunch during Young Alumni Day. [bottom right photo]: AT alumni from the class of 2018 (from left) Luis Esparza, Christian Marquez, Roberto Soto, George Cruywells and Robert Vogel tour their alma mater.

Addison Trail High School holds Young Alumni Day

On Jan. 11, Addison Trail hosted its annual Young Alumni Day, where alumni from about the last seven years were invited back to the school. More than 100 alumni attended the event, which involved touring the school; enjoying refreshments; and visiting with friends and former teachers, coaches and staff members. "Young Alumni Day is a wonder-

ful opportunity for us to stay in touch with our recent graduates and keep them connected with their alma mater," said Michael Bolden, Addison Trail Principal. "It's amazing to see them as young adults and hear about their successes.

This event truly embodies our motto of Blazer Pride and Once a Blazer, Always a Blazer."

Wesley School students visit Addison Township Food Pantry

Fifth grade students from Addison District 4's Wesley School participated in a "service learning" field trip on Wed., Jan 16th.

The students visited the Addison Township Food Pantry where they met Coordinator Sandy Bays and learned about the pantry.

Bays explained how the pantry gets its food and how the food (and other essential items like personal hygiene items), how the food is distributed to Addison Township residents who are in need and what they can do to help.

The kids then helped stock shelves,

clean the pantries' chairs, tables and carts, vacuum and even break down boxes.

According to Dist. 4, in previous years, all of Addison's 5th grade students have helped sort food for the Christmas boxes that were prepared by the Addison Community Switchboard. Similar opportunities are being sought by Dist. 4 so students can spend time learning about and working to help others in their community. This outing of Wesley students served as a pilot group for the new volunteer project.



Two Wesley School 5th graders help stock mandarin oranges at the Addison Township Food Pantry on Wednesday, Jan 16.

College news

Resident makes Dean's list at Edgewood

Diamond Pikulyk of Addison has been named to the Dean's list for the Fall 2018 Semester at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisc. Pikulyk also earned Semester Honors for the Fall 2018 semester.

Illinois Wesleyan announces fall Dean's List

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2018-19 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University. Those from Addison include: Shannan Abraham and Lilia Garcia. The Dean's List includes 729 students from 24 states and 17 countries.

SPORTS

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Addison Trail wrestling team wins West Suburban Conference Gold title

Juarez and Matthews earn top-six finishes at prestigious Dvorak tournament

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail wrestling team is back on top of the West Suburban Conference Gold Division mountain.

The Blazers defeated Morton recently by a 45-24 count to finish the WSC Gold season with a perfect 6-0 mark, giving it the conference title. The WSC does not have a conference wrestling tournament.

It is Addison Trail's first WSC Gold wrestling title since it won three in a row ending in 2015.

"We have a lot of experience," said Addison Trail coach Rob Serio. "We

are young, but we have kids who have been wrestling for a while. A lot of kids on the team come through our kids' club (Headlock Wrestling Academy). So we have a lot of experience and off-season experience. We have the experience and these guys work hard and have bought in."

Serio noted Addison Trail has just three seniors in its 14 weight classes. "We only have three seniors, but we have a lot of experience," he said. "From top to bottom, every one of these kids can wrestle. It's been a fun year."

Addison Trail was 16-4 overall in duals and also has enjoyed success in tournaments. The Blazers finished third at Geneva, fifth at Batavia and 19th at the prestigious Dvorak tournament.

At Dvorak, standout Guillermo Juarez, a senior, took fifth at 106, while

sophomore Jake Matthews was sixth in his weight class.

"It's a pretty tight group," said Serio. "They all are friends and hang out during practice, during meets and away from the gym. It's a fun team to coach and to be around."

Addison Trail is readying itself for Class 3A postseason action Saturday. "We have a tough draw with Oak Park-River Forest," said Serio in assessing the team landscape at the regional. "It would be nice to get another

eight or 10 guys out to the sectional."

Addison Trail has returning state qualifiers in Juarez, Matthews and Brian Reyes.

"We have kids who can do it, no question," said Serio.

Serio also has been impressed with junior 113-pounder Adam Skrzpek. "Adam has been pretty tough," he said. "Xavier Sierra at 160, Giulian Frontier, a junior, at 170 and Nick Skamra at 182 also have been wrestling well. It should be interesting."

Juarez was 27-6 at 106 pounds through late last week. Skrzpek, a junior, was 27-6 at 113. Sophomore John Asiurus was 23-10 at 120. Matthews was 29-6 at 132. Reyes, a senior, was 24-9 at 138. Eric Reed, a sophomore, was 21-14 at 152. Frontier, a junior, was 16-16 at 160. Sierra was 24-12 at 160, while Skamra was 26-9 at 182.

"This year has flown by," said Serio. "The guys have wrestled well and regionals are here already. I can't believe it."

Fenton girls basketball team goes 3-1 at own MLK event

Lozada's layup at the buzzer in OT gives Bison win against Thornridge

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton girls basketball team went 3-1 at its own inaugural Martin Luther King tournament recently.

In the eight-team event, the Bison defeated Thornridge 61-60, Chicago Academy 56-14 and TF North 61-29. Fenton's only defeat was a 63-30 loss to tournament champion Round Lake.

In the Thornridge game, Isa Lozada's layup at the buzzer in overtime won it for the Bison.

"We had to go the length of the floor in 3.2 seconds for the win," explained Fenton coach Dave Mello. "We inbounded to half-court and called time. We then ran a play from half-court and it resulted in Isa beating the buzzer."

Overall, the tournament was a great success despite the challenging weather."

Fenton then dropped a 63-57 Metro Suburban Conference Red Division game to conference-leader Aurora Christian. "We fell behind by 10 early in the fourth quarter only to rally and tie the game late before Aurora Christian hit a shot and some free throws to hold us off. We ended playing two excellent games with them."

The Bison also dropped a 67-50 MSC Red game to Chicago Christian at home on Box Out Cancer night that also included the boys basketball team playing.

"The game really took a back seat to the overall experience of the night," said Mello. "The entire night was for a great cause."

Fenton was 14-14 overall and 6-6 in MSC Red play through late last week.

Mello cited recent strong play from

the likes of sophomores Lisette Rodriguez and Daisy Cossio. "Lisette has really been strong inside and has really developed some very good post moves," he said. "She also is running the floor hard and causing a lot of problems at the top of our defense."

"Daisy missed about six weeks with an injury and we worked her back slowly. Against Aurora Christian, she had her best game of the season. She played with no fear and competed at a high level. She also contributed a couple really strong drives to the basket. It is great that we have these two girls for two more seasons."

The Bison have three regular-season games left prior to regional play starting. Fenton was scheduled to play Elmwood Park earlier this week before returning to action next week with games against Maine East and senior night against Wheaton Academy.

Willowbrook girls bowling team finishes conference 8-0

Warriors wrestling team preparing for Saturday's regional action

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls bowling team finished West Suburban Conference play with a perfect 8-0 mark.

The Warriors finished 12-1 overall in dual matches.

Willowbrook scored a recent 3,048-2,551 WSC win against Downers Grove North. Holly Helsper led all bowlers with a 563, which included high games of 212 and 193.

The Warriors also were 3,580-3,237 non-conference winners against Metea Valley at Fox Bowl in Wheaton.

"This was our best score of the season," Willowbrook coach Kevin Allen pointed out. "We had four girls who all shot over a 600 series for three games."

Helsper led all scorers with a 687 series with games of 234, 233 and 220. Kane Pettinger added a 631 with high games of 245 and 218. Makaylah Jones had a 623 rolling games of 225, 216 and 182. Paula Williams finished with a 620 series with games of 223, 222 and 175.

Helsper is leading the Warriors with

a 185 average, while Pettinger is right there with her at 182.

"Right now, our team is working hard on lane play," said Allen. "We are working on how to move and when to move when the lane is breaking down. In the late games, we are working on spare shooting and creating different angles into the pocket in order to strike, spare and fill frames. I have been really challenging them and they all have stepped up."

Allen said the team's success this year is because of a focus on teamwork. "Our entire varsity team has stepped up this season," he said. "Our team is designed around every player to do their part. The best thing about our team is you never know who is going to have the high game every game. I am very lucky to have a group that is all so talented."

Willowbrook had events remaining at Leyden (at Stardust in Addison) and the WSC tournament prior to the start of the postseason.

"We are starting to bowl our best and are getting focused for the state competition," said Allen.

Willowbrook wrestling

The Willowbrook wrestling team Class 3A regional action Saturday.

Willowbrook boys basketball team turning corner

Stubblefield Jr. leading Warriors in scoring

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team found itself 10-9 overall and 3-3 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action through late last week.

In recent play, the Warriors dropped WSC Gold games to Proviso East and Downers Grove South.

"We have been up and down lately," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "Hopefully, we are about to hit our stride before the playoffs here."

Perkins said the team's defense has been a key bright spot of late. "Our defense has been consistent for the most part," he said. "We have a good defensive unit. A lot of our offense is set up by our defense."

Willowbrook has been without veteran standout Matas Masys since Christmas. "He's a 1,000-point scorer and a four-year varsity player for us," said Perkins. "With him, we are a different team. But other guys have stepped up for the most part."

One of them is Everett Stubblefield III, who is the team's leading scorer. "Everett has been doing the bulk of the load and we've had other guys step up," said Perkins. "He's leading us in scoring and he's our best playmaker right now. He came up as a sophomore midway through the season and averaged double digits. This year, he's over 20 points a game. It's been a natural progression with Everett and now the offense runs through him. We like to get the ball in his hands."

Perkins also cited strong play of late from Levi Bentsen, along with Scotty and Sam Tammy.

"It's usually someone different every game," he said. Willowbrook once again has tackled a schedule filled with some of the top teams around this season through those first 19 games.

"I feel like we've played a brutal schedule this year," said Perkins. "We've played good competition and some of the top teams in the state. In Sterling at the Martin Luther King shootout, we beat Oswego East, which was ranked 17th, and we lost to Maine South, so those are two quality opponents. The competition is going to prepare us for what lies ahead once we get into the playoffs. At the Christmas tournament at Hinsdale Central, I thought that was a great tournament. We lost to Marian Catholic, which was ranked No. 4, by four points. Lincoln Park was ranked 20th and we lost to them by four points. We play a lot of tough teams. Hopefully it prepares us for what we could see once it gets to do-or-die time in the playoffs. We've already faced the tough competition. We're used to it and we know how to handle ourselves in those situations."



'Newsies' come to Addison Trail

Addison Trail senior Connor White (center), who plays the lead of Jack Kelly in the school's upcoming production of "Newsies," rehearses a scene with his peers. The winter musical will take place on Feb. 7, 8 and 9.

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Community calendar

Thursday, Jan. 31 Homework help

Stop by the Addison Public Library from 3:30-5 p.m. for free help with your homework. For grades K-12. College students, librarian, and teachers will work with you one-on-one. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3338.

Ongoing events ...

• Get your high school diploma

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

Toddler Story Time

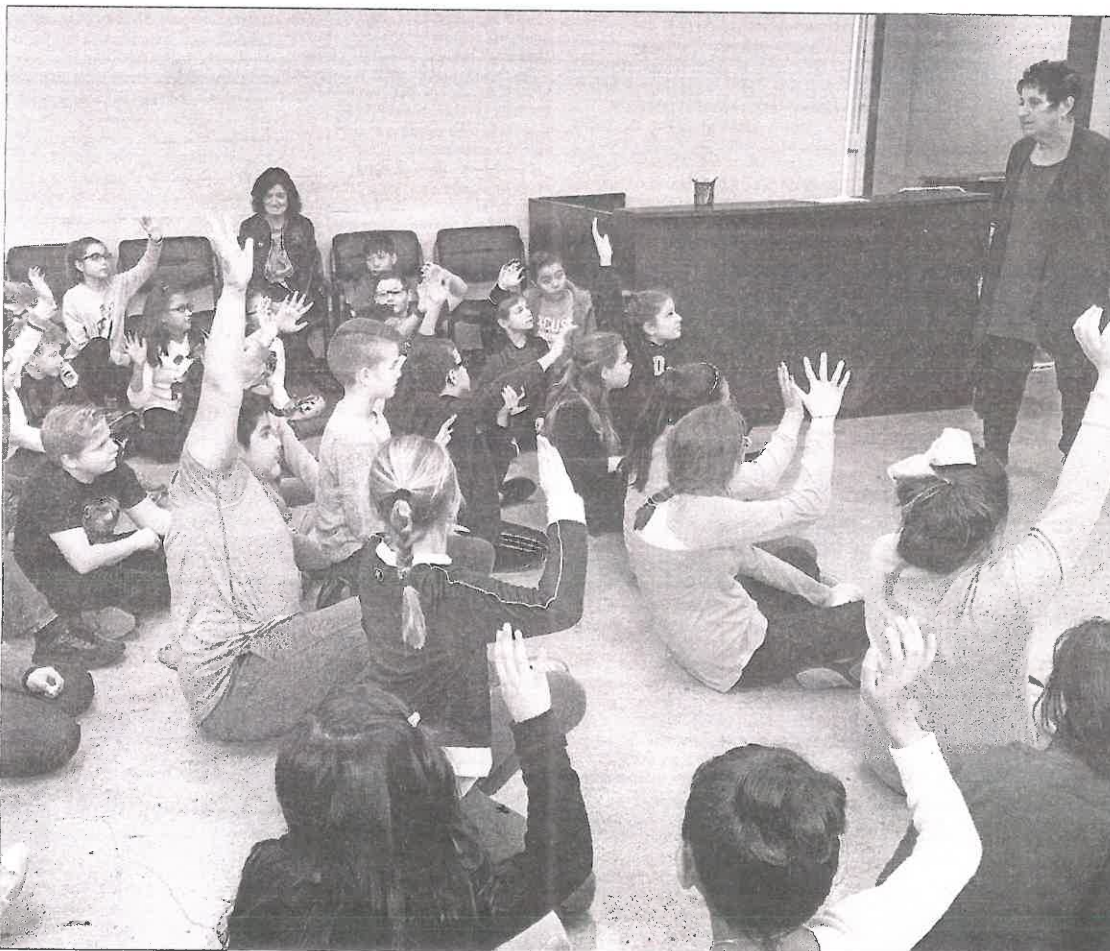
Get out some energy with dancing, singing, and rhymes at a story time designed for little ones who like to move from 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library. Open to children 2 to 3 years with a caregiver. This meets on Feb. 4, 11 and 18. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-2228.

Political Discussion Group

The Political Discussion Group meets every first Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, 4 Friendship Plaza. Conversations are civil and coffee is provided. Please read the articles before the meeting. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-2228.

Family Story Time

This all-ages story time from 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library will include stories, songs and activities.



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Cleaning up

Keeping the food pantry clean is a priority, as this Wesley School student learned during the community service project.

Curious students

Director Sandy Bays (standing, far right), answers questions from Wesley School students who visited the Addison Township Food Pantry as part of a community service learning project.

GREAT SCOTT

Tumilty's hot shooting helps Willowbrook cruise past Batavia

By JACOB BARTELSON
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BATAVIA – Scotty Tumilty admits some of his teammates likely took Willowbrook's loss to Batavia in the Class 7A state football quarterfinals personally.

His brother, Sam, was the quarterback. Scotty is a wide receiver in football, and both played big parts in a football game that Batavia eventually won in overtime.

On the basketball court, however, there would be no late-game magic for the Bulldogs.

Willowbrook blew past Batavia 70-53 in the final matchup of the Batavia Night of Hoops on Jan. 26. Scotty Tumilty was a huge reason why, pacing the Warriors with a career-high 32 points.

Tumilty missed his first three shots on the evening, but hardly missed after that, shooting 12-of-19 from the field. Tumilty rode a white-hot third-quarter shooting spree, connecting on four 3-pointers in the 14-point quarter.

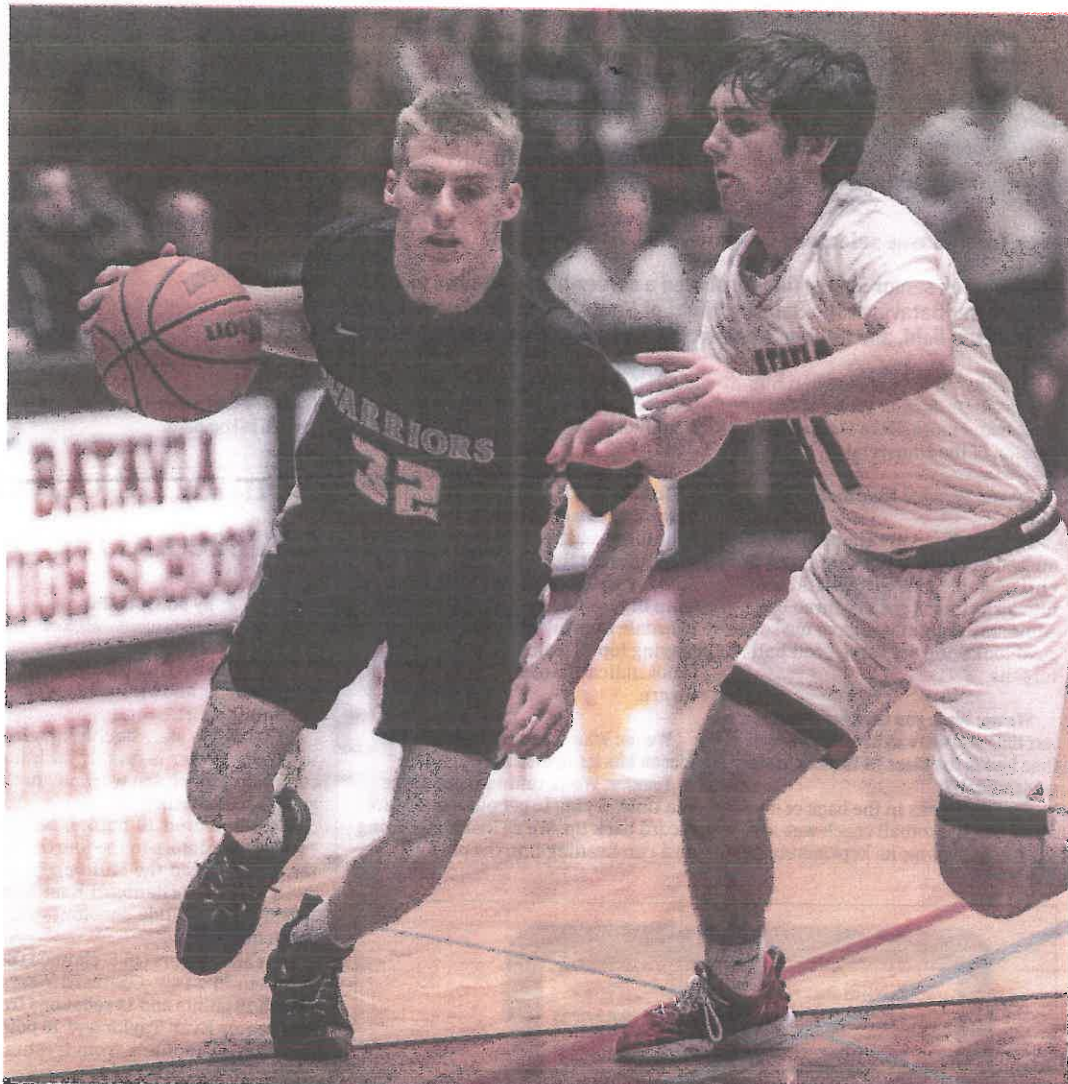
Batavia, seemingly, could not find an answer for Tumilty. It sure made for an uneven defensive night for the Bulldogs, who pulled the starters off the floor for the final 2:15 of the game with the team down 20.

"It was just the defensive lapses we had," Batavia forward Zack Weber said. "He'd get an open shot when we're supposed to [close]. That was just a little bit frustrating just because we weren't doing our assignments and it hurt us as a team."

Batavia (10-13) built a 27-19 lead on Jayden Johnson's 3-pointer with about four minutes left in the first half. A few minutes earlier, Willowbrook star guard Everett Stubblefield III limped off after a shot attempt.

Without Stubblefield, who did not return to the game, Willowbrook (12-9) charged back to take a 32-30 lead on Joey Byrne's 3-pointer. The comeback was largely on the back of both Tumilty brothers. Sam Tumilty scored seven in the second quarter.

Batavia and Willowbrook went into



Willowbrook's Scotty Tumilty drives past Batavia's Ethan Neibch on Jan. 26 in Batavia.

Sean King for Shaw Media

the break tied at 32-32.

"[Batavia] went on the run early in the game, and we knew we had three quarters to make up for that," Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins said. "We were just chipping away and sticking to our game plan. We were hoping, eventually, we'd get rolling. We were able to."

Scotty Tumilty took care of the rest, finding plenty of room off screens, in the lane or from well beyond the arc.

Willowbrook outscored Batavia 22-5 in the third quarter.

"They're an explosive team," Batavia coach Jim Nazos said of Willowbrook. "They're a solid team. Give them credit."

Batavia prioritized containing Stubblefield early, but Scotty Tumilty and others found plenty of room to be productive. Charlie Flak added eight points and 10 rebounds. Stubblefield

had six points and three rebounds before his injury.

Johnson had 20 points and five rebounds for Batavia, while Weber followed with 10 points and six rebounds. Ethan Neibch added eight points.

"We're a work in progress still," Nazos said. "We'll keep working, and there's positives from the weekend and there's stuff to build on [and] stuff there to work [on]."

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MVA - ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**SCOTTY
TUMILTY**

**WILLOWBROOK
Senior | Basketball**

Why Tumilty was selected:

Willowbrook senior Scotty Tumilty scored a career-high 32 points in a 70-53 win over Batavia at the Batavia "Night of Hoops." Tumilty shot 12-for-19 from the field, and hit four 3-pointers in a 14-point third quarter.

Tumilty talked to Suburban Life sports editor Joshua Welge about the season and more. Here is an edited version of the transcript.

Welge: So, what happened in the game?

Tumilty: I had my shot going. I missed my first three shots, and then I hit a couple free throws and got into a rhythm. I got my three ball going, my teammates gave me some good looks and set some good ball screens.

Welge: Were you thinking about the last time you were at Batavia [an overtime loss in the Class 7A football state quarterfinals]?

Tumilty: It was in the back of my mind. My basketball coach was at the football game; he kept asking me

about it. But I just went out there like it was another game. I didn't take it personally.

Welge: How's the season been going?

Tumilty: It's been pretty up and down. Our coach wants us to get on a winning streak, but the competition is way different than last year. This past Monday we beat Oswego East, a top 20 team in the state, and then the whole Hinsdale Central tournament we were playing top 25 teams. Our .500 record is not indicative of the kind of team we are.

Welge: What's your thoughts as the season hits its stretch run?

Tumilty: We're taking it one game at a time, trying to get our conference record back up. We're looking at going on a run heading into the playoffs.



Glenbard East's Deon Cook goes in for a layup against Glenbard West's Evan Taylor on Jan. 26 in Lombard.

Mike Mantucca for Shaw Media

Coming off career high, Deon Cook has second big game for Rams in loss

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LOMBARD — Glenbard West's Griffin Foster is known for his work on the tennis court.

A two-time state doubles qualifier in tennis, Foster is rapidly building a reputation for clutch work in another sport — basketball.

Foster scored 10 points, burying two key 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, to help lead the Hilltoppers to a 56-50 win over Glenbard East in the When Sides Collide shootout Jan. 26 at Glenbard East.

The Hilltoppers (16-5) claimed their fifth win in a row. Glenbard West received 19 points and 14 rebounds from star senior Evan Taylor and 10 points and seven rebounds from freshman center Braden Huff.

After scoring a career-high 24 points in a win over East Aurora on Jan. 24, Glenbard East's Deon Cook had his second straight big game. He led the Rams with 14 points.

The 6-foot-3 Foster said he's been playing tennis since he was 5 years old and picked up basketball in "third or fourth grade."

Foster, a senior guard, said his success on the tennis court pushed him to make a bigger impact on the hardwood. His two fourth-quarter 3-pointers came during a game-changing 17-4 run in the fourth quarter.

"I didn't play a lot last year," he said. "I just put in a ton of hard work in the offseason. I put in so much

work. I went shooting with my friends all the time and it just evolved from there.

"Coming into the season, I have been playing so much tennis that I've gotten such a competitive spirit. I want to win so bad, and that's really helped me in basketball to become the best player I can be."

With Taylor, an SIU recruit, supplying the bulk of the offense most games, Foster and Huff became key contributors with inside force Caden Phillips sitting out the game with an ankle injury. Glenbard West coach Tim Hoder said he expects Phillips, a bruising and tough player, to be back next week.

Hoder said Foster has become a starter through hard work.

"He made zero 3-point baskets last year," Hoder said. "He worked on that aspect of his game. He really wanted to be a contributor. He was a decent shooter last year, but he really worked on it and made that [a goal]. If you can do that one thing, it makes it pretty hard to take you off the floor."

Foster certainly showed some confidence in the fourth quarter against rival Glenbard East (10-12). After hitting a 3-pointer with five minutes left in regulation, Foster, with his team holding a two-possession lead, drilled a pullup 3-pointer with 50 seconds left.

"I was glad that he made it," Hoder said, slightly shaking his head. "He's a really good shooter. He didn't shoot good tonight, but he has that shooter's mentality. I'm glad it went in."



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You're matched up against.

Whatever the bracket looks like, you'd better be playing well.

"You've got to be ready to play," Heidkamp said. "The

I realized how fortunate I am."

The Team Karen Foundation is named for Karen Carlquist, a married mother of four children who passed away in December 2017 from

typically draw much for a nonconference game against a faraway foe like Rich East. Welch hopes his pals in the Dog Pound student cheering section, and the Naperville

think like a 'losing-record' team," Dwyer said. "I've been through losing records before and this team, they've got a pretty tough, persevering mindset."

Boys basketball

Hinsdale C. overcomes Taylor's 33 points

BY KEVIN SCHMIT
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Hinsdale Central knew Evan Taylor was going to get his points ... which almost turned out to be too much.

Overcoming 33 points and 19 rebounds from Glenbard West's Southern Illinois-bound senior, the Red Devils came away with Wednesday's 53-50 West Suburban Silver boys basketball victory over the Hilltoppers in Glen Ellyn.

Taylor scored 16 of his team's 19 first-half points before others got involved to turn a 10-point deficit into a 45-40 lead with 3:24 left in the game. Ryan Isaacson's

3-pointer tied it for Hinsdale Central — its only fourth-quarter field goal — and then the Red Devils made 8 of 10 free throws in the final minute to pull away.

Glenbard West hit 4 of 16 fourth-quarter shots but especially struggled during a three-minute scoreless span down the stretch. Taylor's final two buckets came in the waning seconds with Hinsdale Central ahead by two possessions.

"Everybody was playing well down the stretch, and we were playing good defense," said Red Devils senior Matt Rush, who scored 10 of his team-high 18 points from the line, including 6 in the fourth

quarter. "(Taylor's) a really good player. We just had to limit their other players. Everybody brought it for us tonight. It was great to see."

Hinsdale Central (8-15, 3-6) used a 14-2 run to build a 22-9 lead early in the second quarter. Taylor made 7 of his team's 8 first-half field goals while the Hilltoppers missed 19 shots.

The third quarter was much better for Glenbard West (17-7, 4-5), thanks to a pair of 3-pointers from both Griffin Foster and Carter Lindstrom, who had 8 points. That allowed the Hilltoppers to rally, but it wasn't enough to overcome Hinsdale Central's depth.

Twenty-eight points came

from the Red Devils' bench including 12 from Isaacson and 8 from sophomore Sam Hoiberg.

"It was a good team win," said Red Devils coach Nick Latorre. "I feel like our guys are starting to morph into their roles."

Taylor scored all 12 of Glenbard West's fourth-quarter points.

"We've been pretty good closing out games, but we weren't able to close out this one," said Hilltoppers coach Tim Hoder. "We just struggled to make shots down the stretch and didn't force them to make shots."

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Alex, Timothy get off to good start

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Girls basketball

Sureya Alex had to go against her own instincts and learn how to be more selfish with the ball.

"At the middle of the season, I sat down with my parents and they said I was passing too much and I needed to score more," Alex said. "The team needed me to score. Other people started telling me the same thing."

The sophomore point guard demonstrated her superb all-around by game by scoring a team-high 12 points and adding 5 assists and 3 steals to lead Timothy Christian to a 63-49 victory over Disney in a Class 2A DePaul Prep regional semifinal Wednesday in Chicago.

Timothy (22-5) will play Regina Dominican at 7 p.m. Friday. Regina beat host

DePaul Prep 43-40 in overtime in the second regional semifinal.

Alex pushed all the right buttons against the Titans.

"She is the engine that has powered our team the whole year," Timothy interim coach Mark Baumbach said. "She is just great in the open floor and she really knows how to distribute the ball. She was fantastic tonight."

The final score is not indicative of how dominant the Trojans were. Timothy led by as many as 27 points at the end of the third quarter. Disney (8-6) outscored the Trojans' second- and third-team players 20-7 in the final quarter to make the score respectable.

Timothy jumped out to an electric start by hitting its

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Boys

Everett Stubblefield III

Willowbrook

Stubblefield helped the Warriors stretch a winning streak to four straight with WSC Gold victories over Morton and Leyden. The 5-foot-10 junior guard scored 25 points in a 74-64 win over Morton and had 14 points in a 75-62 win over Leyden. He averaged 5 rebounds, 5 steals and 4 assists.



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High school basketball players of the week

Girls

Hannah Schuringa

Timothy Christian

The 5-foot-11 sophomore post player helped the Trojans clinch a share of the Metro Suburban Conference Red Division title. In victories against Wheaton Academy, Aurora Christian and Guerin, Schuringa totaled 57 points, 29 rebounds and 10 blocked shots. She also had 6 assists and 4 steals.

