

# SPORTS

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## \* Addison Trail baseball team places two on all-conference list

### Blazers in midst of summer program

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail baseball players Michael Scali and Vince Daudelin were rewarded for their excellence on the diamond this spring.

Coach Mike Kennedy recently announced Scali and Daudelin were named to the all-West Suburban Conference Gold Division team.

"Michael Scali was awesome," said Kennedy. "He finished the year batting .440. He's a three-year starter and is signed to go to the University of Tampa next year to play. Vince was our best pitcher and he also hit .324, and had a really nice season as well. They were a couple of cornerstones for us."

Looking back on this past spring season, Kennedy labeled it as one that had its ups and downs. "We fought through a lot of adversity," he said. "We had a few injuries that were tough to overcome. Nick Daudelin had our most innings coming back and he was not able to throw because of an injury. That's tough to overcome. But Vince went in there and did a nice job and stepped up in his place. It's nice to have an extra arm like that. At the same time, we had to deal with some injuries at bad times for us."

Kennedy said next year looks promising with the return of three-year starter AJ Carlson, along with pitcher Alex Conrad, as well as Jimmy Zatos and catcher Jonathan Lollino.

"AJ Carlson will be a three-year starter for us next year and Alex Conrad threw a lot of innings for us. He was our second most efficient pitcher," the coach said. "We have some young kids coming up and some guys who will help us at pitcher and in the outfield. Our juniors this year were able to get experience. I'm very excited about that. There are some exciting things on the horizon for us now."

Through late last week Addison Trail was in the midst of its camp ahead of a round-robin event in June with Lake Park, Conant and Schaumburg.

"We'll have camp for nine days and then play for three days and get after it," said Kennedy.

Kennedy noted this year's summer schedule is another deviation from the long-standing full slate of week-day summer games.

"It's funny. I get calls from other coaches asking how we do our summer," he said. "A lot of schools are going to this. A lot of teams in these round-robins are saying they aren't playing until they get to these games. I think it's the future of high-school summer ball. Kids are being asked to sometimes play six to eight games with their travel team on the weekends and then come back and play during the week for school. All of a sudden they get burnt out. This is much better. Our camp has been great and the turnout has been great. We have 50 guys for the three levels. That's awesome."

The state summer tournament starts July 8.

## \* Willowbrook boys track team competes in postseason meets

### Regans third in triple jump at sectional; Warriors frosh-soph team excels at WSC Gold meet

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The Willowbrook boys track team wrapped up its season in a pair of postseason meets.

The Warriors competed in the Class 3A York sectional in Elmhurst where they finished ninth as a team with 13 points.

Sergio Ayala finished 16th in the discus throw with a mark of 123-7.

Willowbrook was ninth in the 400 relay in 44.87 with CJ Harris, Deandre Holliday, Alex Simmons and D'Onte Gholston. The Warriors were 12th in the 800 relay in 1:37.17 with Ron Calhoun, Sean Karamer, Tarell Regans and Casey Rosas.

Willowbrook was sixth in the 1,600 relay in 3:38.55 with Simmons, Liam Riesen, Mohammed Aly and Will Stout.

Harris was 13th in the 100 with a time of 11.74. Gholston took 12th in the 200 at 23.82, while Holliday was 16th at 23.98.

Simmons was sixth in the 400 at 51.87, while Riesen was 10th at 53.15.

Brandon Heselton was fifth in the 800 at 2:01.43, while Tyler King took sixth at 2:01.65.

King took 10th in the 1,600 run at 4:36.77. Matt Caron was 19th with a time of 4:46.33.

Stout took fifth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 41.61.

Caron was 15th in the 3,200 run with a time of 10:25.20. Aly was 10th



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## Keeping the pace

Marla (Cicero) Lindberg won the female title at Saturday's Lauren M. Kiefer 5K Family Run/Walk. The 5-kilometer run began and ended outside of Willowbrook High School in Villa Park. Lindberg, an Elmhurst resident and former IHSA state champion cross country runner for York H.S., (20 finished the race in 18 minutes, 30.9 seconds; she finished second among all runners in the ev

# Fenton boys track team wraps up season

**Elizondo 12th in the 3,200 at York sectional; Wilcoxen wins two frosh-soph conference throws titles**

By Mike Miazga  
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The Fenton boys track team put a bow on the 2019 season by competing in the recent Class 3A York

sectional in Elmhurst.

James Deckert took 21st in the discus with a throw of 115-11. Fenton was 14th in the 400 relay with a time of 48.61 with Andreus Ortiz, Kasper Widlo, Ryan Rebolledo and Juan Carlos Sosa.

Widlo was 24th in the 200 dash with a time of 25.54, while Ortiz was 26th at 26.31.

Sosa was 30th in the 400 with a time of 57.70.

Chris Kovich was 23rd in the 800

with a time of 2:21.78. Jimmy Palumbo took 22nd in the 1,600 with a time of 4:53.59, while teammate Matthew Sisto was 23rd in 4:55.59.

Nick Herringer was 21st in the 300 hurdles with a time of 47.03.

Sam Elizondo finished 12th in the 3,200 run with a time of 10:17.80. Aaron Paz was 26th at 12:38.95.

Deckert finished 19th in the shot put at 42-3. Dominique Wilcoxen was 22nd at 39-8.

Earlier, Fenton competed in the

Metro Suburban Conference meet hosted by the Bison in Bensenville.

Marcos Castillo was 13th in the 100 at 14.99.

Javier Cabral was seventh in the 200 at 23.94. Widlo was third in the frosh-soph 200 with a time of 25.34.

Cabral took second in the 400 with a time of 52.81. Sosa was third in the frosh-soph 400 at 57.60, while Rebolledo was fourth at 59.34.

Chris Zavala was 10th in the 800 at 2:13.25, while Pawel Gasior was 11th at 2:27.42. Kovich placed fifth in the frosh-soph 800 at 2:26.97. Alexander Pizzaro was seventh at 2:32.71.

Palumbo finished eighth in the 1,600 at 4:49.99.

Sisto was third in the frosh-soph 1,600 at 5:04.47. Kovich was eighth at 5:38.12.

Nathan Exconde was 10th in the 3,200 with a time of 11:46.59. Sisto won the frosh-soph 3,200 title with a time of 11:05.96. Aaron Paz Castelan was fifth at 12:07.23.

Herringer was seventh in the 110 hurdles at 17.73 and took second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 43.50.

Fenton was fifth in the 400 relay at 47.73 with Cabral, Sosa, Herringer and Widlo. Fenton took fourth in the frosh-soph 400 relay in 51.57 with Ortiz, Joaquin Olivares, Leandro Rodriguez and Rebolledo.

Fenton took second in the frosh-soph 800 relay with a time of 1:48.59 with Widlo, Ortiz, Olivares and Rodriguez.

Deckert was fourth in the shot put at 42-10. Miguel Garcia took 10th at 35-4. Wilcoxen won the frosh-soph shot put title at 37-5 1/2.

Deckert was second in the discus at 131-9 1/2. Garcia was sixth at 108-10. Wilcoxen won the frosh-soph discus title at 102-11.

Jordan Loyola Arcos was seventh in the pole vault at 8-0. Joey Potkay was 10th in the long jump at 12-0.

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in the 110 hurdles at 16.28, while Stout was 11th at 16.29.

The Warriors took 11th in the 3,200 relay in 9:04.94 with Gavin Hitzeman, Thomas Danielson, Michael Danielson and Nicholas Leo.

Ayala was 11th in the shot put with a throw of 46-5.

Gholston took seventh in the long jump at 20-7. Simmons was 16th at 18-6 1/4.

Regans was third in the triple jump at 43-9, while Calhoun was 14th at 38-3 1/2.

Earlier, Willowbrook competed in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division championships at Hinsdale South. Harris was ninth in the 100 at 11.99.

Thomas Florey took fourth in the frosh-soph 100 at 12.61, while Jaylon White was sixth at 12.80.

Gholston was sixth in the 200 at 24.33, while Sean Kramer was sec-

ond in the frosh-soph 200 at 24.88. William Schalk was fourth at 25.52.

Riesen took second in the 400 at 53.38, while Simmons won the frosh-soph 200 in 54.19. Teammate Damian Rocha was third at 56.21.

Heselton was fourth in the 800 at 2:04.93. King won the 800 frosh-soph title at 2:05.58.

Caron took eighth in the 1,600 run at 4:51.47. Nick Leo was second in the frosh-soph 1,600 at 4:51.66.

Caron was second in the 3,200 at 10:03.73. Stout took third in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.59. Aly was fifth at 16.88. Haven Pryor was fourth in the frosh-soph 110 hurdles at 18.35.

Stout took second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 42.55. Aly was sixth at 45.94.

Pryor won the frosh-soph 300 hurdles title with a time of 45.23.

The Warriors were fifth in the 400

relay in 46.20 with Gholston, Harris, Justin Smith and Holliday. Willowbrook won the frosh-soph 400 relay in 46.98 with Kramer, Jaylon White, Simmons and Calhoun.

The Warriors were fourth in the 800 relay with a time of 1:36.85. That group included Gholston, Harris, Regans and Holliday. Willowbrook won the frosh-soph 800 relay in 1:38.65 with Calhoun, Kramer, Schalk and Thomas Florey.

The Warriors were fifth in the 1,600 relay in 3:40.12 with Heselton, Riesen, Stout and Aly. The Warriors won the 1,600 frosh-soph relay in 3:42.74 with Rocha, Simmons, Lucas Daskiewicz and King.

Willowbrook was sixth in the 3,200 relay in 9:21.10 with Hitzeman, Mike Danielson, Tom Danielson and Heselton.

The Warriors were second in the frosh-soph 3,200 relay in 8:55.14

with Ben Cunneen, Leo, Dan Dowling and King.

Jazmany Mares was fourth in the shot put at 41-9, while Tyler Walenga was fifth at 40-2 1/2. Ayala won the frosh-soph shot put title with a throw of 45-4.

Walenga was sixth in the discus at 117-2, while Mares was eighth at 103-10. Ayala won the frosh-soph discus title at 125-4-1/2.

Holliday tied for third in the high jump at 5-11. Max Goschy tied for third in the frosh-soph high jump at 5-2. Holliday was third in the long jump at 20-3 1/2. Gholston was eighth at 18-11 1/2.

Simmons won the frosh-soph long jump title at 19-3. White was third at 17-7.

Regans was third in the triple jump at 41-5. Calhoun was second in the frosh-soph triple jump at 39-2 and Goschy was third at 36-7 1/2.

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# Library invites community to share feedback

## Community Conversation set for July 31

The Addison Public Library has heard the community's concerns regarding the high volume of young patrons who come to the library after school, and is now inviting residents to come together for a discussion. On Wednesday, July 31 from 6-8 p.m., the library will hold a Community Conversation, where attendees can share feedback while sharing a meal.

Similar to the library's On the Table

event in May that discussed teen mental health in the Addison community, this Community Conversation will have small table discussions with a library staff member moderating each table. Staff will answer questions, explore what the library currently does to support Addison's teen population, and actively participate in the discussion. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and propose possible ways to manage the flow of after school students.

### The background

Recent social media commentary about

young patrons in the library prompted Director Mary Medjo Me Zengue to invite those available to a May 15 meeting in which attendees could voice their opinion and ask questions.

The initial meeting was small, and Medjo Me Zengue knew more people may be interested in participating in the dialog about students in the library, so library staff started planning the Community Conversation.

"We are proud of the fact that so many local teens want to spend time at the library, but also recognize the challenges presented by having so many of them in our building

after school each day," she said. "We want to ensure the library is welcoming to residents of all ages and hope that by talking about these challenges together, we can find ways to address these challenges and improve the level of service we offer to the community."

The program is free, but space is limited to 30 so registration is required. Register on the library's website at [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or by calling 630-458-3320.

If the event reaches capacity, the library will schedule another Community Conversation in the near future.

# Addison Trail announces Honor Roll for 2018-19 second semester

*Editor's note: Due to space limitations, this week, the Addison Independent presents the students who achieved Merit Honor Roll recognition.*

*Last week, the Distinction Honor Roll recipients were printed.*

### Grade 12 Merit Honor Roll

Aaron Acosta, Charlie Adan Acuart, Noe Alvarez Jr, Ariana Alvirez, Anna Grazia Anelli, Christian Fernando Arellano, Sophia Asuras, Jacob Bao Bastian, Marissa Bellino, Evelyn Benitez, Tyler John Borris, Jonathan Bruce, Nina Canals, Angelina Lisette Carreras, Dylan Michael Compton, Eduardo Cortez, Nathan James Crouch, Jessica Maria Pia Cucinella, Vincenzo Daleno, Francisco De Haro, Jaime De La Torre Jr, Valeria Delira, Natalie Diaz, Kevin Dowz, Vanessa Esparza, Eddy Espinoza II, Isaac E Etheridge, Emily Kari Gaminno, Makayla Ivette Gomez, Yuviana Grajales, Alexander Gregory Grossman, Janelli Gutierrez, Sophia Ashley Hawkins, Eduardo Hernandez, Lucas D Hernandez, Braylan Alexis Hidalgo Ortiz, Kevin Hochstatter, Maria Guadalupe Ibarra-Luna, Luke Jankowski, Jack C Jaskowiak, Jennifer Juarez, Justice Alfred Kopecky, Caleb Kozancecki, Kristopher Kusnierz, Maria Lopez, Giselle Martinez, Luis F

Medina, Adem Mehmeti, Rosemarie Mercado, Ramiro Mondragon, Tristan Isiah Moraga, Pablo Moseley, Nina Nicole Muell, Clare O'Connell, Daniel Peter Orsi, George Papanicolaou, Gianfranco Patano, Priya H Patel, Rodrigo Perales, Gabriella Chiara Piscopo, Nicole Victoria Porter, K'Vhon Pounds, Jacob Prins, Samuel S Retondo, Adrian B Reyes,

Roselyn Elizabeth Robinson, Jessica Rodriguez, Austin Ryan Rohlf, Giovanni Rojas, Robert Ruffolo, Michael Franco Ruggieri, Piotr Safin, Noel Saldierma, Aurelio Sanchez, Diego Sarabia, Karnpreet Singh, Ivan Soto, Evelyn C Suarez, Peyton Suarez, Breanna Marie Trejo, Axel Valbuena, Jose Eduardo Vargas, Javier Venegas, Nikola Vesovic, William Ward, Marco Yanez, Jacob R Zaborowski, Eyan Zimmerman, Nicholas Kenneth Zuchero

### Grade 11 Merit Honor Roll

Josh S Almdendralejo, Eddie Barerra, Salvatore Bartolotta, Jessica Nicole Burback, Andy R Cabrera, Melissa Carrera-Rivera, Jasmine Casas, Demilsson Castaneda Munoz, Evelyn Z Castro, Alexa Mia Coglianes, Daniela Crudele, Jennifer Delapaz, Miguel Diaz, Joshua Dickerson, Pablo Duran Espin, Jeanine Farias, Yusuf Muhammad Farooqui, Giovan-

na Fricano, Lucia C Fullone, Britney Galeana, Elyzabeth Galeana, Selena Galvez, Yareida Gasca, Alex Gil, Jose Gutierrez, Yadhira Gutierrez, Brian Hernandez, Emmanuel Hernandez, Brianna Nicole Hnilo, Adam Michael Ireland, Sarah Iskali, Michail Kontoudis, Martin Lopez Jr, Crystal L Lopez, Willy A Lopez, Oscar E Lucas, Emily Madero Diaz, Thais Marquez, Christopher Martinez, Jithin Mathew, Jason Mejia, Michelle Montoya, Faustino Morales, Gianfranco Nicholas Mosny, Martin Murillo, Maria Guadalupe Olvera-Ruiz, Christos Panos, Cole James Parent, Marcos Puebla, Gabriella Puno, Jonathan Ramos, Jonathan Roeglin, Natalie Rojo, Javier Roman, Juliana Marie Sannasarado, Jovan Stosic, Anahy Tecuanhuehue, Jayde Thornton, Jacob Trippiedi, Tiffany Thao Truong, Aleksandra Turon, Anthony Valenti, Alexander Michael Venuti, Jose Yambo Jr, Edgar Zarco, Maria Zepeda

### Grade 10 Merit Honor Roll

Alondra Alvarado, Stephanie Arreguin-Campos, John Asurias, Lilianna Avila, Anishmah Banu, Lizbeth Bannelos, Abraham Bello, Sofia Alessandra Bruno, Filippo Cacciucolo, Jade Campos-Benitez, Giselle Marie Cardenas, Daniel Joseph Carver, Javier Castillo, Elizabeth Cata-

lan, Edder Steven Cedillo, Sharon Chavez, Hailey Chiovino, Francheska Johanna Cruz, Noe Cruz-Alvarez, Joseph Saverio DeBenedictis, Ashley Marita Dela Cruz, Jocelyn Delgado, Justin Diego, Emma Diorio, Andrew Drogosz, Angelina D'Ugo, Maria Duran Espin, Andrea Fernandez, Willie Flores, Anthony Galvez, Jacob Michael Gambrell, Kayla Gandara, Jesse Jonathan Garay, Eric Garcia, Elias J Gomez, Andrew Gonzalez, Cole Greaves, Isabel Griffin, Manuel Heredia, Angel Hernandez, Anthony Hernandez, Julian Eduardo Hernandez, Victoria Janiszewski, Jessica Michelle Krause, Michelle Elaine Lara, Erwin Larumbe, Amic Lear, Yaneli Leyva, Esduardo M Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Michael Losianowycz, Oseas Lucas, Andrew Timothy Mackey, Terrell Markell Maghett Jr, Jake Edward Matthews, Nicholas James Mitchell, Victoria Montalvo, Saul Murillo Jr, Jasmin Nervis, Alexis Ochoa Martinez, Jenny Ortega, Jacqueline Palomino, Alina Patel, Karolina Maria Patulski, Leslie Pelaez, Edy Perez Garcia, Magdalena Perce, Ivan Ramirez, Nadiah Reyes, Axel Reyna, Christopher Rivera, Jonathan Rivera, Yaritza Rojas, Darolin Rosario, Robert Roszkiewicz, Sebastian Ruiz, Alessandra Betzabe Salgado, Viviana Sanfilippo, Ally Severino, Bianca Marie Sitkow-

ski, Sebastian Stano, Giovanni Tano, Alexander Torres, Natalya T. Huerigo, Michelle Turgeon, Jorge Jarreal, Raul Villareal, Mateusz Zak, London Wright, Jakub Zaraz

### Grade 9 Merit Honor Roll

Andrea Aburto, Martha G Alc Octavio Alvarado, Jennifer A / rez Padilla, Roohana Amin, Aris Aparicio, Hugo Arellano, Dan Bastida, Quiana Birmingham, tonio F Bruno, Matthew E Bu Juventino Carrera Jr, Rafael C los-Soriano, Julissa Cobos, K Cruz, Dylan J Cummings, Ang Delgado, Beatriz Delgado, Giselle Jennifer Diaz, Erik J Doming Emma Elbert, Eduardo Escami Alan Espinoza, Heron Eugenio, igail Ficarra, Nathaniel B Figu Christopher Flores, Melody Fl Dania I Fraga, Giselle Galeana, olfo Galvez, Angel D Garcia, A Garcilazo, Vianka Y Garza, Del A Gayon, Albjon Gjika, Josh Gloms, Tina L Gonzalez, Delan Gregory, Emilee T Groer, Emily vanna, Brianna Giselle Hernandez sus Hernandez, Ryan P Ing, Lee Jimenez, Mikel A Johnson Watts, Keller, Alec R Kiglies, Izabella pec, Patrick S Laci, Gerald I L pi, Isiah A Look, Selvin Lopez M Gianluca Lorusso, Mariana Lor Andrea Marquez, Alexander V nez, Roselynn Martinez, Mazzi Mbewe, Joshua C McCoy, Ivette dina, Abhijay Mejia, Glenda M Nimmar Mirza, Stephany Mondr Lineth Monterroso, Aracely S M Gracie S Mucciandi, Ariela M Omar Murillo, Marcela Nunez va, Max E Ojeda, Pedro Olaso: Anthony C Olavarria, Ethan C Oliva, Estevan Onorato, Isaac C Joshua Osornio, Jonathon P Malek J Perez, John C Pinns, V ria A Piszczek, Ruben A Ran Diego Reynaga, Emily Rivera F Melissa Rodarte, Anggye I R guez, Cassandra Rodriguez, Lu Ruffolo, Mateusz M Sakaluk, N A Salazar, Heriberto Salcedo Jr, San Roman III, Anthony J Scall, W Schneider, Celeste Servin, Fe M Siddiqui, Isaac A Silva, Zac Michael Soderberg, Estevan Espi Solis, Alexander Soto, Kayla A S up Twomey, Mariam I Soza, Qi Spencer, Dimitra K Spyrtatos, Z ary S Strauss, Brian V Tran, Ja B Valdez, Maximiliano Valdez, Valverde, Emily Villareal, Ka dellegas, Diana G Villegas- He dez, Marissa Zuchero

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## \* Willowbrook student-athletes recognized for accomplishments

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Willowbrook athletic teams had no shortage of accolades roll in this past school year.

During the recently completed spring season, the Willowbrook badminton team won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title.

Charlotte Dewyer, Jonelle Faith Fabian, Sania Irfan, Hanna Konrath, Grace Wachholz and Sydney Wilson earned all-WSC Gold Division honors.

Dewyer and Konrath were state qualifiers.

The Willowbrook baseball team also won a WSC Gold title. Joey Guthrie, Jack Hines, Trevor Jaloszynski, Marshall McDoinnell and Ryan Mintz were all-WSC Gold picks, along with Jack Nilles, Sam Tumilty and Scott Tumilty.

Hines was the conference MVP, while Mintz was the conference pitching MVP. Hines also earned all-state honors.

In boys gymnastics, Brendan Bailey, Colin Donaldson, Noah Pulli, Cooper Ross and Daniel Saldana were all-WSC Gold selections.

Bailey and Ross were state qualifiers. The Warriors won the WSC Gold Division title.

In girls soccer, Sara Fitzgibbon, Elizabeth Florey, Maura Heneghan and Grace Tumilty were named to the all-WSC Gold team. Florey also earned all-sectional honors and Tumilty was an all-sectional honorable mention choice.

For softball, Emma Barrington, Amy Bussa, Caroline Dooley, Annemarie Knudtson and Caitlyn Kulczycki were named to the all-WSC Gold team.

Logan Bliss, Drake DeValle, Joe Garner, Dan Martinez and Abdulla Osmani earned all-WSC Gold distinction.

For boys track, Mohamed Aly, Matthew Caron, D'Onte Gholston, Jazmany Mares, Tarell Regans, William Stout and Tyler Walenga earned all-WSC Gold honors.

In girls track, Miani Blackwell and Victoria Palma were all-conference picks with Palma qualifying for the state meet.

Jevon Lowery was all-conference in boys volleyball.

### Willowbrook winter sports

During the winter season, Katelyn McCann, Stephanie Dasbach and Grace Tumilty earned all-WSC Gold honors for girls basketball. The Warriors won the WSC Gold title.

For boys basketball, Matas Masys and Everett Stubblefield Jr. were all-conference picks.

In girls bowling, Brianna Bryant, Holly Helsper, Katie Pettinger, Paula Williams and Makaylah Jones were all-WSC Gold picks. Willowbrook won conference, regional and sectional titles.

Helsper finished 27th in the state,

while Jones was the regional individual champion. Bryant, Helsper, Pettinger, Williams, Sabrina Edwards, Jones, Maddie Brown, Ashley DeLeon and Victoria Salazar were members of the state-qualifying team.

For girls gymnastics, Karli Wilson and Tess Placek were sectional qualifiers.

In boys swimming, Jack Bruns, Aidan Nichols, Sean Pienkos and Eric Hoda were all-WSC Gold selections.

Zach Seymore, Richie Scheelk, Eli-

jah Brockie and John Peterson were all-WSC Gold wrestlers. Seymore, Scheelk, Brockie, Peterson, Wyatt Borri and Gabe Yu were sectional qualifiers.

### Willowbrook fall sports

In boys cross country, Matt Caron was an all-conference selection. Palma was an all-conference selection in girls cross country and also qualified for the state meet.

For football, Mohammad Ayes, Emmanuel Chavez, CJ Harris, Dean-

dre Holliday, Franshun Jordan, Matt Knudtson, Ryan Ranieri, Nick Rushing, Sam Tumilty, Scott Tumilty and Tyler Walenga were all-conference picks for the WSC Gold champions.

The Tumilty brothers were WSC Gold MVPs, while Nick Rushing was the conference defensive player of the year. Sam Tumilty was an all-state pick, while Scott Tumilty was an all-state honorable mention selection.

Jackson Hathaway, Logan Rattana and Taylor Sarovich were all-confer-

ence in boys golf, while Emma Rattana was a state qualifier in girls golf.

Mario Giase and David Rizzo were all-WSC Gold selections in boys soccer. Rizzo was an all-sectional honorable-mention selection.

For girls swimming, Anna Christiansen and Elissa Haake were all-WSC Gold picks. Haake and Ellie Hassler were state qualifiers.

Payton Ceh and Kaitlyn Karcz were all-conference selections in girls volleyball.



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## Soccer camp in Villa Park

Boys and girls ages 5 to 12 took part in Chicago Fire Soccer Club's recent summer camp at the Iowa Community Center. Instructors Jack Skoczen (back row of group photo, far left) and Lucas Mantovani (back row, far right) ran the camp, which met from 9 a.m. to noon for five straight days. Each session ended with a scrimmage. The instructors gave each camper an evaluation at the end of the camp. As a part of the camp, each participant will get a ticket to a Chicago Fire match. They will be able to take part in a brief camp just before the match. Skoczen is from the United Kingdom, while Mantovani is from Brazil. One feature of the Chicago Fire camps (the Fire hold several summer camps in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa) is that the instructors stay

with host families. Skoczen and Mantovani spent the week of the camp with the Larr family of Villa Park. "For me, it's the best part," said Mantovani of staying with host families. "Every week it's a different family and a different experience. It makes us grow, not just as coaches, but as people."

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# \* Addison Trail football team goes old-school this summer

*Blazers pleased with progress made during camp*

By Mike Miazga  
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The start of the high-school football season will be here before you know it.

And Addison Trail football coach Paul Parpet Jr. can't believe just how close the start of fall practices is (starts this coming Monday).

"It's hard to believe it's a week away," he said late last week. "We'll be in school this year at the same time so there will be some long days to start. We will make it work. Summer hasn't really felt like summer. The month of June was so bad with the weather and then we had to stay in school longer because of the cold days during the school year. We were in until the Friday after Memorial Day and then we started our summer football program the following Monday. Everything happened so fast."

Parpet Jr. noted the Blazers did four weeks of camp, going three days each week. "That schedule was awesome," he said. "I think next year we'll do three days a week as well. There is so much going on for kids. We have kids who do multiple things. For example, two of our best kids are into baseball."

Overall, Parpet Jr. liked what he saw on the summer gridiron. "Summer for us was good," he said. "We were back to get back to establishing some old-school expectations. We went 1-8 last year, but I still felt like we were a pretty good team for 1-8. But at the end of the day, we were 1-8. The clear-cut message at the beginning of summer was we don't care if you are a sophomore, junior or senior, the kids who are here and are committed, have a great attitude and want to be here every day, those are the kids who will play every day. I would rather be 1-8 with kids who are committed. It's going back to old-school expectations. The guys who are here are the guys we will look at. We don't care what grade level they are. We understand kids have other stuff going on. That doesn't bother me. If you have a family vacation or are working over the summer, that's more important than summer football. Do what you have to do."

Parpet Jr. said the buy-in was evident. "One of the nice surprises was the commitment from some of the senior kids," he said. "We

were hoping this new whatever you want to call it would surface and it sure did. We have talent and the kids want to be successful week in and week out. They have bought in from Week 1 and that's a positive thing for us. We have some football players in this senior group and I like it. I'm excited. We're going to be young overall, but we have kids committed to the process of being a team and working toward a common goal. The way we did some things this summer has put us in a good position."

Parpet Jr. noted he made several changes to the coaching staff this season. Kendrick Thomas, who had been at the sophomore level, has been moved up to the varsity staff. Jeff Laschinski, who besides Parpet Jr. is the long-tenured coach on the staff, is now the sophomore coach, and former Blazers player Anthony Beltrano, who has been an assistant in the program the last few years, is the new freshman head coach.

"Of all the changes we made, the one with Anthony is the most positive change," said Parpet Jr. "He is an Addison kid who understand what it is to be Addison. He's young and has energy. He did a four-week summer camp for the incoming freshman. He's down there and has a lot of life, and will be a huge positive for the kids. From a coaching staff standpoint, I'm very happy where we are at. These all are good changes for us, now we just need to line up and play nine weeks of football."

Parpet Jr. noted another benefit this season will be the team's early season schedule. "A positive going into the season is we don't have the buzz saw we did last year," he said. "Conant went 8-1 during the regular season, made the second round of the playoffs and won their conference. They beat us with 24 seconds left, 14-7. We played York in the second week pretty tough. York was a good team in Week 2, and then we played Glenbard West and then Willowbrook. It was a buzz saw, but we were in every game. We just didn't win and that put us behind the eight-ball at 0-4. Our first three weeks this year are nothing like last year. We play Conant again, but they were very senior dominated last year. Week 2 this year we have Downers Grove North (West Suburban Conference crossover game) and I don't know a lot about them, and then in Week 3 we have Proviso East. For us, in those first three weeks, you get a win or two and it changes the whole dynamic as far as building confidence. We are going to be competitive, but it comes down to making a play when we need to."



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## \* Special Olympics medalists

Willowbrook High School students Kellee Albarran (second from left) and Angeles Reza (sec from right) competed in the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games. Both students earned medals in the softball throw in the summer games, which are Special Olympics Illinois' premier sports competition. The games, which featured more than 4,000 athletes, were held predominantly at Illinois State University in Normal. Both girls showed improvement in the softball throw in the spring games to the summer games. The spring games took place about one month before summer games. Albarran will soon begin her junior year at Willowbrook. Reza will soon begin sophomore year. Also pictured are (far left) Hannah Walsh, Willowbrook Special Olympics assist coach, and (far right) Tara Murphy, Willowbrook Special Olympics head track coach.

# Fenton football team embarks on Upstate Eight Conference journey

*Bison 2019 schedule loaded with new teams; Season opens with two home games*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

A new conference means a lot of new opponents for the Fenton football team this season.

The Bison start play in the Upstate Eight Conference this season after a long run in the Metro Suburban Conference.

Fenton is one of 10 teams in the UEC, joining the likes of East Aurora, Bartlett, Elgin, Elgin Larkin, Glenbard South, Glenbard East, South Elgin, Streamwood and West Chicago.

With 10 teams in the league, there are no non-conference games, meaning Fenton will play a full slate of nine UEC contests.

Fenton opens the season Friday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at home against Elgin Larkin.

The Bison stay home on Friday, Sept. 6 when they host West Chicago at 7:30 p.m.

Week 3 sees Fenton hit the road for

a Friday, Sept. 13 contest at Streamwood at 7:30 p.m. Fenton returns home in Week 4 to face Glenbard East on Friday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Fenton heads to Bartlett on Friday, Sept. 27 for a 7:30 p.m. contest and then sees former MSC familiar foe Glenbard South on Friday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Glen Ellyn.

The Bison host Elgin High on Friday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m., before heading to Aurora to face East Aurora on Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

Fenton wraps up the regular season on Friday, Oct. 25 with a contest at South Elgin.

Fenton plays no Saturday games this season.

The Bison went 4-5 last year and is the second-smallest school in the UEC with a football-listed enrollment of 1,480. Glenbard South is the smallest conference school at while East Aurora is the largest with South Elgin (2,700) and Elgin (2,576.5) following.

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2019				
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	
Friday	August 30	Elgin Larkin	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	September 6	West Chicago	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	September 13	at Streamwood	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	September 20	Glenbard East	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	September 27	at Bartlett	1:30 p.m.	
Friday	October 4	at Glenbard South	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	October 11	Elgin	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	October 18	at East Aurora	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	October 25	at South Elgin	7:30 p.m.	

Head Coach Matthew Lynch



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## Cobras win softball title

The Villa Park Purple Cobras 18-U softball team recently won the championship in the Wheaton Park District High School League. The Purple Cobras were one of two Villa Park teams in the Wheaton Park District's 15-team league. The Purple Cobras played the Villa Park Blaze in the July 25 championship game at Wheaton's Atten Park. The Purple Cobras defeated the Blaze 8-7. Both teams are part of the Villa Park Youth Baseball and Softball organization. The members of the Purple Cobras (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Karl Bartels, Elyah Stefanski, Bella Dugo, Julianna Paulsen, Natalie Litton and All Cameron; (back row) Manager Ken Paulsen, Emily Alessandri, MaryCate Richardson, Coach Ray Bartels, Angelina Ramos and Coach Don Cameron. Not pictured are Frida Galvan and Coach Pete Alessandri. The photo at right shows (left to right) Bartels and Paulsen, who are both about to begin their senior years at Willowbrook High School.



# \*Willowbrook graduate Mintz headed to Valparaiso

*Pitcher helped  
Warriors win  
conference title this  
past spring*

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Recent Willowbrook graduate Ryan Mintz's pitching statistics this past season were, in a word, impressive.

Mintz went 6-2 with a 1.04 ERA in 11 mound appearances. In 40 1/3 innings he allowed 30 hits, six earned runs, struck out 59 and walked only nine. Opposing hitters batted just .194 against him.

It's no wonder why he was named the West Suburban Conference Gold Division pitcher of the year. Mintz helped Willowbrook win 22 games and the WSC Gold title.

"It was pretty cool to win that," Mintz said. "There are a lot of good pitchers in the conference. It was definitely hard-earned."

Mintz said working ahead in the count was a major improvement for him this season. "The main thing is

I threw a lot more strikes early in the count and in the strike zone overall," he said. "I also started mixing in my changeup a little more. Getting a first-pitch strike is one of the biggest things. That makes the batter think about what is coming next at them. They don't know and they have to kind of guess."

Mintz said he also had plenty of confidence in his own abilities and his team's abilities this season. "I don't get down on myself," he said. "More times than not if an error is made or there are some hits, I don't get down on myself and start worrying about things. A lot of times during the season I just fought through it."

Mintz likes being the quarterback, so to speak, on the baseball field. "With pitching, it's fun being in control," he said. "The whole game is fun, but pitching is a lot of fun. You get to mess with hitters. You help determine the outcome of the game."

Pitching has been with Mintz since he started in the game at a young age. "I've probably been pitching since I was four years old," he said. "I've always been a pitcher."

And now he will be a pitcher at the Division I college level for Valparaiso

University in Indiana. "One of the main things with Valpo is my major," Mintz said. "I'm going into computer engineering and their program for that is very good. Plus, the baseball team plays in a good conference and that will help me develop as a player by playing against good competition all the time."

Playing Division I college baseball isn't lost on Mintz, who leaves for Indiana on Aug. 17. "It means a lot to me," he said. "It's been a goal of mine for a long time. I've been thinking about playing in college and to get something like this is huge. I'm super-excited to get in the swing of things and start grinding and working. I can't wait to meet new people and start school."

Mintz, who played with the Chicago Pirates travel baseball team this summer, said playing in the Willowbrook baseball program was a memorable experience on a number of levels.

"I loved the overall experience," he said. "I love the program, the coaches and the players I played with were amazing. We helped establish a good tradition. It was a lot of fun and we did a lot of winning."

## Sudoku Puzzle Answers

4	1	8	9	3	2	7	5	6
3	9	6	5	7	4	1	8	2
7	2	5	8	6	1	4	9	3
9	3	4	1	5	7	2	6	8
2	6	1	4	8	3	9	7	5
8	5	7	2	9	6	3	1	4
5	7	2	6	4	9	8	3	1
6	4	3	7	1	8	5	2	9
1	8	9	3	2	5	6	4	7