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Powder puff action at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School's homecoming week festivities included a Sept. 25 powder puff touch football game between the juniors and the seniors on the school's stadium field. The juniors defeated the seniors 6-0. Daylee Braden is pictured while scoring the game's only touchdown on a 44-yard run in the second quarter. The post-game photo shows the victorious juniors with the trophy they received for winning this year's powder puff battle.



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Homecoming court

Willowbrook High School's homecoming week included Friday afternoon's pep assembly in the school's main gymnasium. The members of the 2019 homecoming court were announced at the end of the pep rally. Pictured left to right are freshman king and queen Mack Mullen and Maddie Aderholt, junior king and queen Patrick Heneghan and Lydia Rennie, senior king and queen Nasar Ashar and Elle King and sophomore king and queen Vince Vassolo and Katie Linnig. The court was supposed to take part in Friday afternoon's homecoming parade down Ardmore Avenue, but the parade was canceled due to inclement weather.

Presentation about Coca-Cola at the Villa Park Historical Museum on Oct. 13

The Villa Park Historical Society will host a special program—The History of Coca-Cola—presented by Dick Volker—on Sunday, Oct. 13.

The free program, which is open to the public, will begin at 2 p.m. after a brief annual meeting at the Villa Park Historical Museum, 220 S. Villa Ave.

Coca-Cola will be served at the presentation.

Volker worked in sales management with Coca-Cola for more than 40 years. He has collected and maintained an array of advertising material.

For more information, call the Villa Park Historical Museum at 630-941-0223.

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works, network with other writers and meet both current and potential fans. If you would like to participate or want more information, contact Denise Kuhr at 630-834-1164 or dkuhr@vppl.info.

Make your own Harry Potter movie

Make your own Harry Potter movie with Villa Park Recreation Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 4:30-6 p.m. at the Iowa Community

Center, 338 N. Iowa. Pre-registration is required. What's the adventure for Harry Potter, Ron and Hermione? You decide. Kids ages 8-12 will create their own Harry Potter movie using special movie making cameras and software. As directors and producers, kids will work in

teams to create their own story and script, build various Harry Potter Lego scenes and film their movie. Kids will use graphics editing techniques and stop motion animation, add background noise and music and show their team's movie at a private screening on the last day of class. Teams will get a copy of their movie after class ends. Villa Park Recreation offers this special program in conjunction with Computer Explores. Info: call 630-843-8970.

Library's 100 Book Club

The Villa Park Public Library invites all to read more in 2019 with its new 100 Book Club! The library challenges all readers ages 14-and-older to read 100 books through Dec. 31, 2019. For more information, visit the

library's website at vppl.info or 630-834-1164.

Open gym for middle school kids

Attention area middle schoolers! Looking for a fun place to hang out? Check out Villa Park Recreation's open gyms. Student grades 6-8 will enjoy open gym Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m. at Jeff and Jackson Middle Schools. They can drop in to hang out with friends, play basketball and other games in a supervised setting. The \$3 cash fee is payable at the door and kids must present their current school ID to check-in. For a complete list of gym dates visit invillapark.com or call 630-834-8970.

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Warriors rout Addison Trail 42-12 in annual District 88 Bowl

Homecoming win delayed by storms; Willowbrook grabs a 42-0 halftime lead

The Willowbrook football team improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the West Suburban Gold Conference following Saturday's 42-12 victory over Addison Trail in Villa Park.

The Warriors dominated the visiting Blazers in the annual District 88 Bowl. Willowbrook scored touchdowns on its first six possessions to build a 42-0 halftime lead. The lead of at least 40 points led to a running clock during the second half of Willowbrook's homecoming game, which was rescheduled to Saturday morning because of Friday's storms.

"We're always preparing for somebody else, but kind of focusing on ourselves," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth after the win. "I thought our guys adjusted well. The game was postponed late in the afternoon [on Friday]. We came back this morning and responded well to the change in schedule. Whenever, wherever—you've just got to be ready to play."

The Warriors also built a 42-0 halftime lead in their previous game—a 42-7 conference victory at Leyden on Sept. 20.

Willowbrook, which has won four straight games since losing its season opener, will play a conference game

at Hinsdale South (3-2 overall, 2-0 in the conference) this Friday. The Hornets beat Downers Grove South 33-28 on Saturday.

"Hinsdale South always gives us trouble," said Hildreth. "It will be another challenge this week."

Beating Addison Trail allowed the Warriors to maintain possession of the District 88 Bowl trophy—known as "The Lady." Willowbrook has won its last four meetings with the Blazers. Addison Trail fell to 0-5 overall and 0-2 in the conference following Saturday's loss.

Senior quarterback Sam Tumilty ran for touchdowns on the Warriors' first three drives. He finished the first drive—a 49-yard drive—with a 20-yard touchdown run on a broken play. He added one more touchdown run later in the first quarter, barreling 14 yards for a score on a fourth-and-two play. Tumilty broke several tackles before crossing the goal line.

Tumilty delivered a 22-yard run in the second quarter to complete a 77-yard drive. The Warriors scored their next touchdown after senior Travis Moore blocked an Addison Trail punt. Moore recovered the loose ball and returned it to the 2-yard line. Sophomore Jaylon White ran the ball

into the end zone on the next play.

The Blazers fumbled the ball on their next possession. Moore recovered the fumble at Addison Trail's 18-yard line. Moments later, senior Ta'Vion Geanes scored on a 1-yard touchdown run.

The Warriors scored their final touchdown when Tumilty threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to senior Everett Stubblefield with 3:33 left in the first half. Stubblefield was wide open on the sideline, he caught

Tumilty's pass near the 20-yard line and trotted into the end zone.

Sophomore Izzy Manning, who made all six of her extra-point kicks in the game, booted the conversion kick after Stubblefield's score to give the Warriors their 42-0 lead.

Addison Trail scored its first touchdown on a short run on the first play of the fourth quarter. The Blazers added another touchdown on an 18-yard pass with about six minutes left in the game.



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Willowbrook's football team pounded Addison Trail 42-12 on Saturday morning in Villa Park. The Warriors built a 42-0 halftime lead in their homecoming game, which was rescheduled to Saturday because of Friday's heavy storms. Senior quarterback Sam Tumilty (No. 6) ran for the Warriors' first three touchdowns. Senior Ta'Vion Geanes (No. 5) added one touchdown run in the second quarter. In another photo, Addison Trail senior quarterback Anthony Valenti (No. 8) fires a pass. Valenti threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to senior Anthony Carlson in the fourth quarter. Willowbrook extended its winning streak to four with Saturday's win. The Warriors improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the West Suburban Gold Conference. The Blazers, whose overall record fell to 0-5, will play a conference home game against Downers Grove South this Friday.

Week 6 football previews

Willowbrook (4-1, 2-0) at Hinsdale South (3-2, 2-0)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Hinsdale South High School, Downers Grove

Last week: Willowbrook 42, Addison Trail 12, Hinsdale South 33, Downers Grove South 28

Last year: Willowbrook 20, Hinsdale South 10

Outlook: Sole possession of first place in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division is on the line here. The Warriors and Hornets are the last two remaining unbeaten within the conference. Hinsdale South's three wins are against teams with below .500 records including a pair of winless squads that brought 0-4 marks into Week 5. The Hornets' two losses came to teams that had a combined 7-1 mark heading into Week 5. Hinsdale lost by a combined 75-7 count in those two contests. Don't bet against the defending WSC Gold champs on the road here.

Fenton (2-3, 2-3) at Glenbard South (4-1, 1-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Glenbard South High School, Glen Ellyn

Last week: Bartlett 44, Fenton 22, Glenbard South 12, Larkin 6

Last year: Teams did not play each other

Outlook: Two former Metro Suburban Conference foes reunite in Glen Ellyn on Friday night. This series dates back to the days when the MSC had five teams and teams were forced to play five non-conference games. Both find themselves upstate. Eight Conference members now. Fenton has lost three in a row after last week's 48-22 setback to Bartlett. Glenbard South's only loss was to Bartlett by a somewhat similar 49-14 score. Glenbard South's wins have come against Streamwood (Fenton lost to Streamwood), Elgin (21-12, Maroons Jan. 1-4), East Aurora (34-21, the Tumbrels defeated Streamwood in Week 5) and Elgin Larkins (12-6, Fenton beat Larkin 53-0 to start this season). At this juncture in the season with playoff talk looming, it was start to become critical. A Fenton win here would change its season fortunes in a hurry. A loss gives the Bison little wiggle room. See PRELIM, Page 20

Willowbrook boys golf team wins Addison Trail Ryder Cup-style quad

Girls volleyball team defeats Streamwood

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys golf team recently took home a championship contested under a unique format.

The Warriors won the Addison Trail Ryder Cup-style quad held at The Preserve at Oak Meadows (par 36 from the blues).

Willowbrook shot 108 in the Ryder Cup format. Addison Trail was second at 133. Morton had 144, while Glenbard North had 145.

The win moves the Warriors to 9-3 overall.

The Ryder Cup quad rules have each team bringing three teams of two golfers who play together and record one score on the scorecard. Each team of two golfers plays three holes of alternate shot, three holes of best ball and three scramble holes.

For Willowbrook, the teams of Logan Rattana and Utah Koehner, Nick Cipriano and Brett Vandergrift and Andrew Rugg and Jake Cieslak all shot even-par 36.

Willowbrook was scheduled to compete in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet earlier this week at Prairie Bluff in Lockport ahead of this coming Monday's Class 3A regional at Carriage Greens in Darien.

Girls volleyball
The Willowbrook girls volleyball team was a recent 25-16, 25-12 non-conference winner against Streamwood.

Natalie Cipriano had 10 kills and three digs, while Katie Linnig added one kill, one ace, four assists and two digs. Payton Ceh had one kill, four digs and two assists, while Alejandra Lopez registered one ace and 11 digs. Kyla Ostrowski recorded two kill, one ace, one block and three digs. Grace Reckamp had five kills, nine digs, eight aces, one

ace and one block, while Stephanie Dasbach added three blocks.

Willowbrook then dropped a 26-24, 25-22 West Suburban Conference Gold Division match to Downers Grove South. The Warriors dropped to 1-2 in WSC Gold action.

Linnig had seven assists and nine digs. Ceh had three kills, nine digs, two aces and three assists. Alondra Mendoza had three blocks. Noelle Faulk had two kills and two digs. Ostrowski had five kills, two aces and four digs. Reckamp had five kills, two blocks, seven digs and

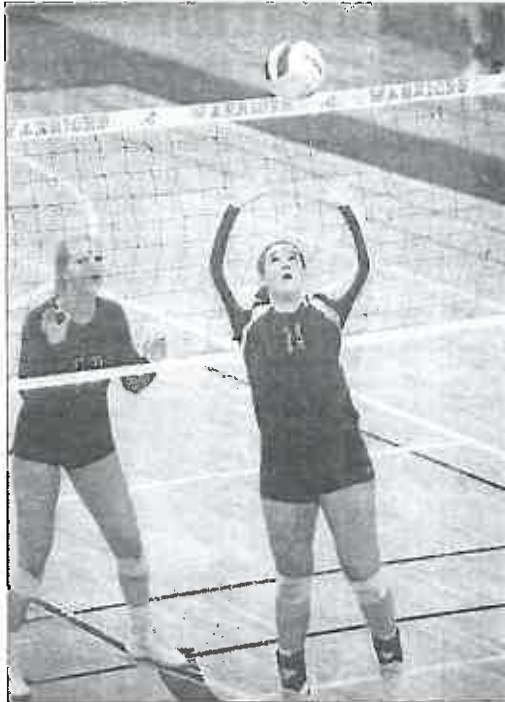
11 assists, while Dasbach had four kills.

In a 25-13, 25-14 non-conference loss to Montini, Cipriano had three kills. Ceh had one kill, nine digs and one assist. Ostrowski had one ace, five digs and one assist, while Reckamp had four kills, one ace,

five digs and four assists.

Girls cross country

The Willowbrook girls cross country team was 10th at the Minooka Flighted Invitational. Melissa Martinez finished in the championship flight, ran 20:18 over three miles.



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Willowbrook's girls volleyball team faced Montini in a Sept. 25 match in Villa Park. The visiting Broncos defeated the Warriors 25-13, 25-12. One photo from the match shows Willowbrook junior Grace Reckamp (No. 14), who tallied five digs, four kills and four assists in the match. Another photo shows junior Stephanie Dasbach (No. 15) at the net. Willowbrook's overall season record dropped to 13-7 following the loss to Montini.

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rest of the way.

Downers Grove South (2-3, 1-2)
at Addison Trail (0-5, 0-2)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Addison Trail High School, Addison

Last week: Hinsdale South 33, Downers South 28; Willowbrook 42, Addison Trail 12

Last year: Downers South 29, Addison Trail 26

Outlook: Addison Trail was eliminated from playoff consideration after last week's loss to District 88 rival Willowbrook. The Blazers now turn their focus to a Downers Grove South team that is 2-3 against a schedule where none of the five teams it has played thus far had below .500 records heading into Week 5. Last week, the Mustangs lost to a Hinsdale South team that is one of two remaining unbeaten within the Gold Division of the West Suburban Conference. Hinsdale and the other conference unbeaten, Willowbrook, battle this week for the sole possession of first in the division.

Things looking up for Addison Trail boys soccer team

Blazers win four-team PepsiCo pod; will donate check to charity

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The news was great on and off the field recently for the Addison Trail boys soccer team.

The Blazers downed St. Viator 2-0, Dundee-Crown 3-1 and Wheaton Academy 3-1 to win the PepsiCo Charity Pod Final. Coach Ryan Dini noted the Blazers will receive a check for winning its four-team pod and the program will be donating the check to Chicago Top Soccer, a charity organization that supports kids with special needs and gives them the opportunity to play soccer.

Addison Trail then lost 1-0 on penalty kicks to Wheaton-Warrenville South in the PepsiCo semifinals.

"It was 0-0 at the end of regulation and we outshot them 22-4 and hit the post twice," Dini noted. "Wheat-

on-Warrenville played all defense in the second half and had only one shot. They wanted to take us to penalty kicks. It was just bad luck that day for us, but that's soccer. We couldn't hit the back of the net."

Addison Trail lost 5-4 in PKs. Through late last week Addison Trail was 9-2 overall and 2-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

Statistically, junior forward Aaron Sanchez was leading the team in scoring with eight goals and four assists, while junior forward Anthony Hernandez had five goals and four assists. Senior midfielder Leo Acosta had three goals and eight assists.

"We are having a different player score every game, which makes it very hard to key on any guys on our team," Dini said. "The team also is transitioning really well from defense to offense. Our team speed and depth is really giving our opponents trouble. We are subbing four to five guys at a time so our players are fresh

and are wearing down teams in the final third of the game."

Team chemistry also has taken a leap forward, Dini noted. "Without a doubt," he said. "Our players expect to win and put in the effort to be successful."

"We have made everything at practice a competition, so we are playing hard all the time. I also have seen our guys come together and enjoy being around each other. At the beginning of the season, we would score and only a guy or two would go and celebrate with our team. Now the whole team celebrates and guys are pulling for each other. It's been great to see and really a pleasure to see the growth of the unit."

Dini labeled the team's offense as consistent all season, while he pegs the Blazers' defensive exploits as outstanding.

"We still have a couple players who are just a little off right now with finishing so we hope to fix that soon," he said. "If everyone is on, we

are a very scary team to play against. Our decision-making needs to prove in the final third of the game as well as our creativity. We work this constantly, so hopefully we see more of this in games."

Dini noted returning all-conference defender Martin Murillo missed a recent stretch.

"We have stepped up in his absence," the coach said. "We played three solid teams over stretch and have held them to total goals. Martin should be back (Dini was hopeful that would be weekend), which will give us a boost because he is one of our players."

Defenders Angel Gomez (a junior) and Jose Villegas (a senior) have been rock-solid in the back for the Blazers.

"Angel has stepped up in the absence of Martin," Dini said. "I'm playing center back for us, which

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are really demanding position. He hasn't come off the field over the past three games and is giving us a skilled player in the back to help clear up mistakes. I'm very proud of his effort and how he has stepped up.

"Jose has helped us with his long throw-ins on the offensive end. He also is very tall so he wins a lot of the 50-50 balls near the penalty box and in the middle for us. He also has stepped up in Martin's absence."

Continuing with the defensive theme, goalie Ernesto Padua has four shutouts in his first 10 games of action.

"He has let up only one goal in four of the games and in two games he let up only two goals," Dini pointed out. "He is a senior who has been very solid this season in net. He gives us great leadership and is a big reason why our record is so good."

Dini likes how Addison Trail has navigated a demanding schedule thus far.

"I am very pleased with our progress and our record," he said. "We have responded well to our schedule, and are really playing well as a team right now. Our juniors have adjusted to the speed of the varsity level and are giving us quality minutes. Our seniors have provided leadership and experience, which is needed against the better teams. I like the direction of the team right now and look forward to the second half of a very challenging schedule."

Addison Trail was slated to play York earlier this week in a WSC crossover. York knocked the Blazers out of the playoffs two years ago and then Addison Trail won twice last year, including a 3-1 decision in a regional title game. York defeated Addison Trail in PKs in the semifinals of the 14-team summer league this past summer. "Needless to say, it's a very good rivalry," Dini said.

Addison Trail also was scheduled to honor its 15 seniors in the program for senior night earlier this week as well against Proviso East.

"I am very pleased with the season we are having so far," Dini said. "We were not even preseason ranked in the top 50 in any rankings and now we are top 25 in every ranking. We graduated so many players last year, but we have rebounded well with our returning seniors and the juniors who are new to the team. To be 9-2 halfway through the season is a bit of a surprise, but it proves hard work does pay off. Our only losses are by 1-0 in penalty shootouts, so our guys never give up. We have come from behind to win three games this year. Our second half of the schedule is very difficult, but we always plan it that way. It prepares us for the playoffs. We always want to play the best teams. That is how you get better."

Dini heaped plenty of praise on new varsity assistant coach Angel Vega, a 2001 Addison Trail graduate. Both Dini and Vega played the sport at Addison Trail.

"It has been a huge help having Angel with me," said Dini. "He does a really nice job motivating our players and teaching them the game of soccer. We both played at Addison Trail, so it means a lot to us to continue to have a good team year after year."

Addison Trail cross country teams making progress

Moran, Sanfilippo leading the way for boys and girls teams respectively

By Mike Miazga
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The Addison Trail boys cross country team had some success at the recent Renton EarlyBird Invitational.

At the varsity level, Dylan Moran finished in 23rd place, while Alex Martinez was sixth in the frosh-soph race there.

Blazers coach Brad Donaldson said depth continues to improve for his team. "Our second team is progressing very well," he said. "They are getting stronger and more confident in their racing and taking on a more competitive attitude."

On the course, Donaldson is seeing stronger finishes from his runners. "We

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—Blazers coach
Brad Donaldson

have improved in the back-half of the race," he explained. "They are looking to gain ground and close the race strong."

Leadership has been another bright spot.

"What impresses me the most is their respect for each other as teammates," he said. "They are a great group with great leadership."

Individually, Donaldson likes the progress Cole Greaves and Jon Ramos

are making.

"Cole and Jon are coming on strong," the coach said. "Their race conditioning is evolving and they are gaining confidence with every race and starting to learn how to push themselves through the second half of the race."

Addison Trail runs at St. Charles Saturday.

"We have made solid progress this year," said Donaldson. "We need our

third group to move up to a varsity level. We are still seeking a solid fifth score that can make us competitive. That group, led by Daniel Alvarez and Aaron Paz, has been getting better every race and just needs to develop some more confidence in racing situations and that will help us a great deal."

On the girls side, Addison Trail has been paced by Viviana Sanfilippo. She was 23rd overall in the varsity girls race at Fenton, which earned her a plaque. She finished 39th overall in the Class 3A varsity girls First to Finish invitational in Peoria, which earned her a medal.

Coach Kirsten Olson also has been pleased with the efforts of Maddie Ford.

"Maddie has really shown a strong effort at competing and just missed a personal best in our double-dual against Morton and Leyden," she noted.

Willowbrook girls tennis team thriving of late

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls tennis team has turned up the heat of late.

The Warriors recently went 3-0 in a series of dual matches, including a 5-2 win over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division contest.

Through late last week, Willowbrook was 5-4 in duals, while its junior varsity team was 6-3.

In earlier action, Willowbrook won its annual District 88 Classic eight-team tournament. Willowbrook is scheduled to host its senior day this coming Tuesday against Riverside-Brookfield where its eight seniors will be honored.

Coach Ed Delacruz lauded the recent play of the No. 1 doubles team of Ellie King and Ryley Goles, who had a recent three-set win against Downers Grove South.

Captains Priscilla DelValle and Maddie Brown have been constants

"I knew we would have been in the mix for a top-three spot, but our girls played amazing and we pulled it off."

—Coach Ed Delacruz

in the singles lineup.

"They both have above-500 winning percentages and have been staples for us," he said. "They both give it their all to get a win."

Sophomore No. 1 singles player Penelope DelValle also has shown steady improvement.

"Penelope started rough taking on the challenges of always playing the best player on the other team," Delacruz pointed out. "Her extra

practices have been working out."

Penelope DelValle went 3-0 during a recent stretch of matches.

"She has tremendously improved her record," said Delacruz. "Penelope is playing with confidence now, which is a huge boost going into the conference tournament and sectionals in the next couple weeks."

At the District 88 Classic, Delacruz noted his team has no championships, but the team accumulated enough points overall to overtake Nazareth Academy by a single point to win the tournament.

Goles and Brown took third at No. 1 doubles, while Victoria Zlatkova and Liz Martynenko were second at No. 2 doubles. Penelope DelValle was fourth at No. 1 singles, while Priscilla DelValle was second at No. 2 singles.

"I knew we would have been in the mix for a top-three spot, but our girls played amazing and we pulled

it off," said Delacruz. "Speaking to our JV coach at the beginning of the season, she told me that I was taking over a program that had a good amount of depth, which is amazing to hear when one is taking over."

Delacruz also was complimentary of the play of Zlatkova and Martynenko at No. 2 doubles.

"They are both juniors and have our overall best winning percentage with an 11-5 record," the coach said. "They are lined up next year to be our No. 1 doubles team. They are best friends and have the best communication on the team. They never miss practice and give it their all. They are the perfect players to have for a coach."

Willowbrook was 2-2 in WSC Gold play through late last week.

"We are 2-2 in a year where every team in the conference is beating each other, so the conference is up for grabs and we are in the mix," Delacruz said.

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