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# MVA - MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK





## DEANDRE HOLLIDAY

WILLOWBROOK Senior | Football

### Why Holliday was selected:

Willowbrook senior wide receiver/defensive back Deandre Holliday had five catches for 118 yards and two touchdowns, 37 rushing yards, an interception and three tackles in a 35-0 win over Hinsdale South.

Holliday talked with Suburban Life sports editor Joshua Welge. Here is an edited version of the transcript.

Welge: How big of a win was it for you guys? It seemed like they'd be your toughest game in conference.

Holliday: It's a great win, especially for the team, getting a conference win like that, it benefits us.

### Welge: What happened on your touchdown catches?

Holliday: The first touchdown gave us nice momentum for the game. Sam [Tumilty] hit me on a nice back route, it was a well-executed play. My second touchdown, it was third-and-long, it was a great ball, I made a play on the ball. The whole game, we just executed well. It was probably our most well-rounded game of the season. It's nice for it to be happening right now.

### Welge: Your best position?

Holliday: I say receiver, getting the ball. Defense is always fun, although I'm not a big hitter, but all of that is fun, even kicking is fun, gets me reps on the field. But I'd say receiver, making big catches over guys.

Welge: How can this team get back to where you've been the last few years with a deep playoff run?

Holliday: I think we're good right now, we just need to be better. We're just fine-tuning things right now. I feel like we'll be unstoppable by the end of the regular season.

# MVA - FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK





## PAIGE **PICKERING**

MONTINI Sophomore | Volleyball

### Why Pickering was selected:

Montini sophomore outside hitter Paige Pickering had 18 kills for the Lady Broncos in a 22-25, 25-11, 25-19 win over Glenbard West.

Pickering talked about the win, the season and more with Suburban Life sports editor Joshua Welge. Here is an edited version of the transcript.

### Welge: How big of a win was that for **Vour team?**

Pickering: It was huge, it was insane. They beat us last year at their Volley for the Cure, kind of badly. We were down a little bit in this match and we said we can do this. They're a rival of ours, so it was huge.

## Welge: How is the season going

Pickering: It's going good. We started off a little rough, but that's because we had lost five seniors that were crucial to our success and we

had to fill those spots. We're in a better place now. I think we're on an eight-match winning streak.

Welge: What's the ultimate goal? Pickering: We want to go downstate. Since we're in Class 2A now, it should be a little bit easier. That's definitely one of the things we want to achieve, plus coach has a number of wins in mind

### Welge: How did you start playing volleybaH?

Pickering: My mom played volleyball in college at N.C. State, and my sister is a freshman in college and also played volleyball. It's been around me my whole life. I started at a young age. It's always been my main sport.

## BOYS GOLF

# Ben Klimenko, Wheaton Warrenville South win regional title By JOSHUA WELGE

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OSWEGO – Ben Klimenko carried nis team's huge regional scorecard as ne walked through the awards tent

He's living large lately.

Klimenko, who anchored Wheaton Varrenville South's DuKane Confernce championship last week, kept it

He shot a 3-over-par 75 on a breezy fternoon at Oswego's Fox Bend Golf ourse, and the Tigers needed every ist shot to take the Class 3A Oswego ast Regional team title.

Klimenko's 12-foot birdie putt on o. 18 gave WW South a team score of 312, just edging Oswego (313) and Waubonsie Valley (313).

"I thought we would be close to winning," Klimenko said. "Now that I look back, if I miss that putt, we tie. It was a nice putt to make, especially down the stretch."

Klimenko Klimenko tied teammate Jason

Ben

Prince at conference, winning the individual title in a playoff. His 75 on Oct. 7 was good for second behind Will Troy of Waubonsie Valley (71).

WW South's Dhilan Desai shot a 78, good for fifth, Ben Gorski carded a 79 and Jack Turner had an 80.

"Our end of the season goal is to get

to state," Klimenko said. "The whole team is putting in the work."

The Tigers are certainly motivated. WW South narrowly missed out on state last year, taking fourth in sectionals, after qualifying in 2014 and 2017.

"I feel like I've made a lot of progress; hopefully we can make it as a team, or at least a couple individuals can," Klimenko said. "I've definitely done a lot better with ball striking and putting. I putt well at conference and made a lot of big putts here, four birdie putts I think."

He made a big one early, a 50-footer on the second hole on his way to a 3-over 39 on the front nine.

"I made some big putts on a couple of the holes and then on the back start-

ed hitting the ball well, especially the driver," Klimenko said. "It's definitely a tough track, especially with the wind blowing. There were a lot of big scores out there. I played it pretty good.'

Medalist Matthew Buckley shot a 72, and the Dukes shot a combined 307 to win the regional title at Addison Trail. Zach Sutter shot a 77, Sam Bartolone a 78 and Joshua LaBounty an 80 for York.

### Montini Regional

St. Francis' Zach Mulhearn shot a 79 for medalist honors at the Class 2A Montini Regional, and St. Francis advanced as a team.

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Banding together

Willowbrook High School's marching band welcomed musicians from area schools to Band Day on Oct. 10. Students from schools including Jackson Middle School, Jefferson Middle School, Albright Middle School, St. Pius X School and Sacred Heart School spent the day at Willowbrook collaborating with the high school

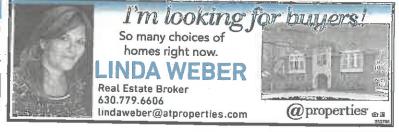
band. One day later, all of the grade school and high school musicians—about 260 in total—performed on the studium field just before Willowbrook's varsity football game against York High School. The students played "The Greatest Show," as well as "The Star-Spangled Banner" and Willowbrook's fight song.

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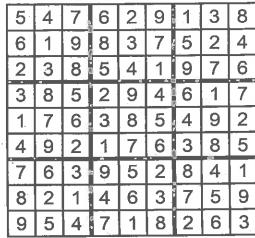
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# Sudoku Puzzle Answers







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Special pom performance
Willowbrook High School's pom team held its annual Dance For A Cure Camp last week. A total of 24 young campers (age 4 through seventh grade) took part in the camp, which featured daily sessions from Monday through Thursday. The young campers then joined Willowbrook's pom team to perform during halfitime of Friday's varsity football game. Sentor Charlie Wozniak is pictured with some of the campers during the halfitime performance.





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# Warriors clinch another playoff berth with a win over York Victory extends Willowbrook's winning streak to six

The Willowbrook football program locked up its fourth straight IHSA playoff berth with Friday's 35-21 vactory over York in Villa Park.

The Warriors, who earned their sixth straight win, improved their overall season record to 6-1 with the victory over the Parks of the Wast Subry. ry over the Dukes of the West Subur-ban Silver Conference.

The Warriors will finish the regular ason with a pair of West Suburban Gold Conference contests. Willow-brook, which holds a 4-0 conference mark, will play at Morton (0-7, 0-4) this Friday. The Warriors will complete the regular season with a home game against Proviso East.

Willowbrook won the 2017 and 2018 conference titles with perfect 6-0 records. Victories over Morton and Proviso East will give the Warriors their third straight unblemished con-

rence season.

The Warriors began Friday's game rainst York with a flurry. Willowagainst York with a flurry. Willow-brook received the opening kickoff and needed just four plays to drive 80 yards for a touchdown. Senior Deandre Holliday rushed for 18 yards on the game's

first play from scrimmage.

Senior quarterback Sam Turnity connected with senior receiver Everett Stubblefield on a 55-yard pass on the next play. One play later, senior Ta'Vion Geanes ran six yards for a touchdown to give the Warriors a 6-0 lead barely one minute into the game, which took place in chilly and clear weather. Sophomore kicker Izzy Manning made the first of her five extra-point kicks to raise Willowbrook's ledt to 7-0.

York (3-4) punted the ball away on the first of force of the ball away on the first of the ball away on the ball away

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then drove 70 yards for a touchdown to take a 14-0 lead with 5:03 left in the first period. Turnity scrambled and threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to senior Alessio Battaglia on a fourth-

down play.

"We definitely started off fast," said
Tumilty after the game. "We slowed
down a little in the middle of the game. Our coaches always preach finish fast."

Both teams turned the ball over on interceptions later in the opening quarter, Junior Mohammad Ayesh of the Warriors intercepted a York pass. Willowbrook failed to score on its subsequent drive.

The Warriors scored their third

touchdown of the night with 3:34 left in the second quarter. Geanes scored on a short run across the goal line. A 33-yard pass from Tumilty to sophomore Nick Mabutas set up the touch-

down.

The Dukes scored their first touchdown of the night with 32.8 seconds

"" " the first half Willowbrook's left in the first half. Willowbrook's halfiime advantage stood at 21-7.
Geanes scored his third touchdown

of the game late in the third quarter. His short burst helped the Warriors to a 28-7 lead with 1:47 left in the third

Youk kept battling in the final quar-ter, scoring a touchdown to cut Wil-lowbrook's lead to 28-14 with 11:01 to play. The Dukes then intercepted a pass, which helped them begin a drive at the Warriors' 39-yard line. The drive ended when Ayesh broke up a pa near the goal line on a fourth-and-goal play from the 16-yard line. Willowbrook sealed its victory with



The Willowbrook football team earned its sixth straight victory when it defeated York 35-21 on Friday in Villa Park. The Warriors, who haven't lost since they dropped their season opener to Providence Catholic, improved to 6-1 with their win over the Dukes. Senior running back Te'Vion Geanes (pictured above) scored three of the Warriors' touchdowns on short runs. Another photo shows junior Elijah Brockle (No. 56-below) blocking a York defender. Willowbrook clinched a playoff berth with its win over the Dukes. The Warriors will play a West Suburban Gold Conference game at Morton this week. They will finish the regular season with a conference home game against Proviso East on Oct. 25. If Willowbrook can win its last two regular-season games, it will post a perfect 6-0 conference record for the third straight year.

a trick play that resulted in a 65-yard touchdown pass from Stubblefield to Turnilty. Stubblefield took a handoff

from Turnilty and ran to his right. He then turned and fired a pass to Turnilty, who picked up a block and raced down the sideline and into the end zone with 4:08 remaining.

"We put that in; I don't think that was the spot we anticipated using it in, but it worked out," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth of the 65-yard touchdown pass from the receiver to the quarterback.

"We got off to a quick start," add-ed Hildreth, "After that it was kind of back and forth. There are a lot of things we need to clean up. We turned the ball over twice, and we lost some points

York scored the game's final touchdown with 2:28 to play.

The Warnors have advanced to the state quarterfinal round of the playoffs in each of the last three seasons. They won't know their 2019 playoff standing until Oct. 26, when the IHSA releases the playoff pairings. They don't know who they will play in the 10° week of the season, but they know they will be playing.

will be playing.
"It feels good," said Turnilty of clinching the playoff borth. "I love being out with this team and these coaches. I think it's great for us that we're guaranteed another week with each

## Week 8 Football Previews

Willowbrook (6-1, 4-0) at 7/10rton (0-7, 0-4) When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Morton West Campus Stadium, Berwyn

Last week: Willowbrook 35, York 21; Downers Grove South 40, Morton 6
Last year: Willowbrook 42, Morton 0

Last year: Willowbrook 42, Morton 0
Outlook: Willowbrook now has another guaranteed spot in the state playoffs after last week's West Suburhan Conference crossover win against neighbor York. The Warriors' next order of business is securing its third WSC Gold Division title in a row. A likely scenario here is a Willowbrook win at winless Morton will set up a Week 9 battle between the Warriors and Proviso East (4-1 in WSC Gold play) for the conference title in Villa Park. Proviso East, now playoff eligible at 5-2, hosts winless Proviso West this week in a



# Willowbrook girls golfer Rattana advances to sectional

### Donovan competes in boys golf playoff for sectional berth

By Mike Miazga CORRESPONDENT

Willowbrook sophomore Emma Rattana's quest for a second straight berth in the IHSA Class 2A girls golf state tournament continued after her strong showing in last week's region-

Rattana finished sixth among all individuals at the IHSA Class 2A Glenbard East Regional, held Oct. 10 at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights.
Rattana carded an 18-hole round



Sophomore Emma Rattana of the Willowbrook girls golf team advanced to this week's IHSA Class 2A sectional in Hoffman Estates with her strong performance in last week's regional competition at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights. Rattana fired an 18-hole score of 82 at the Oct. 10 regional, which featured nine teams. She post-ed the sixth-best score among all golfers at the meet and ad-vanced to this week's Hoffman Estates Sectional as an Individof 82 (41 on each nine) and earned one of the individual sectional-qualifying sports. She played earlier this week in the Class 2A Hoffman Estates Sectional at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club in Hoffman Estates, where berths in the state finals were on the line.

Willowbrook senior Alexis Maswilloworook senior Alexas Masses tied for 31<sup>th</sup>, shooting a 100. Freshman Mickey Martens tied for 37<sup>th</sup> with a 103. Junior Peyton Mitrick tied for 40<sup>th</sup> with a 106 while Senior Julianna Paulsen tied for 45th (109). Junior Kayla Raue-Lease was

51s with a 123.

The Warriors finished seventh in the nine-team regional's team stand-

The Willowbrook boys golf team concluded its season at the Class 3A Hinsdale South regional held at Carriage Greens of Darien (par-70 from the blue tees).

The Warriors shot 374 and finished sixth as a team.

Junior John Donovan shot an 18-hole score of 91 and lost in a playoff to qualify for the section-al. Senior Utah Keehner and junior Andrew Rugg each shot a 94, while senior Logan Rattana shot a 95. The Warriors will host their sea-son-ending banquet at Sugar Creek Golf Course on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Girls volleyball

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team lost 25-22, 25-14 to Hinsdale South in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play on Oct. 8. The

loss put Willowbrook at 13-9 overall and 1-3 in WSC Gold action.

Freshman Natalie Cipriano recorded three kills and two digs Sophomore Katie Linnig had one kill, one ace, five digs and seven assists. Senior Payton Ceh finished with two kills and 11 digs. Senior Alondra Mendoza had one kill and two blocks, and sophomore Kyla Ostrowski totaled two kills, four aces and six digs. Junior Grace Reckamp had four kills, eight digs and 10 as-sists, while Junior Stephanie Das-

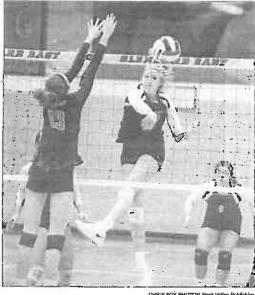
One day earlier, Willowbrook lost 25-23, 23-25, 25-21 at Glenbard East in non-conference play. Cipriano had two kills and one block in the Oct. 7 match in Lombard. Linnig had three digs and nine assists. Ceh had eight kills, one ace, 12 digs and three as-sists. Mendoza had four kills. Senior Laine Degnan had three kills and one

dig.
Ostrowski registered five kills, one ace and six digs. Reckamp had 13 kills, three digs and 10 assists. Dasbach had five kills and two blocks.

Boys cross country

Willowbrook boys cross country coach T.J. Artman said his team is hard at work preparing for Saturday's West Suburban Conference Gold Division Meet at Downers Grove South

"We are looking forward to it," he said. "Downers Grove South is favored to win, but we will be challenging Morton, Hinsdale South and Leyden for second. It's going to be some good racing.



The Willowbrook girls volleyball team faced neighborhood rival Glenbard East in last week's match in Lombard. Glenbard East defeated the Warriors 25-23, 23-25, 25-21 in the Oct. 7 battle. Junior Stephanie Dasbach (pictured) of Willowbrook provided five kills and two blocks in the match. The Warriors' overall record slipped to 13-8 with the loss. Willowbrook suffered a West Suburban Gold Conference loss to Hinsdale South on Oct. 8. The Warriors won two of five matches at Saturday's Elk Grove Invite. Willowbrook's overall season record through Saturday stood at 15-12.

## Addison Trail boys golf team advances three golfers to sectionals

Martinez running well for Blazers boys cross country team

By Mike Miązga CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys golf team finished fourth at its own Class 3A Addison Trail regional held recently at The Preserve at Oak Mead-

The Blazers finished with 369 strokes, 31 behind Oak Park-River Forest, which snagged the third

and final team sectional-qualifying

However, Addison Trail qualified three individuals for this week's Class 3A Glenbrook North sectional at Sportsman's in Northbrook.

Senior Jimmy Cerven advanced as an individual after shooting an 82. He tied for second among the individual sectional qualifiers not on sectional-qualifying teams.

Junior Peter Markopoulos shot 90 and advanced to sectionals, while sophomore Eli Aquinos shot 96 and made the sectional cut.

Girls golf

The Addison Trail girls golf team took ninth at the recent Class 2A Conant sectional held at Fox Run Golf Course (par-70, 5,213 yardage). Victoria Toay shot 113 for 18 holes

for the Blazers. Mikaela Olvera shot 116. Ola Strazecki shot 137 and Joslvnn Elakkatt shot 138.

Boys cross country

The Addison Trail boys cross country team ran at the recent St. Charles North Star invitational.

"The weather played havoc again,"

said Addison Trail coach Brad Donaldson, "The course was adjusted/altered due to the rain and storms.

Alex Martinez was a top-15 award-winner at the sophomore level. 'Our underclassmen ran verv well.' said Donaldson

Donaldson also cited Aaron Paz and Daniel Alvarez for strong race-running at the varsity level.

We are now focused on the conference meet," the coach said.

Addison Trail runs in the West Sub-

urban Conference Gold Division meet Saturday at Downers Grove South.

## Willowbrook's Deci scores two goals against Hinsdale South

### Warriors readving for upcoming state playoffs Saturday

By Mike Miazga

CORRESPONDENT While his team didn't get its desired result, Willowbrook boys soccer coach Dan Riskind was happy with how his team played in a tough 3-2 double overtime loss to Hinsdale South in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play Oct 10

In that game, senior Norm Deci had both Willowbrook's goals.

"It was a good game," Riskind said. "We'played with a man down

for most of the game."

Willowbrook led 2-1 late, but Hinsdale South tied it with 24 seconds left in regulation on a play off a long throw-in.

The Hornets won the game in the second overtime period with eight seconds left with a goal off a free

Wow, a gut punch," said Riskind of the two late goals, "but our guys played well."

Willowbrook was coming off a

7-0 WSC crossover loss to Glen-

We worked a lot on defense." Riskind said. "We worked hard de-fensively against Hinsdale South and did not give up a goal during run of play. Defensively, we are

trying to stay compact. We are things up of late for the Warriors. trying to work together as one defensive unit. We're trying to work on helping defenders push people to the flanks. We did a good job of that against Hinsdale South."

Riskind labeled the team's offense as a continued work in prog-

"We have been focusing in more on the defensive because we have been giving up a lot of goals," he We are trying to hit people in the channel. Norm has done a great job of finishing his chances and has used his speed to score a cou-ple goals. He's been playing really well lately."

Junior Kevin Kapica and senior Brian Fuentes also have stepped

and he has played really well," said Riskind. "Brian also has been play-ing well. Norm, Kevin and Brian have done well for us."

Willowbrook hosted Proviso East on Tuesday. The Warriors wrap up their regular season hosting West Chicago Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Willowbrook improved to 5-10-overall with Saturday's 1-0 non-conference home win over

This week's match against Proviso East closed out the WSC Gold schedule. The Warriors entered the match with an 0-5 conference re-

"We have two games here where

the competition is right around where we are at," said Riskind. "Hinsdale South was ranked right around where we were. I thought that would be what it was, a close game. I expected us to put in a good effort and be competitive and that is what happened."

Willowbrook opens the IHSA Class 3A state playoffs Saturday at Wheaton-Warrenville South. The Warriors are the No. 18 seed in the Class 3A St. Charles East sectional. while Wheaton South is the No. 14 seed.

The winner moves on to play No. 2 seed St. Charles East on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at Lake Park's East Campus on Medinah Road in Roselle

## Fenton girls swimming team improving as it prepares for Maine East relays

Bison boys golfers take over the role. They have allowed the coach to come in with wrap up season at regional meet

By Mike Miazga CORRESPONDENT

Fenton girls swimming coach Jeff Baeder has seen plenty of progress from his squad throughout the fall season.

The Bison were 3-5 overall in dual meets through late last week

as they prepare for the upcoming Maine East relays Saturday. At the recent IMSA invite, Adri-anna Modelska finished in the top four in the 100 backstroke. "Adrianna is one of our leaders in the stroke events, especially the back and breaststroke where we seem to do well," Baeder said.

In addition to Modelska, fellow seniors Gabby Molinaro, Hannah Tibbets and Hannah Ceaser have

stepped up as leaders.
"Adrianna, Gabby, Hannah Tib-bets and Hannah Ceaser have really stepped up and have shown great leadership with a transition to a new head coach," said Baeder, in his first season leading the program. "They really have made things very easy for the coach to

new ideas and have accepted them and incorporated them into a new team culture they are creating. The four of them have created a positive and very supportive culture for the future teams."

Baeder has been pleased with

the team's improvement on stroke technique and building better en-

durance.
"It has been paying off," he said.
"Bvery week we have a long list of girls with best times, some with of girls with oest thines, some with amazing time drops. The girls have been putting in a lot of hard work to get where they are." Sophomores Alex DeVito and Abby Niehoff also were cited for

their contributions.

"The biggest surprise so far is from our two sophomores, Alex and Abby," Baeder pointed out, "These two girls have been asked to swim many different events and have knocked it out of the park each time. We will be looking to these two swimmers for our future.'

Junior Kyle Peterson also has been hard at work in the pool and in the leadership department for the Bison. "Her work ethic and ambition have served her well," Baeder said. "She is another swimmer we are looking forward to working

with for the rest of the year and next. She will be one that will help continue the culture that the seniors have helped to create."

Boys golf

The Fenton boys golf team took seventh at the recent Class 2A Montini regional at Village Links of Glen Ellyn (par-72, 6,770 yards). The Bison finished with a

yards). The Bison finished with a team score of 394.

Patrick Block finished tied for 22nd with a 92. Taylor Stekierski tied for 31st with a 97. Sig Garza took 35th with a 100 and Andrew Hoffing was 39th with a 105. Joe Puzzo was 41st with a 107 and Ivan Astorga tied for 45th with a 114 for 18 holse:

### Boys soccer

The Fenton boys soccer team is the No. 5 seed in sub-sectional A of the upcoming Class 2A Burlington Central sectional

Central sectional.

The Bison open the playoffs Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Glenbard South against host Glenbard South, the No. 4 seed in the sub-sectional. The winner plays either No. 1 seed Benet Academy, No. 10 seed Plano or No. 8 seed Whates S. Escaria as Cataday. Wheaton St. Francis on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. at Glenbard South for the regional title.



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### Conference champions

The Willowbrook girls tennis team's No. 1 doubles duo (left to right) seniors Maddle Brown and Ellie King claimed firs place honors at the West Suburban Gold Conference tourn peace nonors at the west suburban doil comments, which concluded on Saturday, Brown and King foug off four match points to battle back and win the championsh match against their opponents from Hinsdale South. Brown ar King earned all-conference honors for their victory, Senior R. ley Goles, who claimed third place at No. 3 singles, and soph more Penelope DelValle, who placed third at No. 1 singles, als earned all-conference distinction for the Warriors.



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