

## SPORTS

Oct. 17, 2019 •

# 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 victory 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 Dukes of the West Suburban Silver Conference.

The Warriors will finish the regular season with a pair of West Suburban Gold Conference contests. Willowbrook, 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 conference season.

The Warriors began Friday's game against York with a flurry. Willowbrook 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 Tumilty 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 lead to 7-0.

York (3-4) punted the ball away on its first offensive series. The Warriors

then drove 70 yards for a touchdown to take a 14-0 lead with 5:03 left in the first period. Tumilty 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—start fast, 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.

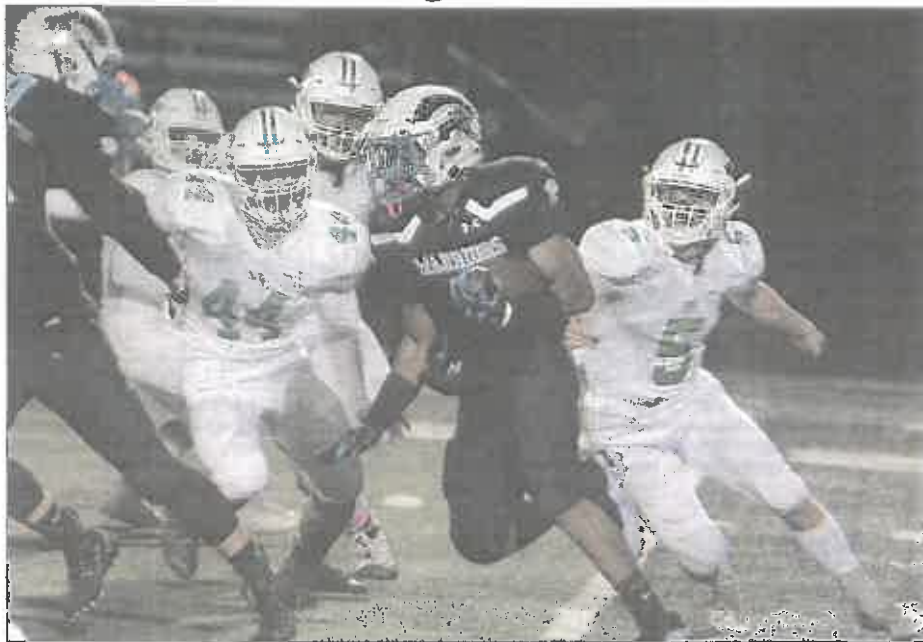
The Warriors scored their third touchdown of the night with 3:34 left in the second quarter. Geanes scored on a short run across the goal line. A 33-yard pass from Tumilty to sophomore Nick Mabutas set up the touchdown.

The Dukes scored their first touchdown of the night with 32.8 seconds left in the first half. Willowbrook's halftime 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 period.

York kept battling in the final quarter, scoring a touchdown to cut Willowbrook'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 pass near the goal line on a fourth-and-goal play from the 16-yard line.

Willowbrook sealed its victory with



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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 Ta'Vion Geanes (pictured above) scored three of the Warriors' touchdowns on short runs. Another photo shows junior Elijah Brockie (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 Tumilty. Stubblefield took a handoff

from Tumilty and ran to his right. He then turned and fired a pass to Tumilty, 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," added 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 out there."

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

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

"It feels good," said Tumilty clinching the playoff berth. "I love going out with this team and these coaches. I think it's great for us that we guaranteed another week with each other."

## Week 8 Football Previews

**Willowbrook (6-1, 4-0) at Morton (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 0

**Last year:** Willowbrook 42, Morton 0

**Outlook:** Willowbrook now has another guaranteed spot in the state playoffs after last week's West Suburban Conference crossover win against York.



## AT, JA seek speakers who have traveled abroad

### Presenters needed for International Fest Week Nov. 18-22

Addison Trail and Junior Achievement of Chicago are looking for speakers to share with students their stories of traveling abroad for the school's annual International Fest Week.

This year's event will take place from Nov. 18 to 22, and speakers can present as many times as their schedule allows. The week provides an opportunity for students to learn about other countries and cultures, as presenters discuss their travels and experiences they've had throughout the world. Those who are interested in participating can sign up at [dupage88.net/InternationalFest2019](http://dupage88.net/InternationalFest2019). For more information, contact Madeline Earls with Junior Achievement at [mearls@jagchicago.com](mailto:mearls@jagchicago.com) or 331-702-4399.

This year's theme, "For Every Child," focuses on protecting all children, supporting quality learning, providing lifesaving aid and creating innovative solutions that accelerate progress for children and young people.

A portion of the proceeds from International Fest Week will go to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), which shares that goal, as well as toward scholarships for Addison Trail students.

The week will culminate with the International Dance Show on Nov. 22, which will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature dances that represent a variety of countries and cultures.



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## Manufacturing Day at Pioneer Service

On Oct. 4, 14 Addison Trail students who are enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at the school visited Pioneer Service Inc. as part of Manufacturing Day, along with Addison Trail rector of Guidance Kevin Redding and Counselor Shane Cole. The facility, learned about various careers available in manufacturing and had an opportunity to ask questions about the field. Pioneer Service Inc. is a Certified Women-Owned contract manufacturer.



## Community calendar

### Thursday, Oct. 17 Board Game Blast at the Library

From 4-4:45 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, Come play your favorite board games and check out some new ones. All ages are welcome. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3338.

### Friday, Oct. 18 ARTventures at the Library

Come for an art-based story time full of stories, creativity, and fun from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at the Addison Public Library. For ages 2-5 with caregiver. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3338.

### Saturday, Oct. 19

At 2 p.m. in the studio theater at ATHS, Kip Pasta will deliver an Artist Talk in conjunction with Arts DuPage Month. The Addison Center for the Arts gallery is located at 213 No. Lombard Road, Door #4. For more information, call 630-458-4500. Supported in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agen-

days at the Addison Public Library, create a project that will be donated to a local organization. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3320.

### Sunday, Oct. 20 Power Point 101 at the Library

From 3-4 p.m. at the Adult Programming Room of the Addison Public Library, learn about Microsoft PowerPoint by creating a basic presentation. We'll explore inserting animated charts and graphs, moving graphics, and other transitions. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3320.

### Monday, Oct. 21 • Monday meditation at the Library

From 7-8 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, Sahaja Yoga Meditation is a simple, time-honored technique to experience inner peace and balance. No physical exercises, postures or special clothing are required. Class participants will meditate while seated on a chair.

### • Between the Lines at the

the Earth by Norman Cantor.

### • Costume workshop at the Library

Every day from 3:15-4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 through Thursday, Oct. 24 for grades 6-12, use our tools and materials to design the ultimate Halloween costume or cosplay outfit. Come up with your own look or follow along as we make wings and weapons. All materials provided. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3320.

### Tuesday, Oct. 22

#### • Book a trip at the Library

Explore the world with us from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for grades 2-5 at the Addison Public Library. We'll learn about traditions, songs, and foods from faraway places. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3338.

#### • How to master a phone interview at the Library

From 10-11:30 a.m. at the Adult Programming Room at the Addison Public Library, job seekers will learn about the unique challenges of a

and caregivers at the Addison Public Library. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3338.

#### • Top hiring issues for new and existing businesses at the Library

From 6:30-8 p.m. at the Adult Programming Room of the Addison Public Library, The Small Business Development Center at the College of DuPage will discuss the top HR issues businesses struggle with, including issues surrounding contractor vs. employee and legal and paperwork requirements by the Department of Labor. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3320.

### Thursday, Oct. 24

#### • Chair Yoga at the Library

From 1-2 p.m. at the Adult Programming Room of the Addison Public Library, a certified yoga instructor will guide you through one of the gentlest forms of yoga, emphasizing breath awareness and relaxation. No prior yoga experience is necessary to participate in this class.

#### • Halloween makeup tutorial at the Library

From 3:30-4:30 p.m. for grades 6-12 at the Addison Public Library, professional makeup artist Chu Castellanos will teach us how to turn into zombies, create gruesome skeletons and bring your scariest Halloween costumes to life. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3320.

#### Saturday, Oct. 26 • Exploration Stations at the Library

From 11-11:45 a.m. for ages 6 through fifth grade at the Addison Public Library, join us for a play experience for children. Children of all abilities are welcome. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3338.

#### • DIY no carve Halloween pumpkin kin at the Library

From 2-3 p.m. for all ages at the Addison Public Library, transform your pumpkin into a beautiful carriage or into a mischievous goblin. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-458-3338.



# Suburban Life

## MVA – MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**RILEY THEOBALD**  
NAZARETH  
Senior | Football

Nazareth senior linebacker Riley Theobald had a fumble recovery and interception, both of which led to touchdowns, and also scored a go-ahead touchdown at fullback in the Roadrunners' 39-29 win over Marist.

Theobald talked with Suburban Life sports editor Joshua Welge.

**Welge:** How good did it feel to beat those guys?

Theobald: They've always been a tough competitor for us. It's taken us about four years to get that win against them, so it felt great.

**Welge:** You were down a couple touchdowns early in that game. How did you get it turned around?

Theobald: Really, we were never

down in our minds. We didn't let the two quick scores affect us. We knew there was a full game ahead. We kept our body language up, we kept playing, got the momentum back and took it from there.

**Welge:** I've heard you described as "crazy," or an "animal" on the field.

Theobald: I'd say it's a controlled crazy on the field. It's all about passion. I love to play this game. I'm not someone to be messed with on the field, but I'm a very nice person off the field.

## MVA – FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**SARAH THORNTON**  
HINSDALE CENTRAL  
Freshman | Golf

Hinsdale Central freshman Sarah Thornton shot a 1-over-par 73 to earn medalist honors at the Class 2A Shepard Regional, leading the Red Devils to the regional title. Thornton shot an 80 at sectionals to advance as an individual with teammate Jessica Joy to the state tournament.

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

**Welge:** How did you feel about the [sectional round]?

Thornton: My putting definitely hurt me today.

**Welge:** How has the season gone otherwise?

Thornton: It's been going pretty good otherwise.

**Welge:** How did the round come together at regionals?

Thornton: My short game was a lot better last week. The greens today at sectionals were really hard. It was a pretty short course, so it wasn't that hard.

**Welge:** Coming in as a freshman, how do you feel about how the year has gone for you?

Thornton: I feel like it could have been better, but it was a good season overall.

## FOOTBALL NOTES

# Sam Tumilty doing it all for high-octane Willowbrook offense

By BOB NARANG  
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Sam Tumilty is doing it all for Willowbrook.

On offense, Tumilty, a senior, is leading a high-octane group with his passing and running.

The Warriors have scored at least 32 points in their last five games, including a 35-21 triumph over York on Oct. 11. In total, Willowbrook is averaging a robust 30.1 points heading into this weekend's road contest against winless Morton.

Besides his duties on offense, Tumilty is a game-changing player in the secondary. The Warriors' defense is allowing just 10.7 points per game.

Tumilty added another job to his workload against York — receiver.

Tumilty hauled in a 65-yard touchdown pass from Everett Stubblefield. He finished with 195 yards passing and 105 yards rushing.

"I think the last time I caught a (touchdown pass) was my youth days,"

Tumilty said. "I played some receiver in my sophomore year. It was pretty cool. Everybody did a nice job blocking. After that, it was off to the races. I was happy to score a touchdown for the team."

Tumilty is putting up prodigious numbers for the Warriors. He has completed 78 of 120 attempts for 1,478 yards and 12 touchdowns, while rushing 82 times for 808 yards and 10 scores plus the one reception for 65 yards and a score to go with 34 tackles, one interception and four passes deflected.

Stubblefield leads the receiving corps with 32 receptions for 645 yards and six touchdowns.

The Warriors (6-1) have won six straight games since losing their opener to Providence. Tumilty said the Warriors, a team not reliant on depth or size, are a tough group with quality players.

"We just have fun and work hard," he said. "We don't have crazy size or a Division I star or any crazy five-star recruits. The biggest thing is we hustle and play fast and execute."

"Our offensive and defensive lines

are also definitely overlooked. Our offensive line is having a great season. They do a great job of holding the pressure and also run blocking. The defensive line flies around and makes stops."

### Broncos enjoy rare break

Montini football coach Mike Bukovsky found out the news on Oct. 10.

After losing to Notre Dame on Oct. 4, the Broncos received a rare bye week when their scheduled game against St. Joseph was canceled.

The Chargers were beset with injuries and illness, which led to the cancellation and a forfeit victory for the Broncos (5-2).

"I was hoping there would be a change," Bukovsky said. "We came in after Thursday's practice and that's when we got the official word."

Bukovsky said the Broncos spent Oct. 11 preparing for their showdown against De La Salle.

"The good news is we are a few days ahead of where we usually are," he said. "We started breaking down film of

them, then went out and scouted them at Mount Carmel. It was a good chance to see them live. We made the best out of a bad situation. I've never experienced something like that."

The extra rest, Bukovsky said, is a positive late in the season before the playoffs. Quarterback Deontay Bell sat out the second half with an injury against Notre Dame. Without the multi-dimensional Bell behind center, the Broncos' offense sputtered against the Dons' aggressive defense.

"(Deontay) is healthy now and we're looking forward to having him back this week, plus a couple of other guys are back now," Bukovsky said. "We ended up resting more guys that we thought."

### Big-time recruit

Wheaton Warrenville South long snapper Nick Walker is one of the top recruits in the state. The junior is among the top long snappers in the country. The 6-foot-4, 235-pounder has made visits to Michigan State, Purdue and Duke since early September.

whose blast on a pass from Valentin Motta De Castro came just 27 seconds after the Raiders had gotten the equalizer when defender Brennan Rzewuski headed in a long throw-in from A.J. Blacalana.

"We've been preaching to him to take shots," Fenton coach Victor Ruiz said of Rojas. "All season long he had some opportunities, but instead of shooting he just keeps passing."

"If you don't shoot, you don't know what can happen. He took a shot and look what happened."

For Rojas, the goal with 18:38 remaining took some pressure off his shoulders and those of his teammates.

"To me it was really relieving because it took the stress off the team to put us up 2-1," Rojas said. "We still had a lot of time so we had to keep our heads."

The Bison (11-10-2) had to stay composed after Rzewuski's goal, which initially swung the momentum in favor of the Raiders. So when De Castro, who had given Fenton a 1-0 lead when he scored off an Ivan Jaramillo's feed with 28:09 to go, passed Rojas the ball, he kept his head up and saw an opening.

"During training I keep getting the ball and I keep getting the space and the opportunities to shoot," Rojas said.

rojas, the Raiders (10-8-3) were still in the game. They had five quality chances in the next nine minutes, but Fenton goalkeeper Daniel Villanueva made 3 of his 5 saves, a shot from Lance Evans hit the left post and a 25-yard drive from Blacalana whizzed over the top of the left post.

"If it wasn't for the result, I would say it's a great match," said Glenbard South coach Adam Szyzko, whose team tied Fenton 3-3 in the regular season. "But it was an entertaining game."

"Even when we went down 1-0, I was like, 'Hey, we've had opportunities, we did it against them before, we'll do it again.' We had plenty of opportunities at 2-1."

"Congratulations to Fenton. They played hard."

The Bison advance to Saturday's regional final to play top-seeded Benet (15-1-2), which beat St. Francis 4-0 in the other semifinal.

"Those are the big moments we want," said Ruiz, whose team reached the supersection last season. "We want to be able to play against the big teams and see where we're at."

"This year our expectations were to get back to where we were last year, but with the understanding that we are young. They're working hard and doing a good job."

## Blazers falter in regional opener

By BILL STONE

Daily Herald Correspondent

Fourth-year St. Charles North boys soccer goalkeeper Bob Curran has worn jersey No. 99 since his days as the backup after the starting senior claimed No. 1.

"I guess I got stuck with 99 and I just wanted to keep my number going through all of the four years so I've stuck with it," Curran said.

Now an important veteran, Curran happily is feeling like a sophomore, when the 2017 team finished fourth in Class 3A.

The North Stars again are playing great in the postseason.

On Tuesday they defeated No. 4-seed Addison Trail 2-1 in the Class 3A St. Charles North regional semifinals as the sectional's No. 13 seed.

St. Charles North (10-4-3) seeks its third regional title in four seasons against No. 12 Schaumburg (9-9-1) at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

After enduring an 0-4-3 stretch that ended around sectional seeding time, the North Stars have won five in a row, four by shutout.

"Especially after that little drought we had, with the winning streak that we've had it's definitely been a real confidence booster going into the playoffs," Curran said.

"Sophomore year, since we were the younger ones, it was really fun being with all of the other guys, but now with us being seniors, we've all been playing with each other since U-8 and up so we have a really tight bond."

Some breaks certainly help, too.

The North Stars opened a 2-0 lead on goals by juniors Luke Persenico and Jared Sinnavee, but Addison Trail

## Boys soccer

(13-5-2) closed to 2-1 on Juan Pablo Jernmez's goal with 14:25 left and appeared to have scored twice about three minutes later.

First, Addison Trail outside defender Ray Fischer's shot went off the crossbar and left post before being cleared. Seconds later from right wing, Leo Acosta's shot went off the inside of the right post.

"At the end of the day, we found a way to move on so we're happy about that," St. Charles North coach Eric Willson said.

"I would love to see us manage that game a little bit differently (late). That said, it's understandable there's going to be some chaos at the end of a game. Addison Trail is a fantastic team so it was a matter of time before they were going to start sparking some of their offense."

By contrast Sinnavee's goal came off a corner kick pass from Persenico was a 17-yard blast near the right sideline that struck the left post, then the right post and went in.

"We had one hit the post and didn't go in. They had one hit the post that went in. That's how soccer is," Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini said.

"Tough one to swallow but proud of the way our guys fought back, especially being down 2-0. We gave ourselves a chance to tie it up and it just didn't go in."

Persenico scored his ninth goal this season 6:48 before halftime on a right-wing cross to the crease by senior defender Nick Sommer after senior Faizan Mohiuddin dug the ball out in the corner.

"I was cutting across the box and it was a perfect ball, right onto my foot. (Sommer) did all of the work," Persenico said.



St. Francis' Michael Fasana, left, and Benet's Hans Haenicke pursue the ball during a Class 2A regional soccer match at Glenbard South in Glen Ellyn on Tuesday. Benet won 4-0.

## Notice

To report scores: Coaches, please report all scores to the Daily Herald by 5 p.m. (Email: [news@dailyherald.com](mailto:news@dailyherald.com)).

## Football

### AP Top Ten

Here are the latest rankings of 16 high school football teams in each class, according to an Associated Press panel of sports writers.

### CLASS 6A

School	W-L	Pts	Pv
1. Lincoln-Way E. (8)	9-0	27	1
2. Lyons	8-0	27	2
3. Warren	7-1	26	3
4. Glenview	7-1	26	4
5. Naperville Valley	7-1	26	5
6. Mokena	6-2	24	6
7. Mokena Delta	6-2	24	7
8. Danmora	6-2	24	8
9. Wheaton Central	6-2	24	9
10. Burlington	6-2	24	10

Others receiving votes: South Elgin 4, Maine South 5, Edwardsville 1, Hanley 1, St. Charles East 1.

### CLASS 5A

School	W-L	Pts	Pv
1. Mt. Carmel (7)	8-0	27	1
2. Naperville (7)	8-0	27	2
3. Glenview West	7-1	26	3
4. Hinsdale	7-1	26	4
5. Phillips	7-1	26	5
6. Bolingbrook	6-2	24	6
7. Rolling Meadows	6-2	24	7
8. Wheaton	6-2	24	8
9. Normal Community	6-2	24	9
10. Benet	6-2	24	10

Others receiving votes: Glenbard East 4, Berkshire 1, Maine West 1.

### CLASS 4A

School	W-L	Pts	Pv
1. Channahon (7)	8-0	27	1
2. Oakton (7)	8-0	27	2
3. Simon	7-1	26	3
4. Prairie Ridge	7-1	26	4
5. Alton	7-1	26	5
6. York	7-1	26	6
7. Prospect	6-2	24	7
8. Cary-Grove	6-2	24	8
9. Naperville West	6-2	24	9
10. Fox Lake Central	6-2	24	10

Others receiving votes: Lenox 4, Yorkville 4, Woodstock 1.

### CLASS 3A

School	W-L	Pts	Pv
1. East St. Louis (8)	9-0	27	1
2. Stirling	8-0	27	2
3. Wilmette	7-1	26	3
4. Bedford-DeKalb	7-1	26	4
5. Menard	7-1	26	5
6. Sycamore	7-1	26	6
7. St. Rita	6-2	24	7
8. Bushong	6-2	24	8
9. Carol Dale	6-2	24	9
10. Braidwood	6-2	24	10

Others receiving votes: Carol Dale 4, Joliet 4, Morton 2.

### CLASS 2A

School	W-L	Pts	Pv
1. St. Francis (7)	8-0	27	1
2. Glenview (7)	8-0	27	2
3. Glenview East	7-1	26	3
4. St. Francis	7-1	26	4
5. St. Rita	7-1	26	5
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Others receiving votes: St. Rita 4, St. Rita 4, St. Rita 4.

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## Boys soccer

### Tuesday's results

Class 1A sectional

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Scoring — TC: Hooker (header), Day.

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## Blazers claim all-conference honors

Viviana Sanfilippo (left) and Maddie Ford of the Addison Trail girls cross country team earned all-conference distinction with their strong performances in Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at O'Brien Park in Downers Grove. Sanfilippo, a junior, completed the 3-mile race in an eighth-place time of 18 minutes, 54.7 seconds. Ford, a sophomore, crossed the finish line in an 11th-place time of 20 minutes, 8.1 seconds. The top 16 finishers in the meet, which included 41 individuals, earned all-conference medals. The Blazers placed fifth in the team standings of the six-team meet. Sanfilippo and Ford will lead Addison Trail in this Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Glenbard West Regional at Camera Park in Glendale Heights.

## Addison Trail girls volleyball team overcoming challenges Blazers headed toward 20-win barrier

By Mike Miazga  
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The Addison Trail girls volleyball infirmary has been getting a workout lately.

Coach Dan Styler reports sickness has been slowing down the Blazers. "It's been a bit of challenge the last few weeks," he said. "We've been unhealthy with colds and stomach flu. We're a little shaky health-wise lately."

However, Styler has been impressed with how his team has fought through that adversity. "Despite the sickness we have seen a lot of bright spots with our play on the floor," he said.

The Blazers were 18-10 overall and 4-1 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play through late last week. Downers Grove South is on track to win the WSC Gold title and Addison Trail's match earlier this week with Hinsdale South decided the conference runner-up position.

"Our defensive pursuit has been really good the last few weeks," said Styler, noting one of the recent standout areas of play. "We are stretching some longer volleys with some

really gritty play. We are winning those rallies and grinding out points with that style of play."

Styler said the Blazers' offense continues to improve.

"There is still room for growth," he said. "We have done a very good job of diversifying the offense and engaging in a more balanced attack. On any day, any one of five players on the attack can lead us in kills. We have been opportunistic. On any given day, a different girl has been taking the lead. That has been another bright spot for us."

Addison Trail continues to be led by the likes of Jess D'Ambrose, along with Katrina Bielanski and Pauline Wirbicki at the libero position.

Styler also lauded the play of defensive specialist Nicole Bartosik and setter Amy Reyes.

"Nicole has been a steady influence for us at defensive specialist, and Amy has done a great job running our offense," he said. "She makes it tough for teams to play against us. She's been amazing."

Juniors Mia Johnson and Ally Severino also have improved.

"Our juniors Mia and Ally have taken a leap forward," said Styler. "They are going to have a great skill set where they can play multiple positions heading into their senior year. I have been really happy with their play as well."

Addison Trail faces Glenbard West in a WSC crossover match at home tonight. The Blazers are the No. 5 seed in the upcoming Class 4A Glenbard West sectional.

"We are playing some good teams down the stretch before regionals, which will only benefit us," said Styler. "The No. 5 seed in the sectionals is one of the better seeds we have had in several years here. Heading into the regionals, this is a great opportunity for us to make a splash and we are chipping away right now and building toward that."

Addison Trail opens Class 4A Addison Trail regional play at home Tuesday, Oct. 29 against No. 12 seed Wheaton North. The winner faces either No. 4 Downers Grove South or No. 13 Lake Park on Halloween for the regional title at Addison Trail.

## doubles title

By Mike Miazga  
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The Willowbrook girls tennis team wrapped up a positive first season under new coach Ed Delacruz.

The Warriors finished tied for six at Friday's and Saturday's 10-team IHSA Class 2A Lyons Township Sectional and had no individuals or doubles teams qualify for this week's state tournament.

"Our sectional is one of the toughest in the state for players to qualify with Hinsdale Central, Lyons Township, Downers Grove South, Downers Grove North, Glenbard East, York and Riverside-Brookfield to name a few," said Delacruz last week.

One week before the sectional Willowbrook competed in the West Suburban Gold Conference Meet. The Warriors entered the tournament with a 3-3 conference dual-meet record, and that coupled with its play at the league tournament resulted in them finishing fourth in the conference.

Willowbrook placed four players on the all-WSC Gold team. The No. 1 doubles team of seniors Maddie Brown and Ellie King won the WSC Gold No. 1 doubles title. Brown and King beat Downers Grove South in the semifinals and then downed Hinsdale South by an 11-9 count in the super-tiebreaker to win the conference title.

"Our senior combo of Maddie and Ellie shocked many coaches and players by beating Downers Grove South in the semis and then staying mentally tough in the final and saving four match points against Hinsdale South, coming back and winning 11-9 in the super-tiebreaker," said Delacruz.

Sophomore Penelope DeValle finished third at No. 1 singles to earn all-conference honors, while senior Ryley Goles took third at No. 3 singles, also earning all-conference accolades.

Willowbrook went 9-6 overall in duals this season. The Warriors won their annual District 88 tournament and took second at the Leyden quad.

"Next year, I will look forward to enhancing our schedule with more matches to be played at the beginning of the season," said Delacruz.

Looking back, Delacruz is thrilled with how his first season as the girls coach has unfolded.

"I have been coaching the boys for the last 10 years," he said. "This is my first season coaching the girls program and it has been nothing short of spectacular. The varsity girls really understand and are working hard to where I want to see this tennis program in the future. The support from the parents has been amazing as well where they are stating how much they have seen with improvement and with team chemistry, which is something I am big on."

Earlier this week, Delacruz held a player and parent/teacher tournament at the school, "to help finish off the season with a fun and positive atmosphere," he noted.

# Willowbrook girls cross country team second at WSC Gold race

## Girls volleyball team defeats Proviso East

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The Willowbrook girls cross country team placed second at Saturday's six-team West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at O'Brien Park in Downers Grove.

The Warriors finished with 75 points. Downers Grove South won the meet and the conference title with a perfect score of 15. The first seven runners to finish the meet were from Downers South.

Senior Madeleine Wilkie took 12<sup>th</sup> in the 3-mile race with her finishing time of 20 minutes, 13.3 seconds. Junior Melissa Martinez placed 13<sup>th</sup> at 20:29.2. Junior Daylee Braden finished 16<sup>th</sup> at 20:42.9, while senior Michelle Villalobos claimed 18<sup>th</sup> at 20:51.5. Freshman Amelia

Barrington (20:54.3) and sophomore Lily Weder (20:55.9) placed 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

Willowbrook's pack time from Wilkie to Weder was 42.6 seconds.

### Girls golf

Willowbrook sophomore Emma Rattana tied for 39<sup>th</sup> at the Class 2A Hoffman Estates Sectional, held Oct. 14 at the Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club (par-70, 5,300 yards).

Seeking to earn her second straight berth in the IHSA Class 2A state meet, Rattana shot an 18-hole score of 98 at the sectional and did not qualify for this year's state event. Rattana qualified for the sectional with an 82 at the Class 2A Glenbard East regional on Oct. 10.

### Girls volleyball

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team moved to 2-3 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play with a 25-13, 25-13 home win over Proviso East on Oct. 15.

Freshman Natalie Cipriano had five kills. Junior Sofia Espinosa added one ace and eight digs. Sophomore Katie Linnig had two aces, four digs and 10 assists. Senior Payton Ceh recorded three kills, one ace, 12 digs and one assist. Junior Noelle Faulk finished with three kills and one dig. Sophomore Kyla Ostrowski had three kills and two digs. Junior Grace Reckamp registered two kills, three aces, three digs and 10 assists. Junior Stephanie Dasbach had six kills.

On Oct. 16, Willowbrook downed Oak Lawn 25-14, 25-18 in the Lincoln-Way Central Invitational. Cipriano had five kills and one dig. Linnig recorded 10 digs and 12 assists. Ceh totaled two kills, 21 digs and three assists. Senior Alondra Mendoza had two kills and one assist. Faulk had one kill and two digs. Ostrowski had three kills and seven digs. Reckamp had six kills, one ace, 10 digs and six assists, while Dasbach had six kills.

The Warriors earned another win at the Lincoln-Way Central Invite, beating the Lincoln-Way Central JV team 25-14, 25-9.

Linnig had one kill, nine aces, 10 digs and six assists. Ceh had two kills, two aces, nine digs and two assists.

Junior Alejandra Lopez had one ace and seven digs. Reckamp had eight kills, three digs and two assists.

Willowbrook played three more matches at the Lincoln-Way Central Invite on Saturday. The Warriors suffered losses to Lincoln-Way East, Homewood-Flossmoor and Joliet West. Willowbrook finished in eighth place in the 16-team invitational. Ceh was named to the all-tournament team.

The Warriors held an overall record of 18-15 at the end of Saturday's play.

Willowbrook is the No. 10 seed in the IHSA Class 4A Glenbard West Sectional. The Warriors head to Elmhurst on Oct. 29. They will face



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The Willowbrook girls cross country team competed in Saturday West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at O'Brien Park in Downers Grove. The Warriors earned a second-place finish in the team standings of the six-team meet. Downers Grove South, which swept the top seven spots in the individual standings, won the team title with 15 points. Willowbrook posted a team score of 75 points. Senior Madeleine Wilkie (above) of the Warriors finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the individual standings of the 3-mile race. Willowbrook Junior Melissa Martinez (below) placed 13<sup>th</sup>. Wilkie, Martinez and Junior Daylee Braden (16<sup>th</sup> place) earned all-conference medals by placing among the top 16 individual runners. The Warriors will compete in this Saturday IHSA Class 3A Glenbard West Regional at Camera Park in Glendale Heights.



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## Third place at the conference meet

Dylan Moran of the Addison Trail boys cross country team ran to a third-place finish in Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at O'Brien Park in Downers Grove. The meet featured 45 individual runners. A junior, Moran completed the 3-mile race



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# A defensive dandy

## Payton Ceh has been a longtime key cog for the Willowbrook girls volleyball team

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The libero position on the volleyball court is one of the sport's most important.

And the Willowbrook girls volleyball team has enjoyed a longtime gem manning that key defensive position in senior Payton Ceh, a four-year varsity performer.

"I love how the libero impacts the rest of the court and I love being a leader on and off the court all the time," Ceh said.

Ceh noted being a leader hasn't always come naturally.

"I started playing the sport super-young, but being a leader wasn't very easy," she said. "I have grown into that role a lot, and it's become pretty easy for me now. I like being a leader and helping people around me."

"I like being the person people go to when they need help. Being a leader and being a libero and wearing the different-colored uniform shirt helps me be vocal and be more out-going on the court."

Ceh started playing volleyball at the age of four. Her mom, Brooke, is a

longtime coach in the Westmont High School girls volleyball program.

"She brought me to practices and I watched all the girls played and enjoyed it," Ceh said. "I got to play with older girls and enjoyed it."

Ceh said the key to being a good libero is being on alert at all times.

"You always have to be prepared for everything," she said. "And most definitely, you have to be a leader out there. Libero is probably the second most difficult position on the court behind the setter."

Ceh, who plays club volleyball for New Wave out of Westmont, said her development over the years can be chalked up to the knowledge and teachings of many.

"I have had some different perspectives with coaching," she said. "My mom and her friends have helped me and I have had a lot of other coaches at every age level who have impacted my career."

During a match, Ceh said there are few better feelings than bringing a hard-hit ball up.

"It's the feeling of helping your team out when you get that ball up,

especially against a good team," she said. "It doesn't matter where it goes, as long as you get the ball up. It's a feeling of the passion I have for the sport and it's why I love the game so much."

Ceh would like to play the sport in college, and would like to study to be a nurse or something in the physical therapy realm.

"I have always wanted to be in the medical field," she said. "Being able to help people is a good feeling."

Ceh said she's enjoyed her senior season at Willowbrook because of the way the players interact with each other. "I like how we have a lot of different grade levels," she said. "We have freshman, sophomore, junior and senior. We have been able to connect."

In the "surprising fact about me" department, Ceh said her persona on the court is different than when she is away from the gym.

"Usually, I'm not that outgoing," she said with a laugh. "When I'm on the court, it's a lot different. I feel more comfortable. It's my place where I can do my thing."



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## Fast Warrior

Junior Tyler King posted the Willowbrook boys cross country team's best finish in Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at O'Brien Park in Downers Grove. King completed the 3-mile race in a sixth-place time of 16 minutes, 9.3 seconds. King earned all-conference distinction by placing among the top 16 individuals in the race, which featured 45 runners. Willowbrook placed fourth in the team standings of the seven-team meet. Senior Brandon Heselton (17:03.3), finished 21<sup>st</sup>, while juniors Ben Cunneen (17:09.7) and Thomas Florey (17:37.7) placed 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Junior Nick Leo (18:07.6) finished 36<sup>th</sup> to complete the Warriors' team score of 114. Senior Liam Riesen (18:57.6) and Junior Jake Murray (19:51.4) rounded out Willowbrook's varsity lineup at the conference meet. The Warriors will run in this Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Glenbard West Regional at Camera Park in Glendale Heights.

## Week 9 football previews

**Proviso East (6-2, 4-1) at Willowbrook (7-1, 5-0)**

**When:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Willowbrook High School, Villa Park

**Last week:** Proviso East 14, Proviso West 8, Willowbrook 44, Morton 0

**Last year:** Willowbrook 40, Proviso East 7

**Outlook:** Proviso East, a long-struggling squad, finds itself having gone from 2-7 a year ago and 0-9 in 2017, to heading to Villa Park Friday to play for the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title. A Willowbrook win gives the Warriors their third outright WSC Gold title in a row (and third undefeated conference season in a row), while a Proviso East win means the two teams share the title. Proviso East lost to Lyons Township 31-20 on the road in Week 2 and also dropped a 39-23 game to Downers Grove South in Week 4 (Willowbrook defeated Downers South 32-15 in Week 3). The Pirates are on a four-game winning streak. Heading into Week 8, Pro-

viso East had played only one team with a winning record (Downers Grove South, which was 4-3 after 7 games). A Willowbrook win will only further cement another home playoff game next week. Willowbrook's playoff foe will be revealed Saturday night. Proviso East will be in the state playoffs for the first time since 2006 and only third time in program history. Willowbrook is looking for its 18<sup>th</sup> conference win in a row.

**Fenton (2-6, 2-6) at South Elgin (7-1, 7-1)**

**When:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** South Elgin High School, South Elgin

**Last week:** East Aurora 28, Fenton 21, Bartlett 17, South Elgin 14

**Last year:** Did not play

**Outlook:** Fenton closes out the season on the road against a South Elgin team that needs to win to capture at least a share of the Upstate Eight Conference title. South Elgin came into its Week 8 game against Bartlett having gone 7-0 and outscoring its first seven foes

by a combined 378-7 mark, which included scores of 65-0, 57-0, 47-0, 63-0, 35-7, 48-0 and 63-0. Fenton has lost six in a row since winning its first two contests of the season.

**Morton (0-5, 0-5) at Addison Trail (1-7, 1-4)**

**When:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Addison Trail High School, Addison

**Last week:** Willowbrook 44, Morton 0, Addison Trail 26, Hinsdale South 13

**Last year:** Morton 13, Addison Trail 0

**Outlook:** Addison Trail went on the road last week and earned its first win of the season in Darien against Hinsdale South.

The Blazers have a key opportunity here to end their season on a high note with a two-game winning streak against a Morton team that has only scored more than 10 points twice this season and has been held to six or less points four times (3 shutouts). Morton is 3-23 over the last three seasons, while the Blazers are 6-20.

## Warriors run winning streak to seven by pounding Morton 44-0

*A win over Proviso East would close out a third straight undefeated conference season*

The Willowbrook football team improved to 7-1 overall and 5-0 in the West Suburban Gold Conference with Friday's overwhelming 44-0 victory at Morton.

The Warriors scored all of their points during the first half.

Senior quarterback Sam Tumilty threw four touchdown passes. Tumilty connected with senior Everett Stubblefield on three touchdown throws. Tumilty also fired a scoring pass to senior Deandre Holliday. Tumilty and senior Ta'Vion Geanes added rushing touchdowns for Willowbrook against Morton, which fell to 0-8 overall and 0-5 in the conference.

Willowbrook has won seven

straight games since losing its season opener to Providence Catholic. The Celtics defeated the Warriors 14-7 in a non-conference meeting in Villa Park on Aug. 30.

The Warriors, who have clinched a 2019 post-season berth, can finish off their third straight unblemished conference season with a victory in this Friday's regular-season finale. Willowbrook will face Proviso East (6-2 overall, 4-1 in the conference) in a conference game in Villa Park.

The Warriors won the 2017 and 2018 conference titles with perfect 6-0 records.

Willowbrook has already clinched a share of this year's conference championship.