

Marquel Saleek stands out in Willowbrook's loss

By CHRIS CASEY
For Shaw Media

ST. CHARLES — Marquel Saleek did all that he could.

The Willowbrook senior guard was coming off a triple-double performance with 29 points earlier in the week and had his team in the St. Charles East Ron Johnson Thanksgiving Tournament championship game.

While the Warriors came up short in a 75-60 defeat to West Suburban Conference foe Proviso East, there's a certain level of patience from Willowbrook about the group's first loss of the season.

"Basketball is just a game of momentum," said Saleek, who was named tournament MVP after a 26-point performance Nov. 27. "[Proviso East] grabbed the momentum after halftime and I think they did a good job. They're good competitors and we're excited that we get to play them two more times in conference. We'll be ready for it."

Despite committing 14 of its 26 turnovers in the first half, Willowbrook (2-1) did what it could to control the tempo against Proviso East's constant pressure defense.

Saleek scored 10 of the Warriors' 26 first-half points as his group took a two-point lead into the break.

However, the third quarter turned out to be another story. Proviso East's Jaloni Johnson scored 15 of his game-high 27 points in the third quarter, all 15 of the points coming consecutively for the Pirates (4-0).

Johnson's three straight 3-pointers turned a one-point Willowbrook lead into a 45-39 advantage for the Pirates. Willowbrook did not lead at any point in the game after that outburst.

"I think when you have a player like Jaloni with the experience he has ... I think he sensed that we needed a lift offensively," Proviso East coach Donnie Boyce said. "I thought Willowbrook did a good job of controlling the tempo [in the first half]. I think most teams don't want to get in an up-and-down game with us. We just had to

be patient and I think we got going [after halftime]."

The Pirates outscored Willowbrook 27-17 in the third quarter and started the fourth quarter on a 10-4 run to pull away for the tournament championship.

Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins thought his team lacked patience in the second half, but knew that was the danger of playing Proviso East with a team that is just starting to get to full strength.

"I think Proviso East's intensity went up another level and that sped us up a bit," Perkins said. "We had a three or four-minute stretch where we had a lot of turnovers and they were in the backcourt getting easy layups. They fed off that energy and we struggled to get the momentum back on our side."

"We've only had our team essentially for one week since football just ended. We're certainly not looking at peak at this time of the year, but we're just starting to develop our identity. I think tonight was a good parameter of the level of intensity we need to play with come [West Suburban Conference] time."

Willowbrook failed to have a second scorer in double figures. Noah Campbell (seven points) and Evan Stubblefield (three points, 13 rebounds) contributed for the Warriors in the loss.

Proviso East's Javon Johnson (15 points) and Dakari Presley (11 points) joined Jaloni Johnson in double figures.

While Saleek and the Warriors would have liked to have hoisted the holiday tournament's first-place trophy, they have bigger goals in mind when they see the Pirates again.

"We'd much rather have a conference championship than a Thanksgiving tournament championship," Saleek said. "That was one of our goals at the beginning of the season and we'll be ready to go next time we see them."

Willowbrook and Proviso East play at Proviso East on Jan. 21 and at Willowbrook on Feb. 12.



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Willowbrook's Marquel Saleek drives to the basket against Proviso East's Javon Johnson during the St. Charles East Ron Johnson Thanksgiving Tournament championship game Nov. 27 at St. Charles East High School.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MARQUEL SALEEK

Willowbrook, senior, basketball

Why Saleek was selected: Saleek had a triple-double with 29 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists in an 88-69 win over St. Charles East and scored 26 points in a 75-60 loss to Proviso East in the championship game of the St. Charles East Ron Johnson Thanksgiving Tournament. Saleek was the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Saleek was voted by readers as the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week.

Here is his interview with Sports Editor Joshua Welge.

Welge: How did you feel about the team's first week of the season?

Saleek: I feel like we learned a lot. Even in the first game, we were down and then we came back. It was a learning lesson. We have guys who had never played on the varsity level or a big stage like a championship game. I feel like in a loss like we had, you gain more knowledge. Monday was a hard practice, we locked in, I feel like it might not have been the same had we lost. We were more focused than usual.

Welge: I heard that Proviso game was pretty intense. What did you learn about your team in that game?

Saleek: I feel like we have the ability to win those types of games. It made us realize some of the errors that we need to correct. We have the ability to make shots and the ability to dribble the ball, but when things speed up and get intense, we have to learn how to play in that kind of game. I would rather that it be earlier in the year rather than later in the year.

Welge: Did you realize you were close to a triple-double against St. Charles East?

Saleek: I'm a winner, I play to win. I'm just doing whatever my team needs me to

do to win. I never go into a game looking for stats. When I found out I had a triple-double, it was kind of crazy. I'm only 6-foot-1, 6-2. It's rare for 6-10 guys to get double-digit rebounds. For a guy like me, I'm a little over 6-foot, it's crazier. I get rebounds naturally. I do whatever my team needs me to do. It was crazy, though. I thought my coach was lying when he told me.

Welge: Willowbrook has had some pretty good guards in recent years such as Everett Stubblefield and Alonzo Verge. Are you looking to try to follow those guys?

Saleek: Everett, we're close, we're friends, I would play against him growing up. Alonzo Verge is a little more distant in our age. We didn't live in the neighborhood at the time he was playing here, but everybody knew about him to this day. I would watch the old games. Growing up with Evan, I take some of his moves and certain things he does.

Welge: Who are some favorite players you like to watch?

Saleek: My favorite player is probably Ja Morant or Chris Paul. Ja, he's quick, in high school he was under the radar on some levels. I feel I have the same type of story. Chris Paul is probably the smartest player that's ever played basketball.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 205

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 for 2021 will be held on December 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the District Administrative Center; 162 South York, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Christopher P. Whelton, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; 162 South York, Elmhurst, Illinois; telephone number: (630) 617-2312.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2020 were \$117,164,948.42.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$120,985,000.00. This represents a 3.26% increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$10,973,564.11.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$15,730,788.25. This represents a 43.35% increase over the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended for 2020 were \$128,138,512.53. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$136,715,788.25. This represents a 6.69% increase over the previous year.

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District 88 Board of Education vice president honored

Dan Olson achieves Master recognition from ISAB

According to District 88, Board of Education Vice President Daniel Olson has achieved Level 1 Master Board Member recognition by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). His achievement was celebrated during the Nov. 15 Board of Education meeting.

The IASB recognizes board members through the Master Board Member program for the time and effort they devote to IASB leadership activities and service to the public education community.

Olson has served on the District 88 Board of Education since April 2019 and has been Vice



Dan Olson

President since April 2021.

During his time on the Board, Olson has been on the following District 88 Board of Education committees: Finance, Employee Recognition, Foundation, Technology Planning, Behavioral Interventions, Building and Grounds, Citizen Advisory Councils, Board Scholarship, Evaluation/Compensation, Negotiations, Policy and LEND.

Olson's connection to District 88 goes beyond serving as a board member – he also is a parent of three sons who are Willowbrook graduates, and he served as a board member on the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club.

Olson was honored for his accomplishment during the IASB DuPage Division Meeting on Oct. 21 in Glen Ellyn.

Handicap parking spaces to be monitored at malls

Secretary of State Jesse White announced that Secretary of State Police will be conducting parking stings at shopping malls statewide throughout the holiday season and ticketing individuals who illegally park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

"Our mission is not to issue tickets, but to ensure that accessible parking spaces are available to those who need them," said White. "Parking illegally in a space reserved for people with disabilities means a possible driver's license suspension and a hefty fine, money which could otherwise be used on gifts. Remember, if you don't belong there, don't park there."

Drivers caught misusing a placard face a six-

month driver's license suspension and a \$600 fine. Repeat violators will face a one-year driver's license suspension and a \$750 fine for a second offense; for third or subsequent offenses, violators will face a \$1,000 fine plus a one-year driver's license revocation. The fine for parking in an accessible parking space without a disability placard or disability license plates can be up to \$350. Using a deceased person's placard or a fraudulent placard can result in a \$2,500 fine and one-year revocation of a driver's license.

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Willowbrook's principal receives honor from the Illinois Principals Association

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High School Principal Dr. Dan Krause recently received the 2021 Herman Graves Award from the Illinois Principals Association (IPA). The award, which is sponsored by Horace Mann Companies, was established in 1991 to recognize outstanding service to the IPA.

Herman Graves was selected as the first honoree, and the award was established because of the intrinsic contributions he made to the associ-



Dr. Dan Krause

ation and his enthusiasm for the profession. Regional winners are chosen from the 21 regional areas of the IPA. From these elite administrators, a state winner is chosen by a committee composed of IPA past presidents.

"Dr. Krause is an exceptional leader," said Dr. Jason Leahy, IPA Executive Director. "His thoughtful, level-headed manner served his students and learning organization well, but it was critical to helping the IPA navigate the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Krause's efforts helped ensure the IPA was on strong footing to provide continuous support to our members over the last 18-plus months."

Krause has been a member of the IPA for 19 years. During that time, he has served on the IPA Board of Directors as President during the 2019-20 school year, State Director on the IPA Board of Directors, Region Board Member and Awards Chairperson for the DuPage Region. He has participated in the IPA Professional Development Committee and planning committees for the IPA Annual Education Leaders Conference. Krause also has represented the IPA at the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Advocacy Conference, has presented at numerous IPA and NASSP conferences and participated in the State

Superintendent's Principal Advisory Committee.

Locally, Krause has served as lead facilitator for the DuPage County High School Principal Collaborative to support the work of leaders throughout the region and beyond in their school improvement initiatives. The program has become a recognized Administrator Academy by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and, through a partnership with University of Illinois Chicago, participation has expanded to more than 30 education leaders in five IPA regions.

Krause also has been recognized as a finalist for the Golden Apple Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award (2016), IPA DuPage Region High School Principal of the Year (2013), ISBE's "Those Who Excel" and a previous ISBE Technology Literacy Grant Recipient.

Krause began his career in 1995 as a math teacher at Alan B. Shepard High School. He continued teaching at Niles North High School and eventually served as Director of Mathematics and Science for Niles Township High School District 219. From 2000 to 2002, Krause served as Division Chairperson for Mathematics and Applied Technology at Victor J. Andrew High School. Since 2002, Krause has served as an administrator in DuPage High School District 88. He was an Assistant Principal at Addison Trail and Willowbrook and has been Principal of Willowbrook since 2007.

Krause resides in New Lenox with

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Craft fair at Willowbrook

The Willowbrook Parent Organization (WPO) held its fifth Craft Fair in the Villa Park school's field house on Nov. 13. About 1,000 people attended the event, which featured 89 vendors. Proceeds from the WPO Craft Fair will benefit Willowbrook students through scholarships and other support needs.



Joyful Traditions in Villa Park returns in 2021

Large crowds
expected at
Saturday's event

Villa Park's annual Joyful Traditions celebration will take place Saturday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. The event, which is co-sponsored by the Village of Villa Park and the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce, will be held near the Ringard Gazebo along the Illinois Prairie Path, just west of Ardmore Avenue.

The regular Joyful Traditions gathering did not take place last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's in-person event will offer the usual attractions, including a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Children and their families will be able to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and pose for photos under the gazebo.

This year's Joyful Traditions attractions also include trolley rides, a petting zoo, a S'more station, food sales and caroling from members of the Willowbrook High School Concert Choir.



Hello, Villa Park calling. We need to get an overpass or underpass for the train tracks. The length of the freight trains is extremely long for safety purposes. We need to allow people to get through. Perhaps we can contact Union Pacific and maybe they'd be willing to help defray the costs of an overpass or underpass, because they're certainly profiting by the movement of freight on these lines. Thank you.

Whether or not you agree with the Kyle Rittenhouse verdict, I find it hard to understand why many people give him a pass if, for nothing else, those killed were "bad" people—as if he did society a favor by killing them. Kyle had no way of knowing what they had done, so that makes no sense. Are you not becoming judge, jury and executioner yourselves? So, these people deserved to die because they had criminal backgrounds? There is no logic in this line of thinking.

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his wife Katie, who serves as Assistant Superintendent for Consolidated High School District 230. He received his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, his Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Northeastern Illinois University and his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Loyola University Chicago. Krause also holds a Chief School Business

A radio commentator got it right on the money when he said, and I paraphrase, that the mainstream media, CNN, MSNBC and the like, only get it right when they issue a correction about what they got wrong.

To the caller who told someone to pay their real estate taxes online, that may be fine for you, but not everyone has access to do that online or knows how to do it. It now seems we are at the mercy of the U.S. Postal Service to get our mail from here to there, and from there to here.

Now I'm hearing about some new COVID-19 variant in South Africa that appears to be spreading. Stay tuned to CNN—I call it FNN, the Fauci News Network—for more fear and panic updates from Dr. Fraud-ci.

I read that the Winfield school district is suing the city because of a new tax increment financing district, or TIF. They want their share of the tax pie, but a TIF will not take anything away; it just won't add a slice. It seems they are not thinking of the big picture that development will benefit the district in the long run. But in the short term, the people of Winfield will have to cough up money twice: to pay for the district's lawyers and Winfield's lawyers, not to mention other costs of going to court. With money going to schools accounting for well over 50 percent of our property tax bills (and even not much of that going into the classroom), I find this to be nothing short of greed.

I was looking at the sports pages, and noticing photos of the basketball players wearing masks. All the players I saw in the photos are wearing masks under their noses, and some of them have the masks under their chins. This is a stupid rule anyway. How can anyone breathe with one of those things on playing a physically demanding sport like basketball? NBA and college basketball players don't wear masks at all.

Kudos to Naperville Mayor Steve Chirico for pointing out the obvious fact that none of Illinois' neighboring states have a mask mandate. If masks were so effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19, shouldn't our state be much better off than the others? It isn't. Pritzker needs to drop his useless mandate.

Remember when the media

was going on and on about high COVID-19 case rates in Florida? Guess what? Those rates in Florida have plummeted, but they've shot up in states like New York. Where is the media now? Are they trying to blame every COVID-19 related death on New York's governor? Of course not, because she's a Democrat.

Hello, Speak Out. I heard Dollar Tree is officially raising prices to \$1.25 for most of their products. Good thing those of us on Social Security are getting a 5.9 percent raise next year. That should help me cover the cost of those bags of pork rinds I get there.

Socialism and freebies are great until you run out of other people's money and you have to resort to communism, where you work for the government and ultimately a dictatorship. Check out Cuba or Venezuela for a prototype example. Take a stand now before it's too late.

Have you heard about all the looting in the San Francisco Bay Area lately? This is what happens when a woke leftist state like California passes a referendum that makes it a misdemeanor, instead of a felony, for shoplifting as long as the property stolen does not exceed \$950. That referendum was called California Proposition 47.

I'm happy with the jury's decision to acquit Kyle Rittenhouse. He should have never been charged in the first place. He had every right to defend himself. The people who

attacked him were not good people. Do some research on the people who attacked him.

Did you notice that Biden celebrated a press conference with prime minister of Canada and president of Mexico when the leaders of both of our neighboring nations were in Washington, D.C. recently? Biden didn't give a rat for the cancellation, but it's pretty obvious. Biden makes so many flubs and blunders when he speaks extemporaneously. If he had lowered through with the press conference, someone might have actually asked him a reasonable question, including a question about southern border. Biden, who supposedly received over 80 million votes one year ago, can't stand front of cameras and appear to be capable or coherent. What a show.

I noticed Lori Lightfoot, Governor Billionaire issued statements on the Rittenhouse verdict. Both were critical of the verdict. What a shock. The verdict didn't fit the regressive leftist narrative of Rittenhouse peddled by CNN and MSNBC which I'm sure Lightfoot and the billionaire too agreed with. I can almost bet that they watched one second of the trial.

So Joe Biden released 50 million barrels of oil from the strategic reserve, thinking this will bring down gas prices. The U.S. has around 18 million barrels of oil a day, so this is all smoke and mirrors because that's less than a three supply. Nice try, Joe.

Obituary

Dale Schneider, 73

Dale Schneider, of Twin Lakes, Wis., passed away recently at the age of 73. Beloved husband of Christine Schneider, nee Jurich; loving father of Amanda (Jason) Plohr, stepfather of Charlie Walsh, Lisa (Jamal) Fomby, Michael Walsh; dear son of the late Betty Ann and the late Harold Schneider; devoted step-grandfather of Brooke Williams, Jamal Fomby Jr., Jack Walsh, Ryan Walsh, Alexis Fomby; fond brother of Janet (Jon)

Knuth; fond uncle of Cate Lynn; funeral mass was held Monday, 12/29 to St. Pius X Church, 102 Madison St., Lombard. Interment at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Memo to St. Jude Children Hospital, <http://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-jude.html> are appreciated. Arrangements provided by Steuerele Chis, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. Information, visit steuerlefh.com call 630-832-4161.

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so East and played for the Pirates during his freshman season, said the Warriors were ready for Proviso East's full-court defense and up-tempo offense.

"It was one of those things," said Saleek after Saturday's loss. "I feel like we were ready for it, but they [the Pirates] just did better on defense tonight than we did on offense. It was a good game. We play them two more times. We're looking forward to it."

The Warriors trailed Westinghouse 56-48 through three quarters of last week's first-round game at St. Charles East's tournament. Willowbrook trailed Westinghouse 69-62 with less than 2:30 to play in the game, but the Warriors unleashed a late rally to earn an exciting victory.

Saleek scored a basket with about one minute remaining to break a 69-69 tie and give the Warriors a 71-69 lead. Saleek made a pair of free throws to push Willowbrook's lead

to 73-69 with 17 seconds to play. Simmons extended the lead to 75-69 when he made two free throws with 10.9 seconds on the clock.

Saleek scored 27 points and grabbed eight rebounds in Willowbrook's season-opening win over Westinghouse. Campbell provided 13 points, while Simmons scored 12 points. Sobieszczyk and Walker both contributed seven points.

Willowbrook trailed St. Charles East 21-20 through one quarter of last week's battle, which took place the night before Thanksgiving. Willowbrook led the Saints 46-40 at halftime. The Warriors outscored St. Charles East 25-11 during the third quarter to take a 71-51 lead.

St. Charles East drained 13 shots from 3-point range during last week's game against Willowbrook. The Warriors made four 3-point shots in the battle. Willowbrook sank 30 shots from inside the 3-point arc. The Saints

made nine 2-point shots during the Nov. 23 contest.

Willowbrook converted 16 of 28 free-throw attempts, while the Saints made nine of 25 shots from the foul line.

Saleek drained 11 of 18 shots from the field and converted seven of 10 free-throw attempts to deliver 29 points in Willowbrook's win over the Saints. Saleek also pulled down a team-leading 15 rebounds in the game.

Walker, who made nine of 11 field goal attempts, scored 19 points in the Warriors' win over St. Charles East. Tumity, who made four of six shots from 3-point range, supplied 14 points. Campbell added 10 points.

The Warriors will begin their West Suburban Gold Conference season with this Friday's home game against Hinsdale South. Willowbrook will play a non-conference home game against Deerfield on Saturday.

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Willowbrook held a 31-13 halftime lead over Lockport. The Warriors maintained a 41-21 advantage at the end of the third quarter. The Porters scored more points in the fourth quarter (28) than they did during the previous three quarters.

Calli Kenny scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the Warriors' win over East Aurora on Nov. 23. Hannah Kenny also scored 14 points in the victory. Sullivan and Bruschuk contributed 12 and 11 points, respectively. Junior Rimon Kari scored seven points.

Willowbrook outscored East Aurora 33-4 during the second quarter to take a commanding 49-12 lead at halftime.

"We looked really tired yesterday [against Lockport], and we came back with a lot more energy today," said Willowbrook coach Terry Harrell after the Warriors' Nov. 23 victory over East Aurora. "We stepped up defensively,

"We looked really tired yesterday (against Lockport), and we came back with a lot more energy today."

—Terry Harrell
Willowbrook coach

and we made shots. We haven't lost this tournament for awhile. It's a fight for us. We always have really good teams here. It's been a petite."

Willowbrook began its West Suburban Gold Conference season with this week's game at Addison Trail. Warriors' conference season continues with this Saturday's battle at Proviso East.

Warriors advance to title game in season-opening tournament

Proviso East beats Willowbrook to win the championship at St. Charles East; Saleek named tournament's MVP

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team started its 2021-22 season by winning three of four games and placing second in St. Charles East High School's Ron Johnson Thanksgiving Tournament. The Warriors faced a familiar opponent—West Suburban Gold Conference rival Proviso East—in Saturday evening's championship game. Proviso East defeated Willowbrook 75-60 in the first-place contest.

Senior Marquel Saleek of the Warriors was named the tournament's most valuable player. Willowbrook senior Terrell Walker was selected to the eight-team event's all-tournament team.

Willowbrook began the tournament by rallying for a 76-72 victory over Westinghouse on Nov. 22. Two days later, the Warriors beat St. Charles East 88-69. Willowbrook was supposed to face East Aurora in Friday's semifinal round, but the Tomcats had to forfeit, reportedly due to COVID-19 related absences.

Willowbrook led Proviso East 11-7 through one quarter of Saturday's championship game. The Warriors held a 26-24 halftime lead. The Pirates surged into the lead during the third quarter, when their full-court defensive pressure and accurate outside shooting tilted the game in their favor. Proviso East led the Warriors 51-43 at the end of the third quarter.

The Pirates made five shots from 3-point range during the third period, when they outscored the Warriors 27-17.

Proviso East extended its lead to as many as 18 points (72-54) late in the fourth quarter.

Saleek made eight of 17 field-goal attempts and converted all 10 of his shots from the free-throw line to score a team-leading 26 points for the Warriors in Saturday's loss to the Pirates. Saleek also contributed 10 rebounds. Senior Noah Campbell scored seven points for Willowbrook. Four Warriors—Walker, senior Alex Simmons, junior Joey Tumilty and



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The Willowbrook boys basketball team opened its season by advancing to the championship game of the eight-team Ron Johnson Thanksgiving Tournament at St. Charles East High School. Proviso East defeated the Warriors 75-60 in Saturday's title contest. Willowbrook opened the event with wins over Westinghouse and St. Charles East, followed by a forfeit victory over East Aurora. The Tomcats reportedly had to forfeit the game due to concerns related to COVID-19. Willowbrook senior Marquel Saleek (No. 3) was named the tournament's most valuable player. Saleek, who is pictured above during Saturday's game, led the Warriors in scoring in each of the team's three tournament games. Saleek scored 27 points against Westinghouse. He poured in 29 points against St. Charles East and provided 26 points in the championship game against Proviso East. Another photo from Saturday's game shows Willowbrook senior Terrell Walker (above right - No. 22), who was named to the all-tournament team. Also pictured on Saturday is senior Noah Campbell (right - No. 25). The Warriors will begin their West Suburban Gold Conference season with this Friday's home game against Hinsdale South.

junior Isaac Sobieszczyk—scored five points each.

"The momentum swung their [the Pirates'] way, and we struggled to get the momentum back on our side," said Willowbrook coach Chris Per-

kins after Saturday's game.

Perkins noted that the Warriors and Pirates will meet twice during the conference season. Willowbrook will play at Proviso East on Jan. 21. The Warriors will face the Pirates in



Villa Park on Feb. 12.

"I feel like it will be two completely different teams," said Perkins in referring to Willowbrook's upcoming conference games against Proviso East. "We still have some

work we have to do, but I think we have a really good team. We've just got to continue to improve."

Saleek, who used to attend Provi-

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Willowbrook's players are pictured with the championship plaque after their Nov. 23 victory over the Tomcats.

Warriors win title at their own Thanksgiving invite

Willowbrook claims championship at its holiday event for the first time in eight years

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls basketball team completed an undefeated 4-0 effort to win the title in its own five-team, round-robin Thanksgiving invitational last week. The Warriors improved their overall record to 5-0 with the four victories at their own holiday event. Willowbrook had not won the title at its own Thanksgiving invite since 2013.

Willowbrook opened the tournament with a win over Montini on Nov. 19, followed by a victory over Plainfield East on Nov. 20. The Warriors closed out the event with last week's wins over Lockport and East Aurora.

Willowbrook outscored Lockport 61-49 on Nov. 22. The Warriors fin-

ished their undefeated performance at the invite with a 70-43 victory over East Aurora on Nov. 23.

Two Warriors—senior Sophie Sullivan and freshman Hannah Kenny—were named to the event's all-tournament first team.

Sullivan scored a team-leading 16 points in the Warriors' Nov. 22 victory over Lockport. Sophomore Elle Bruschk provided eight points and 16 rebounds in the win over the Porters. Junior Sara Stout contributed seven points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Calli Kenny and junior Angie Lizasuain both scored seven points, while Hannah Kenny supplied six points.

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Warriors win title at Thanksgiving invite

The Willowbrook girls basketball team earned four straight victories to win the championship of its own five-team, round-robin Thanksgiving Invitational. The Warriors completed the invitational with last week's 70-43 win over East Aurora. Senior Sophie Sullivan (above - No. 1) and freshman Hannah Kenny (right - No. 10), who are pictured during Willowbrook's Nov. 20 win over Plainfield East, were named to the invitational's all-tournament first team. The Warriors improved their overall record to 5-0 with their four wins at the invitational. Willowbrook began its season with a win over Bartlett. The Warriors beat Montini, Plainfield East, Lockport and East Aurora during the holiday invitational. Willowbrook begins its West Suburban Gold Conference season with this week's games against Addison Trail and Proviso East.

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