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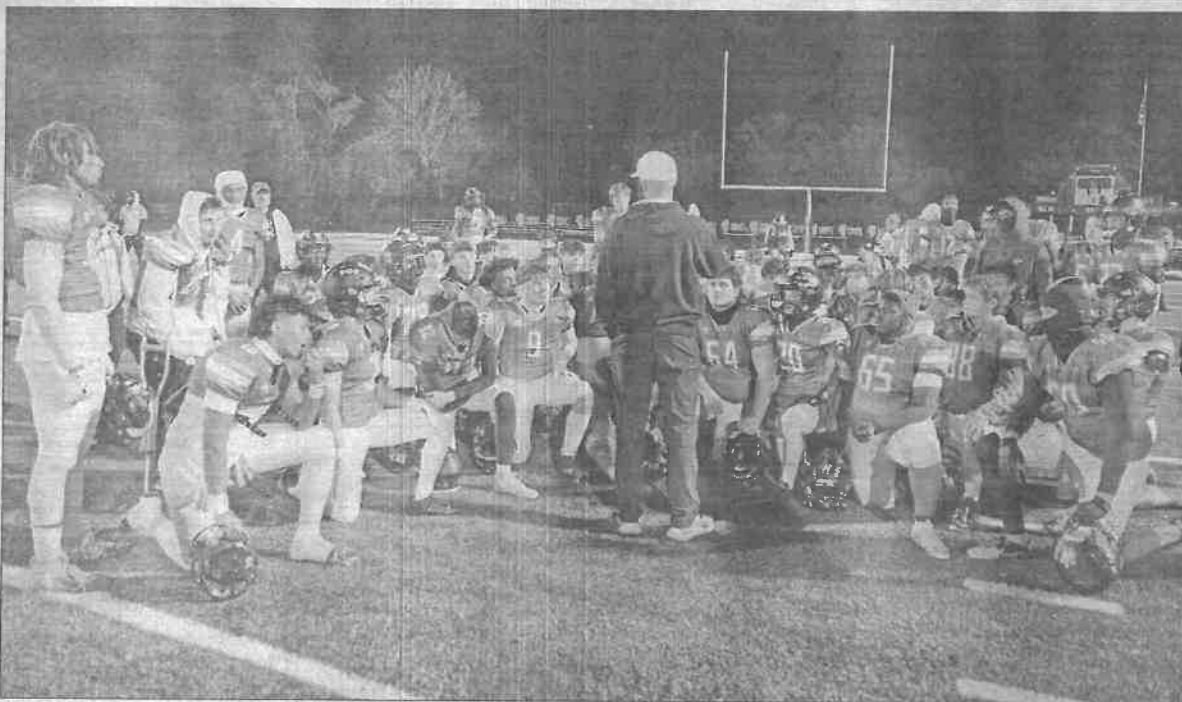
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The end of the road

Willowbrook High School's football team finished its 2024 season with Friday night's 21-9 loss to Saint Rita in an IHSA Class 7A second-round playoff game in Villa Park. The Warriors completed their season with an overall record of 7-4. Willowbrook lost three of its first four games to start its year with a 1-3 record. The Warriors then won six straight games before losing to Saint Rita. Willow-

brook head coach Nick Hildreth is pictured while speaking to the team after Friday's game. After Hildreth finished his comments, the team's seniors lined up at the goal line on the north side of the stadium's field. The Warriors' coaches and underclass players then walked along that goal line to meet with each of the seniors.

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Court grants state's motion to detain pre-trial Chicago man charged with robbing AutoZone at gunpoint

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Wheaton Chief of Police Princeton Youker have announced that Judge Robert Douglas has granted the state's motion to detain pre-trial a Chicago man accused of robbing a Wheaton AutoZone at gunpoint.

Elliot Thomas, 38, appeared at First Appearance Court and was charged with one count of armed robbery with a firearm, a Class X felony.

On Nov. 4, Wheaton police officers responded to a call of a man with

a gun at the AutoZone located in the 800 block of E. Roosevelt Road.

Following an investigation into the matter, it is alleged that an individual, later identified as Thomas, entered the AutoZone, selected a Duralast torque socket set valued at \$25.99 and exited the building.

It is alleged that when Thomas exited the store, he activated the door security sensors at which time a female employee asked him to come back in the store. It is further alleged that the employee followed Thomas outside the store and again asked him

to return to the store. It is further alleged that Thomas initially ignored the employee's request but then turned to the employee and told her in a threatening manner "you don't wanna know what I have in here."

It is alleged that Thomas then unzipped a cross-body bag he had on his person and showed the employee a pistol, later determined to be a loaded Stoeger STR-9, 9 mm pistol, with a fifteen-round magazine. It is alleged that Thomas then got into a 2002 Chevy Tahoe and fled the scene.

Glen Ellyn police located Thomas within minutes and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle during which officers allegedly found the loaded weapon inside the cross-body bag and the Duralast socket set inside the vehicle. Thomas was taken into custody at this time.

Thomas' next court appearance is scheduled for Dec. 2 for arraignment in front of Judge Mia McPherson. If found guilty, Thomas faces a sentence of between 21 to 45 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Willowbrook presents its fall musical this week

Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser before Friday's performance

The Willowbrook High School theater department will present its fall musical—"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"—this week. There will be performances of the musical on Thursday, Nov. 14, Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16. Each presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium.

The musical comedy follows a group of six adolescent children as they vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime.

Tickets cost \$10 for those 13 and older and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Admission is free for those with a District 88 student ID or a District 88 Senior Gold Card. Family passes will not be accepted.

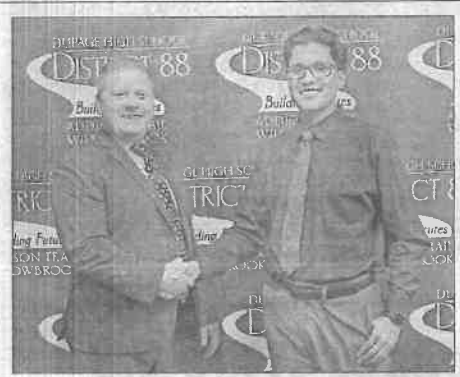
Tickets will be on sale at the box office, which will open 30 minutes

before each performance. Tickets can be ordered online at <https://www.dupage88.net/site/page/15745>.

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser before the performance of Friday night, Nov. 15. The dinner will take place from 5 to 6:45 p.m. at Willowbrook. Tickets for the dinner (tickets for the play are sold separately) are \$10 for adults, \$7 for teenagers and \$5 for children 6-12. Kids 5 and under can eat for free.

The spaghetti dinner at Willowbrook will include a gift card fundraiser at 6 p.m.

For more information about the musical, contact director Regina Wathier at rwathier@dupage88.net. For more information about the spaghetti dinner, visit kiwanisclubofvillapark.com.



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Ramirez named 88's Best for October

Willowbrook High School senior Oscar Ramirez was recently named his school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of October. Ramirez was honored during the District 88 Board of Education's Oct. 28 meeting. He is pictured (right) at that meeting with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left). The District 88 Board of Education and administration created the 88's Best award to recognize students at Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools for their achievements in and out of the classroom. Nine Addison Trail students and nine Willowbrook students receive the 88's Best award each school year. Krause read comments from some of Ramirez's teachers during the recent board meeting. Those teachers described Ramirez as bright, thoughtful, generous and kind. Ramirez has excelled academically during his time at Willowbrook. He is an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction, and he's been named to Willowbrook's Distinction Honor Roll in each semester of his high school career. Ramirez is a member of numerous honor societies, including the National Honor Society. He's also a standout member of Willowbrook's math team. Additionally, he is a member of the school's marching band. After he graduates from Willowbrook in 2025, Ramirez plans to study computer science and/or graphic design. His top two choices of future schools are the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Obituary

ROBERT DOLLINGER, 89

On Nov. 8, 2024, Robert Joseph Dollinger passed away.

Bob was born March 29, 1935, married to his beloved wife Sandra on Dec. 27, 1958 at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Aurora, Illinois. Robert attended St. Joseph Elementary School in Aurora, high school was spent at Marmion Military Academy in Aurora. Bob was the captain of the high school varsity basketball team. After graduation in 1953 from Marmion he enrolled at Northern Ill. University and received his BS in Industrial Education.

He then continued graduate school completing all but the last 6 hours of a doctorate degree. Robert was the loving husband to the late Sandra; a devoted father of Steven (Julie) Dollinger, Deborah "Dollinger" Stear, and Julie "Dollinger" (Albert) DeSalvo; and dear grandfather of Ryan (Allison) DeSalvo, Jacob and Christopher DeSalvo, Philip (Kelly) Dollinger, Crystal Stear and Daniel (Erin) Stear; great grandpa of Charlie and Benjamin DeSalvo, Ellery and Ainsley Stear and Caden Dollinger.

Robert was the son of Hildegard and Alferd Dollinger of Aurora, Ill. After Robert was discharged from the Army he married a beautiful, intelligent young lady from Aurora.

They moved to Villa Park, IL where he was teaching Industrial Arts at John Albright Middle School. Their three young children, Steven, Deborah, and Julie moved with them.

After Bob retired from teaching in 1990, Sandra started her Astorville Antique furniture business and retired in 2001. Robert and Sandra traveled 4 times to Ireland, 4 to Germany, Scotland, Jamaica and many U.S. states.

Robert is survived by his 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, a sister Joan Lutz of Aurora, a sister-in-law Suzanne Ellis of Aurora, a sister-in-law Linda Dollinger of Naperville, and brother and sister-in-law Paul Stear and Mary Stear of Florida.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, from 3:00 PM- 8:00 PM at Steuerle Chapel, 350 S. Ardmore Ave Villa Park, IL. Funeral was held Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024 beginning from the funeral home with prayers at 9:45 AM, to St. Alexander Catholic Church, 300 S Cornell Villa Park, IL, Mass 10:15 AM. Interment Private. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 are appreciated.

Funeral info: steuerlefh.com or (630) 832-4161.

Recycling event for political signs takes place this Friday and Saturday

DuPage County will hold a free sign recycling event for corrugated plastic/cardboard signs and metal stands, such as those used by many political campaigns, at the DuPage County government complex on Friday, Nov. 15, from 3 to 5:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

To drop off the signs and stands, enter through the DuPage County

government complex's main entrance at 421 N. County Farm, Wheaton, and follow the recycling event signage.

Only corrugated plastic and cardboard will be accepted. Metal stands must be separated from signs prior to drop-off.

For more information, call 630-407-6700, or email recycle@dupage-county.gov.

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Warriors close out season with 21-9 loss to Saint Rita

The Willowbrook football team's 2024 season came to an end with Friday's 21-9 loss to Saint Rita in an IHSA Class 7A second-round playoff game in Villa Park.

The Warriors, who opened their season with a 1-3 record, finished their year with a 7-4 record.

Saint Rita, which snapped Willowbrook's six-game winning streak with Friday's victory, improved to 9-2 and advanced to the Class 7A quarterfinal round. The Mustangs will play a post-season home game against Quincy (11-0) this Saturday in Chicago. The winner will face Mount Carmel or Normal's Community High School in the semifinal round.

"The effort is something to be proud of," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth while speaking about the Warriors after Friday's season-ending loss.

Senior Dean Romano gave Willowbrook a 3-0 lead over Saint Rita when he kicked a 46-yard field goal with 1:43 left in the first quarter.

The Warriors' fortunes took a downward turn when junior quarterback Jahonise Reed was injured early in the

second quarter and did not return to action. Reed was hit as he was throwing a pass, which floated in the air and was intercepted by the Mustangs.

Saint Rita took the lead with its 17-yard touchdown pass with 6:40 remaining in the second quarter. The extra-point kick gave the Mustangs a 7-3 lead.

Saint Rita missed a 26-yard field-goal attempt in the first quarter. The Mustangs missed a 36-yard field-goal try with less than 20 seconds left in the second quarter. Saint Rita missed two more field-goal attempts (from 43 and 47 yards) in the third quarter.

The Warriors' offense struggled without Reed. Senior receiver KJ Rhodes, who had never played quarterback in his life before Friday's game, took snaps at that position during the second half and absorbed a number of hits from the Saint Rita defense as he veaved around the field.

"You could quit and bail; these guys didn't," said Hildreth of the Warriors' performance after losing their starting quarterback in the second-round playoff game. "These guys continued to battle against one of the elite programs in the state."

The Mustangs added to their lead with a 13-yard touchdown run with 9:25 remaining in the game. The extra-point kick raised Saint Rita's lead to 14-3.

The Mustangs quickly added a defensive touchdown after hitting Rhodes and forcing a fumble. A Saint Rita player picked up the loose ball and ran 20 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point kick gave the Mustangs a 21-3 lead with 8:07 to play.

Willowbrook senior Charlie Siegler ran 53 yards for a touchdown with 38.8

seconds left in the game. The Warriors weren't able to execute the extra-point kick.

Hildreth noted that the Warriors advanced to the second round of the IHSA Class 7A playoffs after beginning the season with two straight losses. Willowbrook held a 1-3 record after its first four games. The Warriors then reeled off five straight victories to finish their regular season with a 6-3 record. Willowbrook opened the post-season with a Nov. 1 game at Rockton's Hononegah High School. One year ago, the Indians of Hononegah crushed the Warriors 44-0 in a second-round game in Rockton. In this year's matchup, Willowbrook built an early 17-0 lead that grew to 27-7 by halftime. The Warriors went on to beat Hononegah 40-21 to advance to Friday's second-round meeting against Saint Rita.



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The Willowbrook football team completed its season with Friday's 21-9 loss to Saint Rita in a second-round matchup in the IHSA Class 7A playoffs. The Warriors closed out their season with a 7-4 record. Saint Rita improved to 9-2 with its win over Willowbrook. The Mustangs will face Quincy in this week's quarterfinal contest. Willowbrook junior quarterback Jahonise Reed was injured during the second quarter of Friday's game. Senior receiver KJ Rhodes of the Warriors, who had never played at quarterback before, stepped in to play that position against Saint Rita. Rhodes (No. 0) is pictured during Friday's contest. The Mustangs led Willowbrook 7-3 at halftime. After a scoreless third quarter, Saint Rita scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to take a 21-3 lead. Willowbrook senior Charlie Siegler scored the game's final points on a 53-yard touchdown run with less than one minute to play.

• Broncos

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in Chicago on Oct. 31. The Mustangs beat the Warriors 21-25, 25-23, 25-17.

Willowbrook completed its season with an overall record of 29-8.

Senior Hannah Kenny piled up 10 kills, 17 assists and 16 digs for the Warriors in the regional final against Downers Grove South. Senior Anna Marinier contributed nine kills and seven digs. Junior Kendall Norton supplied 17 assists, while sophomore Melanie Marinier provided 16 digs. Senior Wendy Pollak hit four kills for the Warriors. Sophomore Maggie Hurley also connected for four kills. Junior Julia Amin bashed four kills and made three blocks. Senior Lily Javier delivered three kills and six digs.

Willowbrook opened the post-season with a 25-18, 25-18 win over Whitney Young in a regional semifinal match on Oct. 29.

Downers Grove South and three other teams competed in last week's Class 4A sectional at Willowbrook in Villa Park. The Mustangs beat York 25-16, 25-15 in a sectional semifinal match on Nov. 5. Two days later, Downers Grove South won the sectional title by defeating Downers Grove North 25-13, 23-25, 25-21. The Mustangs advanced to this week's super-sectional match against Lockport at Riverside-Brookfield. The winner of that match will earn a berth in the IHSA Class 4A state semifinals in Normal.

Rams open the Class 4A post-season with a loss

Glenbard East's girls volleyball team wrapped up its 2024 season with a 25-19, 25-12 loss to Riverside-Brookfield in a semifinal match at the IHSA Class 4A York Regional in Elmhurst on Oct. 29.

The Rams ended their season with a 12-24 record.

Riverside-Brookfield went on to lose to York in the regional final in Elmhurst on Oct. 31. York beat the Bulldogs 25-23, 25-19 to claim the regional title.



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Sectional champion

Willowbrook senior Audrey Morgan of the Addison Trail/Willowbrook girls swim team won the 500-meter freestyle race at Saturday's IHSA sectional at York High School in Elmhurst. Morgan completed the race in a first-place time of 5 minutes, 8.90 seconds. She is pictured with her medal after her victory. With her win at the sectional, Morgan qualified for the IHSA state meet, which will take place this Friday and Saturday at FMC Natatorium in Westmont.



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Fifth-place effort at state meet

Willowbrook senior Amelle Ojeda competed in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A girls cross-country state meet in Peoria. Ojeda finished fifth in the individual standings of the 3-mile race, which she completed in 16 minutes, 40.6 seconds. One year ago, Ojeda ran to a 37th-place finish in the 2023 IHSA Class 3A girls state meet. Ojeda, who earned All-State honors with her fifth-place showing in Saturday's race, blazed to impressive victories in her three races leading up to the state meet. On Oct. 19, she won the individual title at the West Suburban Gold Conference Meet. One week later, on Oct. 26, Ojeda raced to a first-place finish at the Lyons Township Regional. She is pictured during her regional victory. On Nov. 2, Ojeda delivered a first-place performance at the Hinsdale Central Sectional.

Answers

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Fall musical at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School presented its fall musical—"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"—in the school's auditorium last week. The performances took place on Thursday, Nov. 14, Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16. Senior Giffan Falco (foreground) is pictured with junior Malachy Heneghan (far right) and other cast members during Saturday night's curtain call. After the curtain call, Falco noted that this year's fall musical marked Willowbrook theater director Regina Wathier's 50th production at the school. Wathier, who is an English teacher at Willowbrook, then took the stage to accept a bouquet of flowers and a gift from the cast and crew.

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Morgan swims • *Casten* (Continued from page 20) at the IHSA state meet

Willowbrook senior Audrey Morgan of the Addison Trail/Willowbrook girls swim team competed at the IHSA girls state swimming and diving meet, which took place Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16, at FMC Natatorium in Westmont.

Morgan participated in the 500-yard freestyle event at the state meet. She completed the race in 5 minutes, 14.82 seconds during Friday's preliminaries and placed 34th among the state meet's competitors in that event. Morgan did not advance to Saturday's finals. The swimmers with the top eight preliminary times in the 500-yard freestyle competed in Saturday's 'A' final. The eight swimmers who placed 9-16 in the preliminaries took part in Saturday's 'B' final.

Morgan qualified for the state meet with her first-place effort in the 500-yard freestyle at the Nov. 9 sectional at York High School in Elmhurst.

cohabitating or co-parenting couples. Oftentimes, abusive partners use financial limitations as a method of control to prevent a victim from leaving the situation.

This means that people leaving abusive relationships may have limited access to pay their own bills; and may lose access to housing and childcare.

Domestic violence shelters report that information about these accounts

is commonly withheld during the dissolution of abusive relationships. This legislation aims to circumvent this, allowing victims equal insight into their household finances.

This bill has endorsements from the National Partnership for Women & Families, National Organization for Women (NOW), the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault.



Thursday, November 28



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Warriors sign National Letters of Intent

Three Willowbrook High School seniors signed National Letters of Intent last week to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. Hannah Kenny (above), who recently concluded a decorated four-year varsity career with Willowbrook's girls volleyball program, will attend the University of Louisville, where she will play for the Cardinals' women's volleyball team. Amelie Ojeda (below), who ran to a fifth-place finish in the IHSA Class 3A girls cross-country state meet on Nov. 9, will continue her cross-country and track careers at Northern Illinois University. Sonia Ruchala (bottom), who will play her senior season for the Warriors' softball program in the spring of 2025, will continue her softball career at Indiana University Indianapolis.



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Willowbrook student receives her school's 88's Best honor for November

Senior will graduate in December; she will study nursing at College of DuPage

Willowbrook High School senior Eliana Torres was recently named her school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of November.

Torres was honored during the District 88 Board of Education's Nov. 11 meeting.

The District 88 Board of Education and administration created the 88's Best award to recognize students at Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools for their achievements in and out of the classroom. Nine Addison Trail students and nine Willowbrook students receive the 88's Best award each school year.

During the recent meeting, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause read some comments that Willowbrook staff members made about Torres. Those staff members praised Torres, describing her as compassionate and engaged, and always willing to lend a helping hand.

Krause noted that Torres avoided classes as a freshman, and did not initially find academic success in high school. She also had conflicts with some of her peers, and with some Willowbrook deans. But thanks to her own hard work and determination, and support from her family and Willowbrook staff members, Torres built a path to success. As one staff member noted, her academic performance and maturity have continued to improve each year.

As a junior, Torres earned her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license. Torres works at an assisted living facility. She also contributes to Willowbrook's Little Warrior preschool program.

Torres will graduate from Willowbrook in December. She will attend College of DuPage, where she will continue to study nursing. Torres said she would love to be a neonatal nurse, or possibly work in labor and delivery.

Torres gave some emotional comments while speaking at the Nov. 11 board meeting. She thanked her mother, father and stepfather, along with her boyfriend, and Willowbrook teachers and secretaries for supporting her.

District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain complimented Torres during the Nov. 11 board meeting.

"This is what public schools are all about," said the board president while addressing Torres. "We all don't start school ready to take on the world. Sometimes it takes time, but you've proven that you can do it, and that others can do it too."

District 88 Board member Amy Finnegan asked Torres during the meeting what advice she would give to an incoming freshman to help them find success.

"I would say, stay out of any drama," responded Torres. "It's not worth it. Focus on you and your education rather than anything else, because it does matter."



Willowbrook High School senior Eliana Torres was honored as her school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of November. Torres was recognized during the District 88 Board of Education's Nov. 11 meeting. She is pictured (right) at that meeting with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left). As a freshman in high school, Torres struggled academically, but she forged a new path over the next few years. As a junior, she earned her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license. Torres works at an assisted living facility in the area. She also contributes to Willowbrook's Little Warrior preschool program. Torres will graduate from high school in December. She will attend College of DuPage, where she will continue to study nursing. Speaking during the recent board meeting, Torres said she would love to be a neonatal nurse, or possibly work in labor and delivery.

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Broncos win one, lose one

The Montini Catholic girls basketball team opened its 2024-25 season at Willowbrook High School's five-team Thanksgiving tournament. The Broncos began the event with a convincing 68-37 victory over Chicago's Perspectives Leadership Academy on Thursday, Nov. 21. One night later, Montini suffered a 37-32 loss to Lockport in Villa Park. Senior Nikki Kerstein made four shots from 3-point range and scored a team-leading 20 points in the Broncos' win over Perspectives Leadership Academy. Senior Lily Spanos, who drained five 3-point shots in the Broncos' season opener, provided 18 points for Montini in the win, while senior Peyton Farrell contributed 12 points. Montini trailed Lockport 27-14 at halftime of Friday's game. Lockport led the Broncos 29-20 at the end of the third quarter. Kerstein's 3-point basket cut Lockport's lead to 33-32 with 2:15 to play. The Porters then scored four unanswered points to end the game. Kerstein (No. 1 - above left) made three 3-point shots and scored 16 points for the Broncos in Friday's loss. Farrell (No. 24 - above right) supplied nine points. Montini completed the round-robin tournament earlier this week with games against Plainfield East and Willowbrook.



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Rams begin their season

Glenbard East's girls basketball team started its season by playing three games in a six-day span last week. On Nov. 18, the Rams earned a 40-27 win at Wheaton Academy. One night later, Glenbard East lost 54-32 to Hinsdale Central in Lombard. The Rams improved to 2-1 when they opened their own Rachel Bach Memorial Tournament with Saturday's 40-38 win over Glenbard North. Sophomore Teagan Murphy (No. 14 - top left) was Glenbard East's leading scorer in each of the team's first three games. Murphy scored 15 points in the Rams' win at Wheaton Academy. She provided 10 points in the team's loss to Hinsdale Central. Murphy did not score in the first three quarters of Saturday's game. She then erupted to provide 12 points in the fourth quarter. Murphy scored five baskets, including two 3-point shots, in the final quarter. Freshman Olivia Nee (No. 20 - top right) scored 11 points in the Rams' win at Wheaton Academy. She made three 3-point shots to contribute nine points in Glenbard East's loss to Hinsdale Central. Nee made two free throws with 20 seconds to play to help seal Saturday's win over Glenbard North. She scored four points in the victory over the Panthers. The Rams finished the round-robin Rachel Bach Memorial Tournament earlier this week with games against Glenbard West and Glenbard South.



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Warriors win season opener in overtime

Willowbrook's girls basketball team began its season by playing four games in its five-team Thanksgiving tournament. In their first game of the season, the Warriors beat Plainfield East 48-46 in overtime on Friday night. Willowbrook trailed the Bengals 29-23 at the end of the third quarter. The Warriors rallied to tie the score at 42-42 at the end of regulation and force a four-minute overtime period. Senior Ayaani Gusman (above left - No. 10) scored 20 points and pulled down 15 rebounds for the Warriors in Friday's victory. Senior Kendall Medinger (above middle - No. 14) supplied 12 points for the Warriors, while senior Kristin Woods (above right - No. 25) scored 10 points and grabbed 20 rebounds. Junior Joey Maciejewski delivered an offensive rebound and inside basket with about one minute left in the overtime period to give the Warriors a 47-44 lead. Gusman stepped to the free-throw line with 4.1 seconds remaining in overtime and made one of two free throws to move the Warriors' lead to 48-46. Moments later, Plainfield East was called for a traveling violation as the final buzzer sounded. Willowbrook fell to 1-1 when it lost 65-23 to Lockport on Saturday. The Warriors completed their tournament earlier this week with games against Chicago's Perspectives Leadership Academy and Montini Catholic.

