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Warriors defeat Blazers

The Willowbrook boys basketball team ended a seven-game losing streak by defeating Addison Trail 65-60 in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Addison. The Warriors moved to 6-11 overall and 2-2 in conference play with their victory over the Blazers. Willowbrook led Addison Trail 16-10 after one quarter and 26-23 at halftime. The Warriors led the Blazers 40-38 at the end of the third quarter. Addison Trail scored the first four points of the fourth quarter to take a brief 42-40 lead. A basket from Willowbrook senior Filip Palutkiewicz evened the score at 42-42. Junior Jaylen Griffin of the Warriors then hit a 3-point shot to give Willowbrook a 45-42 lead. Griffin sank three shots from 3-point range during the fourth quarter. Junior Otis Powell scored a team-leading 24 points for the Warriors in their win at Addison Trail. Powell (No. 2) is pictured (above right) while dunking the ball during the third quarter. Griffin (No. 1 - above left) contributed 19 points, 11 of which came during the fourth quarter. Palutkiewicz (No. 23 - below left) supplied 12 points, while senior Mark Murrell provided 10 points. Addison Trail senior Luke Smith (No. 1 - below right) scored a team-high 27 points in Friday's game. Junior Manuel Roque added 13 points for the Blazers, while senior Isaiah Cortes scored six points. Addison Trail senior Dom Renc provided five points, all of which came during the fourth quarter. Three days before playing Addison Trail, Willowbrook suffered a 74-60 conference loss to Downers Grove South in Villa Park. Palutkiewicz scored 25 points in the Jan. 14 loss to the Mustangs, while Powell scored 24 points. The Warriors played two games at Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King Jr. tournament on Saturday. Willowbrook began the day with a 63-37 loss to the Tigers of Wheaton Warrenville South. The Warriors then lost their second game of the day, falling 70-58 to Metea Valley. Griffin and Powell scored 20 and 18 points, respectively, in the loss to Metea Valley. Senior Jaden Royal added 15 points for the Warriors in the loss, which sent the team's overall season record to 6-13. Willowbrook played one more game at Wheaton Warrenville South's tournament on Monday, Jan. 20.



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Broncos beat Spartans

The Montini Catholic girls basketball team won two of three games last week to raise its overall season record to 14-7. The Broncos started the week with a 57-48 loss at Saint Ignatius in a Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC) Red Division game on Jan. 14. Two days later, Montini earned a 43-40 GCAC Red Division win at Providence Catholic. The Broncos completed their week with Saturday afternoon's 53-35 non-division home win over Saint Francis. Senior Nikki Kerstein scored a team-leading 21 points for Montini in last week's loss at Saint Ignatius. Seniors Peyton Farrell and Lauren Mellish added nine points for the Broncos, who trailed the Wolfpack 17-3 after one quarter, but cut the lead to 28-19 by halftime. Saint Ignatius owned a 48-33 lead at the end of the third quarter. Kerstein scored 15 points in Montini's Jan. 16 win at Providence Catholic. Senior Lily Spanos, who made a pair of 3-point baskets in the first quarter, contributed 11 points. Farrell added seven points. Montini held a 15-11 lead over the Celtics after one quarter. The Broncos' lead stood at 30-18 at halftime. Providence Catholic cut Montini's lead to 34-31 by the end of the third quarter. Kerstein scored seven of the Broncos' nine points in the fourth quarter. The Broncos improved their division record to 4-2 with their win at Providence Catholic. Montini honored its senior players before Saturday's game in Lombard. The Broncos led Saint Francis 18-12 after one quarter and 27-16 at halftime. Montini led the Spartans 41-25 at the end of the third quarter. Kerstein (No. 1) scored 21 points in Saturday's victory. Farrell, who made a pair of 3-point shots, scored 10 points. Seniors Natalie Gartlan and Audrey Kinney contributed eight points each. Gartlan connected on two shots from 3-point range. Spanos scored six points by sinking two 3-point baskets—one at the end of the third quarter and another early in the fourth quarter. The Broncos' schedule this week features three games, including a GCAC Red Division battle at Fenwick.





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Blazers vs. Warriors

Addison Trail's boys basketball team faced Willowbrook in Friday night's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Addison. The visiting Warriors defeated the Blazers 65-60. Addison Trail's dance team—the Blazettes—performed during halftime. The school's cheerleaders also gave a halftime performance. The school mascot joined the cheerleaders on the court during their halftime routine. Addison Trail's band added to the atmosphere of Friday's intense rivalry game by playing during timeouts.

Sunday, January 26th ~ 2:00 PM

A Special Screening of ... 'Dick Biondi: The Voice That Rocked America'

Super Star M.C. SCOTT CHILDERS

Dick Biondi Film

Moonlight THEATRE

Q&A with film Director/ Producer/Narrator PAM PULICE

Actor/Comedian MATT KISSANE

Singer/Keyboardist BOB BLOM

Chicago Rock & Roll Icon JOE CANTARO

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Honoring a radio legend this Sunday

Local comedian Matt Kissane will take part in a public screening of "Dick Biondi: The Voice That Rocked America" this Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Moonlight Theatre in St. Charles, along with WLS radio personality Scott Childers, musician Joe Cantaro and film producer Pam Pulice. The documentary includes appearances from Late Night with David Letterman band leader Paul Shaffer, Buckingham's singer Carl Giammarese and Beach Boys leader Brian Wilson. Look for it on Sunday, Jan. 26. Tickets are available at moonlighttheatre.com and the Dick Biondi film website, <https://www.dickbiondifilm.com>.

