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Rams win title at own 16-team invite

The Glenbard East badminton team won the championship at its own 16-team invitational on Saturday. The Rams captured the first-place plaque with their team total of 160 points. Buffalo Grove posted a second-place finish with its total of 123 points. Pictured (left to right) with the plaque are: (front row) senior Elshah Bhimia, senior Caitlin Rossi and senior Marisa Olas; (back row) sophomore Betsy Facchini, sophomore Daniela Romero, senior Kaitlyn Kelly, junior Sarah Crocker, junior Gabi Jackonyte, senior Ren Manning and sophomore Marja Cheeks. Each team's lineup at the invitational included two singles players and four doubles teams. The singles competition featured one 32-player division. Manning earned a fifth-place finish in that division, while Cheeks placed seventh. In doubles, each team had two doubles teams in one division—called high doubles—along with two other teams in another division—called low doubles. The duo of Kelly and Rossi placed fourth in the 32-team high doubles division. The tandem of Facchini and Romero earned an eighth-place finish in the high doubles division. Bhimia and Olas teamed up to win first-place honors in the 32-team low doubles division. The twosome of Crocker and Jackonyte claimed seventh in the low doubles division. Glenbard East was the only team in the invitational to have its entire lineup earn top-eight finishes.



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Broncos announce new boys basketball coach

Montini Catholic High School announced last week that DeAndre McCamey is the school's new boys basketball coach. McCamey (right), who is pictured with Montini Athletic Director Brian Casey (left), was an assistant coach with the Broncos during the last four seasons. He succeeds Adam DeMong as the program's new head coach. At the end of the 2024-25 season, DeMong stated he was stepping away from the position to pursue greater opportunities in his professional career. DeMong guided the Broncos to four straight IHSA regional titles from 2022 to 2025. The Broncos finished their 2024-25 season with a record of 21-12. Montini's recent season ended with a loss in an IHSA Class 2A sectional final on March 7. Before coaching at Montini, McCamey served as an assistant coach at St. Joseph High School in Westchester. He also coached at Glenbard East High School, and at the AAU level with the Illinois Wolves. McCamey is a full-time member of Montini's math department. "I am genuinely thrilled about this opportunity and the chance to work with our kids," stated McCamey. "I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Montini students, faculty and staff for their congratulations and support as I step into the role of head varsity boys basketball coach. Building a basketball program has always been a dream of mine. As I step into this role, I am filled with excitement and passion for the journey ahead. My goal is to not only build and develop the skills of our young athletes on the court but also to instill values that will serve them well in life beyond basketball. I believe that through hard work, dedication, and teamwork, we can build not just great players, but great young men. I firmly believe that a strong program is defined by the continued involvement and support of its community, including former players and their families."

Representing the Warriors



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Senior Amelle Ojeda of Willowbrook's girls track and field team delivered a pair of top-five finishes in the Class 3A girls level of the Illinois Top Times Championships, which took place March 28-29 at Illinois Wesleyan University's Shirk Center in Bloomington. The event is regarded as the state's unofficial indoor high school state track and field meet. Ojeda is pictured during her fourth-place finish in the 3,200-meter run, which she completed in 11 minutes, 3.92 seconds. Ojeda also raced to a fifth-place finish in the competition's 1,600-meter run. She completed that race in 5 minutes, 7.63 seconds. Willowbrook senior Olivia Gwaltney sprinted to a 16th-place finish in the Class 3A girls level's 400-meter run at the Illinois Top Times Championships in Bloomington. She ran that race in 1 minute, 2.08 seconds. Gwaltney also raced to a 19th-place finish in the 200-meter run, which she completed in 26.98 seconds. The members of Willowbrook's boys track and field team who competed in the Class 3A boys level of last month's Illinois Top Times Championships included senior Jaden Royal, who placed fifth in the triple jump. Royal's best effort at the meet covered 45 feet, 5¼ inches. Junior Otis Powell of the Warriors placed seventh in the meet's high jump event. Powell cleared 6 feet, ¾ inches in his best jump of the meet. Willowbrook's 4 x 800-meter relay team of senior Kasen Blain, junior Evan Haworth, senior Jake Skibble and junior Ayden Ketelsen earned a sixth-place finish with its time of 8 minutes, 16.94 seconds. The Warriors' 4 x 200-meter relay foursome of senior Jordan Pate, sophomore Jorge Rosales, junior Hayden Roscoe and senior Jaylin Miller posted a ninth-place time of 1 minute, 34.18 seconds. Individually, Miller sprinted to a 12th-place finish in the 200-meter run, which he completed in 23.16 seconds. Glenbard East High School's Mackenzie Fodrey posted two strong finishes in field events in the Class 3A girls level of the Illinois Top Times Championships. Fodrey finished third in the triple jump and seventh in the pole vault. She traveled 37 feet, 5¼ inches in her best effort in the triple jump and cleared 10 feet, 10 inches in her top attempt in the pole vault. Glenbard East senior Elena Kosorog raced to a 12th-place finish in the Class 3A girls level's 3,200-meter run. Kosorog completed that race in 11 minutes, 50.71 seconds.

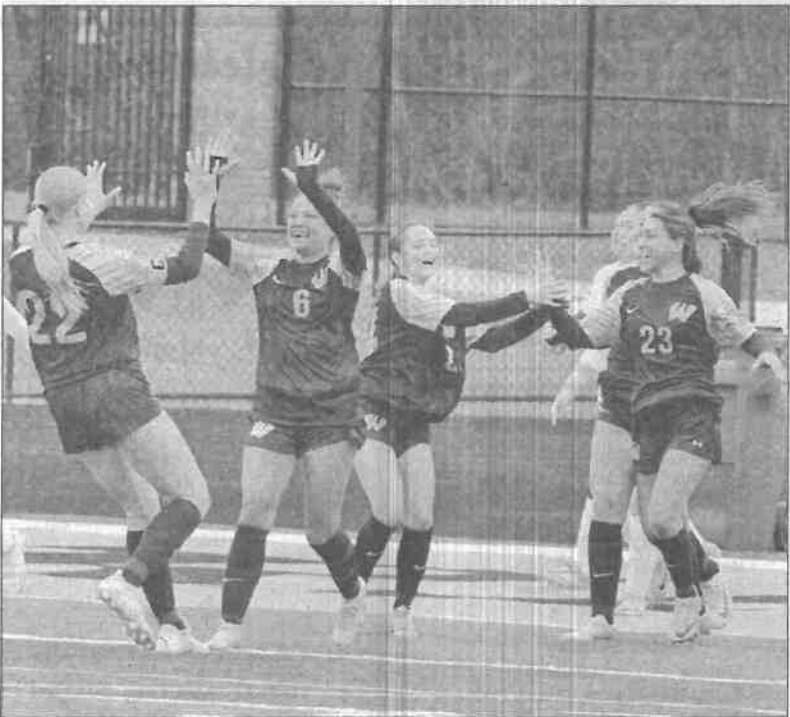
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Warriors tie the Raiders

The Willowbrook girls soccer team battled Bolingbrook to a 1-1 tie in Saturday afternoon's match in Villa Park. The Warriors' overall season record stood at 1-3-1 after Saturday's tie against the Raiders. Following a scoreless 40-minute first half, Bolingbrook took a 1-0 lead when it scored a goal with about 26 minutes left in the match. Willowbrook delivered the equalizer about seven minutes later, after senior Halle Ahrens launched a free kick toward the goal. Bolingbrook's goalkeeper made a save on the kick by Ahrens (No. 22 - above right), but Willowbrook junior Mlah Catania sent the ball into the net on the rebound to even the score at 1-1 with 19:30 to play. Catania (No. 23) is pictured below, while celebrating with some of her teammates, including Ahrens and senior Emily Barth (No. 6), after the goal. Senior goalkeeper Payton Brose (No. 1 - above left) made 10 saves for the Warriors during Saturday's match. Two days before facing Bolingbrook, Willowbrook lost 1-0 to Elgin in a match in Villa Park. The visiting Maroons of Elgin scored the only goal of the April 3 contest during the second half. Earlier this week, Willowbrook opened its West Suburban Gold Conference season with a match at Morton. This Friday, April 11, the Warriors will face Glenbard East in a meeting of neighborhood rivals in Lombard.



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