

# Blazers post a dominant 35-0 win over Willowbrook in the annual District 88 Bowl

Addison Trail claims sole possession of the conference title; Blazers had not beaten Willowbrook on the gridiron since 2015

The Willowbrook football team finished its regular season with Friday's 35-0 West Suburban Gold Conference loss at Addison Trail. The Warriors completed their regular season with an overall record of 5-4 and a conference mark of 4-2.

Addison Trail won the conference title with a perfect 6-0 mark. The Blazers ended their regular season with an overall record of 8-1.

The Blazers had not won their annual contest against District 88 rival Willowbrook since 2015, when they edged the Warriors 28-26 in Villa Park. After Friday's decisive victory in this year's playing of the game known as the District 88 Bowl, Addison Trail took possession of the District 88 Trophy, which had been in the Warriors' possession for nearly a decade.

Downers Grove South finished second in this year's conference standings with a 5-1 record in West Suburban Gold play. Addison Trail traveled to Downers Grove and defeated the Mustangs 22-21 in the teams' Sept. 12 conference meeting. Willowbrook landed in third place in the seven-team conference's standings.

Addison Trail scored on its first drive of Friday's battle between District 88 rivals. Senior quarterback Nico Dill broke a 69-yard touchdown run to give the Blazers a 6-0 lead with 10:23 left in the first quarter. Addison Trail was unable to attempt an extra-point kick after the snap sailed over the holder's head.

The Blazers scored their second touchdown of the evening on a 10-yard run by Dill with 9:20 left in the second quarter. Dill added a two-point conversion run to boost the lead to 14-0.

Addison Trail senior Giovanni Ortiz crossed the goal line on a 1-yard touchdown run with 17.8 seconds left in the first half. The Blazers owned a 21-0 half-time lead.

Senior Noah Cruz intercepted a Willowbrook pass and ran 21 yards for a touchdown with 9:18 left in the third quarter. The Blazers scored their fifth and final touchdown of the game on Dill's 81-yard pass to sophomore Louie Franczak with 5:33 to play in the game. Addison Trail will open



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The Addison Trail football team defeated Willowbrook 35-0 in Friday's regular-season finale in Addison. The Blazers completed a perfect West Suburban Gold Conference season with their victory over the Warriors. Addison Trail completed the regular season with an overall record of 8-1 and a conference mark of 6-0. Downers Grove South (5-4 overall) finished second in the conference standings with its 5-1 record, while Willowbrook (5-4 overall) placed third with its 4-2 mark in West Suburban Gold play. The Blazers ended a lengthy losing streak against the Warriors with Friday's win. Addison Trail's last win in the game known as the District 88 Bowl came in 2015. Senior quarterback Nico Dill (No. 15) of the Blazers ran for two touchdowns and threw one touchdown pass in Friday's victory. Dill ran 69 yards for a touchdown on Addison Trail's first drive of the game. He added a 10-yard run in the second quarter. Addison Trail will open this week's IHSA Class 7A playoffs with this week's home contest against Jacobs (6-3). Willowbrook is also in the 32-team field of the Class 7A playoffs. The Warriors will face Glenbard West (8-1) in this Saturday's first-round game in Glen Ellyn.

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ence's other playoff-qualifying team—Downers Grove South—will compete in the Class 8A level. The Mustangs (5-4) will meet Maine South (8-1) in first-round action in Park Ridge.

# Broncos beat Loyola Academy

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The Montini Catholic girls volleyball team closed out its regular season with last week's three-game victory over Loyola Academy in Lombard. The Broncos dropped the first game of the Oct. 23 match, but rallied for a 23-25, 25-15, 25-22 victory. Montini finished its regular season with a 21-12 record. Senior Francesca Lorenzo bashed a team-leading 12 kills for the Broncos in their three-game victory. Freshman Victoria Reed (pictured) and sophomore Micaela Haggerty provided nine kills each. Junior Avalyn DeKeyser handed out 32 assists



for the Broncos. Earlier this week, Montini opened post-season play at the IHSA Class 2A Lisle Regional. If the Broncos win the regional title in Lisle, they will advance to next week's sectional at Rockford's Boylan Catholic High School.

# Rams defeat the Storm

Glenbard East's girls volleyball team finished its 2025 regular season with last week's three-game triumph over South Elgin in Lombard. The Rams defeated the visiting Storm 25-17, 17-25, 25-18 in the Oct. 21 match. Glenbard East completed its regular season with an overall record of 13-22.



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Junior Belle McDermott (No. 10) bashed 22 kills and made seven digs for the Rams in their victory over South Elgin. Senior Natalie Slusher piled up 27 assists and made five digs for Glenbard East. Junior Jess Larson made 10 digs for the Rams. Junior Laila Hoffman contributed five kills and two digs. Senior Nora Opila supplied four digs and two assists. Senior Haley Greenfield provided three digs and two kills. Glenbard East opened up IHSA Class 4A post-season play earlier this week with a match against St. Charles North at the Naperville Central Regional.

# Rams' season ends with a loss in a regional final

Glenbard East opens the post-season with a win over York before losing to Leyden

Glenbard East's boys soccer team opened IHSA Class 3A post-season play with a 3-2 victory over York in an Oct. 21 regional semifinal match at the Leyden Regional in Northlake. The win propelled the Rams into Saturday's regional final against Leyden. Glenbard East's season ended with a 3-0 loss to the Eagles in the regional's championship match. The Rams trailed York

1-0 at halftime of last week's regional semifinal. Freshman Michael Szala, junior Charlie Gidcumb and senior Charlie Cooper scored one goal each for Glenbard East during the second half. Gidcumb and junior Johan Olivero provided one assist each.

Playing on its home field, Leyden scored a first-half goal to take a 1-0 lead over the Rams in Saturday's re-

gional final. The Eagles netted two more goals during the second half.

Glenbard East finished its season with an overall record of 8-6-3. Leyden, which improved to 19-3-1 with its win in the regional final, advanced to this week's Schaumburg Sectional. The Eagles are the No. 1 seed in the sectional. The Rams were the sectional's No. 8 seed, while York was the No. 9 seed.