Blazers win regional soccer title, capture sectional championship





The Addison Trail boys soccer team won an IHSA Class 3A regional championship on Oct. 24 when it beat Glenbard East 3-0 at the Glenbard East Regional in Lombard. With the victory, the Blazers advanced to the West Chicago Sectional, where they defeated Elk Grove 4-0 in a sectional semifinal on Oct. 27. In that contest, junior Alexandro Tinajero tallied two goals, while junior Rafael Arellano and senior Enrique Merino supplied one goal each. The Blazers won the sectional title on Oct. 30 when they beat Glenbard West in a battle decided in a penalty-kick shootout. The Blazers prevailed 5-4 in the shootout to earn a 1-0 victory. Addison Trail raised its season record to 18-5 and advanced to this week's super-sectional against Evanston at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates. In the regional final at Glenbard East, Addison Trail held a 1-0 halftime lead over the Rams after junior Filip Makarczuk scored a first-half goal. Tinajero and Merino netted Addison Trail's second-half goals. Merino scored the Blazers' third goal of the match on a penalty kick. (Photos by Chris Fox)

Wood St. Fitness offers Puppy Yoga Nov. 21

Wood St. Fitness invites yoga enthusiasts and dog lovers to combine their love of fitness and furry friends during Puppy Yoga on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Deer Grove Leisure Center, 1000 W. Wood St.

Designed for participants ages 14 and older, this unique experience features a 45-minute, all-levels yoga flow followed by 15 minutes of puppy cuddle time. Playful pups will roam freely among the yoga mats, adding plenty of tail wags, puppy kisses and smiles to the practice. Whether participants are experienced yogis or beginners, the class offers a fun way to stretch, unwind and enjoy some four-legged companionship.

Participants are encouraged to bring pet supplies to donate to Chicago Canine Rescue to help support dogs in need. Advance registration is required.

Puppy Yoga takes place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in the Deer Grove Leisure Center Exercise Room. The fee is $20, or $18 for in-district patrons. Register using activity code 612041-01 at the Deer Grove Leisure Center, by calling 630-766-7015 or online at BvilleParks.org/Register.

For more information about Wood St. Fitness programs, visit WoodStFitness.com.

Addison Trail hosts annual Options Fair for students with special needs, families

Addison Trail recently welcomed more than 200 families (430 individual attendees) to the annual Options Fair.

This event was established to offer students with special needs (who have IEPs or 504 plans) and their families an opportunity to learn about postsecondary choices and resources.

Sponsored through the collaborative effort of area high schools, this year's fair featured 120 vendors, including colleges/universities, college certificate programs, college experience programs, careers in the trades, and agencies that provide services to youth and adults with special needs. Participants also had an opportunity to attend two presentations: An adult agency panel Q&A and information about College of DuPage access and accommodations.

"The Options Fair connects families with valuable information, resources and community partners, helping them discover opportunities and make informed choices for their child's future," said Alison Nix, Addison Trail special education counselor.



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Police Reports

ADDISON

Addison Police recently reported the following arrests and citations. Persons who are charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the victim's privacy. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Oct. 26

A 37-year-old Addison man was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 100 block of E. Natoma at 7:24 a.m.

Oct. 25

Joel Olvera Lopez, 54, of Addison, was charged with DUI and possession of a controlled substance.

Oct. 24

Dharwin Gomez Lopez, 24, of Bensenville, was charged with DUI in the 500 block of N. Macie at 9:57 p.m.

Oct. 23

Sarah R. Eisenmann, 43 of Addison, was charged with violation of an order of protection in the 100 block of S. Adeline at 5:45 p.m.

Deal D. Trippiedi, 56, of Addison, was charged with improper lane usage, disregarding a stop sign and two counts of DUI near Amelia and Lombard at 12:31 a.m.

Oct. 21

Eric S. Bramwell, 45, of Belvidere, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, failure to give information/render aid to an injured person, failure to give notice of a crash and unsafe backing on a roadway in the 17W000 block of E. Lake at 12:34 p.m.

BENSENVILLE

Bensenville Police recently reported the following arrests and citations. Persons who are charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the victim's privacy. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Oct. 27, 4:36 a.m. in the 1000 block of Ferrari Drive officers responded to an alleged reckless driver in the neighborhood, Miguel Entzin-Gomez, 31, of Bensenville, was arrested for aggravated DUI. He was placed in custody, transported to the station for processing, issued citations and then transported to the DuPage County Jail.

Oct. 25, 8:38 a.m. in the 300 block of Hillside, Marcos Hernandez Hernandez, 18, of Bensenville, was arrested for DUI. He was transported to the station for processing, issued citations and released.

Oct. 22, 9:02 p.m. in the 200 block of W. Grand, Clifford Wunch 45, of Bensenville, was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was transported to the station for processing, issued a citation and released.

Oct. 21, 8:12 p.m. near S. York Road, Ernesto Chavez 36, of Bensenville, was arrested for retail theft (under $300). He was trespassed from Dollar Tree and Jewel-Osco.

Oct. 21, 10:25 p.m. in the 100 block of W. Sonny Lane, Luis F Merida Lopez, 28, of Bensenville, was arrested for aggravated DUI and an out of county warrant. Charges pending lab results. He was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

Sports



TOP: Montini senior quarterback Israel Abrams extends the ball over the goal line for a touchdown during Saturday's playoff game against Geneseo in Lombard. Abrams had three rushing TDs in the 35-12 victory. BOTTOM RIGHT: Senior Eddie Kowalczyk (8) rushed for 106 yards and a TD Saturday. (Photos by Chris Fox)

Broncos begin playoff run with big win over Geneseo

Montini scores TDs on first five drives, travels to undefeated Morris this Saturday

The Montini Catholic football team began its 2026 post-season charge with Saturday afternoon's 35-12 victory over Geneseo in an IHSA Class 4A first-round playoff game in Lombard.

The Broncos, who had a bye during the post-season's preliminary round, raised their overall season record to 8-2 with their win over the Maple Leafs of Geneseo, who concluded their season with a 7-4 mark.

Montini is one of 16 teams remaining in the Class 4A playoff field. The Broncos will travel to undefeated Morris (10-0) for a second-round battle this Saturday, Nov. 7.

The game will begin at 4 p.m. The winner will advance to the Class 4A quarterfinal round.

Montini closed its regular season with a 28-24 victory over St. Francis on Oct. 16. The Broncos earned a bye in the preliminary post-season round.

The 15-day break between games didn't seem to bother Montini, which scored touchdowns on its first five offensive drives of the first-round contest against Geneseo in a game played in calm and cloudy conditions. The Broncos' sixth offensive drive



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Rams' season ends with decisive loss to Kenwood Academy

Broncos build 26-3 halftime lead, coast to 46-9 victory in Chicago

The Glenbard East football team's season ended with Friday night's 46-9 loss to Kenwood Academy High School in an IHSA Class 7A first-round playoff game at Lane Stadium in Chicago.

The Rams finished their season with an overall record of 7-4.

The Broncos of Kenwood Academy raised their season record to 7-3 with their victory over the Rams. Kenwood Academy advanced to this week's second-round meeting against the undefeated Ironmen from Community High School of Normal. The game will be played in Normal. The Ironmen moved to 10-0 with a 28-14 win over Edwardsville on Saturday, Oct. 31.

The winner of this week's contest between Kenwood Academy and Community High School will earn a berth in the Class 7A quarterfinals.

Kenwood, which had a preliminary-round bye, led the Rams 12-3 after one quarter of Friday's post-season game. The Broncos scored two touchdowns in the second quarter and raised their lead to 26-3 by halftime. Kenwood's lead stood at 38-9 at the end of the third quarter.

Glenbard East, which defeated Bartlett 42-14 in a preliminary-round game in Lombard on Oct. 23, scored its only touchdown against Kenwood on a 6-yard run by senior Malachi Miller in the third quarter. Miller scored on a fourth-and-goal play after fielding a lateral from senior Mason Wright near the 2-yard line. Miller's touchdown run cut the Broncos' lead to 38-9. Glenbard East failed to

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Rough fourth quarter dooms Willowbrook in first-round playoff loss

Hononegah outscores Warriors 23-0 during final 12 minutes, wins 32-3

The Willowbrook football team closed out its 2026 season with Friday's 32-3 loss to Rockton's Hononegah Community High School in an IHSA Class 6A first-round playoff game in Rockton.

The Warriors ended their season with a record of 6-5. The Indians of Hononegah improved to 9-1 and advanced to this week's second-round matchup against Fenwick (7-3) in Rockton. The winner will move on to a Class 6A quarterfinal meeting against Geneva or Wheaton North.

The Warriors took an early 3-0 lead over Hononegah when senior Ben Swanson kicked a 33-yard field goal with about eight minutes left in the first quarter. Willowbrook senior Josiah Marlowe ended a Hononegah drive later in the quarter when he intercepted a pass at the Warriors' 31-yard line.

Both teams exchanged multiple punts each during the rest of the first half. The Indians scored their first points of the night on a 21-yard touchdown pass with about 50 seconds left in the first half. Hononegah couldn't execute a clean snap and hold on the extra-point try, and was unable to attempt a kick. The Indians owned a 6-3 lead at halftime.

Hononegah scored the only points of the third quarter on a 39-yard field goal with about six minutes remaining

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O'Donnell returns to 3A girls state meet

Rams standout qualifies for a third straight year; Alka, Yurich will represent Willowbrook

Glenbard East junior Teigan O'Donnell earned her third straight berth in the IHSA Class 3A girls cross-country state meet with her performance at Saturday's Lake Park Sectional in Roselle. The top 10 finishers at the sectional who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state meet as individuals.

O'Donnell placed among that group with her 27th-place finish at the sectional, which included 138 finishers. She completed the 3-mile race in 18 minutes, 8.6 seconds.

The 2026 state meet takes place this Saturday, Nov. 7, at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

O'Donnell finished her freshman season with a 129th-place finish in the 2024 Class 3A state meet. She ran to an 84th-place finish in last year's state meet.





LEFT: Glenbard East junior Teigan O'Donnell (4907) earned a berth in this year's state meet with her strong performance at the Lake Park Sectional. RIGHT: Addison Trail senior Nathan Gundersen (4588) will compete in this Saturday's state meet in Peoria. (Photos by Chris Fox)

Alka, Yurich earn state-meet berths at Lyons Township

Willowbrook junior Legend Alka qualified for this week's IHSA Class 3A boys cross-country state meet in Peoria when he raced to a fifth-place finish at Saturday's Lyons Township Sectional in Western Springs. Running on the course at Lyons Township's south campus, Alka completed the 3.1-mile race in 15 minutes, 6.5 seconds. The top 10 finishers who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to this week's state meet as individuals. Alka finished second among that group.

The Warriors narrowly missed earning a team berth in the state meet. The top seven teams at the 18-team sectional qualified for the state meet. Willowbrook posted an eighth-place finish. Lyons Township posted a seventh-place total of 197. The Warriors landed in eighth place with their total of 214.

Willowbrook senior Thomas Thimo (16:03.4) finished 44th at the sectional. Seniors Jacob Alexander (16:04.2; 47th), Ryan Quinney (16:18.9; 62nd) and Kole Johanson (16:34.4; 74th) completed the Warriors' scoring lineup. Freshmen Noah Ponce (16:53.5; 92nd) and Nico Navarro (17:01; 98th) also represented the Warriors at the sectional race, which included 139 finishers.

Willowbrook senior Bethany Yurich qualified for the IHSA Class 3A girls state meet with her strong performance at Saturday's Lyons Township Sectional. Yurich finished 21st in the sectional's 3.1-mile girls race, which included 137 finishers. She completed the race in 18 minutes, 47.5 seconds. The top 10 finishers who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state meet. Yurich placed fourth among that group.

Sophomores Kate Borho (19:33.8;

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Broncos win regional title; move to this week's St. Francis Sectional

The Montini Catholic girls volleyball team won an IHSA Class 3A regional championship last week.

The Broncos opened post-season play with a 25-7, 25-5 victory over Chicago's Schurz High School in an Oct. 27 regional semifinal at the Trinity Regional in River Forest. Montini defeated Fenwick 25-21, 25-19 in the regional final on Oct. 29.

Sophomore Victoria Reed pounded 14 kills for the Broncos in their win over Fenwick in the regional final. Junior Micaela Haggerty added eight kills for Montini. Senior Avalyn DeKeyser provided 21 assists for the Broncos.

Montini, which raised its overall season record to 27-10 with its victory in the regional final, advanced to this week's St. Francis Sectional in Wheaton.



The Montini Catholic girls volleyball team won an IHSA Class 3A regional title on Oct. 29. The Broncos, who are pictured after winning the Trinity Regional, advanced to this week's St. Francis Sectional. (Submitted photo)

The Broncos are the sectional's No. 1 seed. They faced Wheaton Academy in a sectional semifinal earlier this week.

The winner of that match will battle Timothy Christian or Geneva in the Nov. 5 sectional final. The sectional champion will advance to the Timothy Christian Super-Sectional on Nov. 9.

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score on a pass play on the subsequent conversion attempt.

The Rams took an early 3-0 lead over the Broncos when senior Moises Velazquez made a 28-yard field goal in the first quarter. Moments later, the Broncos' offense delivered an 80-yard touchdown pass to take a 6-3 lead with less than five minutes remaining in the opening quarter. Kenwood failed to score on a running play on its two-point conversion attempt.

Glenbard East returned the ensuing kickoff to midfield, but fumbled the ball at the end of the play. Kenwood recovered the fumble and scored a few plays later when its quarterback broke a 54-yard touchdown run down the middle of the field to take a 12-3 lead. The Broncos were unsuccessful in their attempt to run for the two-point conversion.

Kenwood extended its lead to 18-3 after scoring on a 10-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. A 23-yard touchdown run later in the second quarter pushed the lead to 24-3. The Broncos then completed a two-point pass on the conversion attempt to boost their lead to 26-3.

Kenwood scored on rushing touchdowns of 3 and 33 yards in the third quarter to increase its lead to 38-3. Miller's 6-yard touchdown run later in the quarter cut the Broncos' lead to 38-9. Kenwood scored its seventh and final touchdown of the evening on a 14-yard pass in the fourth quarter. The Broncos added two points on a successful conversion pass to close out the scoring.

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in the period. The Indians' lead stood at 9-3 with 12 minutes to play.

Hononegah widened its lead when it closed out a 58-yard scoring drive with a 1-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter. The extra-point kick moved the Indians' lead to 16-3 with 9:32 left in the game.

Willowbrook turned the ball over on its next offensive play. The Indians intercepted a pass by the Warriors at midfield and returned the ball to near the 15-yard line. A Hononegah penalty on the return caused the Indians to begin their offensive drive at Willowbrook's 25-yard line. Hononegah began the drive with a 22-yard pass that advanced the ball to the Warriors' 3-yard line. A couple of plays later, the Indians scored on a 1-yard touchdown run. A successful two-point conversion pass gave Hononegah a 24-3 lead with 7:53 to play.

Willowbrook junior quarterback Niko Vourlos absorbed some hard hits from Hononegah's smothering defense during the second half. Willowbrook's offense was unable to mount a threatening drive during the second half.

The Indians scored their last touchdown of the evening on a 5-yard run with 1:58 remaining. The holder bobbled the snap on the extra-point attempt and ended up throwing a successful pass to the kicker for a two-point conversion that closed out the scoring.





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of the day ended with a punt with only about three minutes remaining in the game.

"They're an excellent team," said Montini coach Mike Bukovsky of the Maple Leafs after Saturday's game. "They're just solid, tough, hard-nosed. Luckily our offense has some athletes, and we were able to move the football and do some things. We did what we had to do this week, and we get to move on."

Montini received the opening kickoff of Saturday's game and marched 80 yards for a touchdown. Senior quarterback Israel Abrams delivered a 7-yard scoring run to produce his team's first points of the day. Senior Johnny Louise then added the first of his five successful extra-point kicks of the afternoon to give the Broncos a 7-0 lead with about seven minutes left in the first quarter.



Senior Damacio Ortegon had five receptions for 100 yards during Montini's 35-12 playoff victory over Geneseo. (Photo by Chris Fox)

Geneseo's first offensive drive of the game ended with a punt. Montini started its second offensive series of the game at its own 17-yard line late in the first quarter. On the first play of the second quarter, senior Damacio Ortegon caught a short pass from Abrams and motored down the field for a 34-yard gain that placed the ball at the Maple Leafs' 16-yard line. Moments later, Abrams completed an 83-yard scoring drive with a 3-yard touchdown run. The extra-point kick from Louise pushed Montini's lead to 14-0 with about 11 minutes to play in the second quarter.

Geneseo's offense, which mainly relied on its running game, connected on a 39-yard touchdown pass with less than five minutes left in the first half. The Maple Leafs missed the extra-point kick, leaving the Broncos' lead at 14-6.

Montini senior Eddie Kowalczyk finished a 65-yard scoring drive with an 8-yard touchdown run with under three minutes to play in the opening half. The extra-point kick moved the Broncos' lead to 21-6.

Geneseo made a 39-yard field goal on the final play of the first half to trim Montini's lead to 21-9 at halftime.

The Maple Leafs' first drive of the third quarter ended when they threw an incomplete pass on a fourth-down play at the Broncos' 41-yard line.

Montini then drove 59 yards for a touchdown, with Abrams extending the football across the goal line on a 1-yard run with 3:44 to play in the third quarter. Moments earlier, Abrams connected with Ortegon on a pass that gained about 30 yards and advanced the ball to Geneseo's 9-yard line on a third-and-11 play. The extra-point kick after the short touchdown run by Abrams raised the Broncos' lead to 28-9.

The Maple Leafs made a 40-yard field goal with 10:31 left in the fourth quarter to trim Montini's lead to 28-12. Geneseo then attempted an onside kick. Senior Jack Spanos of the Broncos recovered the kick at the 50-yard line. Montini's offense then drove 50 yards for a touchdown, with sophomore Patrick Gabriel scoring on a 1-yard run with 6:31 on the clock. Louise added the extra-point to close out the scoring.

Senior Drew Chrastka of the Broncos intercepted a Geneseo pass with about four minutes left in the game. Shortly after Montini made its first punt of the afternoon, Spanos made an interception with a little more than one minute to play.

Abrams completed 14 of 18 pass attempts for 164 yards. Ortegon made five receptions for 100 yards. Kowalczyk ran for 106 yards and one touchdown on 12 carries. Abrams gained 61 yards and rushed for three touchdowns on 11 carries.

Senior linebacker Orlando Greco recorded 13 tackles for the Broncos in their win over Geneseo. Senior linebacker Ben Evenson provided 12 tackles for Montini. Sophomore linebacker Julian Figueroa contributed 10 tackles.

Montini's football program is seeking its third consecutive IHSA state championship. The Broncos won the Class 3A title in 2024 and claimed the first-place trophy in the Class 4A level in 2025. Bukovsky stated that the Broncos will have to be in top form to defeat Morris and advance to the Class 4A quarterfinal round.

"Obviously next week's going to be a big test," Bukovsky said while referring to the upcoming matchup at Morris. "It's going to be a great challenge. We've got to put everything into it and get ourselves ready to play."

Warriors drop post-season battle with Red Devils

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team opened the post-season with a three-game loss to Hinsdale Central at the IHSA Class 4A Hinsdale Central Regional on Oct. 27. The Red Devils defeated the Warriors 25-18, 20-25, 25-14 to advance to the regional final against Marist on Oct. 29. Marist beat Hinsdale Central 25-13, 25-7 to win the regional championship and advance to this week's Argo Sectional.

Willowbrook finished its 2026 season with an overall record of 25-11.

The Warriors and Hinsdale Central squared off in Hinsdale during the regular season. That Sept. 23 contest was also a three-game decision. After losing the opening game, Willowbrook pulled out a thrilling 15-25, 25-20, 32-30 victory.

Sophomores Lucy Franz and Darcy Hurley provided seven kills each for the Warriors in the regional semifinal. Senior Maggie Hurley supplied five kills for Willowbrook. Senior Tess Doyle made 13 digs for the Warriors in their season-ending match against Hinsdale Central. Senior Melanie Marinier handed out 13 assists for Willowbrook. Freshman Paige Marinier contributed nine assists.

Willowbrook held an early 9-1 lead in the first game against Hinsdale Central, but the Red Devils went on a 16-6 run to take a 17-15 lead. After Willowbrook won a point to cut Hinsdale Central's lead to 20-18, the Red Devils won five straight points to end the game.





LEFT: Willowbrook senior Melanie Marinier (1) keeps the ball in play during the Warriors' match against Hinsdale Central. RIGHT: Sophomore Lucy Franz (11) had seven kills for the Warriors in the regional semifinal match against Hinsdale Central. (Photos by Chris Fox)

The Warriors held a 19-18 lead during the second game. The Warriors then won three straight points to extend their lead to 22-18.

Willowbrook built a 7-2 lead at the start of the decisive third game. Hinsdale Central won the next six points to take an 8-7 lead. The Red Devils delivered a 5-0 run to take a 17-10 lead. The Warriors won a long point to cut Hinsdale Central's lead to 21-14. The Red Devils won the next four points to end the match. They won the final point with an ace.

Rams edge Huskies in regional semis, fall to Oswego in final



Sophomore Madi Schmidt (4) receives a serve during the Rams' playoff match against Oswego. (Photo by Chris Fox)

The Glenbard East girls volleyball team earned an exciting post-season win over Naperville North at the IHSA Class 4A Oswego Regional.

The Rams defeated the Huskies 25-19, 8-25, 26-24 in an Oct. 27 regional semifinal to advance to the regional final on Oct. 29.

Oswego beat Glenbard East 25-23, 25-7 in the regional final to end the Rams' season. Glenbard East completed its season with a 13-24 record. Oswego advanced to this week's Glenbard West Sectional in Glen Ellyn.

Senior Taylor Griffith and sophomore Olivia Stieve amassed 11 assists each for the Rams in the team's post-season win over Naperville North. Sophomore Eileen Urbina contributed 10 digs and four assists. Sophomore Madi Schmidt made six digs and served two aces. Junior Abby Michelon supplied eight digs and three kills, while senior Bridget Crocker added two blocks, one kill and one ace. Sophomore Mia Sommesi hit four kills for Glenbard East, while senior Megan Pham bashed two kills.

Michelon contributed four kills, three digs and two aces in the Rams' loss to Oswego in the regional final. Stieve provided five digs and four assists. Schmidt connected for four kills and served two aces. Urbina made two digs. Junior Maddie Haugen made two blocks, while freshman Luci Gapastione made three digs and handed out three assists.

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53rd) and Rachel Simek (19:56.9; 64th) also represented Willowbrook at the Lyons Township Sectional.

Broncos' boys team earns berth in Class 2A state meet; two Montini girls advance to Peoria

The Montini Catholic boys cross-country team qualified for this week's IHSA Class 2A state meet when it posted a fifth-place finish in Saturday's 18-team Kaneland Sectional. The sectional's top seven teams advanced to this week's state meet in Peoria.

Senior Nino Pesola led the Broncos at the sectional with his 17th-place finish. He completed the 3-mile race in 15 minutes, 31.7 seconds. Sophomore Matthew Ferris (15:45.8) ran to a 23rd-place finish for Montini. Seniors Adriel Garcia (16:01; 28th), Owen Ferris (16:01.9; 29th) and Gavin Conway (16:04.6; 31st) crossed the finish line within a few seconds of each other to complete the Broncos' scoring lineup. Junior Charlie Ahrens (16:32.1; 49th) and sophomore Victor Sharma (17:13.1; 68th) rounded out Montini's sectional contingent in the race, which included 135 finishers.

Sophomore Natalia Pesola and junior Gia Csoke of Montini's girls cross-country team will compete in this week's IHSA Class 2A girls state meet in Peoria. The two Broncos earned their state-meet berths with their strong efforts at Saturday's Kaneland Sectional.

Pesola completed the 3-mile sectional race in a 12th-place time of 18 minutes, 27.7 seconds. Csoke (19:38.3) ran to a 30th-place finish in the race, which included 126 finishers.

The sectional's top 10 finishers who weren't members of state-qualifying teams earned individual berths to state. Pesola placed second among that group, while Csoke landed in sixth.