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## Governor's office presents Mortgage Relief Project

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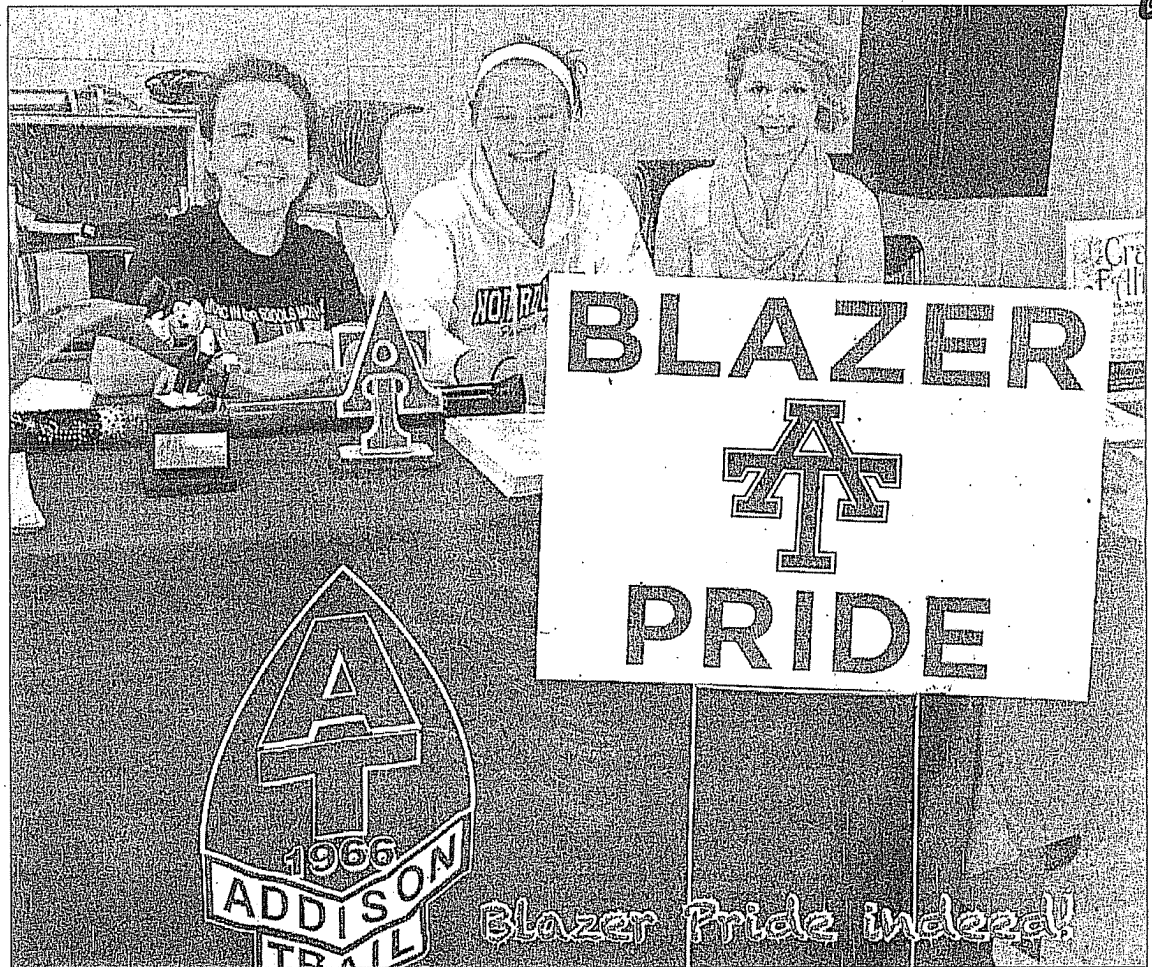
SPRINGFIELD — The Mortgage Relief Project, part of the Illinois Foreclosure Prevention Network established by Governor Pat Quinn, is in place to help residents of Illinois find a way to lower their mortgage payment, avoid foreclosure and remain in their homes.

On Saturday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., State Senator Don Harmon and State Representative Kathleen Willis are hosting a local outreach event on behalf of Governor Quinn at the Fenton High School Field House (enter Door 22), 1000 W. Green Street in Bensenville. The event will introduce homeowners in the area to the Mortgage Relief Project and its programs. Receive free housing counseling and learn how to recognize the telltale signs of mortgage fraud.

Please bring the following items to the event:

- mortgage statement
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- copy of rental agreement, if necessary
- two months recent paystubs

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Addison Trail seniors (from left) Marina Maric, Julia Rowley and Brenda Sybolt greeted guests at the school's annual Open House held on Thursday, September 5. Participants were able to tour the building and learn about Addison Trail's curriculum, as well as its clubs and activities.

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## District 88 special needs students reflect on 'High School Musical Jr.'

ADDISON — A day after performing in Disney's "High School Musical Jr." at Willowbrook, the smile on Addison Trail sophomore Caterina Partipilo's face still hadn't lessened.

"They gave us standing ovations, and that was awesome," she said. "I was a little nervous at first, but it was a lot of fun."

On Aug. 29, Caterina (who played Ms. Darbus) joined other special needs students from Addison Trail and Willowbrook to bring the musical to life.

"High School Musical Jr." tells the story of Troy (played by Willowbrook junior Sean Worden) and Gabriella (played by Willowbrook senior Laura Mayen), as they deal with the challenges of high school — relationships, cliques, jealousy and balancing sports and activities — while auditioning for the

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### The final number...

Above: District 88 special needs students perform the final number during Willowbrook's performance of Disney's "High School Musical Jr." Aug. 29.

### Worden, Mayen share duet...

Left: Willowbrook junior Sean Worden and Willowbrook senior Laura Mayen sing a duet during Willowbrook's performance of Disney's "High School Musical Jr." Worden played the lead of Troy in the musical, and Mayen played the lead of Gabriella.



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school musical. The show was performed by District 88 special needs students and featured mixed media, as the dialogue was prerecorded and shown on a screen, and the songs were sung live with audience members participating.

"I saw a version of the musical at my church with special needs kids, and I wanted to bring it to Willowbrook," said Erik Engel, WBHS social worker and director of the musical. "I knew with the supportive environment created by the students and staff here, this show would be perfect for Willowbrook."

And he was right. More than 400 people came to watch the performance, and the crowd interacted with the students

from start to finish — singing, applauding and cheering and giving them three standing ovations. About 1,000 students watched an abbreviated version of the show earlier that day and had the same reaction to the

performance.

"It was a fantastic experience," Worden said. "It was amazing because I got to express myself to my friends. I would definitely like to (perform) again."

Engel said the musical wouldn't have been possible without the many students and staff members who volunteered to help with the production, including Willowbrook seniors Addie Maggard and Alex

Bardesi. He added he couldn't be more proud of the actors.

"They did a tremendous job," he said. "When I talk about it, I start crying. I never could have imagined this response. It's a day they'll never forget."

## Rep. Conroy seeks nominations for 'Good Neighbor' Business of the Year

VILLA PARK — Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) is accepting nominations for the "Good Neighbor" Business of the Year Award. The reward recognizes businesses in the community that have displayed a dedication to improving their communities. Eligible businesses must be located within District 46.

"While I am working diligently in Springfield to create a better business climate for Illinois, it is important that businesses are recognized for their efforts to benefit our communities," said Conroy. "This award is a way for the community to recognize businesses that have donated their time and money to create positive changes at the local level."

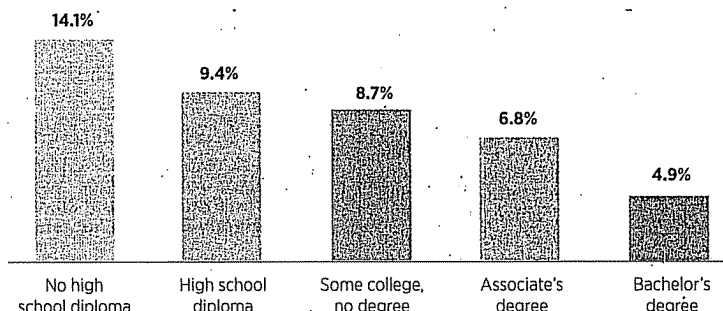
Nominations are available and may be returned to Conroy's constituent service office, located at 28 S. Villa Ave., in Villa Park, faxed to 630-415-3522, or scanned and emailed to [repdebconroy@gmail.com](mailto:repdebconroy@gmail.com) by Friday, November 8. All nominations will be kept private and winning businesses will be chosen by members of Rep. Conroy's Economic Development Advisory Committee.

For more information, contact Conroy's office at (630) 415-3520 or by email to [repdebconroy@gmail.com](mailto:repdebconroy@gmail.com).

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# St. Pius X to host Fall Fest Sept. 20

LOMBARD — St. Pius X Parish will host its 4th annual Fall Fest from Friday-Sunday, September 20-22 at the church, 1025 E. Madison, Lombard. The Fest will begin Friday at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) with Bingo with cash prizes in the parish's Social Center. Saturday evening's Bunco, Bags, and Babysitting takes place from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday features a Polka Mass at 10:30 a.m. under the tent; then enjoy a pig roast, raffles, games, hayrides, pony rides, a jumper, cotton candy and crafts from 12-4 p.m. On Sunday evening at 7 p.m., watch the game at "Bears & Beer" under the tent. All Fall Fest funds benefit the St. Pius X Catholic Community.

## Willowbrook Theatre announces 2013-14 season

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook High School Theatre recently announced its 2013-14 season.

• **Fall musical, "Into the Woods"** – Nov. 14, 15 & 16 at 7 p.m.

The story follows a baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the baker and his wife learn they are childless because of a witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later – with disastrous results.

• **Illinois High School Theatre Festival – Jan. 9, 10 & 11**

Produced by the Illinois Theatre Association, the Illinois High School Theatre Festival (IHSTF) is the largest and oldest noncompetitive high school theatre festival in the world. The three-day festival takes place every year in early January and switches locations between the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Illinois State University. More than 4,000 students, teachers, university representatives, exhibitors and volunteers come together to put on more than 25 different high school productions and more than 150 workshops.

• **Winter play, "Fools" by Neil Simon** – Feb. 13, 14 & 15 at 7 p.m.

Leon Tolchinsky landed a terrific teaching job in an idyllic Russian hamlet. When he arrives, he finds the town has been cursed with chronic stupidity for 200 years, and it is his job to break the curse. No one tells him if he stays more than 24 hours and fails to break the curse, he becomes stupid as well. The situation in this hilarious comedy becomes more complicated after he falls in love with a girl so stupid she has only recently learned how to sit down.

• **Spring play, "God of Carnage" by Yasmina Reza** – April 24, 25 & 26 at 7 p.m.

A playground altercation between 11-year-old boys brings together two sets of Brooklyn parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses, tensions emerge and the gloves come off, leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters.

For more information, call 630-782-2855 or 630-782-2860.



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## St. Pius X volunteers prepare for Fall Fest

Pictured is (l. to r.) Fall Fest committee member Leanne Newman along with volunteers Joan Ferrara, Jackie Starwinski, and Betty Kramer who are preparing for this year's Fall Fest coming to St. Pius X Sept. 20-22.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Saturday, September 14**

**St. Luke's Bottle Band concert**

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the St. Luke's Bottle Band will perform at Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 So. Ardmore. Tickets are \$10, available at the church. Prior to concert, a light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. To register: 630-834-3440 or visit [trinitylutheranvp.com](http://trinitylutheranvp.com)

**Saturday, September 21**

**2nd annual Tony Hensley Memorial golf outing**

With a 9 a.m. shotgun start, the 2nd annual Tony Hensley Memorial golf outing will tee off at Sugar Creek Golf Course, 500 E. Van Buren to raise funds for Tony's daughters. Lunch will be served at the VFW Post #2801 at 39 E. St. Charles Rd. at 11:30 a.m. Golf and lunch are \$60 per person; lunch only is \$15/adults, \$5/children. Receive one free raffle ticket with a donation of a non-perishable food item. Tickets and info: call Janice Valentzas at 630-530-4911.

**Sunday, September 22**

**VFW Sunday Brunch**

From 8 a.m.-1 p.m., there will be a brunch at the Villa Park VFW Post 2801, 29 E. St. Charles Road. Enjoy a full brunch menu, including prime rib and many breakfast items for \$12.95/adults, \$5.95/ages 4-12; children younger than 3, free.

**September 27-28**

• **Reunion for WBHS class of 1963**

The Class of 1963 will hold a class reunion, beginning Friday evening with a meet-and-greet at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook. On Saturday, enjoy a guided tour of Willowbrook campus; optional nine holes of golf at Sugar Creek Golf Course; a buffet dinner with music and dancing at the McDonald's campus in Oak Brook. To contact reunion planners Maureen Flanagan and Marcy Ashenhurst for reservations, send an e-mail to [marcy.willowbrook63@comcast.net](mailto:marcy.willowbrook63@comcast.net).

• **St. Pius fall used clothing sale**

There will be a clothing and toy resale of fall and winter items for children held at St. Pius X School, 601 So. Westmore in Lombard. Sale

hours are Friday, Sept. 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. with \$1 admission and no children allowed; Sat., Sept. 28 from 9 a.m.-12 noon with free admission and children allowed. Info: 630-768-1286.

**Saturday, October 26**

**Jr Women Club plans Trick-Or-Trot and Devil's Dash**

Beginning with registration at 7 a.m., the Villa Park Junior Women's Club is hosting a Trick-or-Trot 5K/Little Devil Dash 1K is a costume fun run/walk beginning at Park & Cornell along the Prairie Path. The 5K run steps off at 9 a.m. followed by the 1K kids run at 10 a.m. Don't forget to wear a costume! Fees before Oct. 1: \$25 Individual Run/Walk; \$50 Family Run/Walk; \$10 Kids Run Only; After Oct. 1: \$35/\$60/\$12. Register at [active.com](http://active.com) or [VPJWC.org/TrickOrTrot5K](http://VPJWC.org/TrickOrTrot5K)

**Ongoing events...**

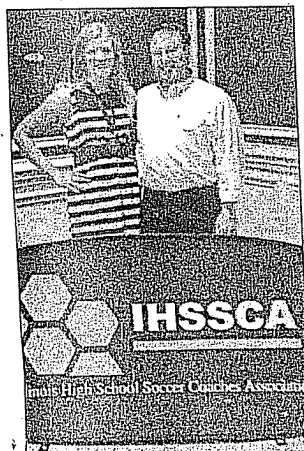
**VPRD's Reader's Theater Group...**

If you love to socialize and would like the chance to perform without having to memorize scripts or lyrics you will want to join the Readers' Theatre Group. The group meets for rehearsal each Monday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood. Free; no registration required. Info: Jenny Casale at 630-834-8525.

**Sunday Brunch at the VFW Post #2801**

On the fourth Sunday of every month (subject to change if another event precludes it), the Villa Park VFW Post #2801, 39 E. St. Charles Rd., will hold a Sunday Brunch from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy prime rib, ham, potatoes, salads, as well as bacon or sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy and many more brunch items. Tickets are \$12.95 for adults; \$5.95 for ages 4-12; children younger than 3 eat free. Next dates are scheduled for Sep. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: [QuestPublishing@aol.com](mailto:QuestPublishing@aol.com). Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.



## Willowbrook senior named All-Sectional in soccer

Willowbrook senior Lauren Carroll is pictured here with Willowbrook Girls Soccer Assistant Coach Pete Montgomery. Lauren was recently named an All-Sectional player by the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association (IHSSCA), placing her among the top players in the region.

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# SPORTS

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## Addison Trail-Willowbrook girls swimming ready to thrive

### Squad out to defend conference title

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook girls swimming co-op team will be defensive this year.

Defensive as in primed and ready to defend its West Suburban Conference Gold Division championship it shared with Hinsdale South last year. AT-Willowbrook went 5-0 in dual meets within the division last year, but Hinsdale South won the conference meet, thus creating a tie for first place in the overall standings.

AT-Willowbrook has plenty of firepower to mount a defense. Back is junior Kelly McNamara who took sixth at state in the fly.

"Kelly should be double Top 6 with whatever we choose to be her second event," said AT-Willowbrook coach Paul Anderson who has done an outstanding job of developing the co-op program into a consistent conference contender that has girls in contention for state berths on a yearly basis. "She also will be on both relays that should have Saturday swims at state this year."

Senior Molly Kuenstler also

is back and is a nine-time state qualifier (all in either the 100, 50 or free relays).

"Molly is looking for at least Saturday swims at the state meet this year, likely in the two relays and the 100 free," Anderson pointed out.

Junior Molly Hill returns in the backstroke and sprint freestyle events.

"Molly has made major strides in the off-season and is looking to break out this year," said Anderson.

Junior Gabby Morrone qualified for state in the 200 free relay team that took 12th in the state last year.

"Gabby is a strong sprinter and is versatile with back and breaststroke," said Anderson. "The state experience should help her take the next step."

Sophomore Meghan Koterba qualified for state in the 400 free relay last year.

"She has come into this season in the best shape of her life," said Anderson. "She should contribute on relays at the state level again and likely will swim the 200 and 500."

Senior Stefanie Scimeca is a versatile sprint swimmer.

"Stefanie is tough as nails and a solid leader for us," said Anderson.

Freshman Annalise Morrone will add even more skill to the team in the sprint freestyle races, the breaststroke and the

IM.

"Annalise is the real deal and has already made major contributions in practice," said Anderson. "She should be a lot of fun to watch as the season progresses. There are a number of other fresh faces, but Annalise will be the only varsity contributor right out of the box."

The returning experience is an obvious benefit for the team.

"Our strength is our senior leadership and depth," said Anderson. "We have a class of driven, tough, outspoken, passionate and experienced leaders. These girls police the team for potential issues, encourage every member of the team to get outside their comfort zone by working harder than they thought possible, are amazing in the classroom and know exactly what it takes to meet both short- and long-term goals. These girls have made the team their own and are guiding it in a direction that will foster success not just this year but in the future."

AT-Willowbrook now has 40 swimmers in the program.

"We can move people around depending on how a meet shakes out," said Anderson. "The flexibility and size are things we have not had in the past."

Anderson has been pleased

with the amount of work and effort the team has put in during the off-season and now in early season practices.

"We need to continue the work we have put in thus far," he said. "If the girls keep this positive mental attitude and attention to detail there really is not much we cannot accomplish. I do not doubt that we can achieve all our goals. We have taken to our ability to work together and push each other. We are a cohesive unit and the camaraderie is extraordinary. In the pool, we have worked on our conditioning and are far ahead of schedule from a year ago."

Anderson has noticed improvements from the likes of McNamara, Kuenstler, Hill, Anna Kwak, Allison Aguilar, Scimeca, Koterba and Megan Lobner.

"Kelly changed to the Westmont Swim Club and has seen gains from the switch," said Anderson. "Molly Kuenstler, Molly Hill, Anna, Allison, Stefani, Meghan Koterba and Megan Lobner and others also participated in a dry land camp I put on this summer. All of them came into the season much stronger than in years' past."

Anderson has noticed a change in particular to Molly Kuenstler.

"Molly has come in with a

chip on her shoulder and has attacked every set like she has something to prove," he said. "It has been a challenge to write workouts that she cannot destroy. It is clear she is looking to leave a legacy of toughness and success as the most decorated swimmer in the history of our program."

To say the least, Anderson is anxious to get the season rolling.

"It should be the best season in the history of our program," he said. "We have immense top-end talent that is as fast as any in the state, depth we've never had before, veteran experience that has been tested under conference, sectional and IHSA state meet pressure and a desire to take the next step as a program. I cannot wait to get our meets started because I cannot wait to watch these girls compete. We are pushing to be conference champions for the second year in a row, have 100% lifetime bests at our taper meets, push Downers Grove North at sectionals, qualify as many swimmers as possible for the state meet, have at least five swims on Saturday at the state meet and compete together as a team."

Anderson said Hinsdale South and Downers Grove South will be key challengers once again in the WSC Gold.

## Addison Trail girls tennis team hungry for more success

### All-conference players Rodriguez and Barry return

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls tennis team reached new heights last year.

The Blazers finished third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division with a 4-2 record, the best showing in coach Justin Hegner's seven years at the helm. The Blazers were 9-7 overall in duals, again a high-water mark in Hegner's tenure and even before his arrival.

Addison Trail is looking to further

build off that success with the likes of returning players Carmelita Villalobos (senior, No. 1 singles), Mary Kate Flemming (senior, No. 1 or No. 2 doubles), Ekaterin Gjonaj (senior, No. 1 or No. 2 doubles), Brenda Rodriguez (senior, No. 1 or No. 2 doubles) and Caelainn Barry (senior, No. 1 or No. 2 doubles). Flemming and Gjonaj will comprise one doubles team and Rodriguez and Barry will comprise another.

Rodriguez and Barry are returning all-WSC Gold selections from last year. They won those honors with different partners last year and are now teamed together. Villalobos, who will play second singles, was on the team freshman year and got fourth in con-

ference in doubles. She is now back as a singles player.

"Our greatest strength is our depth," said Hegner. "We have three strong singles players that give each other great competition even when they are playing at practice. The same goes for doubles. On any given day a doubles team that is currently positioned lower than another doubles team can beat them and take their spot. This is why not all positions are set."

Mental preparedness will be a key for the Blazers this season.

"If we are mentally prepared and believe in ourselves as individuals and as a team, we will go far this year," said Hegner. "Tennis is a very mental game and we practice improv-

ing our mental game every day. If we are mentally tough this year, we will succeed and I believe we will."

Hegner would like to see the team take things to an even higher level this year.

"I am hoping and expecting to beat our overall record and conference record from the past season," he said. "We have most of our team back from last year, so they have the experience to get us to the next level. We hope to reach new heights this year and are setting our goals high. As a team, we have a goal to try to reach second place in conference and have some girls qualify for the state tournament for the first time in 10 years."

# Addison Trail boys soccer team looking to top last year's success

**Blazers finished second in WSC Gold in 2012**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys soccer team enjoyed a strong 2012 season.

The Blazers went 14-6-1 and finished 5-1 and took second place in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

Now, Addison Trail, under the direction of coach Ryan Dini, is looking to follow up on last year's success with a group of talented players.

Back are the likes of junior center midfielder Elias Leyva, who played for the Chicago Fire Academy team last year.

"I am so ecstatic that he is with us now," said Dini.

Senior forward Trey Smith is back

after scoring 10 goals in 12 games and earning all-WSC Gold honors.

Senior defender Angelo Amato was an all-sectional and all-WSC Gold player last year. He's a team captain this year.

Senior forward Daniel Krajewski scored six goals last year and is in a captain's position this year. Senior center midfielder Cesar Chavez is a three-year varsity starter and another team captain. He has 10 career goals at the varsity level.

Junior goalie Jonah Moran started the majority of games last year and had five shutouts.

Key newcomers include junior outside midfielder Peter Mierkowski and sophomore center midfielder Javier Berrum.

"We are bringing back five starters from last year's team that are now seniors," said Dini. "They had lots of success last year, so I am looking at

them to help lead this team to a good season."

Dini added the team is working hard to improve on the defensive end.

"We are still trying to figure some things out defensively," he said. "We have two new defenders this year."

Dini noted the squad has improved its team speed. "We spend a lot of time on speed and agility drills and I have seen players improve in these areas."

Winning the close contests will be a key emphasis this season. "We need to win games 1-0 and 2-1 this year for us to be successful," said Dini. "If we get into high-scoring games, we will be in trouble."

Addison Trail is embarking on a schedule that features many tough opponents.

"We are playing one of the toughest schedules this year in the state," the coach said. "I wanted to have our team tested every single game so they can see

as many different styles and top teams before the state playoffs. Our goal is to finish in the top half of the West Suburban Gold Conference and to compete in every game we play. Our goal is to be flying high going into the state playoffs, win a regional and then see what happens in sectionals."

Dini also likes the future prospects for the program in general.

"We have one of our best freshman classes this year for boys soccer," he said. "I have two of them up at the sophomore level and our freshman team should still win most of its games. The program is looking good after coming off one of our best seasons in 15 years last year at the varsity level."

Addison Trail hosts Neuqua Valley on Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in a key non-conference game. District 88 neighbor Willowbrook comes to Addison Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

# Addison Trail girls volleyball team has potential

**Blazers return key players from last year's 20-win team**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls volleyball coach Dan Styler uses one word to describe what he likes about his team on the offensive end of the net.

Potential.

"Every returning player has demonstrated versatility by being challenged to play a new position in our offensive

scheme or is a newcomer at the varsity level," said Styler, who is in his second year as head coach and sixth year as a coach in the program. "We have a dynamic group of attackers that jump well and are athletic. We are pushing each player to understand situational hitting strategies in pursuit of developing a well-rounded offense. Furthermore, it helps having multiple setters on our team that have experience running an offense."

Addison Trail is coming off a 2012 season where it went 20-14 overall and finished third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division with a 4-2

mark.

Top returning players for the Blazers include seniors Christina Capuani and Juliana Selvaggi along with sophomore Nina Capuani.

Christina Capuani led the team in assists and aces last year. Selvaggi started as a middle blocker last year and Nina Capuani had the second-most kills on the team last year.

Key newcomers include sophomores Jessica Mell (middle blocker) and Nicole Pudlo (outside hitter) and freshman Sarah Petrbok (outside hitter).

"The girls understand their commitment to building a program culture and acting

as role models for our underclassmen," said Styler. "These ladies understand their legacy in the program spans beyond their individual desires and goals."

Styler said the team is hard at work improving its ball control.

"We have to be the better ball-control team in the serving and passing challenge of every match," he said. "Consequently, our players must control momentum swings and trust their instincts throughout every match."

Styler also is seeing improvements at the net.

"Our blocking scheme is

developing and showing signs of improvement on a daily basis," he said. "Regardless of the size of our opponents, our team will bring a blue-collar attitude on defense."

Styler said Mell continues to take her game to higher levels. "Last year, Jessica was a freshman middle blocker pulled up to varsity during the second half of the season," he said. "Thus far, she has shown tremendous growth by establishing herself as a vital blocker and attacker for our team."

Styler said top contenders in the WSC Gold will be the likes of Hinsdale South and Downers Grove South.

# Addison Trail boys cross country team looking forward to improved season

**Willowbrook boys golf team now 4-0**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys cross-country team is coming off a fifth-place finish in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division as well as sending four individual runners to Class 3A sectional competition last year.

The Blazers return seniors Luis Miranda, Juan Valdez, Israel Olascoaga and junior Luis Eugenio. Miranda, Valdez and Eugenio are returning sectional qualifiers. Key newcomers to the team include juniors Raymond Loi and Michael Ruizol.

"Our biggest strength is in

the experience of our top four runners," said Addison Trail coach Brad Donaldson. "They all have worked hard over the summer to build on last year's success. They are a great example for the underclassmen and they show great leadership."

Donaldson is looking for the junior class and the underclassmen to help contribute to the team's scoring.

"We need our juniors and underclassmen to step up and add some depth to our top five," he said. "They will need to come along quickly and adapt to varsity-level competition."

Donaldson noted the team put in a lot of time and effort in the off-season.

"Summer training has helped us tremendously and the kids have been able to handle high-

er-level workouts earlier in the season," he said. "We also have developed the numbers on our lower levels."

Miranda is one runner in particular who stepped it up in the off-season.

"Luis has had a tremendous year and off-season," the coach said. "He has put down some serious miles over the summer and is going to reap the rewards this year."

Thus, Donaldson is optimistic once again about the 2013 season.

"We have an opportunity to have a great season even though we had a couple of our key runners move out of district," he said. "We should have the depth to replace them. If the younger kids come along quickly, we should be able to compete for a conference

championship and qualify for the sectional as a team."

**Willowbrook boys golf**

The Willowbrook boys golf team improved to 4-0 in dual meets after recent triumphs over Proviso East and Leyden.

In a 166-251 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Proviso East at Columbus Park Golf Club, Willowbrook's Michael Lev earned medalist honors after shooting a 40.

Alec Sousa added a 41, while Dominic McDonnell shot 42 and Tyler Vavrek shot 43.

The Warriors then scored a 149-172 WSC Gold win over Leyden at Sugar Creek.

Mark Fratto was the meet medalist with a 33 on the par-32 layout. Mike Malito added a 36, while Matt Gasiamis had a 37 and McDonnell carded a 43.

**Willowbrook girls volleyball**

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team opened the 2013 season with a 25-22, 19-25, 25-21 non-conference win over Glenbard North.

Cheyenne Brunig had two digs. Danielle McNamara had two kills, two blocks and one dig. Kelsey Linnig had two kills, two aces, 16 assists and seven digs.

Olivia Pennebaker had one kill and two digs. Maggie McNamara had four kills and one assist. Joanna Conley had one kill, one ace and 12 digs.

Mia Railing had nine kills and six digs. Emily Ligoeki had one kill, 13 assists and two digs.

Jamie Chiappetta had six kills, one ace and four digs, while Michelle Herz had six kills.

• REAL ESTATE •

# Willowbrook's Johnson sets state mark in win over Lyons Township

## Fenton records first win of season against Walther Lutheran

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Willowbrook quarterback Brian Johnson put himself in the record books.

Johnson set the state single-game passing yardage record by throwing for 660 yards and seven touchdowns in Willowbrook's 62-49 West Suburban Conference crossover win against Lyons Township.

Johnson obliterated the previous single-game state mark held by Riverside-Brookfield's Tim Brasic. Brasic threw for

589 yards in a 2001 game against Joliet Catholic.

In fact, only five players in recorded Illinois High School Association history had thrown for more than 550 yards a game prior to Johnson's outing.

The seven touchdowns in a single game are not a state record. That ties Johnson for the eighth-most in a single game in state history.

Morris' Bobby Brayton threw nine touchdown passes in a 1949 game against Gardner. Six other individuals have thrown eight touchdowns in a single game.

The win moved Willowbrook to 1-1 overall.

The Warriors open WSC Gold Division play Friday at Hinsdale South.

### Fenton football

The Fenton football team

evened its mark at 1-1 overall with a recent 38-13 non-conference win over Walther Lutheran.

Fenton returns to action Friday at home in another non-conference game against Rich South.

### Addison Trail football

The Addison Trail football team lost a 36-14 non-conference decision to Hinsdale Central in West Suburban Conference crossover play in Hinsdale.

The loss dropped Addison Trail to 0-2.

Jaavon Bradley accounted for both Addison Trail scores via touchdown catches from quarterback Mike Rybarczyk.

The Blazers return to action Friday for their home and WSC Gold Division opener against Downers Grove South.

## Week 3 Preview Downers Grove South (0-2) at Addison Trail (0-2)

**When:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Addison Trail High School

**Last week:** Proviso West 19, Downers South 12, Hinsdale Central 36, Addison Trail 14

**Last year:** Downers Grove South 35, Addison Trail 20

**Outlook:** Both teams will look to get in the win column this week. This is the West Suburban Conference Gold Division opener for both teams and it is Addison Trail's home opener. Last week, Jaavon Bradley caught two touchdown passes from quarterback Mike Rybarczyk.

## Week 3 preview Aurora Central Catholic (1-0) at IC Catholic Prep (1-1)

**When:** Saturday, 1 p.m.

**Where:** Lewis Stadium at Plunkett Park, Elmhurst

**Last week:** ACC 42, Bogan 7, Kaneland 45, IC Catholic Prep 14

**Last year:** IC 33, ACC 0

**Outlook:** IC looks to get back on the winning track after dropping a 45-14 contest to Kaneland last week. IC's James Janowski leads the team with three touchdowns. Aurora Central had its Week 1 game against Oostburg, Wis. cancelled due to weather. The game will not be made up. ACC opened the season last week with a convincing 42-7 win over Chicago Bogan. ACC went 6-4 last year and made the playoffs.

## Week 3 Preview Rich South (1-1) at Fenton (1-1)

**When:** Friday, 7:15 p.m.

**Where:** Fenton High School, Bensenville

**Last week:** Thornwood 28, Rich South 12, Fenton 38, Walther Lutheran 13

**Last year:** Rich South 12, Fenton 8

**Outlook:** This is a rematch from last year's non-conference game at Rich South. Fenton is coming off a 25-point win over Walther Lutheran, while Rich South dropped a non-conference game to Thornwood. Rich South opened the season with a 32-23 win over Morton.

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Bank of America, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,  
VS.  
Clara Alejo; Jesus Alejo Aguilar; Highview Park Townhomes Association; Ford Motor Credit Company LLC; People of the State of Illinois;  
Defendants.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, John E. Zaruba, Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois, will on October 22, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Southwest Lobby, Wheaton, IL 60187, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of DuPage, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit:

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PIN: 03-28-306-047

The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1140, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number W12-2641. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: PUD. The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale.

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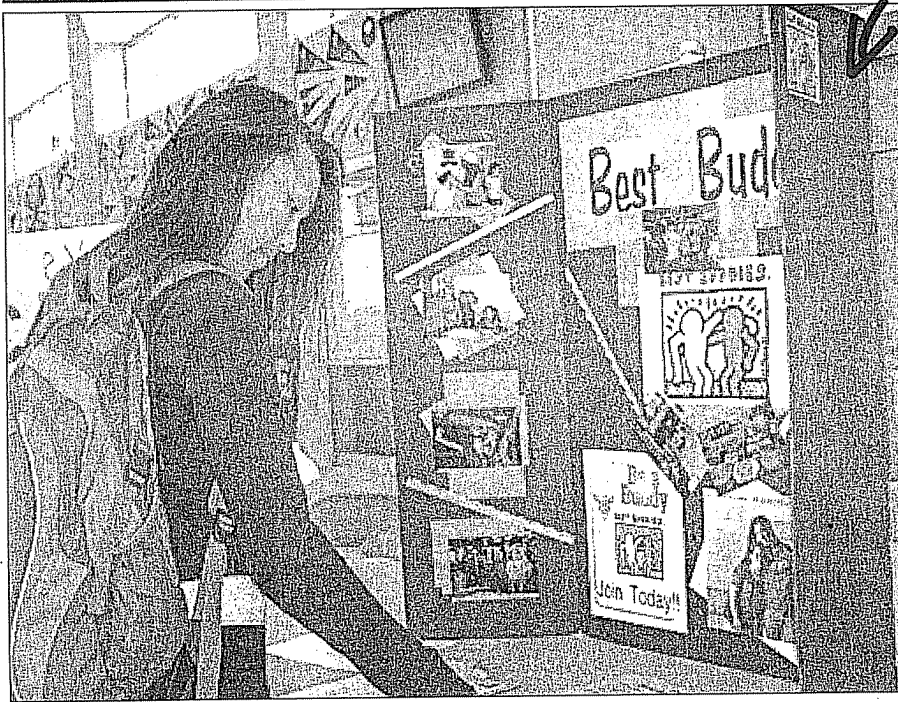
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**Checking out the "Best Buddies"**  
Addison Trail senior Bolor Bat-Erdem checks out the Best Buddies booth during the school's Activity Fair Sept. 6.

## Addison Trail Theatre announces 2013-14 season

ADDISON — Addison Trail Theatre recently announced its 2013-14 season.

- **Fall play, "The Odd Couple"** – Nov. 7, 8 & 9 at 7 p.m.; also Nov. 9 at 2 p.m.

Neil Simon's classic comedy comes to life, but with a twist. Two shows will be performed by an all-female ensemble, and two shows will be performed by an all-male ensemble.

- **Improv Show** – Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

Addison Trail's very own improv troupe, along with pH Productions, will put on a hilarious improv show that is sure to keep you laughing.

- **Illinois High School Theatre Festival** – Jan. 9, 10 & 11

Produced by the Illinois Theatre Association, the Illinois High School Theatre Festival (IHSTF) is the largest and oldest noncompetitive high school theatre festival in the world. The three-day festival takes place every year in early January and switches locations between the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Illinois State University. More than 4,000 students, teachers, university representatives, exhibitors and volunteers come together to put on more than 25 different high school productions and more than 150 workshops.

- **Winter musical, "Once on This Island"** – Feb. 6, 7 & 8

"Once on This Island" is the highly original and theatrical adaptation of the popular fairy tale "The Little Mermaid." In almost nonstop song and dance, the show tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. After Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death.

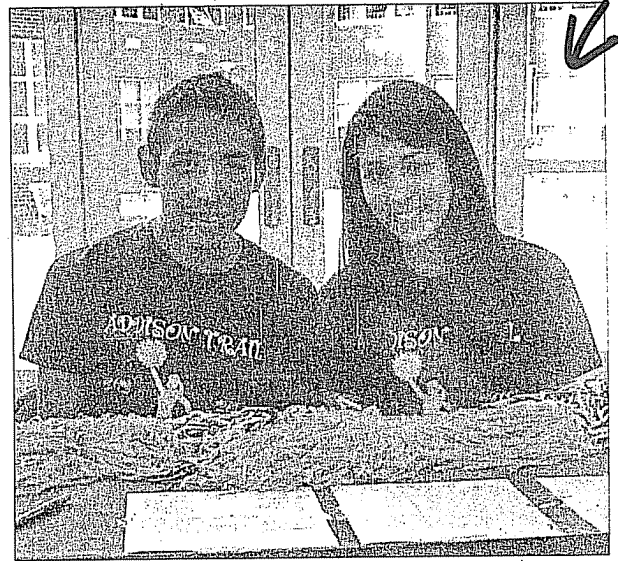
- **"Twelve Angry Jurors"** – April 10, 11 & 12 at 7 p.m.; April 12 at 2 p.m.

This drama depicts a jury forced to consider a homicide trial. At the beginning, they have a nearly unanimous decision of guilty, with a single dissenter of not guilty, who throughout the play sows a seed of reasonable doubt. These twelve then move to the jury room, where they begin to become acquainted with the personalities of their peers. Throughout their deliberation, not a single juror calls another by his name because the names are unknown by the jurors.

- **Student-directed "One Acts"** – May 2 & 3 at 7 p.m.

This is an all-student directed and produced show that takes you through one act from three different plays. Each director chooses the play and auditions the performers for the complete experience of producing a professional program for all attendees.

For more information, call 630-628-3365, or visit [attheatreboosters.com](http://attheatreboosters.com).



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## At the information table...

Addison Trail juniors Luis Eugenio and Jenny Leal share information about the Addison Trail Blazettes with their classmates during the school's fourth annual Activity Fair.

## Addison Trail hosts fourth annual Activity Fair

ADDISON — On Sept. 6, Addison Trail students were able to learn about the various activities and clubs offered at the school during the fourth annual Activity Fair.

About 35 groups participated in the event, which helps students become engaged at Addison Trail and discover what it means to be a Blazer.

"My goal for the Activity Fair was to give all

students an opportunity to see what's out there and to become involved in something they enjoy doing," said Courtney DeMent, Addison Trail Assistant Principal. "Some students, especially new ones, don't know how to get involved in the clubs we have, so this is a great time at the beginning of the school year for everyone to see what we offer and to become a part of the Blazer Nation through our activities program."



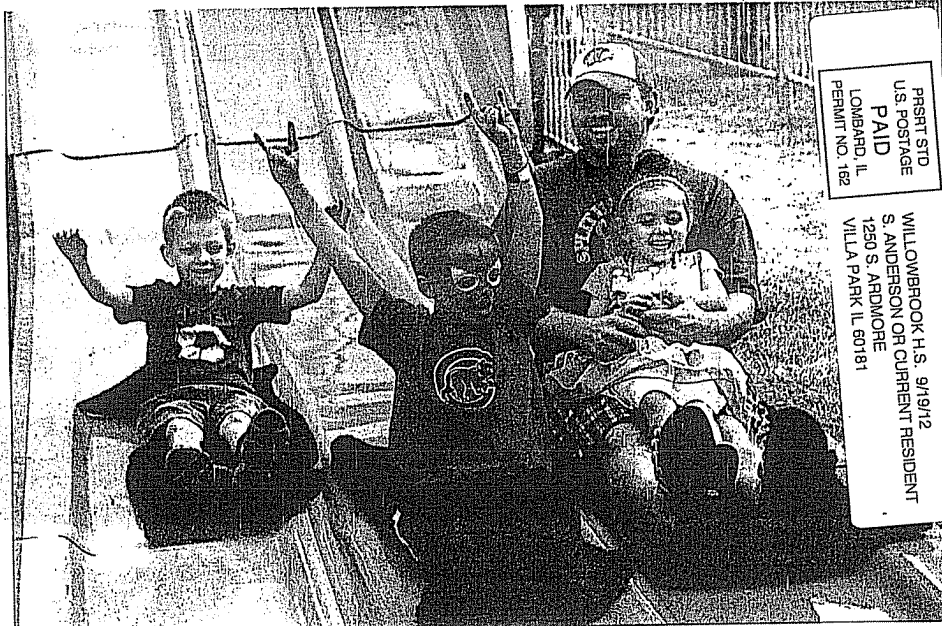
Addison Trail senior Mack Juarez (l.) shares information about the school's INTERACT Club with seniors Anthony Corona and Eddie Smolinski (far r.) during Addison Trail's Activity Fair Sept. 6.



## Fun slide...

THE MANY ATTRACTIONS at Villa Park's Oktoberfest event included the fun slide. The photo on the right shows (left to right) Ethan Stasch, Darrion Glover and Keith Kozioi with his daughter Taylor at the end of their downhill trip. Ethan and Darrion are both 6 years old. Taylor is 4 years old. The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department held Oktoberfest, which took place Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Lions Park. In addition to several carnival rides and games, Oktoberfest featured a kids zone, food, a beer tent, a bags tournament and live music.

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## Reptile expert brings some of his friends to Oktoberfest

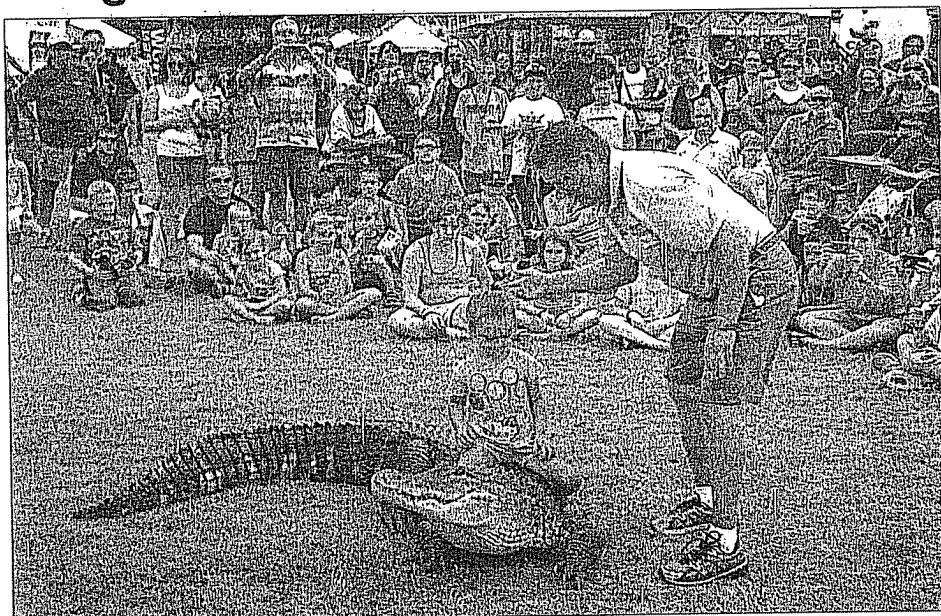
This year's Oktoberfest event in Villa Park featured the annual visit of Jim Nesci and his "Cold Blooded Creatures" presentation. Nesci appeared before a crowd of interested spectators on Saturday afternoon at Oktoberfest in Villa Park.

Nesci is described as an experienced expert in the reptile industry on his own Web site—coldbloodedcreatures.com. The Orland Park resident, who has made numerous local and national television appearances, keeps dozens of creatures in his home. Nesci never takes animals from the wild. He says 90 percent of his animals are rescues.

Nesci displayed one creature at a time during Saturday's presentation. The animals included a tortoise from Africa, a throat monitor lizard, a young North American alligator that had been flushed down a toilet but managed to survive in the Chicago area's sewer system, and a couple of pythons, including a lengthy albino Burmese python. The many children in the audience were able to take an up-close look at the animals. Nesci invited some young volunteers to touch the animals. Eleven children helped Nesci and a couple of adult volunteers hold the albino Burmese python, which is about 15 feet long.

Nesci closed out his presentation by introducing the audience to Bubba—a mature North American alligator weighing about 250 pounds. The 9-foot-long alligator, which takes commands from Nesci, took a couple of children for brief rides.

Nesci brings his reptiles to a variety of events, including birthday parties, corporate events and school assemblies. For more information, visit coldbloodedcreatures.com.



### An alligator ride...

Photo by Chris Fox

REPTILE EXPERT JIM NESCI (above, right) watches as 4-year-old Francesca Pack of Villa Park sits atop Bubba—a 250-pound North American alligator—on Saturday afternoon at Oktoberfest in Lions Park. Nesci keeps Bubba and several other reptiles at his home in Orland Park. Bubba, who is more than 9 feet long, responds to Nesci's commands. Nesci's presentation at Oktoberfest also included a tortoise; a throat monitor lizard, a young North American alligator and two pythons.

## John Valle to speak at senior commission luncheon on Sept. 25

The Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission will host a luncheon for area seniors on Wednesday, Sept. 25. The event will begin at noon at the Villa Park Community Recreation Building, which is located at 320 E. Wildwood Ave. The

guest speaker will be York Township Supervisor John Valle.

All seniors are welcome to attend the event, enjoy a free luncheon and hear Valle's presentation about the senior services provided by York Township.

## Sept. 30 fundraiser at Sonic benefits Willowbrook students

Throughout the day on Monday, Sept. 30, 15 percent of sales from the Sonic restaurant at 290 W. Roosevelt Road, Villa Park, will be donated to the Willowbrook High School Parent Organization. To ensure that proceeds from each sale are donated to the organization, customers must mention the offer before ordering. A voucher regarding the fundraiser is available for printing at <http://tinyurl.com/m4ckeck>.

# Sports

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## Johnson sets state record in Warriors' 62-49 win

The Willowbrook football team lit up the scoreboard during Friday night's game at Lyons Township, scoring nine touchdowns on its way to a 62-49 victory in Western Springs.

Senior quarterback Brian Johnson spearheaded the Warriors' scoring barrage with seven touchdown passes, four of which covered more than 50 yards. The unofficial statistics after the game showed Johnson set a new IHSA state record for passing yards in a single game with a whopping 660 yards. The previous record for passing yards in an IHSA regular-season game was 574 yards. The IHSA state record for a playoff game stands at 589 yards.

In addition to his state-record passing performance, Johnson also ran for a touchdown—a short run that broke a 49-49 tie in the fourth quarter.

Senior receiver Hayden Adams hauled in three of Johnson's touchdown passes. Senior running back Jeremy Barnes made a pair of touchdown receptions and added a scoring run. Senior Devin Childress and sophomore T.J. Geritano each provided one touchdown catch.

The Warriors, who improved their season record to 1-1, took a 14-0 lead before the Lyons Township offense even took the field. The Lions, whose record dropped to 0-2, generated plenty of offense of their own, rolling up four touchdowns during the first half. Willowbrook held a 42-28 lead at halftime, but Lyons Township scored the first two touchdowns of the third quarter to tie the game at 42-42. The Warriors and Lions were deadlocked at 49-49 with about nine minutes left in the game. Willowbrook, which never trailed in the contest, took the lead for good with a 78-yard drive that ended with a 2-yard quarterback sneak by Johnson with 6:29 to play.

The Lions turned the ball over on downs on the ensuing series. Willowbrook's offense needed just one play to deliver another touchdown—a 52-yard pass from Johnson to Adams—to complete the night's scoring with 4:31 to play.

The Warriors marched 80 yards in six plays on the opening drive of the game, which ended with a 5-yard touchdown pass from Johnson to

Childress. Junior Paul Yacoub then kicked the first of his eight successful extra-point kicks of the game.

The Warriors offense returned to the field after Willowbrook recovered Yacoub's onside kick near the 50-yard line. Barnes finished the second drive with a 19-yard scoring run. Yacoub's kick gave the Warriors a 14-0 lead with 7:50 still remaining in the first quarter.

The Lions scored the game's next two touchdowns to even the score at 14-14 by the end of the first quarter. Johnson dealt four touchdown passes in the second quarter, beginning with a 67-yarder to Adams with 8:21 left in the opening half. Adams made the catch near the Lions' 40-yard line and raced down the middle of the field into the end zone.

Johnson's 77-yard touchdown pass to Barnes on a third-down play broke a 21-21 tie with about five minutes remaining in the period. Barnes grabbed the pass near midfield and ran another 50 yards across the goal line.

Barnes turned a short pass into a long gain later in the quarter when he caught a swing pass near midfield and took off for a 52-yard touchdown reception with 2:41 left in the half.

The Lions responded with a 53-yard touchdown pass to shave the Warriors' lead to 35-28, but Willowbrook added one more score in the closing seconds of the half on Johnson's 1-yard TD pass to Geritano with 5.1 seconds remaining in the period. Yacoub's extra-point kick gave the Warriors their 42-28 halftime lead.

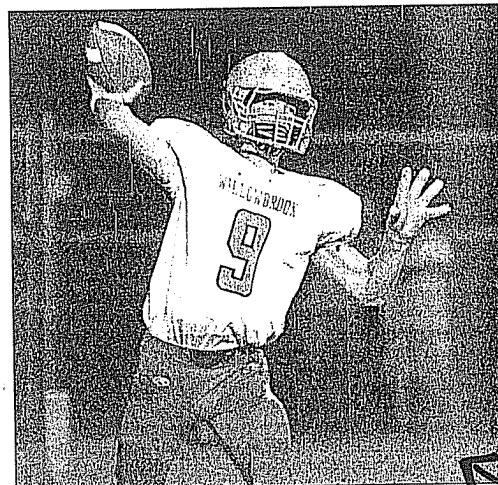
While Willowbrook scored two touchdowns in the first four minutes of the first half, the Lions delivered two touchdowns in the first four minutes of the second half. The Warriors fumbled the kickoff return after Lyons Township's first touchdown of the third quarter. The Lions recovered the ball at the Willowbrook 30-yard line and scored moments later on a 12-yard pass.

The Warriors regained the lead with a 77-yard scoring drive that ended when Johnson scrambled in the backfield before throwing a 12-yard touchdown pass to Adams. Yacoub's kick gave Willowbrook a 49-42 lead with 2:51 left in the third quarter.

Another recovery of an onside kick gave the Warriors possession at the Lions' 38-yard line. The Willowbrook drive ended when the Warriors coughed up a fumble near Lyons Township's 5-yard line. Willowbrook committed one more turnover in the game—an interception of a Johnson pass with about 11 minutes to play. The Lions took advantage of the turnover, driving 35 yards to tie the game on a short touchdown pass and extra-point kick with 8:57 to play.

Barnes set up Willowbrook's eighth touchdown of the night when he caught a screen pass on a third-down play and turned it into a 48-yard gain down to the 2-yard line. Johnson ran the ball across the goal line on the next play to boost the lead to 55-49 with 6:29 left. Yacoub added the extra-point kick.

Lyons Township faced a fourth-and-four play from the Warriors' 36-yard line with under five minutes to play. Willowbrook's defense came to life on the play, sacking the Lions' quarterback for a 12-yard loss. Johnson looked to his left and flipped a short pass to Adams on the next



**Spectacular night...** File photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR QUARTERBACK Brian Johnson (above) fired seven touchdown passes and ran for one touchdown during Friday's 62-49 victory at Lyons Township. The unofficial statistics showed Johnson set an IHSA single-game record for passing yardage with 660 yards. According to the IHSA Web site, the previous state record for passing yards in a regular-season game was 574 yards (set by Wil Lunt of Rochester in 2007). The above photo shows Johnson during the Warriors' Aug. 31 season opener at Glenbard East.

play. Adams sprinted down the sideline for a 52-yard touchdown reception.

Willowbrook's defense would stop the Lions on two more fourth-down plays during the final four minutes.

The Warriors will play their third straight road game of the season this Friday, when they will travel to Darien to open the West Suburban Gold Conference season against Hinsdale South (0-2 overall). The Warriors will play their first home game of 2013 on Sept. 20, when they will take on York.

### Montini

The Broncos improved to 2-0 with Saturday's 34-6 victory over the East St. Louis Flyers in East St. Louis. Senior quarterback Alex Willis threw five touchdown passes for Montini, which trailed the Flyers 6-0 in the first quarter before scoring touchdowns on three straight possessions to take a 21-6 lead.

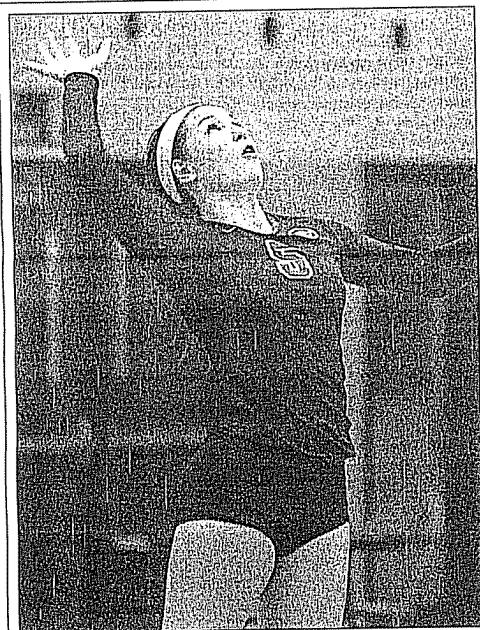
The Broncos, who made the 280-mile trip to East St. Louis on Saturday, tied the game at 6-6 when Willis threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to senior Connor Costello midway through the first quarter. Junior Mason Weissenhoffer kicked the extra point to give the Broncos a 7-6 lead.

Montini's next offensive drive covered 50 yards and ended when Willis and junior Leon Thornton connected on a 38-yard touchdown pass with about two minutes left in the first quarter.

Willis threw his third touchdown pass of the day early in the second period, finding senior Matt Brachmann for an 8-yard completion.

The Broncos scored their next touchdown shortly after recovering a fumble at the Flyers' 23-yard line. Willis threw to senior Tyler Tumpene, who dove across the goal line for a

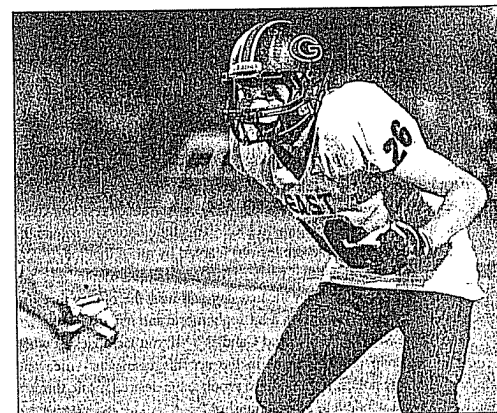
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### Rams win...

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GLENBARD EAST SENIOR Meghan Hanewall (above) hits a serve during last week's girls volleyball match against West Chicago. Playing in their first home match of the 2013 season, the Rams defeated the Wildcats 25-21, 25-19 on Sept. 3 in Lombard. Hanewall, who is a four-year varsity starter, provided a team-leading nine kills for the Rams against West Chicago. Sophomore Allison Farrell added four kills. Junior Sam Bell handed out 18 assists. Hanewall and sophomore Jessie Spontak made 11 digs each. "They're playing hard; they're working hard and they're learning as we go," said Glenbard East coach Marci Maier of the Rams after the match. "I'm very happy with their progress so far." The West Chicago matchup used to be a conference rivalry for the Rams, but the Wildcats are no longer members of the DuPage Valley Conference as of this season. The Rams opened the DVC season against the conference's newest member—Lake Park—on Aug. 29 in Roselle. Glenbard East beat the Lancers 25-17, 25-23. That victory marked the Rams' first conference triumph since 2010. (Glenbard East posted 0-14 conference records in both 2011 and 2012.) Hanewall connected for seven kills in the win over Lake Park. Bell passed out 16 assists and Spontak made six digs. Junior Allison Achenbaugh contributed a pair of service aces. The Rams won three of five matches at the Early Bird Classic, which took place on Friday and Saturday at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates. Glenbard East defeated Mundelein and Conant but lost to Wisconsin's Plus XI High School during Friday's play. The Rams lost to Rolling Meadows and Maine South on Saturday. Glenbard East's overall season record stood at 6-6 at the end of the tournament.



### One on one...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST JUNIOR defensive back Jack Difino (above) watches an Oswego East receiver during Friday's football game in Oswego. The Wolves defeated the Rams 33-0. The Rams trailed Oswego East 10-0 at halftime, and at the end of the third quarter. Glenbard East's overall record fell to 1-1. The Rams open up the DuPage Valley Conference season with this week's game at West Aurora.



## U-16 Firebirds win tournament title...

THE LOMBARD FIREBIRDS' U-16 FUSION UNITED girls soccer team (above) won the championship in its division at the Nike Labor Day Classic tournament, which took place Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at Olympic Park in Schaumburg. The Firebirds opened the event with a 4-2 victory over the Sockers FC U-15 White team on Aug. 31. The Firebirds earned another win later in the day, defeating the Glen Ellyn Lakers Green team 2-0. The Firebirds' first match on Sept. 1 was a 2-2 tie against the Sockers U-16 White team. The same two teams met in the championship match later in the day. The Firebirds edged the U-16 Sockers 2-1. Members of the Firebirds (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Karla, Petra and Marcella; (second row) Syd, Allie, Julia, Autumn, Maria and Leigh; (third row) Coach Jason Dana, Megan, Syd, Taylor, Allysa, Sierra, Sam, Holly, Sammie, Megan and Coach Bob Lemke; (back row) Coach Paris Koulogeorgas and Coach Rich Rausch.

## Football...

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16-yard touchdown reception.

Montini scored its final touchdown in the middle of the third quarter on an 8-yard pass from Wills to Thornton.

The Broncos' season continues with a much shorter road trip this week. Montini will meet Wheaton Academy (1-1) this Friday at Wheaton College.

### Glenbard East

The Rams dropped to 1-1 after Friday's 33-0 loss at Oswego East. The Wolves, who improved to 2-0, held a 10-0 halftime lead. They erupted for 23 fourth-quarter points after a scoreless third period.

"Offensively, we didn't move the ball all night long," said Glenbard East coach John Walters. "They [the Wolves] played a physical game. We didn't respond."

The Rams began their first

offensive series of the second half at their own 46-yard line following an Oswego East punt. Glenbard East advanced the ball to near the Wolves' 40-yard line before the drive ended with an interception—the Rams' lone turnover of the night.

Glenbard East begins its final season of DuPage Valley Conference play with this Friday's game at West Aurora (1-1). The Rams and West Aurora will both move to the Upstate Eight Conference next season.



## Rams vs. Warriors...

Photos by Chris Fox

FRESHMAN PRISCILLA PALERMO (above) of the Glenbard East girls tennis team hits a shot during the No. 1 singles match of last week's season-opening dual meet against Willowbrook. Palermo scored a 6-0, 6-0 win to help the Rams to a 6-1 victory over the visiting Warriors in Lombard. Glenbard East won two of three singles matches and swept all four doubles matches in the meet. Junior Jenny Danan-Cudla of the Rams won the No. 3 singles match by default. Senior Amanda Wendt (pictured below) secured Willowbrook's only victory of the meet with a 6-4, 6-3 win over junior Angela Kerndt in the No. 2 singles contest. The Glenbard East tandem of senior Wendi Guraziu and junior Janie Jemmi teamed up to win the No. 1 doubles match in straight sets (6-2, 6-2). Seniors Shannon Gill and Michelle Pugaczewicz scored a 6-0, 6-3 victory in the No. 2 match, while the No. 3 duo of juniors Mary Kurtz and Nicki Vachlon delivered a 6-0, 6-0 win. Juniors Alyssa Schaub and Rachael Leifheit posted a 6-0, 6-4 victory in the No. 4 match.

## Willowbrook golf team begins season with four dual-meet wins

The Willowbrook boys golf team improved its dual-meet record to 4-0 with Thursday's 149-172 victory over Leyden at Sugar Creek Golf Course. Senior Mark Fratto shot a 2-over-par 33 on the 9-hole course to post the low score for the Warriors. Senior Mike Malito carded a 36, while senior Matt Gasiamis shot a 37. Dominick McDonnell shot a 43 to round out Willowbrook's team score of 149.

Prior to beating Leyden, Willowbrook earned dual-meet victories over Ridgewood, West Chicago and Proviso East. The Warriors played at Saturday's 28-team Batavia Invitational at Fox Valley Golf Club, turning in an 18th-place finish. Fratto posted an 18-hole score of 81 on the par-72 course. Malito fired an 83, while senior Sean Keefe finished with an 85. Gasiamis shot an 86 to complete the Warriors' team score.

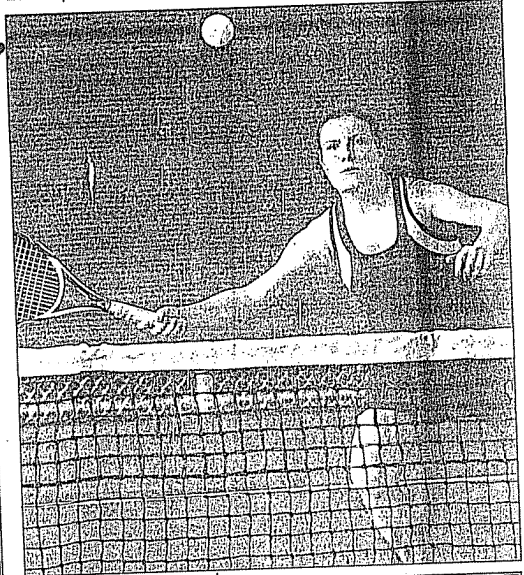
Willowbrook competed in Monday's West Chicago Invitational at the No. 2 course at St. Andrew's Golf Club. The Warriors placed seventh out of nine teams. Keefe led the team with an 18-hole round of 84 on the par-72. Gasiamis shot an 85, followed by Fratto's 86 and Malito's 88.

## Warriors finish fourth at eight-team event

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team won three of five matches and claimed fourth place at its own eight-team tournament, which took place on Friday and Saturday in Villa Park. The Warriors won their first three matches of the event, beating Walther Lutheran (25-16, 25-14), Mt. Assisi (25-23, 21-25, 15-8) and Addison Trail (25-19, 26-24). The Warriors lost a three-game battle to Glenbard North in Saturday's tournament semifinals to avenge a loss to the Warriors in the season opener three days earlier. The Panthers edged Willowbrook 14-25, 25-23, 25-20. Addison Trail defeated the Warriors 23-25, 26-24, 25-22 in the third-place match. Plainfield North won the title by beating Glenbard North 25-23, 25-22 in the championship match. Willowbrook's overall season record stood at 4-2 at the end of the tournament.

Junior Kelsey Linnig compiled 63 assists for the Warriors during the tournament. Junior Micala Giammarino added 44 assists. Senior Joanna Conley made a total of 55 digs throughout Willowbrook's five matches. Senior Maggie McNamara and junior Mia Railing both tallied 24 kills during the event.

The Warriors opened the season with a 25-22, 19-25, 25-21 victory over Glenbard North on Sept. 4 in Villa Park. Railing bashed nine kills, while senior Michelle Herz and freshman Jamie Chiappetta each provided six kills. Linnig and freshman Emily Ligocki had 16 and 13 assists, respectively. Conley supplied 12 digs.



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## Junior Rams girls basketball tryouts take place Oct. 1-2

The Junior Rams girls basketball program for girls in grades 5-8 will hold tryouts for the 2013-14 season on Tuesday, Oct. 1, and Wednesday, Oct. 2. Each tryout session will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the field house at Glenbard East High School. Players should plan on attending both tryouts if possible and arrive 15 minutes early to sign in.

All girls in grades five through eight are eligible to participate in the program, regardless of current or future school affiliation.

The approximate cost to play with the Junior Rams during the upcoming season will be \$200 to \$250, depending on the number of players on the program's teams. The season will run from October to February and include two practices and one or two games each week.

For more information, contact Matt Dooley at 630-495-4912, or at [matthew.dooley@dpsg.com](mailto:matthew.dooley@dpsg.com).



## Broncos on the run... Photo by Chris Pestel

MONTINI'S GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY team competed in Saturday's Leavay Invitational at Leroy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles. The Broncos placed eighth out of 13 teams in the overall standings. The above photo, from the start of the 3-mile race shows (left, foreground) Montini senior Brittany Fisher, who ran to a fourth-place finish in the individual standings. She completed the race in 18 minutes, 34 seconds. Just over Fisher's left shoulder is senior Maggie Hallerud, who turned in a 10th-place time of 19:05. Sophomore Glanna Salzbrunn (19:33) ran to a 25th-place finish for Montini. Sophomore Emma Makowski (right, foreground) was the Broncos' fourth-fastest runner, completing the race in a time of 21:03. Freshman Mary O'Brien turned in Montini's fifth-best time (21:32).



» GET TO KNOW

# School's first female resource officer relates to students

By SARAH SMALL  
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**VILLA PARK** – In a closed community like Willowbrook High School, gossip spreads quickly. One of the stories currently circulating around the school is that the new detective and police liaison officer is a trained mixed martial arts fighter.

So when Sonia Soto dashed from her office to check on a small skirmish happening in

the hall last week, she wasn't surprised to hear students whispering behind her, curious to see how she would handle the incident.

Soto has trained in martial arts and more recently has gotten involved in kickboxing, but the 32-year-old isn't an MMA fighter. She's a detective with the Villa Park Police Department who was recently assigned to the high school and is determined to keep the building and its stu-

dents safe.

"I don't want anything happening to this school," she said. "This is my school now."

She's the first female detective at the department and the first woman to be assigned to the school's liaison position.

At Willowbrook, she's responsible for securing the building and handling any incidents at the school, but she also has a hand in any police

work involving juveniles outside of school. She attends the football games, will be working at the school dances and when the bell rings to signal passing periods, she ducks into the hallways to see the students.

"Any time the bell rings I like to go out and mingle with the kids," she said. "I'm really happy here; the environment is amazing."

Soto has served with the department for five years, but

said many people don't know her in town because she spent her first four years working the midnight shift.

Since she was a little girl growing up in Chicago's Brighton Park neighborhood, she wanted to be a police officer. At the time, the neighborhood was gang infested and officers from the Chicago Police Department would patrol the streets and talk to the

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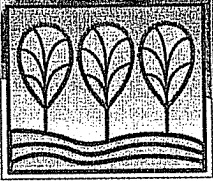


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neighborhood children.

"They'd stop and talk to us and I'd think, 'Oh my gosh, this is so cool. I want to be the one caring for the juveniles,'" Soto said.

Her father and mother, immigrants from Mexico and Poland, worked long hours to support the family so she was often on her own. It was a police officer who became one of the strongest adult figures in her life.

"We had D.A.R.E. in school and I became very close to our D.A.R.E. officer," she said. "When I had problems, I ran to him."

She didn't know her liaison officer in high school so she always thought she wanted to be a D.A.R.E. officer for the elementary students, until the position at Willowbrook became available and she decided to apply.

She's adamant about meeting as many students as possible and even keeps a jar of M&Ms on her desk to encourage people to visit.

"I remember, my worst years were my teen years," she said. "If I can relate to them, I can help them."



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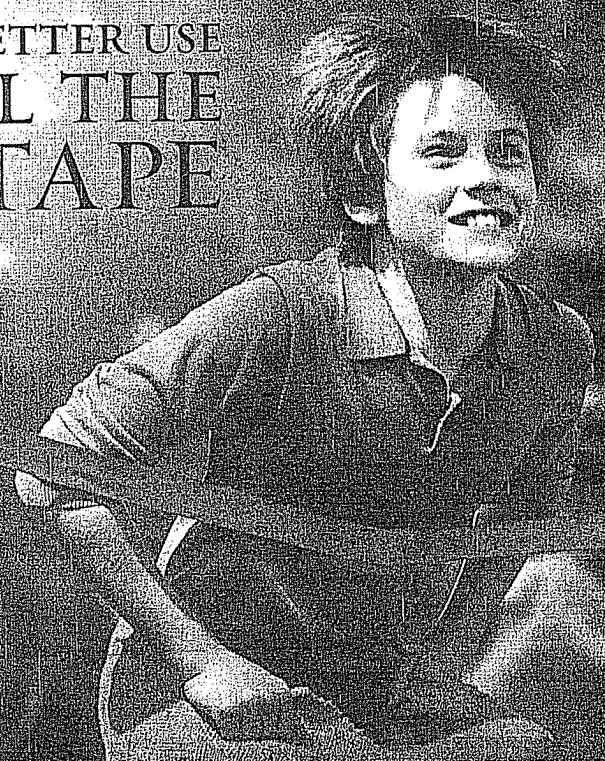
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**6 PERCENT:** Wearing white

■ **THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:** Should the United States take military action against Syria? Vote online at [mysurbanlife.com](http://mysurbanlife.com).

## Getting a 'Head Start' with Metropolitan Family Services

Jayden, Mason, Maritza and Jacob lived in different quadrants of DuPage County, but they all had something in common.

They were full of anticipation, waiting for Sept. 3 to get here so they could begin preschool. On that special day, more than 600 children experienced what is sure to be one of life's most memorable moments – the first day of not just any preschool, but Head Start.



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Patricia Mathis

Head Start is a comprehensive program that promotes the school readiness of children from low-income families from birth to age 5 by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. In addition to educational services, Head Start provides health, nutrition and social services.

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Metropolitan Family Services DuPage administers the 13-site Head Start Program for DuPage County.

"Head Start fits so perfectly with the mission of Metropolitan Family Services to provide and mobilize services needed to strengthen families and communities," said Theresa Nihill, executive director of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage. "The majority of our programs are conducted in community schools in the neighborhoods where the children live. Families can more easily access the services offered through Head Start and at the same time begin forging bonds with school personnel before their child starts kindergarten."

To learn more about Metropolitan Family Services DuPage or the Head Start program, call Metropolitan Family Services DuPage at 630-784-4801.

*Patricia Mathis is the director of development for Metropolitan Family Service DuPage*

## ► THUMBS UP/THUMBS DOWN



A thumbs down to the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, who recently implicated a Bensenville resident, Kiara Landin, in a heroin trafficking operation that spanned across DuPage and Cook County, that she had no part in. In a news release sent out by the Office, Landin was listed with the names of 30 others who were arrested by police in connection to drug trafficking.

We realize mistakes happen. But, when releasing information about something as serious as implicating a person in drug trafficking, we'd hope that the State's Attorney's Office makes every effort to ensure their information is accurate.



A thumbs up to the Addison Trail High School community. High schools students, faculty and community members rallied together to raise money and awareness following a tragic accident in which a student was struck by a car in Chicago hours before his graduation. Sadly, Dylan Domek died Aug. 30. The loss of life so young is always heartbreaking, and we at the Addison Press, along with the community, extend our sympathies.

## ► STREET TALK

**Q: Are you superstitious about Friday the 13th?**



"Not really."

Sherri Winters, Elmhurst



"I am not. Babies are born on the 13th, so it's still a good day."

Tyler Price, Elmhurst College student



"A little bit. I don't know why."

Ketty Picone, Elmhurst

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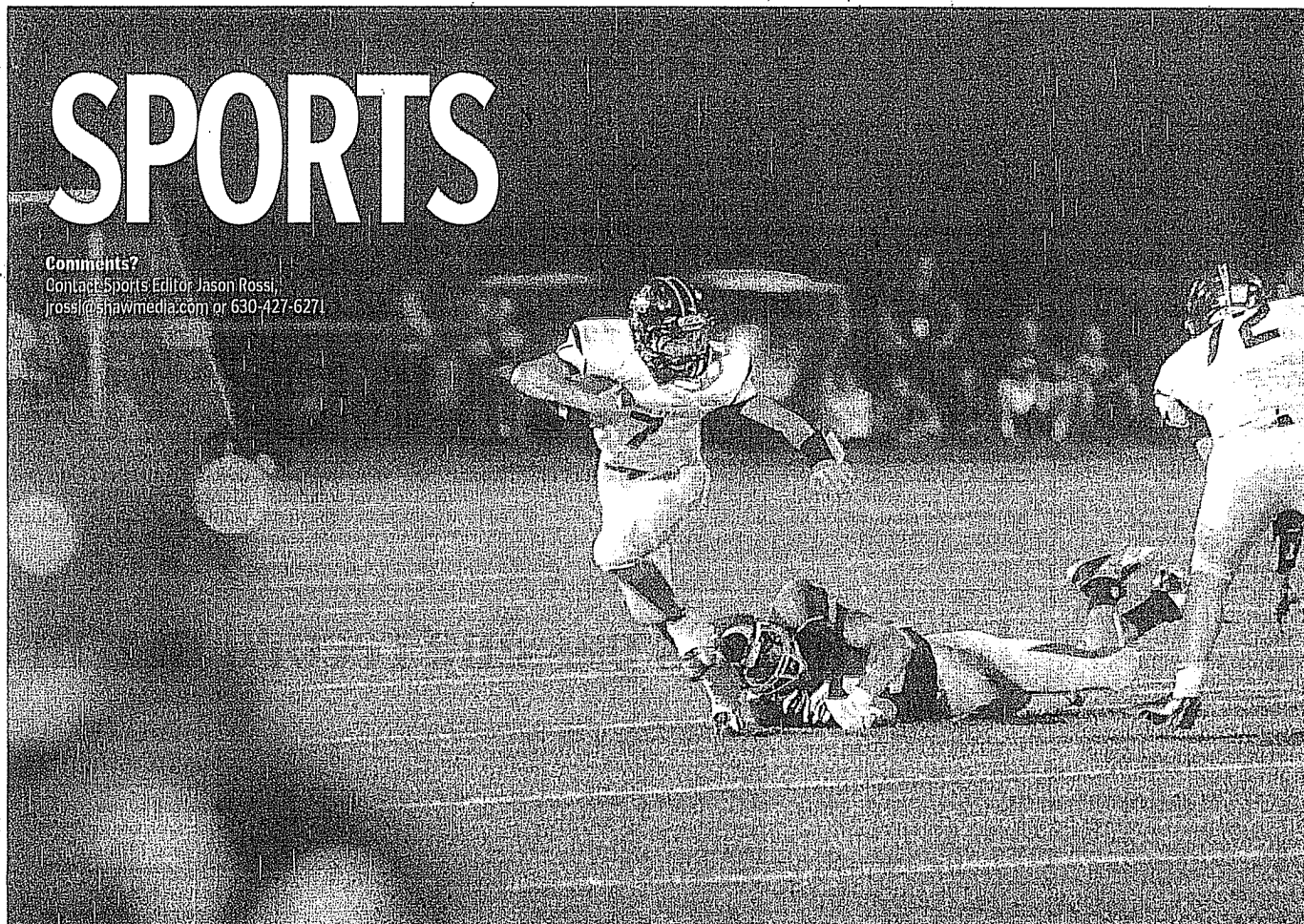
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Addison Trail quarterback Mike Rybarczyk avoids the tackle while scrambling during the Blazers' game at Hinsdale Central on Sept. 6.

## Blazers scrambling to find success

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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**ADDISON** – Through two tough games, Addison Trail's football team hasn't seen many bright spots, but the Blazers are hoping they can continue to improve for the start of conference play.

The Blazers fell to 0-2 with a 36-14 loss to Hinsdale Central on Sept. 6. The Red Devils led 22-14 at halftime, but pulled away thanks to penalties and mental mistakes from AT.

"We're getting better every week," said AT coach Paul Parpet Jr. "We're going through some growing pains

### Hinsdale Central 36 Addison Trail 14

#### AT leaders

**Passing:** Mike Rybarczyk 15-for-20, 231 yards, 2 TDs

**Rushing:** Jim Wislek 13-16

**Receiving:** Javvion Bradley 4-121, 2 TDs; Jake Atiyeh 5-70; Wislek 4-34

the first couple weeks, which we had anticipated because we're real young, but the spirits are high and we're ready for conference play to start."

Parpet pointed out the

Blazers' improvement from the 39-21 loss to Glenbard South in Week 1. He hopes further improvement will lead to a win in the conference and home opener against Downers Grove South.

"I think the biggest bright spot is that we made a big-time improvement from Week 1 to Week 2 as far as our effort on the field," Parpet said. "Coming out of Week 1 we felt that effort was an issue at times. We felt some guys were taking plays off and not giving us their full effort. Going into Week 2 that was our emphasis."

Junior wide receiver Javvion Bradley had another big

game with two touchdown catches and 121 receiving yards. Bradley had 123 yards in the opener.

The downside was AT couldn't run the ball with any effectiveness against a tough Red Devils' defense. Jim Wislek was held to just 16 yards rushing.

"We played toe-to-toe with them," Parpet said. "We thought we had a little momentum going into the second half and sputtered down the stretch."

The emphasis heading into the Downers Grove South game is to be more effective with the run on both sides of the ball. The Mustangs are

known for having a strong running game, and, according to Parpet, that's no different this year. However, the Mustangs have scored only 12 points in losses to Benet and Proviso West.

The passing game, led by junior quarterback Mike Rybarczyk, has done well, thanks in part to Bradley's explosive ability. Rybarczyk has gone 15-for-20 in each of the first two games and has thrown just one interception.

"Overall, I think Mike has been very poised," Parpet said. "He's been a good leader on the field. I've been very impressed with his demeanor."

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### West Suburban Gold

Team W-L Conf. W-L  
**Willowbrook** 1-1 0-0  
**Addison Trail** 0-2 0-0  
**Downers Grove S.** 0-2 0-0  
**Hinsdale South** 0-2 0-0  
**Leyden** 0-2 0-0  
**Morton** 0-2 0-0  
**Proviso East** 0-2 0-0

### Suburban Christian Blue

Team W-L Conf. W-L  
**Aurora Christian** 2-0 0-0  
**Marian Central** 2-0 0-0  
**Marmion** 2-0 0-0  
**Montini** 2-0 0-0  
**St. Edward** 2-0 0-0  
**St. Francis** 2-0 0-0

## WEEKEND WATCH

### Addison Trail vs. Downers Grove South

**When:** 7:30 p.m. today  
**Where:** 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison

**Records:** Addison Trail 0-2, Downers Grove South 0-2  
**Outlook:** AT hosts Downers Grove South in both its conference opener and home opener.

Both teams are looking for their first wins after playing 2012 playoff teams in each of the first two weeks.

While the Blazers struggled to hang with Glenbard South and Hinsdale Central, the Mustangs lost to Benet 21-0 in the opener and Proviso West 19-12 last week.

### Willowbrook at Hinsdale South

**When:** 7:30 p.m. today  
**Where:** 7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien

**Records:** Willowbrook 1-1, Hinsdale South 0-2

**Outlook:** Willowbrook bounced back from the disappointment of losing to Glenbard East in Week 1 in a big way by upsetting Lyons Township.

The Warriors are the only team in the West Suburban Gold to have a win this season and open Gold play against Hinsdale South.

The Hornets have losses to Romeoville and Downers Grove North, the latter a 28-0 shutout last week.

# Broncos burst out to 2-0 start

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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**EAST ST. LOUIS** – Two for two.

In the first two weeks of the season Montini took on bigger schools with proud football traditions and came away victorious. The Broncos beat East St. Louis 34-6 a week after topping Maine South 21-19.

"We had a great game against East St. Louis so we're feeling really good about two quality wins at the beginning of the season," Montini coach Chris Andriano said.

It's the first time Montini has been 2-0 since 2008. The Broncos went undefeated in

## Montini 34 East St. Louis 6

### Montini leaders

**Passing:** Alex Wills 14-for-21, 176 yards, 5 TDs  
**Rushing:** Niko Italia 10-45  
**Receiving:** Leon Thornton 4-70, 2 TDs; Conner Costello 2-54, TD; Tyler Tumpene 5-35, TD; Matt Brachmann 2-18, TD  
**Tackles:** Anthony Fertaro 9; Mike Maduko 8

the regular season that year, but were knocked out of the playoffs in the state quarterfinals.

For years Montini has

opened with two strong programs, typically bigger schools, and they have struggled to get through that phase unscathed. Now the Broncos enter Suburban Christian Conference play against Wheaton Academy with a 2-0 record.

So far the talented defense has done what was expected of it. The Broncos have given up 25 points in two games and could be entering the Wheaton Academy game with a shutout in mind. The Warriors already were shut out in Week 1.

"Defensively we dominated pretty much after the first quarter and our special teams

were really on and gave us great field position all game long," Andriano said.

Offensively, senior quarterback Alex Wills has made up for a running game that hasn't got going in either game so far. Montini has been held under 100 yards rushing both games.

"Offensively we're going to have to make sure we get our running game going," Andriano said. "We're still not quite where we want to be with our running game."

Wills threw for five touchdowns against the Flyers and Montini scored the last 34 points of the game, 27 of which came before halftime.

# Johnson sets passing record in win

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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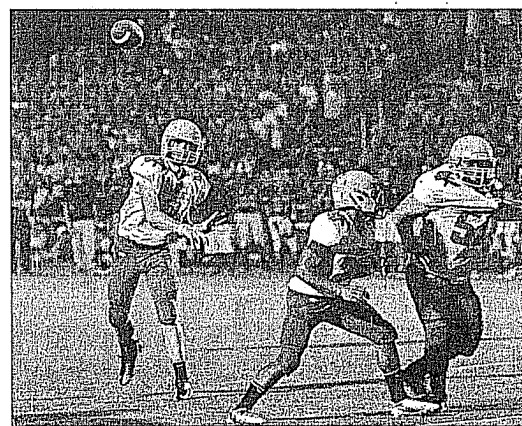
**WESTERN SPRINGS** – The table was set for Willowbrook's football team to lose at Lyons Township.

The Warriors were coming off a loss to rival Glenbard East, a team which had won two games in the past two years, and were traveling to Lyons Township, a team which has made the Class 8A quarterfinals each of the past three seasons.

Not only did the Warriors beat LT, but they broke records in doing so. A week after Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth bemoaned the Warriors' inability to finish drives, Willowbrook finished plenty of drives in a 62-49 win.

A score like that more closely resembles a dorm room game of Madden than high school football. Brian Johnson put up the most video game-like numbers by breaking the state's known record for single-game passing yards with 675. He threw for seven touchdowns and ran for another in Willowbrook's quick-fire offense.

"That's a big part of our game," Johnson said. "Keeping the tempo up and our foot on the pedal."



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**Willowbrook quarterback Brian Johnson** throws a pass during his record-setting performance in the Warriors' win at Lyons Township on Sept. 6.

Johnson said it was too hard to be aware of the numbers as the Warriors were in a tight game the whole way. While the Warriors never trailed, the game was tied at 49-49 before they pulled ahead for good.

Seniors Hayden Adams, Jeremy Barnes and Devin Childress also put up huge numbers on the receiving end of Johnson's big day. Willowbrook broke four touchdowns of more than 40 yards.

"It gives us a lot of confidence and it makes us think we can beat anybody," Childress said of the win. "We had a bitter taste in our mouth after Glenbard East. We really wanted to prove that we're not worse than Glenbard East by beating LT."

Now Willowbrook has to refocus for the conference opener. Hinsdale South began the season as one of the favorites for the West Suburban Gold, but the Hornets have

## Willowbrook 62 Lyons Township 49

### Willowbrook leaders

**Passing:** Brian Johnson 40-for-52, 675 yards, 7 TDs  
**Rushing:** Jeremy Barnes 9-86, TD; Johnson 7-39, TD  
**Receiving:** Hayden Adams 16-253, 3 TDs; Barnes 8-243, 2 TDs; Devin Childress 10-113, TD

lost to Romeoville and Downers Grove North.

The Warriors (1-1) are the only team to have a win in the Gold so far.

"A lot of people picked Hinsdale South to be No. 1, so we're going to try to show we should be No. 1 and not them," Johnson said.

The Hornets run an option-style offense, which is always one blown defensive assignment away from breaking a big touchdown run. Hildreth said the Hornets also use a defensive scheme they haven't seen yet.

"They got some good athletes so it's a headache prepping for," Hildreth said. "It will be three, four, five [yards] and then 80. You have to have the assignments down every single snap or it's going to break."

## Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**BRIAN  
JOHNSON**

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### Why Johnson was selected:

**Johnson threw for a state-record 675 yards in the Warriors' 62-49 win at Lyons Township on Sept. 6.**

*Willowbrook senior quarterback Brian Johnson blew away the known state passing record for yards in a game by throwing for 675 and seven touchdowns in a 62-49 win at Lyons Township on Sept. 6. Johnson, who was 40-for-52 passing, went well past the previous record of 590 yards by Wes Lunt of Rochester in 2011. The Villa Park resident's mind-blowing numbers will give him a boost while he tries to find a school to play college football at. Johnson, the Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, spoke with sports reporter Dan Santaromita about his big game.*

**Have you ever been in a high scoring shootout like that before?**

Not that many points. Last year we had a game where we

had 83 points in a game (a 42-41 win over Glenbard East last year), but that's really the most we've had total.

### What are your current college prospects?

I've been to a few camps, but that's mainly my goal this year is just to get looks.

### After losing in Week 1, how were you able to turn it around in such a big way?

We had a better practice week. I feel like overall they were more intense. The first week it just seemed like we were slow and we weren't ready for the game. That showed on the field. We were really slow and we weren't executing right. The LT week we had great practices, we were executing just like we planned to.

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## ►► PREP ROUNDUP

# Rams post winning tourney record

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## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Glenbard East

The Rams went 2-3 at the Conant Invite over the weekend and lost to West Aurora 25-23, 30-28 in a DuPage Valley Conference match on Tuesday. Meghan Hanewall, Allison Farrell and Sarah Murphy were the top offensive threats for Rams' setter Sam Bell.

## Montini

The Broncos won three more matches this week to improve to 9-0. Montini swept Kaneland 25-21, 25-23 with 15 digs from Bridget Lucas on Monday. Monica Loftus had six kills and three blocks in a 25-17, 25-18 win over Downers Grove South on Tuesday. Joyce Balash's five kills contributed to a 25-20, 25-20 win over Wheaton Academy on Wednesday.

## Addison Trail

The Blazers went 3-2 at the Willowbrook Invite over the weekend to take third place. AT beat Mt. Assisi and Walther Lutheran while splitting two matches with the host Warriors. The Blazers also lost to Plainfield North. Sophomore Nina Capuani had 30 kills and Juliana Selvaggi added 28 to lead AT at the tournament. On Tuesday they opened up West Suburban Gold play with a 25-18, 25-23 win over Morton. Maine East beat them

25-21, 25-20 the next day.

## Willowbrook

Hinsdale South topped the Warriors 25-15, 25-10 on Tuesday in the first West Suburban Gold match of the season.

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Glenbard East

Vince Booth finished 14th at Fenton's Early Bird Invitational. He completed the race in 16:09.5. Fellow senior Jack Peters was 34th as the Rams placed 10th.

## Addison Trail

By crossing the finish line in 43rd place, Luis Miranda was Addison Trail's top runner at the Early Bird Invitational at Fenton.

## Willowbrook

Jimmy Funteas was 18th at the Lions Pride Invitational with a time of 15:46.15. The Warriors were 10th as a team.

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Glenbard East

Yoselin Toledo was the Rams' top finisher at Fenton's Early Bird Invitational. Her time of 20:20.1 was good for 33rd in the 22-team invite. The Rams were 11th as a team.

## Montini

Brittany Fisher placed fourth for the Broncos with a time of 18:34 at the 13-team Leavey Invitational at Leroy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles. Fellow se-

nior Maggie Hallerud was 10th to help Montini place eighth overall.

## BOYS GOLF Montini

Alex Keefe had a big week for the Broncos. Keefe was the medalist against Marmion on Monday with a 35. The Broncos lost the match on a fifth scorecard after tying 158-158. The next day Keefe again posted the low score of 38 in a 160-178 win over IC Catholic. On Wednesday St. Francis beat the Broncos 161-179.

## Willowbrook

The Warriors improved to 5-0 in dual matches with a 151-191 win over Morton on Wednesday. Mark Fratto scored a 34 to win match medalist.

## GIRLS GOLF Glenbard East

The Rams picked up a pair of dual meet wins earlier in the week. They edged past Glenbard North 199-200 on Monday and beat Wheaton North 185-188 on Wednesday.

## GIRLS TENNIS Willowbrook

The Warriors beat Leyden 4-3 in a West Suburban Gold dual on Tuesday in the first conference match of the season. Willowbrook topped West Chicago 5-1 on Wednesday.

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Addison Trail midfielder Cesar Chavez dribbles down field in the Blazers' game with Curie on Sept. 3.

# Strength on 'D' drives Blazers

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**ADDISON** - Last season the Blazers had one of the best seasons in school history with a 14-6-1 record and a second place finish in the West Suburban Gold.

It may be difficult to replicate that production, but the Blazers still have some talented pieces coming back to lead the charge.

All-sectional sweeper Angelo Amato leads a veteran defense that also includes senior returner Daniel Krajewski. In all, AT has five returning starters back.

The Blazers were expecting a boost from junior midfielder Elisa Leyva, the brother of recently graduated all-state forward Jorge Leyva. Elisa Leyva joined from the Chicago Fire Academy, but injured his shoulder early in the season opener and coach Ryan Dini fears he may miss the season.

"We had a bad start," Dini said of AT dropping its first three matches. "We lost probably our best player probably five minutes into our season. It's been a transition the first couple games getting guys moved around."

AT has since recovered from the 0-3 start with three straight victories, including a 2-0 win over Downers Grove

## Addison Trail

**Conference:** West Suburban Gold  
**Home field:** 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison  
**2012 record:** 14-6-1 overall, 5-1 WSG  
**Coach:** Ryan Dini  
**Top returners:** Angelo Amato, sr. D; Juan Briones, sr. M; Cesar Chavez, sr. M; Daniel Krajewski, sr. D; Trey Smith, sr. F  
**Promising newcomers:** Javier Berrum, so. M; Tom Kinia, fr. F

South on Tuesday in the Gold opener.

Dini thinks pushing higher up the conference pecking order may be a tough feat with Morton again fielding a state contender. The win over Downers Grove South was a quality win; Leyden also could factor in the Gold race. Dini also highlighted the Oct. 8 senior night game against Willowbrook as a big one.

"This year we're looking to finish top half," Dini said.

The Blazers do have some youth with freshman forward Tom Kinia coming from a quality club background and sliding right into AT's attack. Senior Trey Smith will combine with Kinia up top. Fellow returners Juan Briones and Cesar Chavez will be key in the midfield for the senior-heavy squad.

## SOCCER PREVIEW

# Learning curve expected for Warriors

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**VILLA PARK** - Willowbrook has just five returners from a team that won just four games last season, so a learning curve is expected for the Warriors.

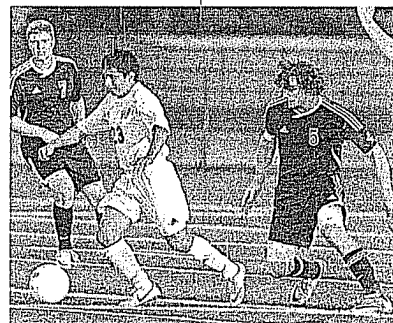
The Warriors dropped the first five matches of the season and scored only one goal in doing so.

The young roster features just four seniors: defenders Dylan Jones and Dan Torres, midfielder Rokas Dubinas and forward Jonathan Cruz. Five sophomores and freshman forward Ricardo Santillan join the squad hoping to push for playing time.

On the upside, three of the returners are on defense, with Jones, Torres and junior Anthony Pieroni fortifying the back line. That trio will have to lead the Warriors, who plan to utilize a 4-2-3-1 formation from the back.

Aaron Johnson scored Willowbrook's only goal of the season so far in a 2-1 loss to Illiana Christian on Sept. 3. Johnson is a sophomore midfielder that will push into the attack. Sophomore midfielder Lucas Betts should also factor into the offensive action for Willowbrook.

Santillan and junior returner Mike Rogalski will hope to form a dangerous tandem in Willowbrook's attack.



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Willowbrook freshman forward Ricardo Santillan evades Illiana Christian players during a game Sept. 3.

## Willowbrook

**Conference:** West Suburban Gold  
**Home field:** 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park  
**2012 record:** 4-17-1 overall, 0-6 WSG  
**Coach:** Pete Ginter  
**Top returners:** Dylan Jones, sr. D; Anthony Pieroni, jr. D; Mike Rogalski, jr. F; Dan Torres, sr. D  
**Promising newcomers:** Lucas Betts, so. M; Aaron Johnson, so. M; Ricardo Santillan, fr. F

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