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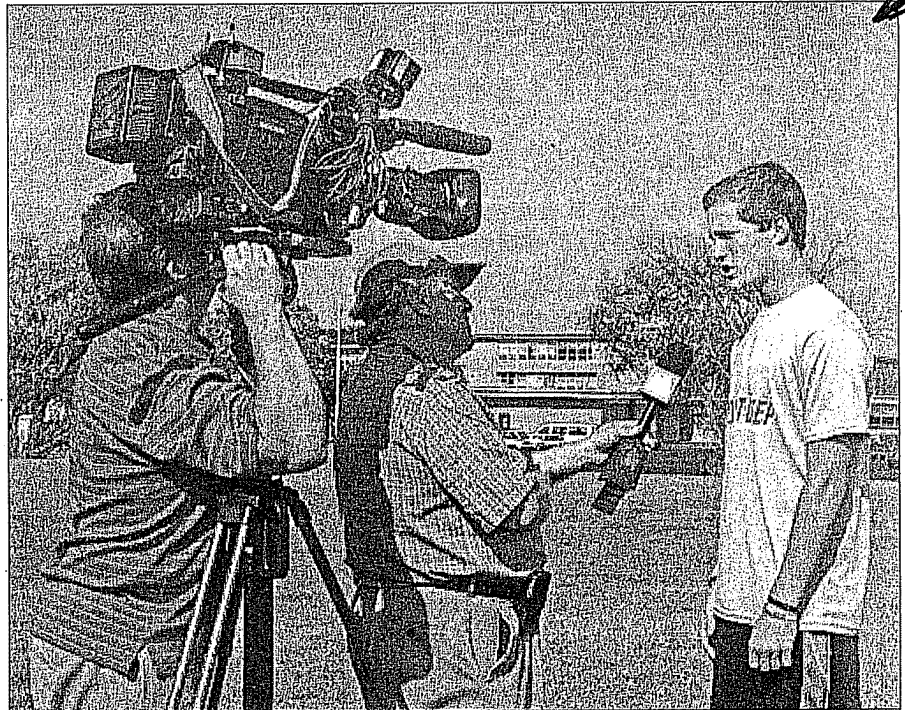
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## No bullying allowed...

### Village Board passes anti-harassment/ bullying ordinance

By Paul DelGuidice  
For The Villa Park Independent

**VILLA PARK** — At the Monday, September 9th formal meeting, the Villa Park Board of Trustees voted 5-0 to approve an ordinance adding the offense of bullying and harassment to the Village Code. The offense will now be a local ordinance violation, subject to local adjudication.

Trustees Bob Taglia, Don Kase, Bob Wagner and John Davis joined Village President Deborah Bullwinkel in voting for the measure. Trustee Al Bulhuis and Trustee Chris Aiello were absent from the meeting.

Trustee Bob Taglia spoke out the most passionately in support of the ordinance.

"There is a really good website called Be A S.T.A.R., which stands for Show Tolerance And Respect," he said. "It has a lot of good educational resources for parents, teachers and students [on bullying]. Something what is very unfortunate about

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## WBHS QB throws 675 yards to set state record.

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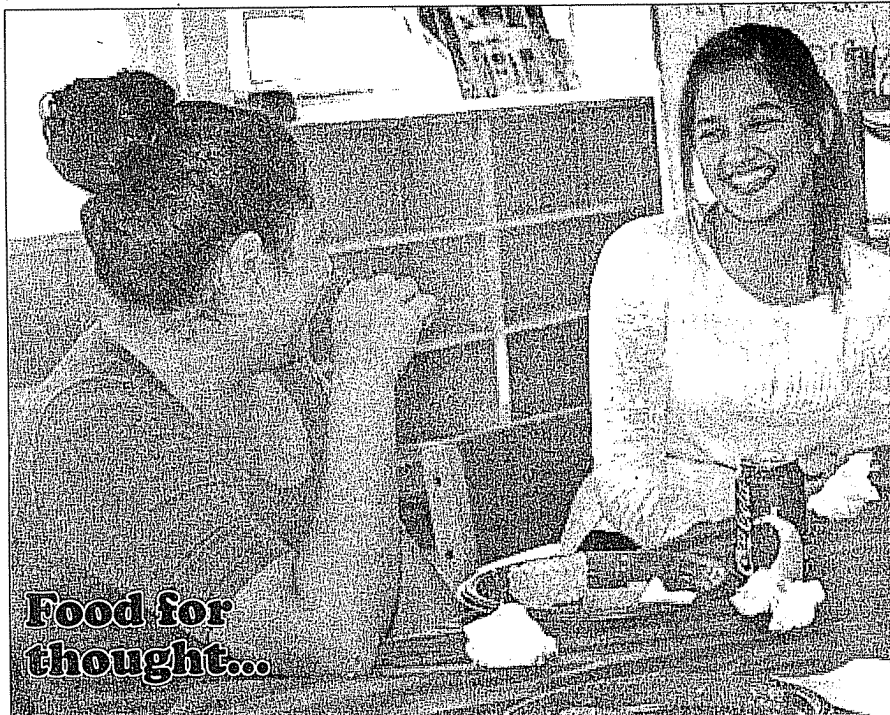


# ATHS celebrates summer reading with pizza

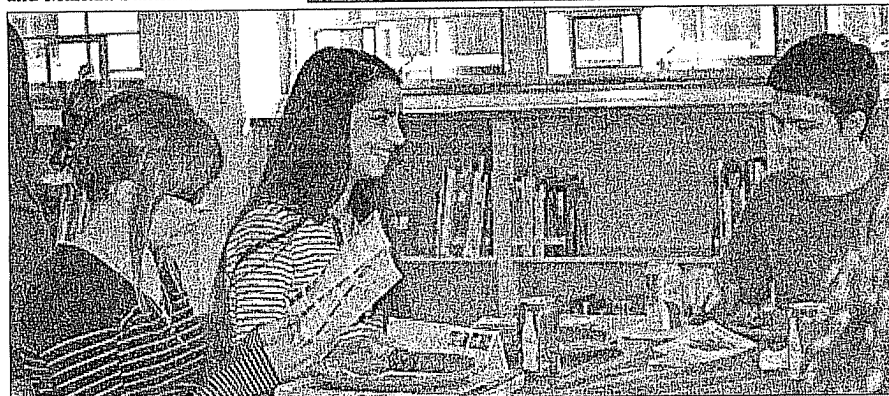
ADDISON — On Sept. 12, 11 Addison Trail students enjoyed a pizza party to recognize their achievement of reading 10 or more books during the summer.

Rose Janusz, District 88 Library Media Center Director, said the pizza party was an incentive for students to read more, as it was offered only to students who read at least 10 books during the summer.

The students who took part were: Greta Qano, Shannan Abraham, Sabrina Majeed, Victoria Robles, Lizbeth Herrera, Angel Placencio, Kali Placencio, Hershey Marzo, Betsi Beltran-Davila, Marylou Santillan and Maritza Santillan.



Food for thought...



Addison Trail freshman Kali Placencio (left) reads the list of books on the Read for a Lifetime program (the first statewide reading program to target high school students to promote the enjoyment of reading by encouraging students to read classic and contemporary literature), as freshman Greta Qano and junior Angel Placencio chat during a pizza party at Addison Trail. The celebration took place to recognize the achievement of students who read 10 or more books during the summer.

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tures.

- See authentic re-enactors and browse artifacts from the Fort Dearborn Militia.

- Watch Taylor's Battery First Illinois Light Artillery fire the Civil War cannon on the hour.

- Fun free activities for kids include face painting, crafts, candle dipping and more.

- A \$5 wristband (children 12 and under) is available for unlimited pony rides, petting zoo, inflatables, and one pumpkin while supplies last.

- Shop a craft sale showcasing local artists.

- Enjoy the live country sounds of the White Saddle Band.

- Outdoor picnic food, sweet treats and beverage favorites are

available for purchase.

## At the Churchville Schoolhouse

- Explore the Schoolhouse and meet school marm Esther Fischer to find out how children of the 1920s learned their lessons.

- Sign up to participate in a spelling bee for kids or a 1920s history trivia contest for adults.

- Play old-fashioned games, listen to stories of the '20s and '30s, and hear live music of the era.

- Learn about the history of the adjacent Churchville Cemetery and local World War II veterans buried there.

- Check out the Elmhurst Fire Department's antique fire truck and vintage Model Ts.

- Enjoy complimentary refreshments including popcorn, apples, cookies and lemonade.

Parking is available in designated spots near each site. Note that in case of severely inclement weather, a rain date of October 26 is scheduled (latest details on [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org) and [www.bensenvilleparkdistrict.org](http://www.bensenvilleparkdistrict.org) home pages).

Come out and experience the beauty of autumn and local history on Heritage Day 2013 at Fischer Farm and the Churchville Schoolhouse. For more information, visit [elmhursthhistory.org](http://elmhursthhistory.org) or [bensenvilleparkdistrict.org](http://bensenvilleparkdistrict.org), or call Bensenville Park District at 630-766-7015 or Elmhurst Historical Museum at 630-833-1457.

photos provided  
Addison Trail freshmen Lizbeth Herrera (left) and Sabrina Majeed discuss the books they read this summer during a pizza party at Addison Trail. The celebration took place to recognize the achievement of students who read 10 or more books during the summer.

## • SEAT CHECK

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the right car seats and install them properly in their vehicles.

Part of the Police Department's participation in National Child Passenger Safety Week on September 15-21, it is one of 88 free events throughout Illinois sponsored by AAA, Illinois Secretary of State, Illinois Head Start Association and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

"Children depend on their parents to keep them safe — every trip, every time," said Officer Chris Weinbrenner of the Addison Police Department. "By attending, ... parents and caregivers can be sure their kids are riding as safely as possible in their vehicle; there is no room for misuse."

Furthermore, he added, even if kids are in the right seat, they may not be buckled in properly, or worse yet, not at all.

Remember: All children younger than 13 should ride in the back seat. As of January 1, 2012, seat belt use has been required in all seating positions. For more information visit [nhtsa.gov](http://nhtsa.gov) or [buckleupillinois.org](http://buckleupillinois.org).

## Addison Trail, Willowbrook CTE depts. offer dual-credit courses for students

**VILLA PARK/ADDISON** — The mission of District 88 is to work for the continuous improvement of student achievement.

As part of that mission, the district remains focused on researching and implementing opportunities to challenge students academically and expose them to college-level rigor.

This year, the Career and Technical Education (CTE) departments at Addison Trail and Willowbrook are working with College of DuPage (COD) to offer sophomores, juniors and seniors dual-credit courses.

"Dual-credit is a wonderful way for our students to experience college-level coursework while still being taught by Dis-

trict 88 teachers in the comfort of their high school," said Mary Barney, Willowbrook CTE Department Chair.

She added the courses are provided to students at no extra cost, and the credits they earn can be transferred to most colleges/universities in Illinois, as well as many out-of-state colleges/universities.

Addison Trail CTE Department Chair Juliann Boudouris said District 88 staff members who teach the dual-credit courses must follow hiring guidelines set by COD and are required to apply and be approved as an instructor. The course curriculum and syllabus also must be submitted and approved by COD.

To register for a course, students should sign up through their CTE teacher and check with their counselor to make sure space is available. Students are encouraged to enroll in dual-credit classes second semester. For more information, contact Barney at mbarney@dupage88.net or 630-782-2823, or Boudouris at jboudouris@dupage88.net or 630-628-3337.

Addison Trail dual-credit courses: \*Courses are a semester long, unless otherwise noted.

Auto tech 2 = AUTO 1040 (3 credits)  
Keyboarding/word processing = OFTI 1100 (2 credits) \* This dual-credit course has been offered since fall 2007.

Food for life (formerly senior foods) = PHYS 1554 (1 credit)  
College & career technology/computer applications = OFTI 1210 (3 credits) \* This course is not running in 2013-14, but will be available in the future.

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Auto upkeep = AUTO 1040 (3 credits)

Photography 1 = PHOTO 1100 (3 credits)

Photography 2 = PHOTO 1102 (3 credits)

Keyboarding = OFTI 1100 (2 credits)

Accounting 2 = ACCY 1140 (4 credits)

\* This is a full-year course.

Fitness & nutrition = PHYS 1554 (1 credit)

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College & career technology/computer applications = OFTI 1210 (3 credits) \* This course is not running in 2013-14, but will be available in the future.

## OBITUARIES

### Walter J. Weiger, 86

Walter J. Weiger, of Villa Park, passed away recently at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Christina "Tina" and the late Jeanne; fond father of Alan (Natalie), Madelyn (Clyde) Cox, Mark (Patricia) and Karl (Francesca); grandfather of Erich, Amanda, Aaron, Alexander "A.J.", Lauren, Evan, Stephen and the late Johnathan; great grandfather of Tyler and Noah; brother of the late Harry; brother-in-law of Rosemary Weiger. Mr. Weiger was a member of General Douglas MacArthur's Honor Guard during the occupation of Japan; was a former Scout Master and a talented artist. Memorial Service was held on Saturday, September 21 at the funeral home. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated for Johnny Weiger Memorial Scholarship Fund at Montini High School, 19W070 16th St., Lombard, 60148. Arrangements provided by Ahlgrim Funeral Home. Call (630) 834-3515 or visit ahlgrim.com for more information.

### Mary Kay Dahm, 97

Mary Kay Dahm, nee McGrath, of Villa Park, passed away on September 11, 2013, in Villa Park at the age of 97. Beloved wife of the late Harold M. Loving mother of Robert (Sharon), Margaret (Jimmie) LoCicero and Kenneth (Betty) Dahm; dear grandmother of Alex Dahm and Sarah Dahm, fond sister of Jim (Betty) McGrath, the late Jack (Barbara) and Charles (Catherine) McGrath, dear aunt to many. Funeral Mass was held Friday September 13, 2013, at St. Alexander Church in Villa Park. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

## Forest Preserve District seeks firm to develop strategic plan


**Comprehensive, multi-year plan will help define goals, execute operations**

**WHEATON** — The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is seeking a consulting firm to provide expert advice and guidance as it creates an agency-wide, multi-year strategic plan.

The successful firm must help the District develop a detailed plan that will evaluate its current vision, mission and guiding principles and analyze its operational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats within the parameters of the Illinois Downstate Forest Preserve Act. It must identify effective ways that the District can collect and integrate ideas from residents, commissioners, employees and other key stakeholders and use that information not only to direct

standard operations but also to gain consensus and follow-through on new initiatives.

A complete request for qualifications is available via the "Bids and Proposals" link at the footer of dupageforest.org. In addition to other criteria, each submittal must include a description of the firm's qualifications and relevant experience and details on how it will approach this project. Interested companies must send both electronic and hard copies of their submittals to Susan Olafson, the director of the Office of Public Affairs, at solafson@dupageforest.org and at the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, P.O. Box 5000, Wheaton, 60189. All submittals must be received by Sept. 27, 2013.



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# Trustee arrested for disorderly conduct

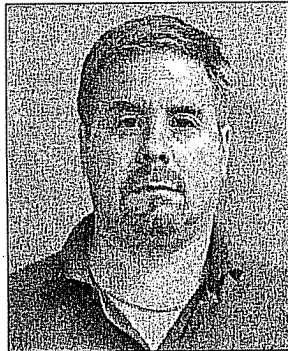
**Neighbor claims Taglia boasted of his 'powerful position in community'**

By Dee Longfellow  
For The Villa Park Independent

VILLA PARK — Last week, the Independent learned that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Villa Park Trustee Robert J. Taglia, who is currently serving his second term on the Village Board after being re-elected last spring.

Several news outlets picked up on the story over the past ten days, reporting the 41-year-old resident of the 100-block of North Wisconsin in Villa Park had a complaint filed against him for a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge following an argument with his neighbor over a dispute between their children.

Reports claim a 10-year-old boy swung a wiffleball bat and struck Taglia's 4-year-old son. Upon learning about the inci-



ROBERT TAGLIA

dent, Taglia reportedly went next door to confront the other child's mother. According to Taglia, words were exchanged but there was no physical contact between them.

But the neighbor, who has not been identified, has retained Attorney Gloria Najera. Najera said on the record that the victim's story differs from Taglia's version. She claimed Taglia was angry, yelling, and that he pointed his finger in her face. One report said Taglia referred to the Hispanic woman as "you people," spoken in a way described as "sounding racist" and demeaning. Taglia denies

making that statement.

"I'm not going to stand by and do nothing when my 4-year-old son is assaulted with a weapon by an older kid," said Taglia, who originally notified police and called paramedics. He claimed his son was lying down on the grass after he was hit and that he had a "bruise that broke the skin."

Najera said that Taglia's explanation of the episode was "baloney;" that his son was accidentally hit when he walked in front of the 10-year-old while he was swinging the bat. Najera also said Taglia

used "foul language" and that he referred to his "powerful position" in the community.

Taglia turned himself in to the Villa Park Police Department after learning there was a warrant for his arrest. He posted bail in the amount of \$150. Afterwards, he attended a Village Board meeting, where he voted in favor of the new anti-bullying ordinance.

If convicted, Taglia could spend up to 30 days in jail and/or pay a fine up to \$1500.

At press time, no further action had been taken on the matter.

## VPRD seeks sponsors for Halloween Happenings

VILLA PARK — Parks & Recreation invites area merchants, scout groups, clubs and organizations to participate in Halloween Happenings by sponsoring a trick-or-treat station which will be set up outside on the grounds of the Iowa Community Center. The \$15 fee will provide groups with a table, chairs and electricity. Halloween Happenings is a FREE community event that gives kids and adults the opportunity to trick-or-treat from the outdoor scenes created by the participating groups. Scenes don't have to be elaborate but groups can be as creative as they like. Groups provide their own candy to pass out. After trick-or-treating everyone heads inside the Iowa Community Center to decorate pumpkins. Halloween Happenings will be held Friday, October 18, 6-8:30 pm and is a great way to promote your business or group.

## VIEWPOINT

### Resident calls for Taglia's resignation following charge of disorderly conduct

"When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property."

—Thomas Jefferson

On April 9, 2013, re-elected Villa Park Trustee Robert Taglia put the following post on his Facebook page: "We won! Goodbye scumbags!"

I started my Letter to the Editor earlier this year with the above comments. So as I struggled for another opening line, it occurred to me that it was not necessary to reinvent the wheel.

Here we are, five months later and the September 10 issues of

the Chicago Tribune and Daily Herald have articles about Trustee Taglia being arrested on Monday, September 9 for disorderly conduct after a dispute with a neighbor.

The irony is that he bailed himself out then went to the village board meeting just hours later where he voted in favor of a non-bullying / anti-harassment ordinance, which is focused not only on children, but on adult behavior.

Dear Trustee Taglia:

- I believe you are a poor representation of what we want Villa Park to be.

- I believe you are a poor representation of the citizens of Villa Park.

- I believe you are a poor representation of an elected official.

However, I do believe you are a perfect example of how we do NOT want Villa Park to be perceived.

Sue Smith

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## Indian Trail band to perform at playoff game

ADDISON — Indian Trail Junior High Band students are expanding their horizons. In recent years, the band has had the opportunity to perform at a number of different regular season local sporting events, including Addison Trail football, Chicago Wolves hockey, Chicago Sky women's basketball, Chicago Fire soccer, and Kane County Cougars baseball games. This fall, however, they've stepped into the post-season, having received a request to perform at a playoff game for the Sky. That game will be Thursday, September 19 or Friday, September 20, depending on how the playoff schedule is determined.

"This is such a great opportunity for our students," said Lawrence Underwood, band director at Indian Trail. "They are excited about performing at a playoff level game, which will be televised. Their families often take advantage of the opportunity to purchase tickets for the games when the band plays, so we even bring along our own fan base!"

The play list includes pop standards designed to accommodate the band whether 15 students or 50 students are available for a particular event. Underwood opens up these events to all interested band students in the 7th and 8th grades, even musically inclined District 4 staff join in!

"These opportunities give the students a chance to grow musically, playing in a variety of venues under very different circumstances," said Underwood, "and they always have fun, too."

The band will be playing before the Chicago Fire game on September 28. Next month, the 7th and 8th grade band members will be making their annual trip to Addison Trail High School to join the ATHS Band playing for the Blazers football game on October 4.

Anyone interested in joining the ITHS band at upcoming events can contact Lawrence Underwood for tickets at [lunderwood@asd4.org](mailto:lunderwood@asd4.org).

## SPORTS

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# Captains of industry

## Addison Trail's football team is in good hands with Eric Gilliam and Jim Wislek

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Leadership on any type of athletic team is critical.

The Addison Trail football team certainly has plenty of that in the form of captains Jim Wislek (running back) and Eric Gilliam (linebacker).

"I love that we are really close as a team," said Wislek. "The main thing is we all get along real well on this team. We're pretty much a family. It's awesome and it makes a huge difference. We play a lot better because we are out there sacrificing for each other. That's what it's all about."

Individually, Wislek said he's worked a lot on his speed.

"I went to a few speed camps and worked out a lot," he said. "That was big for me. I had to get better with my strength and my speed."

Wislek also is seeing things differently on the field.

"From junior to senior year I've definitely gotten to know the varsity game a lot better," he said. "I'm a smarter football player now. I'm hitting the holes a lot harder and I'm using my vision a lot more and I'm definitely using my speed more. Last year I tried to make too many cuts. I was thinking too much. This year I'm making one cut and going. I'm using my speed to my advantage."

Wislek feels having good vision is the key to being a successful running back.

"You have to read and react out there to what the defense is doing," he said. "You have to fight for every yard out there and never give up. That's the mentality of a running back."

Wislek also had major praise to the Addison Trail offensive lines of the past two years.

"Being an effective running back starts with the offensive line," he said. "You have to trust them with everything. I would not be anywhere close to what I am without those guys up there."

Wislek has been playing the sport since he was five and grew up in the Addison Cowboys youth program.

When he's not playing football, Wislek enjoys working out and hanging out with his friends.

"I'm always doing something," he said. "I'm never laying around. I'm a busy person."

He's also plenty busy in the classroom where he holds a 3.8 grade-point average.

Wislek isn't sure if he wants to play at the college level.

"It would have to be at a smaller school, but I honestly don't know yet," he said.

Right now, Wislek is focused on finishing his senior season on a high note.

"I don't want high school football

to end," he said. "It means so much to me. I've been looking forward to this season since my junior year. We have good players here. Being a senior and a captain, I want this to be a successful season for everybody. That's my main goal."

Gilliam, the son of current Addison Trail teacher and longtime District 88 baseball coach Steve Gilliam, agrees with Wislek about the team's talent pool.

"We're young and inexperienced, but there is a lot of talent here," he said. "We have a lot of potential."

Gilliam also likes the closeness of this year's group.

"We're a real close-knit team," he said. "We can do a lot of good things when we play for each other. We find that extra something for the team."

Gilliam said it's an honor to be named one of the team captains.

"It's voted on by the guys," he said. "To be a junior, it's a real honor to be elected a captain. But there are a lot more leaders on this team than just two captains."

Gilliam plays the team's MIKE linebacker position.

"I love the position," he said. "Our system is designed for that position to make plays."

Gilliam said his skills have improved in a number of different areas.

"I've improved at a lot of things," he said. "My leadership skills are better. I'm faster this year and my playmaking ability has gotten better. I'm making a lot of plays this year that I wasn't able to last year."

Gilliam added a key at the linebacker position is being prepared.

"You have to know the scouting report and go out there and make the proper reads and trust yourself," he said. "You have to be aware of all the little things that can make you a great player at linebacker or at any position."

Gilliam is a three-sport athlete at Addison Trail. He also plays basketball and baseball.

"I like the competition," he said. "Football is the sport I'm best at. There is no better feeling than going out there on a Friday night. It's my favorite thing to do in the world."

Gilliam, like Wislek, also gets things done in the classroom. He has a 4.8 grade-point average.

Gilliam doesn't mind seeing his dad at school on a daily basis.

"I like it," he said. "I like having him around. He's a fun person."

Gilliam also is anxious to see what the upcoming weeks bring for the Blazers.

"I'm very excited about this season," he said. "I can't wait for the next game. This is what I live for."

# Willowbrook girls volleyball team fourth at own invite

## Warriors split pair of matches with Addison Trail in tournament

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team recently placed fourth at its own Willowbrook Volleyball Invite.

The Warriors scored a 25-16, 25-14 win over Walther Lutheran and a 25-23, 21-25, 15-8 win over Mt. Assisi. The Warriors also scored a 25-19, 26-24 win over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail.

In the championship playoffs, Glenbard North downed Willowbrook by a 14-25, 25-23, 25-20 count. The Warriors then dropped a 23-25, 26-24, 25-22 match to Addison Trail for third place. Plainfield North downed Glenbard North for the tournament title.

In the Walther Lutheran win, Cheyenne Brunig had one ace and five digs. Danielle McNamara had three kills. Micala Giammarino had one ace, seven assists and two digs. Kelsey Linnig had one kill, eight assists and two digs.

Olivia Pennebaker had one ace. Maggie McNamara

had three kills, one assist and two digs. Joanna Conley had one ace and 11 digs. Mia Railing had eight kills and eight digs. KJ Wangler had one kill and Jamie Chiappetta had two digs.

In the win over Mt. Assisi, Brunig had three digs. Danielle McNamara had five kills. Giammarino had 13 assists and one dig. Linnig had 17 assists and one dig.

Maggie McNamara had six kills. Lauren Mast had two aces and three digs. Conley had two kills, two aces and 12 digs. Railing had 11 kills and two digs. Chiappetta had six kills, while Herz had two kills and one block.

In the victory over Addison Trail, Brunig had two digs. Danielle McNamara had two kills. Giammarino had one ace, six assists and one dig. Linnig had four aces, 11 assists and four digs. Pennebaker had one dig. Maggie McNamara had four kills and one assist. Mast had two aces. Conley had seven digs. Railing had four digs. Chiappetta had four kills, while Herz had four kills, two solo blocks and one assist.

In the loss to Glenbard North, Brunig had two digs. Danielle McNamara had four kills, one block, and two assists. Micala Giammarino had one kill, nine assists and two digs. Linnig had one ace, 13 assists and one dig. Pennebaker had two kills and one solo block.

Maggie McNamara had six kills. Mast had one dig. Conley added one kill, two aces and 14 digs. Railing had three kills, four aces and five digs. Chiappetta had five kills, four aces and two digs. Herz had three kills.

In the third-place match, Brunig had five digs. McNamara had two kills and one block. Giammarino had nine assists and four digs. Linnig had one ace, 14 assists and three digs.

Pennebaker had two kills. Maggie McNamara had five kills and three blocks. Conley had one kill, one assist and 11 digs. Railing had two kills, one assist and eight digs. Wangler added one kill and one dig. Chiappetta had six kills, two aces and two digs. Herz had nine kills and one dig.

Willowbrook also recorded a 25-22, 19-25, 25-21 non-conference win over Glenbard North.

Brunig had two digs. Danielle McNamara had two kills, two solo blocks and one dig. Linnig had two kills, two aces, 16 assists and seven digs. Pennebaker had one kill and two digs.

Maggie McNamara had four kills and one assist. Conley had one kill, one ace and 12 digs. Railing added nine kills and six digs. Emily Ligocki had one kill, 13 assists and two digs. Chiappetta had six kills, one ace and four digs. Herz had six kills.

# Fratto medals for Willowbrook boys golf team

## Willowbrook boys cross country team three all-conference runners

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys golf team scored a recent 151-191 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Morton at par-34 Fresh Meadows in Westchester.

The win moved Willowbrook to 5-0 in dual meets.

Mark Fratto was the meet medalist with a 34. Sean Keefe shot 36 and Michael Lev shot 40. Mike Malito had a 41.

In other recent action, the Warriors finished seventh at

the West Chicago invitational at St. Andrews Golf Club's No. 2 course.

Keefe led the Warriors with an 84. Matt Gasiamis shot 85. Fratto shot 86 and Malito shot an 88.

The Warriors also recently hosted the John Hamann Scramble invitational at Sugar Creek.

Willowbrook's Blue team tied for sixth with Addison Trail and Glenbard East with a 58. The Willowbrook Silver team tied for 10th with Elgin with a score of 64.

The same day the Warriors also sent a team to the Batavia invitational at Fox Valley Golf Club. Willowbrook placed 18th out of 28 teams.

Fratto shot 81 to lead Willowbrook. Malito shot 83, while Keefe had an 85 and Gasiamis shot 86.

"In total, we had 16 athletes

competing (in the two tournaments)," said Walker. "It was a great day for Willowbrook golf."

### Willowbrook boys cross country

The Willowbrook boys cross country team is coming off a 2012 season where it took second in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division and placed four runners on the all-conference team.

Three of those all-conference performers are back in juniors Jimmy Funteas, Anthony Acitelli and Luke Caron. Other key returning runners include seniors Will Unseth, Nick Turek and Ed Garner.

"We put in a lot of summer miles and that will help us to have a good season," said Willowbrook coach TJ Artman. "The team is focused and goal-oriented."

Funteas, in particular, has made big strides since last season.

"Jimmy trained hard over the summer and is ready to race," said Artman.

Willowbrook opened its season recently at the Lyons Township invitational.

"We are looking forward to racing all season," said Artman.

Artman said Downers Grove South and Morton will be key contenders in the WSC Gold.

"We host every conference meet on our home course and we also host the championship invitational at the end of the regular season," he said. "This is an opportunity to do great things on our own course with friends and family right here watching. The kids are excited and ready to get going."

## IC Catholic Prep girls golf team plays first-ever match Knights girls volleyball team takes on national heavyweight St. Francis

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

History was made on the golf course recently for the IC girls golf team.

The Knights played in the program's first-ever girls match recently, dropping a 189-246 decision to Wheaton Academy at Pheasant Run in St. Charles.

Maddie Hurt led IC and was the meet medalist with a 43. Maeve Gillette added a 62. Courtney McCarthy shot 67 and Bella Zanon added a 74 for the Knights.

"Considering this was the first girls' match in ICCP's history and for most of the girls it was their first round ever in competition, I'm quite pleased," said IC coach Don Sujack. "Maddie played well and was medalist against an experienced opponent, but with her competitive instincts, that's not surprising. Maeve, Courtney and Bella all got a trial by fire in their first IHSA event and they handled it quite nicely."

### IC Catholic Prep girls volleyball

The IC Catholic Prep girls volleyball team dropped a 25-18, 25-15 Suburban Christian Conference Blue Division decision to state and nationally ranked Wheaton St. Francis recently.

Delaney D'Amore led the Knights with six kills and nine digs. Rory Manion added five kills, five digs and one ace. Kimmy Martino had two kills, 13 assists and six digs. Hannah Hartnett had two kills and one ace.

The loss dropped IC to 7-1 overall and 0-1 in SCC Blue.

In earlier action, the Knights downed Mt. Assisi 25-21, 25-21 in non-conference play. Martino had 22 assists, eight digs and two aces. D'Amore had 10 kills, nine digs and three aces. Manion had seven kills, while Hartnett had four kills.

### IC Catholic Prep boys golf

In recent play, the IC Catholic Prep boys golf team recorded

## Week 4 Preview Leyden (0-3, 0-0) at Addison Trail (0-3, 0-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Addison Trail High School

Last week: Downers Grove South 40, Addison Trail 21; Lyons Township 31, Leyden 14

Last year: Leyden 42, Addison Trail 0

Outlook: One of these teams will pick up some momentum with their first win of the season. Addison Trail opened conference play with a loss to Downers Grove South. Leyden lost to Buffalo Grove (28-14) and Oak Park-River Forest (38-9) in its first two games and then dropped another WSC crossover game to Lyons last week. This is Leyden's first conference game of the season. This is the second of five games for Addison Trail where the opponent started the 2013 season 0-2.

## Week 4 Preview York (2-1) at Willowbrook (2-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Willowbrook High School, Villa Park

Last week: Hinsdale Central 30, York 7; Willowbrook 35, Hinsdale South 28

Last year: Willowbrook 28, York 23

Outlook: An important game here in terms of possible playoff momentum. The winner will be halfway to earning an automatic playoff berth (6 wins). York won its first two games, but dropped its conference opener to Hinsdale Central. Willowbrook lost its opener to Glenbard East, but came back and scored a 62-49 win over Lyons in a game that saw quarterback Brian Johnson set the state record for most passing yards in a single game.

## Week 4 Preview Fenton (2-1) at Rich East (0-3)

When: Saturday, 12 p.m.

Where: Rich East High School, Park Forest

Last week: Fenton 33, Rich South 6; Glenbard South 35, Rich East 13

Last year: Teams did not play

Outlook: This is Fenton's fourth non-conference game with one left to play before the start of Metro Suburban Conference play. A win here at Rich East would further strengthen Fenton's pursuit of a playoff berth. Rich East plays in the Southland Conference. The Rockets lost to Eisenhower (30-25) and Tinley Park (54-20) in the first two weeks of the season and then dropped a 35-13 decision to Glenbard South, which plays in the MSC with Fenton.

## Week 4 Preview IC Catholic Prep at St. Edward

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: St. Edward High School, Elgin

Last year: IC 49, St. Edward 22

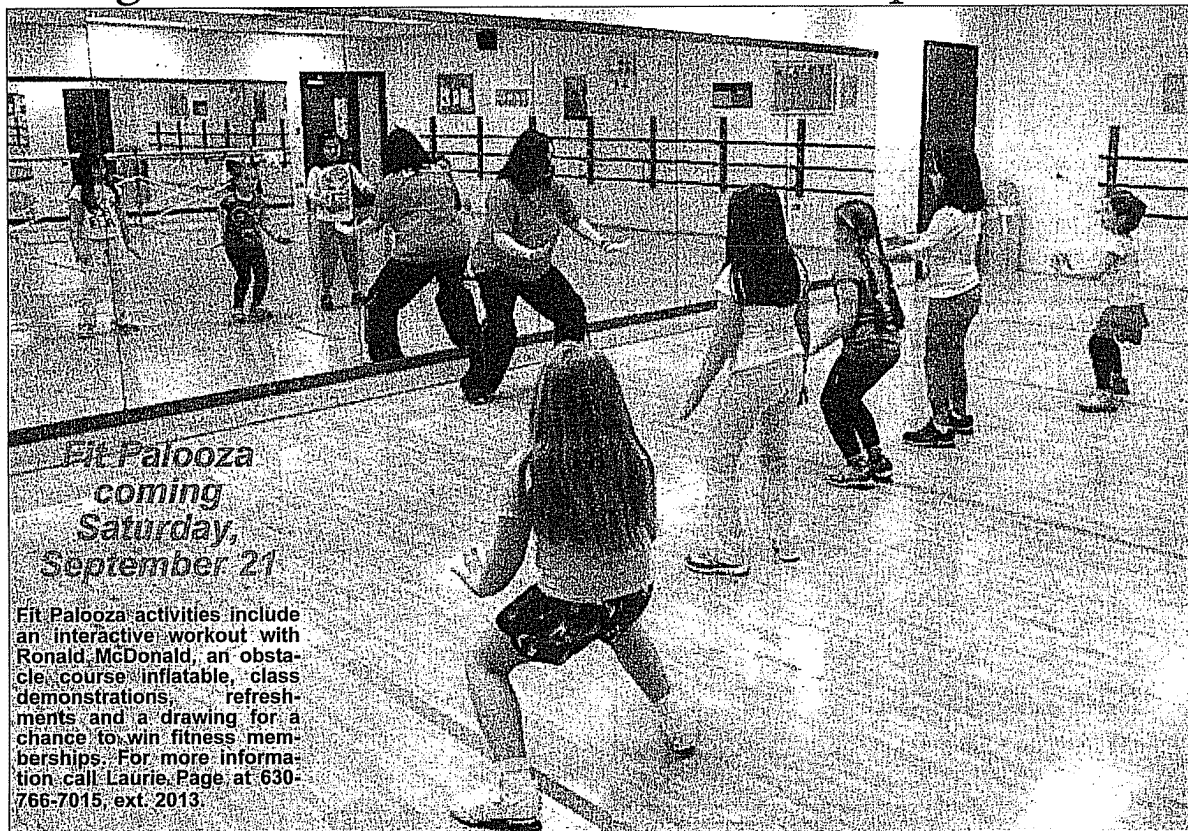
Outlook: This marks the start of a stretch of games for IC against teams from the Suburban Christian Conference Blue Division. St. Edward is 2-1 after dropping a 27-10 game to Marmion Academy last week. St. Edward had scored a combined 86 points in its first two wins over Genoa-Kingston and West Hancock co-op. Following St. Edward, IC plays Marian Central, Montini and Aurora Christian. All teams in the SCC Blue won their first two games.



# Fit Palooza coming to Deer Grove Leisure Center September 21

**BENSENVILLE** — The Bensenville Park District is hosting Fit Palooza, a focus on family fitness open house on Saturday, September 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Deer Grove Leisure Center located at 1000 W. Wood Street. This free event is to create awareness about the benefits of exercise and leading a healthy lifestyle for kids and families and to promote the resources and activities available to them. "Most of all, we want to emphasize, that being active can be fun," states Laurie Page, Deer Grove Leisure Center's Fitness Manager. Fit Palooza activities include an interactive workout with Ronald McDonald, an obstacle course inflatable, class demonstrations, refreshments and a drawing for a chance to win fitness memberships, entry to classes and fun active playthings.

The park district is in the process of vamping up their Youth Athletic Program and a variety of youth fitness classes such as Kids Zumba® and Kids Yoga. Coming later this year will be a parent and tot Zumba® class. "We are reaching out to the community and area schools to help with a localized awareness campaign about the importance of physical activity and family fitness routines," states Steve Cherveny, Executive Director of the Bensenville Park District. "America's fitness level has changed greatly over the last 30 years. In DuPage County, more than one-third of children between 2 and 18 years of age are overweight. Calorie intake has increased but activity levels have dropped while kids spend



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hours a day using electronic entertainment media.

"Fall means back to school, but it doesn't mean your child should stop being active," Laurie states. "Research shows physically active children perform better in school and have higher scores on standardized tests in reading and math. They also show improved readiness

to learn, better focus and higher confidence levels."

For more information about this event or fitness and athletic

programs provide by Bensenville Park District, please call Laurie Page at 630-766-7015, ext. 2013.

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## AT, WB to host 'Read for a Lifetime'

**ADDISON/VILLA PARK** — Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools are hosting the Read for a Lifetime program and the Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Award program. Read for a Lifetime is the first statewide reading program to target high school students and was designed to promote the enjoyment of reading by encouraging students to read classic and contemporary literature and rewarding them for their effort. To participate in that program, go to <http://tinyurl.com/q3rjmbc> for Addison Trail or <http://tinyurl.com/npntt5> for Willowbrook.

The Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Award is awarded annually to the book voted as most outstanding by participating Illinois high school students. To vote, go to <http://tinyurl.com/p6864qd> for Addison Trail or <http://tinyurl.com/otezura> for Willowbrook.



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a 174-195 Suburban Christian Conference win over Guerin Prep at Fresh Meadows in Westchester.

Grant Hennessy was the meet medalist with a 41. Anthony Clementi and Max Faut each shot 45, while Robert Hughes, Hurt and Stone Brinkman each shot 45.

IC lost a 157-181 SCC match to Aurora Central Catholic at Phillips Park in Aurora. Clementi led IC with a 43. Hennessy shot 44, while Hurt had a 46 and Nick Tumminaro shot 48.

In a 160-177 SCC loss to Montini at Fresh Meadows, Hennessy and Clementi each shot 43. Faut added a 45 and Brinkman had a 46.

"I'm pleased with the effort of the team," said Sujack. "Our individual scores have been bunched all season long, allow-

ing us to get contributions from just about everyone. I expected Anthony, Grant and Max to be consistent all year long and they have been. Maddie, a freshman, and Stone and Robert, who are both juniors, are our newcomers and have proven to be great additions to the team. They've pushed our other returning team members."

Sujack said the team continues to work hard and results are evident.

"We all have to get better if we are going to be more successful, but the fact that our level of competitiveness has increased over last year is significant," he said. "The members of our team are focused during practice, while gaining much-needed experience with every match. It bodes well for the remainder of the season."

# Addison students perform at Northwestern football halftime show Sept. 7

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**ADDISON** - Musicians from Addison Trail High School's marching band recently performed at a Northwestern University football game.

Addison Trail students took the field with 15 other

area bands during halftime of the Sept. 7 game. The high school students also were joined by the Northwestern University band. Together, more than 2,000 musicians played melodies, including songs by Elvis Presley.

About 125 students from Addison Trail performed

during the show in front of about 30,000 people.

Addison Trail music teacher Mark Corey said the halftime show allowed Addison Trail students to experience what it is like to perform on a large stage and gave them a taste of collegiate music opportunities.



  
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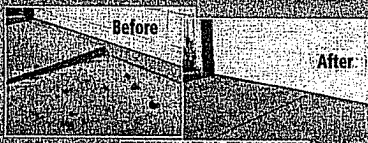
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# Football family reunion

Willowbrook superintendent dad,  
York son share ties on both sides of ball

By SARAH SMALL  
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**VILLA PARK** – Scott Helton's middle son, Joe, was born on a Thursday afternoon during high school football season.

Helton was the head football coach at Stagg High School in Palos Hills at the time, and while he missed most of the practices during the first week of his son's life, he did leave his 1-day-old son for a few hours to coach Stagg's Friday night game. In the Helton household, football is a part of everyday life.

"I've always grown up with football," Joe Helton said. "Basically ever since I was born I've been at games with him. I've grown up watching every single football game."

Now, Joe Helton is a 17-year-old senior and captain of the York High School football team, and his dad is the superintendent of DuPage

## If you go

**What:** York vs. Willowbrook football game

**When:** 7:30 p.m. tonight

**Where:** John A. Fischer Field, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park

**Admission:** \$4 for adults, \$2 for kids

High School District 88, which includes Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools.

On tonight, Joe Helton and York will take the field against Willowbrook. On the surface, the game might seem like a bittersweet family rivalry between the two Heltons, but the connection of the two schools goes deeper than a father and son; it's an exhibit of the integration between York and Willowbrook, between Elmhurst and Villa Park.

"A lot of his former coaches are here, former teammates, former teammates from the [Elmhurst] Eagles are here,"

Scott Helton said. "He's grown up with a lot of these guys."

Last year was Joe Helton's first year on the varsity team, and he remembers looking across the field during the York-Willowbrook game to see some of his childhood heroes who played Elmhurst youth football for his dad now coaching for the Villa Park school. It's the same experience with his peers.

"It's kind of fun because we know each other," Joe Helton said. "It's kind of weird, though, since, 'Oh, I was just hanging out with this kid two weeks ago and now he's trying to put us deep.'"

One of the perks of Scott Helton being the district's superintendent is that he won't need to face the predicament of where to sit – on the visitor's side with other York parents or on the home side with his Willowbrook family. He'll



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DuPage High School District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton pictured with his son, Joe Helton, captain of the York football team. York will take on Willowbrook tonight.

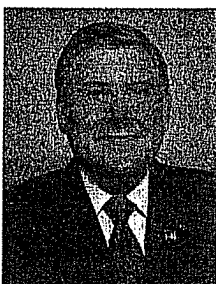
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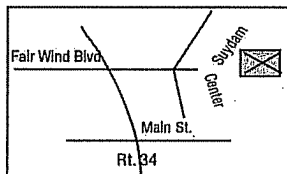
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## Al Sharpton to speak at Elmhurst College

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ELMHURST - The Rev. Al Sharpton will speak on the impact religion has on the common good at Elmhurst College Sunday.

Sharpton will be the keynote speaker at the Fourth Annual Niebuhr Forum on Religion in Public Life.

A March Zogby poll found that one out of four African Americans says Sharpton is the person who speaks the most for them, according to a release.

In addition to his role as

a Baptist minister, Sharpton also is president and founder of the National Action Network civil rights organization. He hosts shows on MSNBC and syndicated radio.

The event will be at 7 p.m. in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel at Elmhurst College. Admission is free for Elmhurst College students, faculty, staff and alumni. Tickets cost \$20 and may be bought at the door or at [elmhurst.edu/tix](http://elmhurst.edu/tix).

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be on the field.

This also isn't the first time he's had a son playing against one of his district schools. His older son, Scott, played for York against Addison Trail when he was principal at the high school, and in a few years, his youngest son, Tom, will play against the District 88 schools.

"What you learn in the early years is to stand in the middle," Scott Helton said. "So much of what we do in life is the important stuff. This is the fun stuff."

Even Willowbrook's principal has been following Joe Helton's football career throughout the years. Dan Krause worked with Scott Helton at Addison Trail before coming to Willowbrook as assistant principal in 2005 and being promoted to principal in 2007.

The York-Willowbrook rivalry makes for a fun one because so many of the kids and coaches know each other so well, Krause said. Anyone who doubts that should watch the end of the game when the two sides shake hands, and many of the guys will hug or pause to talk with opponents.

Willowbrook and York enter Friday's game with 2-1 re-

ords. The Warriors won last year's meeting, 28-23.

"We really forget about the wins and losses from year to year," Krause said. "It's really about the kids getting the experience."

Scott Helton doesn't give a straight answer as to who he wants to win. Instead, he said that he's looking forward to great football from both teams and hopes that everyone on the field learns from the experience.

"There's going to be a team that wins and a team that loses," he said. "Did they at least learn something? On that Friday night, they're going to do something special."

Joe Helton's days of York football are numbered, but he said the team is working to redeem itself from last year's winless season.

They're working to show that York football is back, he said.

As a linebacker, he will be responsible for leading York's defense against Willowbrook. His dad is leaving the coaching up to the York staff, and said he's looking forward to seeing the decisions his son makes on the field.

"I can't wait to see his responses," Helton said. "I stay out of it and sit back and enjoy. ... Win or lose, he's still going to be Joey on Saturday morning," he said.



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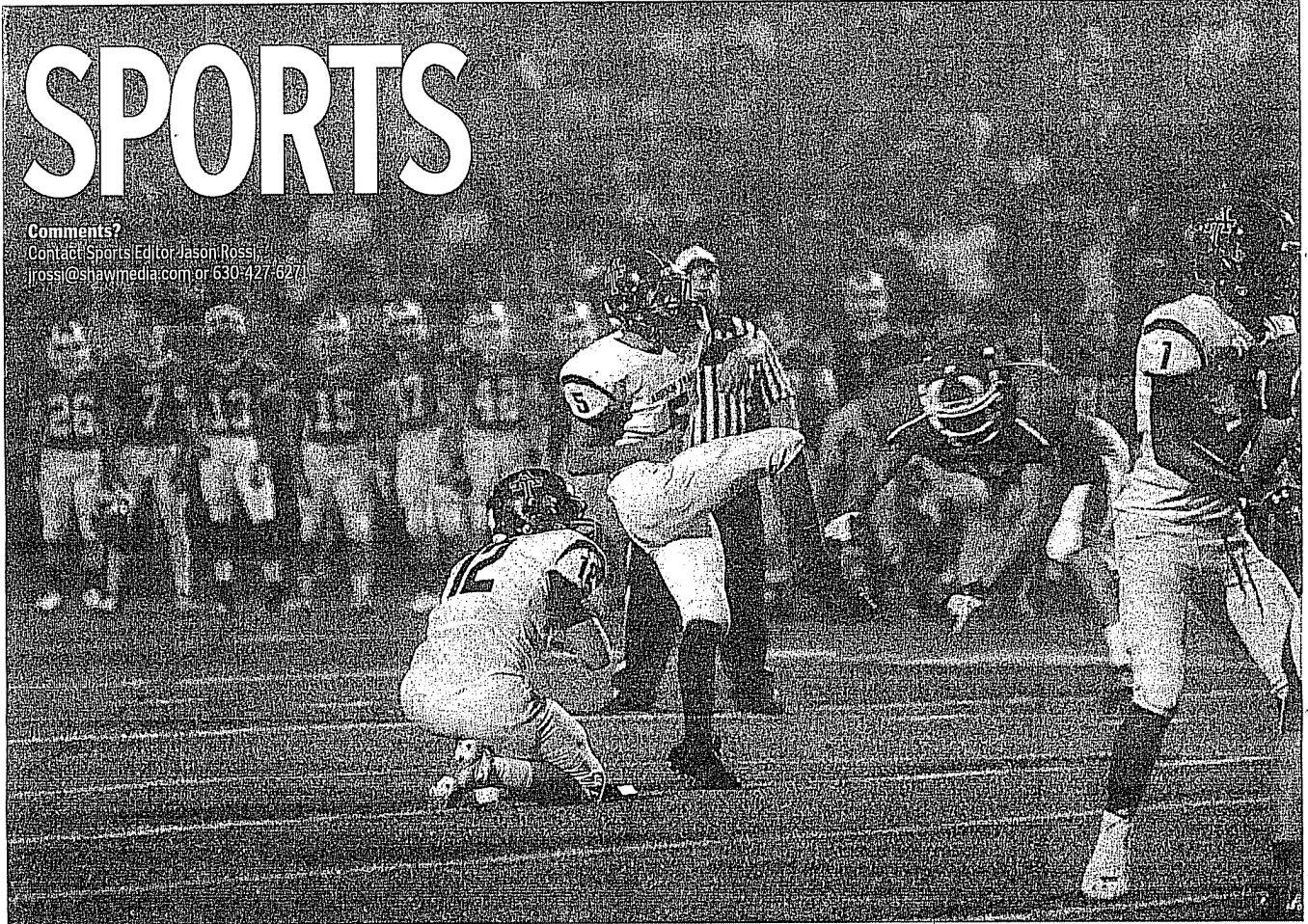
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Addison Trail kicker Julian Singh boots an extra point during a game at Hinsdale Central on Sept. 6. Singh and the Blazers fell to Downers Grove South on Sept. 13.

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## Miscues cost Blazers in defeat to DGS

By DAN SANTAROMITA

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**ADDISON** - Right now, Addison Trail is fighting an uphill battle every week thanks to self-inflicted wounds.

For the third week in a row Addison Trail gave up an early score and trailed the rest of the game. The Blazers trailed by 26 points before finally getting on the board in a 40-21 loss to Downers Grove South on Sept. 13.

"We got ourselves behind the eight ball and we struggled to get out of the hole,"

### Downers Grove South 40 Addison Trail 21

#### AT leaders

Passing: Mike Rybarczyk: 13-19, 127 yards, TD

Rushing: Jim Wislek 16-42, TD;

Malik Pierre-Louis 8-65, TD

Receiving: Wislek 6-84, TD

AT coach Paul Parpet Jr. said. "It always seems like once one thing goes bad, a lot of things go bad."

Downers Grove South (1-2, 1-0 West Suburban Gold) forced Addison Trail (0-3, 0-1

WSG) to punt after a three-and-out on the opening drive and blocked the ensuing punt. DGS capitalized with a touchdown.

The next drive AT earned a first down, but netted just four yards on the drive. DGS capitalized with another touchdown.

Before the fans in Addison had anything positive to cheer about the Blazers were down 14-0 and the excitement of the home opener and conference opener washed away.

"The offense came out slow," AT quarterback Mike Rybarczyk said. "We didn't

really help our defense out. They had good field position on us and they took advantage."

By the time the Blazers finally scored on a 1-yard run by Jim Wislek, there was less than a minute left in the first half, and the Mustangs led 26-7.

Even then, DGS managed to score another touchdown before halftime thanks in part to a big kickoff return by Alec Arvanitakis.

AT fell behind 40-7 before fourth-quarter touchdowns by Malik Pierre-Louis and Wislek gave the Blazers some

consolation. Pierre-Louis was one of the bright spots on the day. The sophomore ran for 65 yards on eight carries.

The Blazers enter tonight's game against Leyden, also winless, without having led in a game yet. One bright spot has been Rybarczyk's consistent play at quarterback.

He is 43-for-59 for 517 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions in his first three varsity starts.

"I've always been a confident player," Rybarczyk said. "We just got to come together as a unit."



## Suburban Life

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Football

#### Why York was selected:

**York starred on offense with a touchdown catch and on defense with an interception in the Rams' 21-0 win over West Aurora on Sept. 13.**

*Glenbard East senior safety/wide receiver Javon York contributed on both sides of the ball in the Rams' 21-0 win over West Aurora on Sept. 13. York had a touchdown catch and an interception to help the Rams earn their first shutout since 2006. He has committed to Illinois State to continue his football career as a scholarship athlete. York, the Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, spoke with sports reporter Dan Santaromita about the win and the season so far.*

#### What does it mean to be a part of Glenbard East's first shutout since 2006?

It was a crazy experience to be able to shut out a team like that and not being able to do it for such a long time. I'm excited that I was a part of it.

#### With a 2-1 record, it seems you are surpassing outside

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#### expectations. Do you feel like you are proving people wrong?

We're definitely proving people wrong. The past few years we've been the bottom feeders of the DVC. I don't think people expected us to come out and get these two wins so early in the season, but we're doing it.

#### How did your recruiting process work that you picked Illinois State?

I had a lot of good looks. I had Iowa come in, U of I, Vanderbilt really liked me. I went to a couple camps. I went to ISU and they took care of me. I liked the school, I liked the campus and everything. I didn't take any other visits, but I still have another year for that. I'm still being recruited right now. My coaches are still pumping me up. I'm actually going to the NIU game this Saturday. I'm just looking forward to playing ball in college.



#### » PREP ROUNDUP

## Glenbard East soccer earns split

#### SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

After beating Rockford Boylan, 2-1, on Saturday, the Rams lost a DuPage Valley Conference match to Glenbard North, 2-0, on Tuesday.

#### BOYS SOCCER Montini

The Broncos have rolled to three straight wins. On Sept. 12, Montini beat St. Edward, 2-1, with Jimmy Clausen scoring a goal and adding an assist. Two days later Jack Brady scored in a 2-1 win over St. Rita. On Tuesday, Montini knocked off Guerin, 5-0.

#### Addison Trail

A strong Naperville Central team hosted the Blazers on Saturday and left with a 7-3 win. Two days later AT tied York, 1-1.

#### Willowbrook

The Warriors lost a heartbreaking to Hinsdale South on Tuesday, 3-2 in penalty kicks. Willowbrook came back from 2-0 down with goals from Arkadiusz Szlachta and Lucas Betts to send the match to penalties, where they lost 5-4.

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Glenbard East

After missing the Rams' 25-14, 25-18 loss to Naperville Central on Sept. 12, Meghan Hanewell had a big day against Glenbard North on Tuesday. Hanewell had 17 kills and seven digs, but it

wasn't enough in a 25-17, 23-25, 25-22 loss to the Panthers. Sophomore Allison Farrell had six kills. Junior Sam Bell had 24 assists in the loss.

#### Montini

With a 25-4, 25-13 win over Walther Lutheran on Monday, Montini picked up its 10th straight victory. Monica Loftus had six kills and Tricia Ilich led the team with 10 assists. Gina Cappetta added seven assists and four aces.

#### Addison Trail

The Blazers went 1-4 at Leyden's Eagle Invite on Saturday. AT beat the hosts and lost to Willowbrook, Riverside Brookfield, Niles North and Westmont. Two of the four losses were in three games. Juliana Selvaggi led the Blazers with 20 kills and Christina Capuani had 55 digs.

#### Willowbrook

The Warriors went 2-3 at Leyden's Eagle Invite on Saturday with wins over Addison Trail and Westmont and losses to Riverside Brookfield, Niles North and Leyden. On Tuesday, Willowbrook beat Proviso East 25-9, 25-9 to improve to 1-1 in the West Suburban Gold. Jamie Chipetta had five kills and Maggie McNamara and K.J. Wangler each had four kills to lead the Warriors. Kelsey Linnig added 10 kills. The Warriors picked up another win

on Wednesday, 25-14, 25-9 over Elmwood Park.

#### BOYS GOLF Montini

Matt Spangler scored a 38 in the Broncos' 172-192 win over Timothy Christian on Monday. On Tuesday Montini lost to Aurora Central Catholic, 155-167.

#### Willowbrook

The Warriors took their first loss to Downers Grove South on Tuesday. DGS won 145-165 at Village Greens Golf Course. Willowbrook, 8-1 overall, won a quad meet at White Pines Golf Club's East Course on Saturday. Willowbrook scored a 338 to beat out York, Leyden and Maine East. Mark Fratto (83), Sean Keefe (84), Mike Malito (85) and Matt Gasiamis (86) scored for Willowbrook.

#### GIRLS GOLF Willowbrook

The Warriors lost to Glenbard South, 214-218, on Tuesday.

#### GIRLS TENNIS Glenbard East

The Rams beat West Aurora 6-2 on Tuesday. Wendi Guraziu and Janie Jemmi picked up a 7-6 (8-6), 6-2 win at No. 1 doubles and the Rams swept all five doubles matches.

#### Willowbrook

The Warriors placed third at their own invite on Saturday.

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## Knights' D sparks win before tough stretch

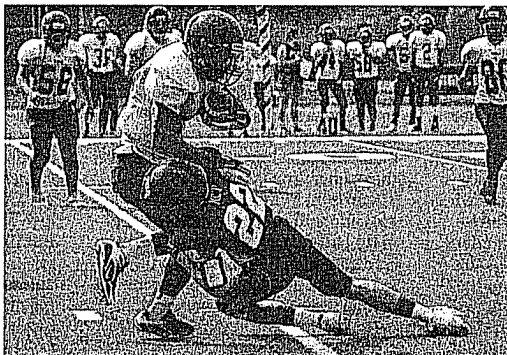
By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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**ELMHURST** – When Michael Perrone got in the end zone, he thought there must have been a flag because something so good couldn't have happened.

The IC Catholic defensive end picked off a pass in the third quarter and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown to give the Knights the lead for good in a 21-14 win over Aurora Central Catholic on Saturday afternoon at Plunkett Park.

"I got in the end zone and looked around like 'Where's the flag?'" Perrone said. "I could not believe I was in."

Perrone's first varsity interception was one of a number of big plays by the IC defense. On the first drive of the game Sean Sutton recovered a fumble on the Knights' 3-yard line to stop an ACC drive. Perrone's touchdown gave the Knights a 14-7 lead. Another interception by Randy Leslie and a 75-yard re-



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Immaculate Conception's Tom Guinan (middle) tackles a Noble Street Charter player earlier this season. Guinan and the defense came up big in Saturday's win over Aurora Central Catholic.

turn set IC up inside the 5-yard line for the Knights' third touchdown.

"The defense carried the day," IC coach Bill Krefft said. "They really set us up for victory. I don't know if we win without our defense playing like we did."

ACC (2-1, 0-1 Suburban Christian Gold) took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter, but IC (2-1, 1-0 SCG) tied it on a 24-yard run from freshman Jordan Rowell in the second quarter.

After Perrone's touchdown, Leslie's interception set up a Jack Copher pass to Max

### IC Catholic 21, ACC 14

#### IC leaders

Passing: Jack Copher 11-17, 134 yards, TD

Rushing: Jordan Rowell 8-36, TD; Rhashaun Epting: 4-40

Receiving: Epting 3-33, TD; Max Eichhorn 2-19, TD

Eichhorn for a 4-yard touchdown. The Chargers added a late touchdown and got the ball back, but could not score again.

The Knights now face a four-game stretch against teams from the stronger Suburban Christian Blue. First up is St. Edward, the only team of the four IC beat last year. After that IC faces Marian Central Catholic, Montini and Aurora Christian. The latter two are defending state champions.

"The quality of teams we're playing there are exceptional so we're excited to get a chance to compete with them," Krefft said.

## Warriors' offense continues to roll

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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**DARIEN** – Stopping the Willowbrook offense now may seem like an unthinkable task.

The Warriors have put up big numbers the past two weeks and are showing no signs of slowing down.

Brian Johnson followed up his record-setting 675 passing yards in Week 2 with 372 more in a 35-28 win at Hinsdale South on Sept. 13 in the West Suburban Gold opener for both teams.

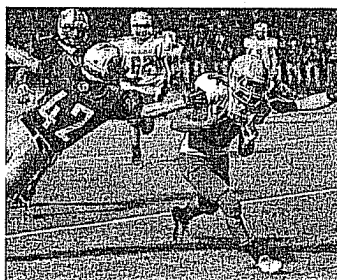
Hinsdale South's option offense meant the Willowbrook offense wasn't going to see much of the ball, but that didn't matter.

"They controlled the ball for a lot of the game so we were trying to make every possession count," Johnson said.

"We were just trying to move the ball as best as we could. In the beginning of the game it wasn't working out so well, but in the end we got into our groove."

The Warriors broke away from a halftime tie and the defense forced three turnovers. Hayden Adams and Micah Williams each had an interception and Paul Yacoub had a fumble recovery.

Entering the game, Willowbrook was fired up to beat a Hinsdale South team



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Willowbrook's Jeremy Barnes (right) dodges a Lyons Township tackle in a Sept. 6 game. Barnes and the Warriors won for the second straight time Sept. 13 at Hinsdale South.

that was picked by some to win the conference. The 2-1 Warriors, the only Gold team with more than one win, could be the favorite after their victory dropped the Hornets to 0-3.

"It feels good because they were predicted to win conference," Adams said. "I knew our offense was going to be really good. Our defense is stepping it up a lot more. Our offense is just taking control of the game."

Adams averaged over 30 yards per catch on five receptions. Devin Childress had another big day with 166 yards receiv-

### Willowbrook 35 Hinsdale South 28

#### Willowbrook leaders

Passing: Brian Johnson 15-24, 372 yards, 2 TDs

Rushing: Jeremy Barnes 13-78, TD; Johnson

7-42, 2 TDs

Receiving: Devin Childress 7-166, TD; Hayden

Adams 5-163; Joe Catanese 2-28, TD

ing and a touchdown. Throw in running back Jeremy Barnes contributing 93 all purpose yards and the Warriors are excelling at using each of their weapons.

"We're moving the ball around and spreading the ball out to each player," Adams said. "Each offensive player has been contributing a lot."

Johnson added that the chemistry between the senior skill players has been key. Adams, Barnes and Childress were key weapons for Johnson on last year's playoff team.

They likely will need another big day against 2-1 York, which also plays a run-heavy offense.

"We always get pumped up for this game because it's a rival," Childress said. "We look at it as a really big game. Coming in as freshmen we were taught not to like York."

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

#### West Suburban Gold

Team W-L Conf. W-L  
Willowbrook 2-1 1-0  
Downers Grove S. 1-2 1-0

Morton 1-2 1-0  
Leyden 0-3 0-0  
Addison Trail 0-3 0-1  
Hinsdale South 0-3 0-1  
Proviso East 0-3 0-1

### WEEKEND WATCH

#### Leyden

#### at Addison Trail

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

Records: Addison Trail 0-3 (0-1 WSG), Leyden 0-3 (0-0 WSG)

**Outlook:** Both teams still are searching for a first win and will see the opposition as a winnable game.

The Blazers have been able to score some points, but are allowing nearly 40 points per game so far.

Leyden's defense has given up 28 points or more in all three games while failing to score more than 14 in any game.

#### York at Willowbrook

When: 7:30 p.m. today  
Where: John A. Fischer Field, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park

Records: Willowbrook 2-1, York 2-1

**Outlook:** York and Willowbrook enter this game with opposing momentum. The Dukes' run-heavy offense was limited in a 30-7 loss to Hinsdale Central, their first of the season.

The Warriors are riding a high after a second impressive win in a row, this time over Hinsdale South 35-28 to open conference play.

Last season the Warriors beat York 42-41.

## Warriors and Rams win their conference openers

The Willowbrook football team's high-powered offense backed up its 62-point output during the second week of the season with a 35-point effort seven days later. The offensive production wouldn't mean much if the Warriors failed to earn a victory. For the second straight week, Willowbrook held off its opponent in a high-scoring affair.

The Warriors opened the West Suburban Gold Conference season with Friday's 35-28 victory at Hinsdale South. The two teams scored 60 of the game's 63 points during the second and third quarters. Neither team scored during the final 12-minute quarter, which featured a Hinsdale South turnover near the Willowbrook goal line.

The Hornets, who fell to 0-3, drove inside the Warriors' 10-yard line in the middle of the fourth quarter. They ran for what appeared to be a first down on a fourth-down play, but fumbled the ball into the end zone. Sophomore defensive back Josan Owens-Murphy of the Warriors recovered the ball for a touchback to give Willowbrook possession at its own 20-yard line with about seven minutes to play.

"A win's a win," said Warriors head coach Nick Hildreth after the game. "Wins don't come easy around here. There's good football in this conference. It was a battle. We were inconsistent, but we made a couple of late stops."

Willowbrook, which opened the season with a 28-21 loss to Glenbard East but rebounded with a 62-49 victory at Lyons Township on Sept. 6, improved to 2-1 with its win over the Hornets. The Warriors will play their first home game of the season this Friday against York (2-1).

The game against the Hornets didn't feature the wild start of the Warriors' game at Lyons Township. Willowbrook scored two touchdowns during the first four minutes of that battle on the way to a 42-28 halftime

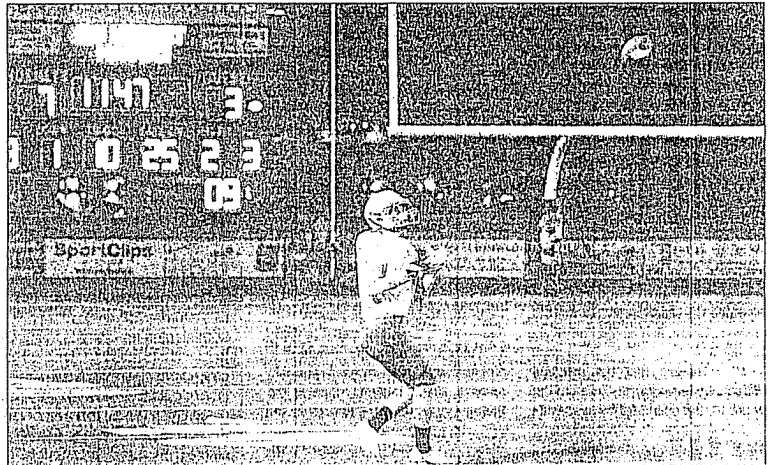
lead. The only first-quarter score of Friday's game at Hinsdale South came on junior Paul Yacoub's 25-yard field goal. The Hornets completed a 73-yard scoring drive with a 7-yard touchdown run on the first play of the second quarter.

Senior quarterback Brian Johnson launched a long pass to senior receiver Hayden Adams on the first play of the Warriors' subsequent drive. Adams caught the ball near midfield and raced down to the 16-yard line for a 59-yard gain. The Warriors turned the ball over on a fumble moments later, but they soon regained possession when junior Micah Williams caught a tipped pass out of the air for an interception at the Hornets' 16-yard line. Johnson's 5-yard touchdown run two plays later gave the Warriors a 9-7 lead. The Hornets blocked the extra-point kick.

Adams made the Warriors' second interception of the second quarter on the following series to give his team the ball at the Hornets' 31-yard line. The Warriors cashed in on the turnover when Johnson fired a 14-yard touchdown pass to senior Joe Catanesse, who caught the crisply thrown ball while sprinting across the goal line. Willowbrook's conversion attempt failed, leaving the visiting team's lead at 15-7.

A long run by the Hornets set up a touchdown that cut the Warriors' lead to 15-13 in the middle of the second quarter. The conversion run failed. Willowbrook's next drive featured another long pass from Johnson to Adams—a 48-yard gain that helped to set up a 13-yard touchdown run by senior Jeremy Barnes with about five minutes remaining in the first half. Hinsdale South blocked the extra-point kick.

The Hornets tried and missed a 27-yard field goal kick on the final play of the first half. The ball caromed off the right upright and hit the horizontal crossbar before bouncing back toward the field.



### Wide open Warrior...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR HAYDEN ADAMS (above) hauls in a long pass from senior quarterback Brian Johnson during the second quarter of Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference football game at Hinsdale South. Adams gained 59 yards on the play. The Warriors defeated the Hornets 35-28 in the conference opener. Willowbrook improved its overall record to 2-1. The Warriors will play their first home game of the 2013 season this Friday against York. "We've been playing together since we were freshmen," said Adams of his ability to connect with Johnson on big plays. "I've grown up with him, so we have great chemistry."

Both teams scored a pair of touchdowns during the third quarter.

Hinsdale South drove 65 yards for a touchdown on the first possession of the period and tied the game at 21-21 on a 2-point conversion pass. The Warriors responded with a long throw from Johnson to senior Devin Childress, who was tackled near the goal line. Johnson ran the ball across the goal line seconds later. Yacoub's extra-point kick gave Willowbrook a 28-21 lead with seven minutes left in the quarter.

The Warriors maintained the momentum when they tried and recovered an onside kick on the subsequent kickoff and recovered the ball at midfield. A pair of Hinsdale South penalties helped the Warriors drive the ball into the end zone. Johnson, who threw for 372 yards on the night, found Childress on a 5-yard touchdown pass with about five minutes left in the quarter. Yacoub's kick raised the lead to 35-21.

Hinsdale South scored on a 25-yard touchdown pass on a fourth-and-seven play late in the period and made the extra-point kick to complete the game's scoring.

The first of the Hornets' fourth-quarter drives ended with the fumble into the end zone. Hinsdale South's next drive ended when the Willowbrook defense delivered a fourth-down stop with 2:33 to play. Willowbrook's offense maintained possession for the rest of the game.

"We were just trying to get a win," said Johnson after the game. "It didn't matter how we got it. At the end of the day the scoreboard was right for us."

### Glenbard East

The Rams improved their overall record to 2-1 with Friday's 21-0 win at West Aurora in the opening game of the DuPage Valley Conference season. The Rams and Blackhawks will both leave the DuPage Valley Conference after the 2013-14 school year. Both teams will move to the Upstate Eight Conference next year.

The Rams had not shut out an opponent since the 2006 season, when they earned a 20-0 victory over West Chicago.

Glenbard East scored its first touchdown of the night on a 29-yard

drive that followed a West Aurora punt. Junior quarterback Drake Pusateri completed the drive with a 10-yard touchdown run with about two minutes left in the first quarter. Senior Jack Difino then booted the first of his three extra-point kicks to give Glenbard East a 7-0 lead.

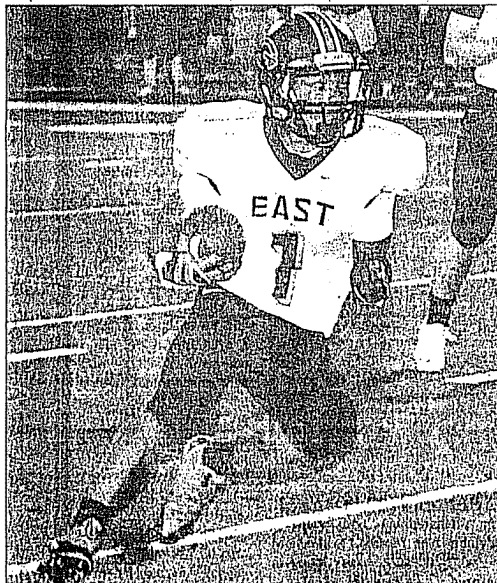
The Rams extended their lead when Pusateri and senior Javon York connected on a 14-yard touchdown pass in the corner of the end zone midway through the second quarter. Glenbard East scored its final touchdown of the night on junior Dominic Wilberton's 4-yard run late in the fourth quarter. Wilberton scored

shortly after the Blackhawks turned the ball over on downs at their own 17-yard line.

The Glenbard East defense delivered a goal-line stand in the third quarter, stopping a West Aurora drive at the 3-yard line. The Rams ended another Blackhawks drive on a fourth-quarter interception by York.

Junior linebacker Mickey Farnham made a team-leading seven tackles for the Rams. York, a defensive back, made six tackles, while senior defensive tackle Jacob Cronk provided five tackles. Junior defensive end Bob Luchetta-Stendel

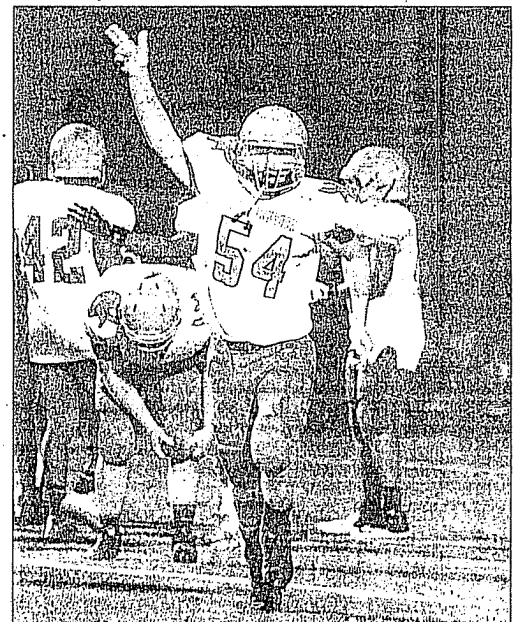
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### Running hard...

Photo by Vince Serritella

GLENBARD EAST JUNIOR Dominic Wilberton (above) carries the football during Friday's DuPage Valley Conference opener at West Aurora. The Rams defeated the Blackhawks 21-0. Wilberton scored Glenbard East's third touchdown of the night on a 4-yard run in the fourth quarter. The Rams, who improved their overall season record to 2-1, will play a conference game at Naperville Central this Friday.



### Warriors beat the Hornets...

JUNIOR LINEBACKER Jacob Henderson (above) of the Willowbrook football team reacts to Hinsdale South's fumble in the fourth quarter of Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game. The Hornets had the ball inside the Willowbrook 10-yard line before fumbling the ball into the end zone. The Warriors recovered the ball in the end zone and maintained a 35-28 lead. Willowbrook held on to beat Hinsdale South 35-28 in the conference opener. The Warriors, who improved their overall record to 2-1, will play York this Friday in Villa Park.