

Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team ready for challenges ahead

Junior Wallace leads list of returners for District 88 co-op

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

While the Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team might be young on paper, it is not young in the talent department.

New coach Neil Wahlgren has plenty of returning and new talent to work with for the 2014-2015 season.

"We have a very young team," he said. "We'll have seven or eight freshmen on the varsity."

Willowbrook student Ethan Wallace (junior) headlines the list of returning swimmers. He'll compete in the 100 and the backstroke.

Also back are senior Saul Rivera (Addison Trail) and juniors Josh Qwak (Willowbrook) and Nick Obrzut (Addison Trail). Rivera is a diver, while Qwak will race in the freestyle events and the breaststroke. Obrzut will compete in the freestyle events and the butterfly. Sophomores Jake Roucka (Willowbrook) and Jeremy Sehan (Addison Trail) also return. Roucka competes in the breaststroke and freestyle races, while Sehan can swim in a variety of events, including the butterfly.

Freshmen Zachary Thompson (Willowbrook) and Patrick Florey (Willowbrook) headline the list of newcomers. Thompson will compete in the backstroke, IM and freestyle events, while Florey is a freestyle racer.

"The big thing for us will be growth throughout the year," said Wahlgren.

"We have a lot of freshmen. It's mainly freshmen through juniors with a few seniors. Getting the guys to grow the next few years is the main thing."

Wahlgren said the team right now is strongest in the backstroke and freestyle events with the likes of Wallace, Thompson, Qwak and Roucka.

"Hopefully our free relays will be strong as well," said Wahlgren. "Right now our medley relay is looking good, but we're still working on the fly part of that right now."

Wahlgren has been impressed with what he's seen in the first few days of practice thus far.

"They have been doing well. They are working very hard," he said.

The new coach also likes the way the roster has come together with swimmers being from two different schools.

"With the two schools, we've come together very quickly," said Wahlgren. "In almost every other sport the two schools are rivals and then they come together for swimming. I think it's pretty awesome to see everybody come together and form strong relationships."

Wahlgren feels the group will continue to progress as the season wears on. "Over the next year I think we are going to be a lot stronger with guys adjusting to my practices and continuing to grow," he said. "We have a lot of guys who are doing varsity swimming for the first time and adjusting to the varsity practices. I'm excited to see how they improve throughout the year."

AT-Willowbrook opens the season Dec. 12 at Highland Park.

Willowbrook girls bowling team optimistic about season

Sophomore Tiberi leads list of returning competitors

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook girls bowling coach Bill Eufrazio likes what he's seen so far from his team in the preseason.

"As we enter the season we

are very excited because of the great start we are experiencing," he said.

Eufrazio noted numbers in the program are up, nearing the 30 mark. "The number of girls that want to participate keeps growing," he said. "We have about 29 girls that have registered with a few more still expressing interest."

Sophomore Jordan Tiberi leads a list of returning bowlers for the Warriors. Juniors Mad-

die Weinhold, Kelly Conley, Haley Doyle and Julia Bergh also return.

"Although we are a young team, we are a very athletic team," said Eufrazio. "We had a solid core of returning bowlers led by Jordan. We also will rely on our returning juniors to provide leadership and experience."

The Willowbrook roster also features nine freshmen, headlined by Dana Sassenick.

The Warriors also have wel-

comed a number of first-year bowlers, including seniors Mia Railing and Lauren Mast along with sophomore Olivia Pennebaker. "The first-year bowlers will provide a great deal of competition and will make contributions as the season unfolds," said Eufrazio.

The coach also lauded the efforts of assistant coach Kevin Allen.

"Our practices have been outstanding," said Eufrazio. "Kevin

provides great instruction for the girls and the girls have been great learners. Our focus has been on the improvement of fundamentals."

Eufrazio sees a competitive conference unfolding this season.

"The conference last year was dominated by Leyden," he said. "This year I think there will be a lot more parity. Those teams that bowl with solid fundamentals from top to bottom will be successful."

Eufrazio said the team will begin the season with a starting lineup comprised of three juniors, one sophomore and one freshman.

"We believe the future is very bright for Willowbrook bowling," he said.

The Warriors hosted their own Willowbrook quad earlier in the week. The Warriors will square off with Leyden Thursday at Stardust Bowl.

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Addison Trail boys basketball team perfect at Elmwood Park

Willowbrook girls' basketball team wins two more; Fenton wrestlers 5-1

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys basketball team fared well in a new environment recently.

The Blazers, making their first appearance in the Elmwood Park tournament, went 3-0 there.

Addison Trail defeated Little Village by a score of 74-49

and also scored a 61-29 win over Northtown Academy. The Blazers then defeated Elmwood Park by a 60-35 count.

Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team closed out play in its own tournament with a pair of wins.

The Warriors scored a 53-26 win over Walther Christian. Josie Zabran led the Warriors with 19 points. Alyssa Spada had nine points.

Willowbrook also edged

Plainfield East by a 44-42 score. Alyssa Ressinger led the Warriors with 12 points. Zabran had 10 points and Micala Giammarino had eight points.

Fenton wrestling

The Fenton wrestling team was off to a 5-1 start in dual matches. The Bison defeated Hoffman Estates (59-18), Maine West (53-34), Palatine (53-18), Mather (71-6) and Kelvyn Park (72-9). Fenton's only loss was to Glenbrook South on criteria (meet was

tied 37-37 in regulation).

Fenton is coming off a 2013-2014 season where it went 11-10 and won the conference for the fifth time in the last seven years.

Back for Fenton this year are seniors Antoine Bess (24-14 last year at 120), Oscar Ledezma (26-15 at 132), Juan Alfaro (20-14 at 182) and Joe Oweina (16-14 at 170).

Key newcomers include seniors Corey Muniz (106 pounds), Grayson Kaspar (152) and freshman Dylan Butts

(160).

"We expect to have a solid season," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings. "We have a nice combination of youth, energy, work ethic and talent to continue the success we have had recently. We also should have a nice amount of depth. The young men are working hard and progressing at an impressive level."

Hastings noted he expects teams such as Glenbard South and Riverside-Brookfield to be competitive in the conference.

Fenton girls basketball takes second at Thanksgiving tournament

Bison scores key final-day victory over Addison Trail; Bango, Fritz all-tournament

By Mike Miazga
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The Fenton girls basketball team got its season started on a positive note by placing second at its own Fenton/Addison Trail Thanksgiving tournament.

Fenton finished the tournament 2-2 and earned a second-place finish thanks to winning the tiebreaker on least amount of points allowed. Addison Trail, Northside Prep and Lane Tech all finished 2-2. Leyden won the tournament for the second year in a row with a 3-1 record.

"There was a lot of parity in the tournament," said Fenton coach Tim Anderson. "Addison Trail finished 1-3, but they beat Northside Prep. It was a really

good tournament with good people. We saw some really good competition to get the season started. We went into every game knowing we had a chance to win and that was true for both sides."

The Bison started the tournament with a tough 52-48 loss in overtime to Leyden.

"Leyden won it last year and they won it this year. They had almost everybody coming back," said Anderson. "We played a nice game for our first game of the season."

Anderson noted his team was up by five points with three minutes to play, but turnovers helped Leyden come back and force overtime.

"We kind of let that one get away," said Anderson. "We played well. Their best player had like 27 the last time we played them and this time she scored 15 points. We had a little problem with our shot selection. We know we let that one get away."

Fenton quickly shrugged off the Leyden loss and scored a 70-44 victory against Lane Tech. Fenton scored 42 points in the first half.

"We had a 19-2 lead at one point," said Anderson. "We've been selling the girls on our defense, but we shot incredibly well here. We never let up. We played a terrific game all around."

Fenton then dropped a 45-34 decision to Northside Prep. "As hot as we were against Lane Tech, we were that cold against Northside Prep," said Anderson. "It was not a poor effort. Our effort was great. It was not our best performance. We weren't in sync. We got beat."

Fenton scored 13 points in the first half against Northside. "We fought back and got it down to six at one point," said Anderson. "Again, we had some problems with shot selection."

Fenton then squared off with Addison Trail in Addison

for its final game. "We had a chance in that game to decide our fate in the tournament," said Anderson.

Fenton started out quickly, scoring 22 points in the first quarter. "I really liked the start of the game," said Anderson. "Our girls were fired up. We were playing on their home court."

Fenton held a lead in the fourth quarter only to have Addison Trail roar back and tie things in the final minute.

"We were up by seven or eight in that fourth quarter," said Anderson. "Addison Trail was fighting back and chipping away."

Fenton's Dana Fritz canned three free throws down the stretch to give her team a 51-48 victory.

"Dana was the hero," said Anderson. "It was a good game. Give Addison Trail's kids credit here. They hung in there. Our kids deserve credit as well. They played so hard."

Overall, Anderson saw plenty of positives in the first games of the year.

"Our defense ended up winning us second place with that tiebreaker," said Anderson. "This is a fun group. Part of our job as coaches is to know what we have and try to figure out what the best plan of attack is. It was a pleasant surprise to see where our points came from. We were extremely balanced. We had two kids average nine points, two average eight points and one average seven points in the starting lineup. I was hopeful that we could have a couple average seven points and some others five or six points. We averaged

51 points in the tournament—that's a nice surprise. The way we played defense did not surprise me at all."

Fritz and Jessica Bango were named to the all-tournament team. "We had others who certainly could have been right there as well like Courtney Susmarski, Ellie Wassmann and Val Andrews. They all had good tournaments. Val led us in rebounding. Jessica averaged nine points and led us in assists. Dana led us in steals, while Ellie led us in getting to the foul line and she's a point guard."

Fenton opened up Metro Suburban Conference West Division play earlier this week against Elgin St. Edward.

"Now things are going to get even tougher," said Anderson. "We're getting into the new division in the conference and it's going to be very challenging and competitive. We know we have to be playing our best. We know we still have a lot of work to do, but I'm pleased with what they are doing right now. I like their attitudes and their work ethic. The real tests are coming ahead. We are going to face stiff competition. We're rooted in defense. I think it's easier going into another team's gym and upsetting them or disrupt what you are doing when you are rooted in defense. I like where we're going. One of the rewarding things about a season is watching the improvement. With this group, I think these girls are going to keep getting better. There is so much room for growth because of how hard they work."

Storied Willowbrook cagers reunion Friday

1969-70 team to honor Coach Marshall Stoner

By Paul DeGaudice
for The Independent

Forty four years ago, The Willowbrook Warriors basketball team was the squad nobody wanted to face. They beat previously undefeated Proviso East in double overtime. The Warriors, under legendary coach Marshall Stoner, battled to the top. Their only losses came to eventual state champions Lyons Township.

"(That team) was by far the best balanced team I've ever had," said Stoner during the season.

This Friday, members of the Willowbrook 1969-70 team will venture back to Villa Park for one more game, this time as spectators and

to honor Coach Stoner, who will also make the trip.

"Of all the sports I've played, at every level, Coach Stoner was the best," said Tom Hicks, who was a junior on the Warriors basketball team. Hicks went on to star on the football field for the University of Illinois Illini and played pro football as a linebacker for the Chicago Bears.

Besides Stoner and Hicks, the 1969-70 Willowbrook team featured Ken Carwell, Dave Christianson, Ron Dowiaz, Mark Kassner, Bill Lynch, Tom Mann, Dave Paulson, Scott Sarneman, Wally Streid, George Thoreson and Tim Williams.

The Warriors tip off against the Blazers on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 in the main gym.

Willowbrook's Schmidt headed to Northern Illinois

Multi-sport athlete continuing softball career at Division I school

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook multi-sport athlete Sam Schmidt didn't have to venture too far to find what she was looking for in a college.

Schmidt recently signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her softball career at Division I Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

"It's close to home," said Schmidt. "When I went on my visit there was a family atmosphere. I loved the coaching staff and the girls seemed very nice. It was somewhere I felt I could fit in."

NIU became acquainted with Schmidt through the travel softball circuit.

"They went to one of my tournaments and contacted my coach," she said.

Schmidt is thrilled to have the opportunity to play Division I softball.

"It's awesome," said Schmidt, who said marketing with a minor in psychology is a possible education path for her at NIU. "It's what I've always wanted. It's like a dream come true for me. The process (recruiting) was stressful at times. I'm thankful that I made the decision and am able to go to a school such as NIU."

Schmidt, who also plays on the Willowbrook girls basketball team, said the biggest improvement for her in softball has come on the mental

side.

"I have more confidence in myself now," she said.

Schmidt noted NIU recruited her to play middle infield. She plays shortstop for Willowbrook.

"I like playing shortstop. You get a lot of action there," said Schmidt, who noted she'll start off-season preparations for softball in the upcoming weeks.

Schmidt started playing the sport in the sixth grade. Her start in softball came after a stint in youth baseball.

"I knew I couldn't play baseball in high school, so I switched before I got to high school," she said. "Playing baseball was pretty fun."

Schmidt has made her pres-

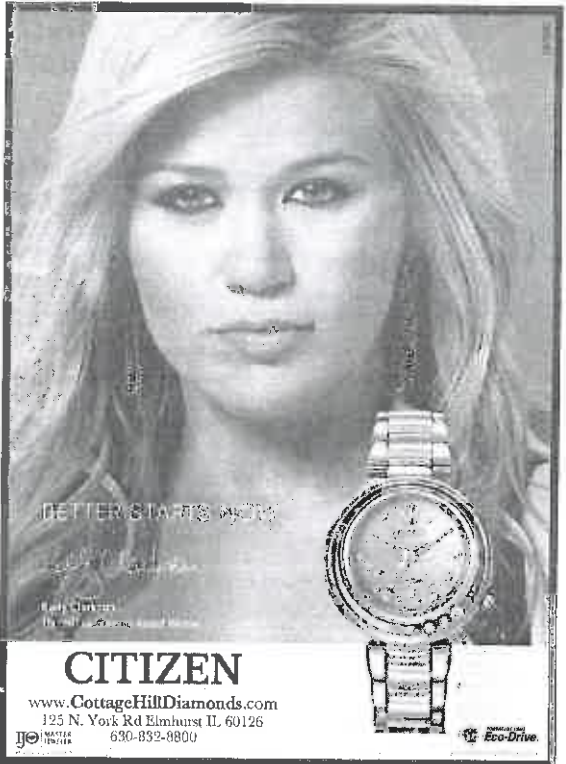
ence felt the last few seasons on the Willowbrook softball diamond, especially when it comes to the long ball. She belted 16 home runs last season and had nine her sophomore season.

"Hitting lessons have helped me," she said. "(Power) comes

naturally. I try to not think about hitting a home run when I'm up there. All I'm thinking about is getting a good pitch to hit."

Schmidt is looking forward to her final high-school softball season.

"I can't wait," she said.



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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

York skews young, IC brings back solid core

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The boys basketball season got started with teams tipping off in Thanksgiving tournaments. Here's the early recap and outlook the rest of the way for Addison Trail, IC Catholic, Timothy Christian and York this season:

York Dukes**Coach:** Vince Doran**Conference:** West Suburban Silver**2012-13 record:** 25-6 (10-2 WSS)**Top returners**

Name	Year	Position
Luke Libert	sr.	G
Joe Pierotti	sr.	F
Jayvon Thomas	sr.	G

Promising newcomers

Name	Year	Position
Ryan Camp	jr.	G
Jack Julian	jr.	G
John Morrissey	jr.	G

Outlook: The Dukes and coach Vince Doran have to replace one of the most successful senior classes in program history.

Just one returning starter, Luke Libert, and a key bench guard last season, Jayvon Thomas, are back from last year's squad. Every other player is either new to varsity or hasn't played significant minutes yet.

York opened the season with a 3-1 showing at Palatine's Thanksgiving tournament. The Dukes beat Chicago Richards 58-29 and Waubesa Valley 50-38 before losing the final pool play game 60-45 against the host Pirates. Palatine jumped out to a 29-3 lead before York got within 31-21 at halftime, but was unable to cut the deficit any further in the second half.

"It's hard to just give kids varsity experience," Doran said. "If you look at our roster we only have four seniors. Many of these kids that was their first tournament at the



York's Jayvon goes up for a shot in a game last season against Lyons Township. Thomas is one of two players who saw significant action returning for the Dukes this season.

varsity level. I'm real confident in them. They've done great things already."

The Dukes rebounded with a 48-37 win against Jacobs to

take third place in the tournament.

Libert retains his point guard duties and Thomas will be looked to for a scoring

punch for the Dukes. Junior Jack Morrissey led the Dukes with 14 points against Palatine and has been joined by fellow juniors Ryan Camp and Jack

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Julian in the starting lineup.

One concern will be York's lack of size. The Dukes will be forced to play with four or even five guards at times due to a lack of height. Senior forward Joe Pierotti, a 6-foot-2 forward, is the tallest player in the rotation for now.

"We're really small so we're changing things up defensively," Doran said.

Addison Trail Blazers**Coach:** Brendan Lyons**Conference:** West Suburban Gold**2012-13 record:** 11-18 (6-6 WSG)**Top returners**

Name	Year	Position
Matt Gontarek	sr.	G
Taylor White	sr.	F

Promising newcomers

Name	Year	Position
Nick Conrad	jr.	G
Dante Frontier	sr.	F
Eric Grygo	jr.	F
Jack Kalbas	so.	G

Outlook: The Blazers bring back just two returning starters from last year's team, but have plenty of talented newcomers already making an impact on varsity.

Addison Trail started the season by winning the title at the Elmwood Park Thanksgiving tournament with a 3-0 record. Senior returning starters Taylor White, a third-year varsity player, and Matt Gontarek were both named to the all-tournament team and White led the team in scoring with 18.3 points per game.

Four football players are on the roster, including

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Lady Dukes win conference opener

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

York's girls basketball team opened West Suburban Silver action Tuesday with a 64-61 win against Proviso West.

Alyssa Kovatchis scored 16 points and was one of four York players to reach double figures in scoring. Kelly Polte

(14 points), Jess Bianchi (11) and Sarah Milkowski (10) also had big contributions offensively.

GIRLS BASKETBALL IC Catholic

The Knights' debut game in the Metro Suburban West was

a 48-24 win Tuesday against Wheaton Academy.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans opened up in the Metro Suburban East with a 58-44 win Tuesday against Illiana Christian. Kaitlyn Gehrke had 26 points and 14 rebounds and Maty Huisman

scored 13 points.

Addison Trail

Morton beat the Blazers 66-42 on Tuesday in a West Suburban Gold game.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS York

The Dukes opened the season on Nov. 26 in the Hornet Invite at Hinsdale South. York scored 114.4, tying for seventh out of eight teams.

The Dukes had three all-arounders lead the way: Maya Moran (14th place), Maggie Thoele (16th) and Gillian Berg (17th).

• BASKETBALL

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Gontarek. Jaavion Bradley, a standout wide receiver, returns to the court after taking a year off. Joe Nasti and Ryan Zygowicz also transition from football to basketball.

"Our success will depend up on the leadership of our seniors, which has been great in the offseason to date, and how quickly many juniors can make the adjustment to the varsity level," coach Brendan Lyons said. "The sophomore group went 18-6 last season and provides much needed size and skill to this year's team. As a whole, they are an intelligent and hard-working group, but will need to adjust quickly to the speed of the varsity game in our conference."

Morton, Proviso East and Hinsdale South figure to pose challenges in the West Suburban Gold.

Junior Eric Grygo, 6-foot-5, and 6-foot-4 senior Dante Frontier, up from the JV team, are among the newcomers to add size and skill to the lineup.

IC Catholic Knights

Coach: T.J. Tyrrell

Conference: Metro Suburban West

2013-14 record: 23-7 (10-0 Suburban Christian Gold)

Top returners

Name	Year	Position
Troy Burrows	jr.	G
Rhashaun Epting	jr.	G/F
Will Lyles	jr.	F/C
Jordan Rowell	so.	G/F

Promising newcomers

Name	Year	Position
Angel Ramirez	jr.	G
Austin Reed	so.	G



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Addison Trail's Taylor White drives to the basket against Downers Grove South in a game last season. White is one of two starters coming back for the Blazers.

Outlook: The Knights opened the season by going 4-0 at the Coal City Tournament, winning each game by more than 20 points.

Rhashaun Epting averaged more than 21 points per game during the tournament and was joined by teammate Troy Burrows on the all-tournament team. Junior Will Lyles (6-foot-4) and sophomore Jordan Rowell also are returners for a young, but not inexperienced, team, that won more than 20 games a year ago.

"We are extremely athletic and have good depth," coach T.J. Tyrrell said. "A very young talented group, but key to success will be playing as a team, as well as developing

chemistry and confidence early. Youth could be a concern as we graduated four out of our top five, but we return four out of top eight [Epting, Burrows, Rowell, Lyles] from last year's team."

Austin Reed averaged 7.8 points per game at Coal City and Angel Ramirez is another newcomer that should see big minutes.

Timothy Christian Trojans

Coach: Jack LeGrand

Conference: Metro Suburban East

2012-13 record: 18-10 (9-3 MSC)

Top returners

Name	Year	Position
Joe Bishop	sr.	G
Riley Chapman	sr.	G/F
Ben Lodewyk	jr.	G



IC Catholic's Rhashaun Epting (right) rises to block a shot in a game against Timothy Christian last season. The dynamic Epting is one of several playmakers coming back this year for the Knights.

Robert McGivney sr. F/C

Promising newcomers

Name	Year	Position
Joey Davidson	so.	G
Mitchell Evenhouse jr.	G	

Outlook: What's more noticeable about the Trojans early on is what's missing instead of what's there.

Senior Connor VanderBrug, a 1,000-point scorer in his career, carried the team last season. Now, the Trojans have to replace him and four other seniors that played regular minutes.

"The success [we have] will be determined by how quickly the team meshes together," coach Jack LeGrand said. "We gained valuable experience

this summer playing against strong competition against schools with larger enrollments. A concern will be how quickly the newcomers can adjust to the quickness and physicality needed to play at the varsity level."

Seniors Joe Bishop and Robert McGivney, who is 6-foot-6, and junior Ben Lodewyk were in the rotation last season and will see larger roles. This year, Riley Chapman, Mitchell Evenhouse and Joey Davidson are expected to join them.

The Trojans opened the season with a 1-2 record at Lisle's Thanksgiving tournament. The lone win came against the hosts, 66-41. Davidson led the team in scoring with 11.7 points per game.

Addison Trail hosts annual Thanksgiving Holiday Luncheon

ADDISON — On Nov. 11, about 130 senior citizens from the community and the Addison Park District's Active, Adult Senior Club enjoyed musical entertainment and a Thanksgiving lunch at Addison Trail. AT partners with the Kiwanis Club of Addison and several other local organizations to host the annual Thanksgiving Holiday Luncheon. During the event, veterans in attendance were recognized in honor of Veterans Day.

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Addison Center for the Arts created holiday stencils to get you started—or bring your favorite holiday greeting card to recreate on your yard card. Each kit contains a 4'x5' piece of plywood or a 3'x4' condensation card in addition to a spotlight and supplies to stake it in your yard.

Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 25. The fee per 3x4 card is \$55 for residents, \$69 for nonresidents, and the fee for a 4x5 card is \$65 for residents, \$79 for nonresidents.

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Top left: Addison Trail sophomore Veronique Robins serves a Thanksgiving lunch to Roland Mais of Addison. **Top right:** Addison residents (from left) Gene Rayburn, Jean Wendt, Richard Stein, Tina Allen and Sandy Cotosman enjoy the annual Thanksgiving Holiday Luncheon at Addison Trail. **Bottom left:** District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (center) visits with Addison residents (from left) Sue Batura, Esther Gurnicz and Lillie Stone during the annual Thanksgiving Holiday Luncheon at Addison Trail. **Bottom right:** Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka (left) enjoys lunch with veteran Ted E. Mueller, who served with the 101st Airborne Division during the Korean War.

Harnett graduates from UTI-Lisle

LISLE — Addison resident Matthew J. Harnett recently graduated from the automotive program at Universal Technical Institute, Inc. Harnett also earned an Excellent Attendance award and is a member of Alpha Beta Kappa.

• GRANTS

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Originating in 2012-13, the program received a grant of \$3500 from the DuPage Community Foundation that year, followed by \$3,500 from the JCS Fund of the DuPage Community Foundation in the 2013-14 year.

The third project under the NEA grant will allow Addison students in grades 3-5 to attend performances of "The Sleeping Beauty," presented by the Salt Creek Ballet Company.

All the grant applications were written by Annette Leiber on behalf of the Addison Center for the Arts, which continues in its mission to make the arts a vital part of community life for the children and adults.



Addison Trail supports Dist. 88 Blood Drive

Giving back is a cornerstone of District 88 pride and on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 185 Addison Trail students and staff took part in a blood drive for LifeSource, donating a total of 150 units of blood. Pictures include: Top left: (from left) Addison Trail senior Jorge Arellano, senior Dante Frontier and junior Eric Grygo enjoy a snack after donating blood. Top right: Addison Trail Social Worker Jorge de Leon participates in the blood drive. Right: Addison Trail senior Portia Torrens-Campbell (far right) and sophomore Michelle Wachnik donate blood. According to the American Red Cross, one unit of blood can help three people.



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Spirito! Singers Winter Concert to be held Dec. 6, 7

ELMHURST—Spirito! Singers is pleased to announce the dates of its Winter Concert, "The Seven Joys of Christmas."

Join Spirito!s three eclectic choral ensembles as they perform at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (149 W. Brush Hill Road) at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Each ensemble will perform individually along with joint collaborations with select instrumentalists from the surrounding areas. Come and let Spirito! share the Seven Joys of Christmas: love, children, bells, dance, Mary, the New Year and song—to put you in the holiday spirit.

Tickets are \$23 each. Visit spiritosingers.org or call 1-877-8WE-SING for ticket information.

photos: Independent archives

Is there anyone who doesn't know Sid?

While Parker the Bear is quickly becoming a popular guy in Villa Park, it is doubtful he will ever be as well-known as Sid Bergh, pictured here shaking hands with York Township Supervisor John Valle. Sid, who considers himself Parker the Bear's "handler," is usually on the scene at the Villa Park VFW, cracking jokes at the microphone.



Celebrating every victory

Villa Park loves its sports, especially when Willowbrook High School quarterback Brian Johnson led the Warriors to a playoff berth in 2013. Willowbrook sports have always been among the highlights of the Villa Park community.

Baseball and the 4th of July

Nothing says summer like baseball and the 4th of July, evidenced here by Villa Park's U8 Cubs baseball team, which used patriotic bunting to decorate a float for the 4th of July parade. This year's parade even drew then-Governor Pat Quinn, who ran unsuccessfully against Governor-elect Bruce Rauner.



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District 4 schools shoot for Guinness World Records

Attempts 'World's Largest Sport-Stacking' challenge

ADDISON — Students at Army Trail, Fullerton, and Wesley Schools participated in what the Guinness World Records calls the "World's Largest Sport Stacking Event" in their physical education classes this week. Sport stacking involves a variety of different activities which promote hand-eye coordination, brain activation, fitness, and teamwork.

The World Sport Stacking Association was hoping to beat last year's record of 555,932 participants involved in stacking events held on November 13, 2013.

More than 500 students at Fullerton School visited different stations in the gym that required the students to stack cups to a defined configuration and participate in a physical activity, such as running in place, doing crunches, or stretching.

All Army Trail students participated in their school's event, as well. Army Trail PE teacher Gale Stafford reports that the activity uses cross-bilateral movement, which activates both sides of the student's brain. An added bonus was that the students really enjoyed the challenge.

The 275 students at Wesley School also participated in sport stacking challenges during PE classes on Thursday.



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AT's 'Fall in a Bowl' benefits Feed My Starving Children

ADDISON — On Nov. 7, Addison Trail staff members enjoyed a tasty treat while also supporting a great cause.

Students in Addison Trail's Hotel-Restaurant-Travel Management class prepared butternut squash, cream of chicken with wild rice and potato chorizo soup for staff members who donated \$10 or more to benefit Feed My Starving Children. The soup came with bowls created by students in Addison Trail's clay class.

Those who participated in the "Fall in a Bowl" lunch event received a bowl of soup, bread, dessert and a drink, and about \$250 will be donated to Feed My Starving Children.

Too many cooks?

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Right: Addison Trail senior Dennis Lopez (right) pours soup during Addison Trail's "Fall in a Bowl" lunch event on Nov. 7. During the lunch, staff members were invited to enjoy soup made by students, which was served in bowls that also were made by students. The "Feed My Starving Children" program was the beneficiary of the event.



Left: (From left) Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka, Career and Technical Education Department Chair Juliann Boudouris, staff member Karen Pierropoulos, staff member Cindy Bruns, staff member Katie Rodwell and staff member Caryn Scimeca enjoy a bowl of soup on Nov. 7. The soup and the bowl were made by Addison Trail students to support the "Feed My Starving Children" program.

Addison Trail students participate in economics field trip

ADDISON — On Nov. 5, 32 Addison Trail students visited Chicago Board Options Exchange and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The students participated in the field trip as part of their economics class with teacher Tom Hubner. During the trip, students learned about monetary policy at Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and were able to experience financial markets at Chicago Board Options Exchange. They were joined by State Sen. Tom Cullerton (D, District 23) and also met with Ed Provost, Chief Operating Officer and President of Chicago Board Options Exchange.



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ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 21

• Kindergarteners day off

Kindergartners can join the Addison Park District as it spends the day doing crafts, games, gym activities, sports, games and more. The day off for kindergartners ages 5-6 years old will be held from 7 a.m.-6:15 p.m. at the Centennial Rec Center. Fee: \$40 for residents, \$52 for nonresidents. Info: addisonparks.org or 630-833-0100.

• Half-day off fun

Have more fun on your half-day off from school with the Addison Park District. This half-day activity day is coordinated with Addison School District 4's early dismissal days for first-through fifth-graders. The half day off for kids ages 3-5 will be held from noon-6:15 p.m. at the Centennial Rec Center. Fee: \$27 for residents, \$37 for nonresidents.

Saturday, Nov. 22

Kontras String Quartet

The Kontras String Quartet begins its own music series at 1:30 p.m. in Buik Recital Hall at Elmhurst College with Geselligheid: Music of Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the door or online at brownpapertickets.com/event/865247.

Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 24-26

Day of Fun

Looking for something to do for kids ages 3-5 on a day off? Sign up for a field trip with the Addison Park District. Meet at the Centennial Rec Center on each of the following days: from 7 a.m.-6:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24; from 7 a.m.-6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25; and from 7 a.m.-6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26. Fee: \$40 for residents, \$52 for nonresidents. Info: go to addisonparks.org or call 630-833-0100.

Thursday, Nov. 27

Addison Park District Turkey Trot

The annual Addison Park District Turkey Trot will take place at the Addison Community Park, 120 E. Oak St.

(north of Lake Street). The kids' ½-mile Drumstick Dash starts at 8:45 a.m. and the Turkey Trot—a 1- to 3-mile walk or 1- to 5-mile run—begins at 9:10 a.m. Fees: individual \$15, couple \$25, family of three \$33, family of four \$40, family of five \$45 and family of six \$48. Info: 630-233-7275.

Friday, Dec. 5

• Hospital Foundation

Reindeer Route Housewalk

The Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation will host the annual Reindeer Route Housewalk throughout several homes in Elmhurst. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 6-9 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Marilyn Graber Teen Scholarship program. Tickets: \$30 in advance, or \$35 on the day of the event. For tickets and info: emhfoundation.org/foundation/events.cfm or call 331-221-0388.

• Hospital Open House for "Love Lights"

From 4:30-6 p.m., Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation will host an open house to celebrate the Love Lights program in the Hospital's East Lobby. The trees aligning the Central Garden will be lit at 5 p.m. All are invited to sponsor a Love Light to honor someone like a caregiver, colleague, volunteer, physician or special person for a \$20 donation; for \$30, a commemorative Love Lights ornament will be included. Come join your friends and neighbors for refreshments and carolers.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Historical Museum presents "Why Gone With The Wind Still Matters"

At 7 p.m., Leslie Goddard, known for her lectures on historical topics and history portrayals, will present a free program, "Why Gone With The Wind Still Matters," sponsored by the Addison Historical Society. It will take place at the Addison V.F.W., 446 W. Lake St.

Refreshments served. To register, please call or e-mail by Nov. 25 to 630-628-1433 or museum@addison-il.org.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14

Catholic youth to perform

"Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Saint Genesius Productions youth theater group will present The Best Christmas Pageant Ever at Montini High School, performed by students from local Catholic grade schools including St. Pius X, Sacred Heart, St. Alexander, St. Joseph, Kingswood Academy and Seton Academy. Show times are Saturday, December 13 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and, Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and all seating is general admission. Tickets may be ordered online at SaintGenesiusProductions.com

Ongoing events...

• Holiday yard cards

Wish your friends and neighbors season's greetings with a holiday yard card this year. All supplies are provided by Addison Park District including paint and the space to decorate your card. Each kit contains a 4'x5' piece of plywood or a 3'x4' condo-sized card in addition to a spotlight and supplies to stake it in your yard. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 25. Fees: The fee per 3x4 card is \$55 for residents, \$69 for nonresidents, and the fee for a 4x5 card is \$65 for residents, \$79 for nonresidents. Decoration dates will be held from 4-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Community Rec Center. Info: go to addisonparks.org or call 630-833-0100.

• David Becker's "From Chicago To Venice"

Now through Dec. 13, the Addison Center for the Arts presents "From Chicago To Venice," an exhibition by David R. Becker, at the ACA Gallery at 213 No. Lombard Road inside Addison Trail High School. Enter door #4 on the north side. Partly funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency. Info: 630-458-4500 or [\[forthearts.com\]\(http://forthearts.com\)](http://addisoncenter-</p>
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• Addison Park District open gym

The Park District will be having an open gym for all ages from 3-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 6-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the Centennial Rec Center gymnasium. Fees: \$2.50 for children in eighth grade and younger on regular days, or \$4 for extended days and weekends; \$3 for ages high school and older on regular days, or \$5 on extended days and weekends. Info: go to addisonparks.org or call 630-833-0100.

• Widows or Widowers

(W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month and has a variety of social activities. The meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or wow.cfsites.org.

• Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. To find out more about special events, programs, trips and club membership, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

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SPORTS

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Addison Trail football team sweeps conference player of the year honors

**Blazers place
11 players on
all-conference team**

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail's dominance on the football field translated into many post-season honors.

The Blazers placed 11 players on the all-West Suburban Conference Gold Division team and also had three players earn league player of the year honors.

Addison Trail finished the season 9-2, won the WSC Gold Division title with a perfect 6-0 mark and advanced to the second round of the Class 7A state playoffs.

Senior Jaavion Bradley was named the conference player of the year. Senior quarterback Mike Rybarczyk was named the offensive player of the year, while senior linebacker Eric Gilliam was named the defensive player of the year.

Joining those three on the all-WSC Gold team were Jake Atiyeh, Bobby Rinaldi, Josh Broschinsky, Matt Gon-

tarek, Tyler Schroeder-Zelek, Anthony Metallo, Malik Pierre-Lewis (junior) and Mike Peters.

"We had an outstanding season," said Addison Trail coach Paul Parpet Jr. "We fought right up to the end of that last playoff game. This group never gave up. We won a conference championship this year and that's something you can never take away. That was the message I gave to the kids after the season. In the high-school football playoffs, only eight teams go home happy at the end of the year. We accomplished something we set out to do and that's win a conference championship. That's a good feeling."

Parpet Jr. praised the contributions of the Addison Trail senior class.

"We had outstanding senior leadership this season," he said. "I think the combination of hard work we put in during the off-season, the experience we had coming back and a pretty good talent level—you put those three things together and that's why we had the success we had this year. These seniors put in a lot of time and effort and worked to get better—that in itself allowed us to have success."

Addison Trail turned in a stellar performance on defense, holding opponents to 17 or less points in 10 of its 11 contests.

"Our defense was very stingy," said Parpet Jr. "We played with a lot of effort. The guys stepped it up on defense and we were able to make things happen. The two biggest differences this year were we played great team defense and we were able to control the ball and run it when we were on offense. We also were sound in special teams. Again, those three things allowed us to be successful week in and week out."

The cupboard will be far from bare heading into 2015.

"We have a handful of guys coming back on offense and defense," said Parpet Jr. "Anytime you have a little experience coming back it helps. The guys that came back this year were a major part of our success. The experience we have coming back will help us move toward next year. A lot of guys had bad tastes in their mouths walking off the field after that last playoff game. That's a good thing. We will have guys coming back that played a lot of minutes for us this year."

Parpet Jr. noted this year's senior class helped the junior class learn the varsity ropes. He's confident that will again happen next season.

"The sophomore group coming up has a tremendous amount of talent," he said. "We have to get them bought into what it takes to be successful at the varsity level and these seniors-to-be will teach them that."

Parpet Jr. was proud of his group this season not just for its football accomplishments.

"These are talented athletes who are outstanding in every phase of their lives," he said. "They are outstanding in the community, in the classroom and on the field. They did everything the right way and that's the reason we had success this year. The effort these kids put in the classroom is what you saw on the field Friday nights. We had 13 or 14 kids earn all-conference academic awards. They got it done in the classroom. There is a direct correlation between what happens in the classroom and what happens on the field on Friday nights. If you have kids that get it done like that, you have a chance to be successful and we were this year."

Fenton girls basketball team poised for success

**Bison return numerous
players from last year's
16-win team**

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

A successful record the previous year and numerous players returning from said team generally spells good news.

Veteran Fenton girls basketball coach Tim Anderson hopes that is the case with his team this season.

Anderson, in his 28th season, returns plenty of talent from last year's team that went 16-13 overall and finished 7-5 in the Metro Suburban Conference.

"We have a lot of girls back from last year," he said.

That group of returning players includes seniors Dana Fritz (5-10, guard-post), Val Andrews (5-9, guard-post) and Daisy Mora (5-4, guard), along with juniors Jessica Bango (5-6, guard) and Courtney Susmarski (5-9, guard-post). Sophomores Krysta Wilson (5-8, guard) and Ellie Wassmann (5-7, guard) played on the varsity as freshmen.

Anderson also moved up eight seniors

that played on the junior-varsity team last year. Senior guard-post Bianca Valdez (5-5) headlines that group.

"All of them are doing a great job," said Anderson. "Biana is impressing Beth (assistant coach Keathley) and me. She's picking up things very fast. She has our attention."

Anderson said the team's defense is further along right now than the offense, but that's a good thing.

"The thing that is the most impressive and it's something I use as a barometer is that a team in practice when its defense is scrimmaging the offense and is better than the offense, that bodes well," he said. "Because if the offense is struggling in practice it's because it is playing a good defensive unit and that's usually a harbinger of good things to come. That's how you improve as a team. If it's the other way around, you likely will be surprised in games. We're playing very good defense and that's going to help us continue to get better."

Anderson's superlative list doesn't stop at defense.

"The girls get along with each other and they get along with the coaches and they work hard," he said. "We

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— Fenton girls basketball coach Tim Anderson

also have a lot of talented kids back and we have balance throughout the roster. Last year we had Tina (Guarino) and Rachael (Leschewski) and we knew they were going to get a significant amount of points. I don't know where the points are going to come from yet. We're going to keep playing defense. I'm not worried about that. Nobody has emerged yet as a go-to person. I'm anxious to see who does that. We'll watch it evolve. I have some inklings."

This will be Fenton's first season in the new-look Metro Suburban Conference. Fenton is in the West Division.

"It will be a very interesting season," said Anderson. "We're in the new division. We don't know a lot about the four new teams, but we know a tremendous amount about the other two teams (Riverside-Brookfield and Glenbard South). Both of them will be incredible this season. We'll be competitive. Those two teams, R-B and Glenbard South, are not only good programs but programs with a lot of good players coming back."

Right now, Anderson is concerned only about his team's improvement.

"If we keep going the way we've been going, we will keep getting better," he said. "These girls will keep moving forward. We have savvy and experience back from last year. The question mark right now is the scoring, but it's not a point of worry. It's a point of curiosity and anticipation. These girls are up to the challenge."

Fenton is co-hosting its Thanksgiving tournament once again with Addison Trail. The Bison open the tournament this week at home against Leyden, Lane Teach and Northside Prep. The tournament shifts to Addison Trail next week. Fenton plays Addison Trail next Wednesday.

Depth a strength for Addison Trail girls basketball team

Blazers return six players who saw significant action last season

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Depth and experience are on the side of the Addison Trail girls' basketball team this season.

The Blazers return six players who were contributors last season. Addison Trail is looking to improve on a 2013-2014 record of 5-22 overall and 2-10

in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

Back from last year are seniors Rachel Baumgartner, Nina Beltrano, Kelly Delawder, Alex Disilvio and Stephanie Messina, along with junior Tegan Graff.

Baumgartner and Graff are the team's top two returning scorers.

Newcomers to the team include the likes of juniors Maria Koulogeorgas (guard), Nicole Pudlo (guard) and Marina Stokes (post-guard).

"We have six kids back who played significant minutes for us last year," said Addison Trail coach Rob Schader. "That will

definitely help us out."

Schader also is impressed with the depth of talent on the team.

"We can play nine kids on a regular basis," he said. "The girls are very similar with their play. If we get in foul trouble or someone needs a break, it will be very easy to substitute kids in."

Schader sees a good mix of inside and outside on offense this season. "It will be a little bit of both," he said. "We have girls who can attack and shoot outside and we have a couple of strong post players. It's a pretty nice combination to have."

Schader said the team's

defensive fortunes have taken a turn for the better as well. "We should be much improved defensively," he said. "We struggled last year a little bit with that. I think we're improved on both sides of the ball and we're a little better rebounding. These kids work hard and they love the game of basketball. They are basketball kids."

Schader said the WSC Gold will be competitive night in and night out. "The conference is always tough. I think it's kind of evened out for the most part. There are a lot of good teams."

Addison Trail opened the

season this week with a non-conference game against Riverside-Brookfield. The Blazers also are co-hosting a Thanksgiving tournament with Fenton. The Blazers play Leyden and Lane Tech at Fenton this week. Action shifts to Addison Trail next week prior to Thanksgiving.

"We're excited about the season," said Schader. "We have those six kids who played substantial minutes. When you have that, the game slows down for them. It's their second year on varsity and they have a lot more confidence. Hopefully we can get off to a faster start this year."

Willowbrook girls basketball team ready to defend conference title

Schmidt, Zabran, Giammarino among key returners for Warriors

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls basketball team lost seven seniors from last year's team that went 14-4 and won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title with a perfect 12-0 mark.

But the Warriors aren't about to dwell on that. Instead, coach Jerry Harrell is extremely excited about the group he has in the gym—one he feels will be right there in the race for the 2014-2015 WSC Gold crown.

The Warriors return the likes of seniors Sam Schmidt (6-1, wing), Micala Giammarino (5-6, guard) and Alyssa Tessinger (5-10, forward), along with junior Josie Zabran (5-9, forward). Junior Kelsey McGowan (5-3) is new to the team and the starting lineup. She played on the sophomore team last year and will take over point guard duties this season.

"Sam and Josie are two girls we will look to give us a lot of scoring," said Harrell. "Josie will play in the post and on the wing and Sam will play primarily on the wing. Micala has played primarily point guard in the program and now she'll play the 2 guard where she'll have ample opportunities to score. Alyssa is 5-10 but plays even bigger than that. We're looking for a big rebounding and defensive year from her in the post. This is Kelsey's first varsity action and we expect her to do well at the point guard position."

Juniors Alyssa Spada (5-7, guard) and Kylin Konrath (5-9, forward) also will help the Warriors.

"We will be strong inside this season," said Harrell.

Zabran was a key presence for the team after being called up late in the season.

"Josie played nine games on the varsity last year and averaged 16 points a game," said Harrell. "She had some big games at the end of the season and we expect her to return to that form quickly and advance from there."

Harrell also is excited about Schmidt's prospects this season.

"Sam on the perimeter will be very important for us from a rebounding standpoint," he said. "She gives us three very strong rebounders along with Josie and Alyssa. We expect to be strong in the lane."

Harrell noted the team also is looking strong on the defensive end.

"We expect to be good defensively again," he said. "We're a little bigger team this season. We might not be fast-paced and up-and-down as we have been in the past. It's a bigger team and there is a lot of talented girls here. We're looking to have another good season."

Harrell also has been impressed with how quickly the team has come together.

"It's a good group that gets along very well," he said. "We did lose the seven seniors and we lost some leadership there. But there are experienced athletes here who are stepping it up. Sam plays both basketball and softball and so does Alyssa. Micala was a leader on the volleyball team this fall. We

expect to be a well-led group."

Harrell sees a very competitive WSC Gold this season.

"We expect to compete for the conference championship," he said. "I don't expect to go 12-0 again. Everybody in the conference has gotten better. There were a lot of teams that had young talent last year. We expect to be right there."

Willowbrook opened the season Tuesday against Glenbard North. The Warriors begin play in their own Thanksgiving tournament on Thursday. This

year's tournament features Proviso East, East Aurora, Walter Christian, St. Joe's and St. Francis.

"These first three weeks are very important for us," said Harrell. "We will play six games in the first two weeks and a total of eight in the first three weeks and one of them is against one of the teams I feel will be a top team in the conference—Proviso East. We will know if we will be a good team in the first eight games. It will show quickly."

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Addison Trail-Willowbrook's McNamara qualifies for state

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail-Willowbrook girls swimming standout Kelly McNamara is headed back to the state finals.

McNamara qualified in two events for this weekend's state meet at the recent York sectional in Elmhurst.

McNamara won the butterfly sectional title with a time of 56.53. The second-place finisher in the race clocked in at 57.38. The state-qualifying standard in the butterfly was 58.68.

McNamara finished second in the state in the butterfly in 2013 with a time of 55.11. Oak Park Fenwick senior Mimi Schneider won the state title last year with a time of 53.86.

McNamara also will compete in the 50 freestyle at state. She finished third at York with a

time of 24.23. The state-qualifying standard was 24.59.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook finished seventh as a team at the sectional with 93 points. Fenton took 12th with 21 points.

Kelly McNamara at state

Addison Trail-Willowbrook's Kelly McNamara is a four-time state girls swimming qualifier in nine events. Here's a look at the events she's qualified in.

Year	Event	Place
2014	Butterfly	??
2014	50 free	??
2013	Butterfly	2nd
2013	200 relay	22nd
2012	Butterfly	6th
2012	200 relay	12th
2012	400 relay	21st
2011	200 relay	15th
2011	400 relay	21st



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