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ON THE COVER

2015 Miss Addison Tracy Ibeling gets a hug from her mom, Cynthia, after the scholarship pageant June 24 at Addison Village Hall.



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New Miss Addison is proud to represent village

By **AIMEE BARROWS**

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ADDISON – Tracy Ibeling has overcome a lot in her life, but the 20-year-old never thought she'd have the title of Miss Addison. However, at the June 24 pageant, she won the crown and said she couldn't be more honored.

"When they announced my name, I almost started crying. I never expected to win," Ibeling said. "Every girl up there deserved it. I was so happy, but I was amazed I won. With my mom's support and my faith, I knew I'd make it through, but I never thought I'd win Miss Addison."

Ibeling was one of seven young women vying for the title. She has lived in Addison for seven years and graduated from Addison Trail High School in 2014. While there, Ibeling was involved with National Honor Society and was chosen to be a speaker at her graduation ceremony.

She is going into her sophomore year at Elmhurst College, where she is a music education major. Ibeling, who is a vocalist and plays piano, guitar and saxophone, hopes to become a choir director.

"Music has been a major source of happiness and hope in my life," she explained. "And I've always loved working with children, and I hope to instill a positive attitude and creativity."

The contestants were judged on their education, presentation and style, said Lucille Zucchero, Miss Addison pageant coordinator and village clerk. Zucchero said that Miss Addison will represent the village at a number of events, as well as receive money toward education. The winner receives a \$2,000 scholarship, while the first run-



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2014 Miss Addison Samantha Slater assists her successor, Tracy Ibeling, with her crown June 24 at Addison Village Hall.

ner-up receives a \$1,000 scholarship and the second runner-up gets a \$500 scholarship.

"The scholarship is so important, and it's not just about a pretty face or lovely personality," Zucchero said. "Tracy is just a pleasant person, a nice person to talk to, and she's got a lot to say and do. She'll get to do a lot of fun things this year."

This is the second time Ibeling has been a contestant in the Miss Addison pageant. She was second runner-up last year.

"I was never a pageant type of girl, but I realized that the judges are eval-

uating you on your character, and it's not about pageantry," Ibeling said. "It's about who you are as a person, so I wanted to do it again this year. It's not just a simple beauty pageant."

Cynthia Ibeling, Tracy's mother, is "extremely proud" of her daughter. She said Tracy has always been a hard worker and has never let her health problems "get her down."

Ibeling has a rare lung disease, a neuromuscular disease and thyroid problems. She also underwent a procedure to fix a heart condition in high school.

"It's hard to believe [she won], but she is so deserving of it, and I'm just so happy to see it," Cynthia said. "She sings like an angel, she's a great writer and a great speaker. She's very loving, caring and kind-hearted."

Ibeling said she's very excited about representing the community and hopes she can make a difference. She's been volunteering as a guide at the Addison Historical Museum for four years and loves sharing Addison's history with museum visitors.

"There's something special about Addison," she said. "It's got a classic, small town feel. It's a very friendly village where everyone knows each other, and it has a unique history. I'm so proud of Addison, and I can't wait to appear at all the events."

Ibeling will go to the Mayor's Ball, and Zucchero said she might even sing the national anthem at that event. Ibeling also will be a judge at the Addison by the Slice pizza contest, help with the Christmas tree lighting and appear at other community events.

"I am very eager to represent such a friendly community, and I want to help my community in any way I can," she said.

Police: Man head-butts conductor, breaks his nose

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BENSENVILLE – A Roselle man was charged with aggravated battery to a transit employee after allegedly head-butting a Metra conductor July 6, according to a news release from the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office.

About 6:54 p.m. July 6, Jack Kamysz, 64, of the 22W100 block of Irving Park Road, was asked for his train fare by conductor John Smak as the train approached the Bensenville station, ac-

cording to the release.

Kamysz allegedly made a vulgar comment toward Smak, who then attempted to escort Kamysz to the train's vestibule. It is alleged Kamysz then head-butted the train conductor, breaking his nose, the release stated.

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin announced that charges have been filed against Kamysz, who appeared in bond court July 7, where Judge Richard Russo set bond at \$50,000 with 10 percent to apply.

Kamysz has been charged with one

count of aggravated battery to a transit employee, a Class 3 felony, according to the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office.

"The allegations against Mr. Kamysz are outrageous," Berlin said in the release. "This type of unprovoked attack on a man who was just doing his job will not be tolerated in DuPage County and will be met with the full force of the law."

Kamysz's next court appearance is scheduled for Aug. 3 in front of Judge Liam Brennan.



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Season setup



ABOVE: Ryan Zygowicz of Addison Trail delivers a pass June 25 during a 7-on-7 game at Naperville Central. Zygowicz played in a handful of games for the Blazers last season and is looking to be the full-time starter this season.



RIGHT: Addison Trail's Tahj Wood receives a pass on June 25 during a 7-on-7 game against Barrington. Wood is one of several receivers looking to step into a starting role for the Blazers this season.

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Summer camps help AT, Glenbard East, Willowbrook, York football prep for kickoff

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Football summer camps and practices are right around the midway point, and the early forms of teams are starting to take shape.

In addition to the hard work of summer practices are 7-on-7 scrimmages and tournaments as well as linemen challenges to get set for the upcoming season, which is less than two months away. A number of teams take part in 7-on-7 tournaments as a way to get ready.

Addison Trail hosted York and Willowbrook among 12 teams that participated in the West Suburban Conference's 7-on-7 tournament July 9. AT and Montini went to the Red Grange Classic hosted by Wheaton Warrenville South on June 25 and 26, which featured 32 teams in a loaded field of Chicago-area teams.

At the Red Grange, Montini went 4-1 in pool play and 4-2 in bracket play for another strong showing a year after winning the tournament. AT picked up one win in bracket play while breaking in a young set of wide receivers.

"We're definitely young in the wide receiver spot," AT coach Paul Parpet Jr. said. "We lost quite a bit of talent out of our wideouts. It's been a learning experience for all of us. There's definitely talent out there, but it's young, raw talent that needs to have the repetitions and the basic fundamentals."

Quarterback Ryan Zygowicz, who played in place of injured starter Mike Rybarczyk late last season, is back along with running backs Mike Hundley and Malik Pierre-Louis. However, only junior Darrion Conrad is back with varsity

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Paul Parpet Jr.
Addison Trail coach

playing experience at wide receiver. A pair of big targets in Stevan Jones and Ricky Perez will take the outside wide receiver positions with Conrad moving to the slot. The summer gives them an extra opportunity to develop before the season.

Defensively, returning starters Zach Atiyeh, Josh Simko and Matt Domek lead what Parpet called a strong front seven. The secondary is young with only Nick Fugarino coming back. Nick D'Ambrose, Andre Frontier and Nick DiBenardo are among the young players looking to break through.

"That's been the theme for the summer, just getting repetitions and getting these guys to figure it out," Parpet said. "I think we got a good cast coming back from last year. We'll see what happens."

Glenbard East also has a busy summer schedule. The Rams compete at Home-wood-Flossmoor's Border War 7-on-7 tournament, which features teams from Illinois and Indiana, on July 10. East also has 7-on-7s at Nazareth, Oswego East and Bolingbrook still on the schedule along with linemen challenges at Bolingbrook and West Aurora.

The Rams bring back a lot of returners from last year's

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Football seeding changes alter playoff landscape

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The IHSA announced rule changes that will affect post-season play in team sports, including a new way to seed teams in the football playoffs.

On June 15, the IHSA board of directors approved a change to the structure of the football playoffs that will seed teams in Classes 7A and 8A from 1 to 32. The previous structure featured 16-team and eight-team brackets to limit travel distances.

However, that came under fire because of an unbalanced seeding format and many of the same teams facing each other year after year. For example, last year Class 8A was broken into a 16-team bracket and two brackets of eight teams. The 16-team bracket, which included schools mostly from the north and northwest suburbs as well as West Suburban Conference teams Lyons Township, Glenbard West and Oak Park-River Forest, featured four teams

with 8-1 records and three 9-0 teams. Each of the two eight-team brackets had only two 8-1 teams and no undefeated teams.

The new rule should help alleviate the imbalance in the bracket, and also provide fresh matchups in the playoffs. Three of the 16 first-round games in the Class 8A bracket were rematches of conference games from the regular season.

"We like to play other teams," Downers Grove South coach Mark Molinari said. "We were thrilled to play Simoleon last year. We didn't have the result we wanted, but just to play someone else was awesome. If that means we have to travel to Edwardsville or somewhere else, I'm completely fine with it."

In the other six classes there will be two 16-team brackets, eliminating eight-team quadrants. The previous rule, according to the IHSA's release on the announcement, would "change the bracket to quadrants if certain travel mileage

Local teams affected

- IC CATHOLIC GIRLS BASKETBALL: Class 2A to 3A
- MONTINI GIRLS BASKETBALL: 3A to 4A
- NAZARETH BASEBALL: 3A to 4A
- ST. FRANCIS BASEBALL: 3A to 4A
- WHEATON ACADEMY BOYS SOCCER: 2A to 3A
- MONTINI WRESTLING: 2A to 3A
- MONTINI FOOTBALL: 5A to 6A

distances were exceeded."

"I love it," Downers Grove North coach John Wander said. "They used to say travel was bad; I think that's what makes it. We're a unique sport where not everyone makes the playoffs, and if someone told me I had to go to East St. Louis, I'd be happier than heck because that means we're back in the playoffs this year."

Other team sports will also have a restructuring in the postseason. In smaller classes and outside the Chicago area sectionals in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball had been separated into four regionals based on geography and then seeded. Now, sectionals will be broken down into two sub-sectionals to avoid loaded regionals such as the Class 3A baseball regional that included powerhouse teams Lemont, Joliet Catholic and Lincoln-Way West, all state title contenders, meeting in the first rounds of the playoffs.

In addition, the so-called success adjustment rule will be implemented for the 2015-16 school year. Non-boundaried schools with at least two state trophies in the past four years and at least one in the past two years will be moved up one class. In all, 23 teams were moved up.

"I'm thrilled, absolutely thrilled," Molinari said. "We've been asking for it for a

long time [as coaches] and I'll be the first one to say it's almost perfect."

Another local team that could be affected by the classification adjustment is Nazareth football. The Roadrunners had the third smallest enrollment, based on their non-boundary school multiplier, in Class 6A this past fall. With Montini and Sacred-Heart Griffin, the finalists each of the past two years in Class 5A, moving up to 6A, Nazareth could be on the bubble to move down despite being defending 6A champions. Another possibility is a Nazareth-Montini playoff meeting.

"I go way back with [Montini coach] Chris [Andriano]," Nazareth coach Tim Racki said. "He was the head coach at Montini when I played there. I have great respect for him. We have a great relationship. If we saw him that would be a great challenge."

Suburban Life sports editor Jason Rossi contributed to this story.

Elmhurst Evolution ultimate frisbee finds success at tourneys

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ELMHURST - The Elmhurst Evolution high school ultimate frisbee club team followed one impressive tournament performance with another at the end of the season.

The Evolution took fifth and earned the team Spirit Award for sportsmanship at the state tournament at the Naperville Polo Grounds on June 6.

Before that, the Evolution won the Chicago Ultimate Juniors Organization tournament against teams from throughout the suburbs on May 30.

Evolution players this season were Luke Brush, Jordan Ciccarone, Quinn Corcoran, Steve Doan, Evan Haug, Colin MacGregor, Brandon Parr, Andres Perez, Charlie Peters, Alec Smith, Nick Soldano and Cal Tornabene. The team was coached by Brad Johnson and Adam Grujic.



Players and coaches from the Elmhurst Evolution celebrate after winning the CUJO tournament May 30. Pictured are (front row, from left): Nick Soldano, Luke Brush, Colin MacGregor, Steve Doan, and Jordan Ciccarone, and (back row) head coach Brad Johnson, Evan Haug, Quinn Corcoran, Andres Perez, Cal Tornabene, Charlie Peters, Alec Smith, Brandon Parr, and assistant coach Adam Grujic.

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team that came close to a breakout season. The veteran group is allowing the coaching staff to speed things up a bit earlier than normal.

"I think for us it's the standpoint we're bringing everybody back from last year and that makes everything easier, from plays, understanding concepts and everything we do," coach John Walters said. "We've kind of stepped on the gas a little bit early on just because I think the guys understand what we're doing. We're able to nitpick what we do. We're trying to get it perfect."

Walters said he has never had this much talent coming back, and returning quarterback Phil Abruzino is leading a list of players stepping up in the eyes of the coach.

"I think the big thing is our quarterback is taking the bull by the horns and making the throws and reads he needs to make to get our incredibly talented skill group the ball where it needs it," Walters said.