

Tough opener...

JUNIOR FREDDIE CLAY is pictured carrying the football during Willowbrook High School's season-opening game at Glenbard East. The visiting Warriors, who trailed the Rams 21-0 at halftime of Friday's game, wound up losing 42-21 in Lombard. Willowbrook will try to even its season record at 1-1 when it faces Proviso West this Friday in Hillside. The Warriors will open the West Suburban Gold Conference season with a home game against Addison Trail on Sept. 11. For more about Willowbrook's season-opening loss to the Rams, see Page 14.

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Bullwinkel to make a bid for open congressional seat

by Chris Fox

Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel is running for Congress. The 47-year-old Bullwinkel announced last week she will seek the Democratic Party nomination to represent the Eighth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth, who currently represents Illinois' Eighth District in Washington, D.C., is seeking the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican incumbent U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk in the 2016 general election, which will be held on Nov. 8.

"The opportunity to work as an advocate for the people of Villa Park and all the people of the Eighth District is extremely appealing to me," said Bullwinkel on Monday. "I'm in contact with residents every day. It's my job to help them solve problems. That's what I plan on doing in Congress."

Bullwinkel will face at least two opponents in the Democratic primary of March 15, 2016. Raja Krishnamoorthi of Schaumburg and State Sen. Mike Noland of Elgin are also in the race to replace Duckworth. Illinois State Sen. Tom Cullerton of Villa Park, who preceded Bullwinkel as Villa Park Village President, announced earlier this summer that he would seek the Democratic nomination to represent the Eighth District. Cullerton, who represents the 23rd District in Springfield, stated in late July that he would not run for Congress and would concentrate on running for re-election to his current position in the state senate.

Bullwinkel was elected the Villa Park Village Board in 2009. In 2013, she was

elected to a four-year term as Villa Park Village President. That term expires in the spring of 2017. Bullwinkel said Monday that she has no plans to step down as village president while she campaigns for the congressional seat in the Eighth District, which includes Villa Park and portions of DuPage and Cook counties.

Shortly before announcing her intention to run for Congress, Bullwinkel spoke with Duckworth.

"I had a pleasant conversation with her," said Bullwinkel of her discussion with the congresswoman. "I wanted to seek her advice. She was very gracious with her time."

Bullwinkel said she had not intended to run for the seat in Congress until recently. She was contacted by EMILY's List, a political action committee whose name includes an acronym for "Early Money is Like Yeast," with yeast referring to raising dough—or money—for candidates. The organization's Web site states its mission as "We elect pro-choice Democratic women to office." EMILY's List also helped Duckworth in her elections to the U.S. House, and is now supporting her Senate campaign. She was first elected to Congress in 2012 and re-elected in 2014.

"This opportunity hadn't even crossed my mind until recently," said Bullwinkel of the intention to run for Congress. "Some folks have reached out to me, including EMILY's List. They've been very encouraging. This seemed like such a great opportunity."

Bullwinkel said her experience on the Villa Park Village Board would help her as a

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Running for Congress...

File photo by Chris Fox

VILLA PARK VILLAGE PRESIDENT Deborah Bullwinkel (above, right) announced last week that she is a candidate for the 2016 Democratic Party nomination to represent the Eighth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Bullwinkel will try to replace current U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth, who is seeking the Democratic nomination to run in next year's U.S. Senate race against incumbent Republican Sen. Mark Kirk. The above photo shows Judge Robert Kleeman administering the oath of office to Bullwinkel when she was sworn in as Villa Park Village President in May 2013. Bullwinkel was elected a Villa Park Village Board as a trustee in 2009. Four years later, she won the race for village president. Bullwinkel has lived in Villa Park for the last 18 years.

Willowbrook holds its annual open house on Thursday

Willowbrook High School will host its annual open house on Thursday, Sept. 3. The open house gives parents/guardians of Willowbrook students and community members a chance to tour the school, meet administrators, teachers and staff members, and to learn about the school's curriculum, clubs, athletics and activities.

Building tours will begin at 5:30 and

5:45 p.m. The parent/guardian general meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

After the general meeting, parents and guardians will have a chance to follow their child's daily schedule in an abbreviated school day. Parents and guardians should have received a letter with detailed information about the open house.

Lost and Found performs at free Villa Park concert on Saturday

Trinity Lutheran Church of Villa Park will sponsor a free concert featuring the Christian music band Lost and Found on Saturday, Sept. 5, by the Rugaard Gazebo near Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard, by the Illinois Prairie Path.

The concert will begin at 6 p.m. A variety of food trucks will begin serving food at 5:30 p.m.

Lost and Found is making its farewell tour. The Sept. 5 concert in Villa Park will be the groups last ever concert in Illinois.

Trinity Lutheran Church recommends that spectators bring their own chair or blanket, as seating will be limited.

For more information about Lost and Found, visit its official Web site at www.speedwood.com.

Sports

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Powerful offense helps Rams beat the Warriors

The Glenbard East football team displayed a potent and diverse offensive attack during Friday's 2015 season opener against Willowbrook. The Rams piled up six touchdowns against the visiting Warriors to take a commanding 42-7 lead on the way to an eventual 42-21 victory in Lombard.

Glenbard East senior quarterback Phil Abruzzino completed 22 of 33 pass attempts for 344 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Senior receiver Karon Keyes hauled in both of Abruzzino's touchdown passes during the second quarter. Keyes' second touchdown reception—an exciting 23-yard scoring play—came as the first half expired. The speedy receiver caught a pass in the middle of the field with a few seconds to play in the half. Instead of falling to the turf to help stop the clock and set up a field-goal attempt, Keyes darted to his right and dove toward the goal line for the touchdown with no time left on the clock. The ensuing extra-point kick by junior Justin Murphy gave Glenbard East a 21-0 halftime lead.

"I was just trying to get the ball in

the end zone and put one up for my team," said Keyes of his second touchdown reception. "When I caught that ball, I just wanted to make a move and get into the end zone. I turned around and saw open space, and I took advantage of it."

Keyes finished the night with five receptions for 84 yards. Senior Travis Lyles contributed six receptions for 116 yards, while senior Zach Walsh provided six catches for 83 yards.

Senior Joey Moore scored the Rams' first touchdown of the night on a 6-yard run with about four minutes left in the first quarter. Glenbard East added its next touchdown in the first minute of the second period, when Abruzzino and Keyes hooked up on an 18-yard scoring pass. Murphy tacked on the extra-point kick to give the Rams a 14-0 lead with 11:13 left in the first half.

"We're not a one-man show, there's no doubt," said Glenbard East coach John Walters of the team's explosive offense. "We have a pretty special unit on that side."

In addition to throwing for 344 yards, Abruzzino accounted for a



Offensive leader...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST SENIOR quarterback Phil Abruzzino (above, center) races into the end zone for a 3-yard touchdown run during the fourth quarter of Friday's season-opening football game against Willowbrook. The Rams defeated Willowbrook 42-21 in Lombard. Abruzzino completed 22 of 33 passes for 344 yards and two touchdowns. He completed 13 of 21 passes for 201 yards and two touchdowns during the first half to help Glenbard East to a 21-0 halftime lead. Abruzzino finished the game with a team-leading 61 rushing yards. Friday's game marked the 11th straight season opener between the Glenbard East and Willowbrook football programs. It was the first Friday-night battle between the Rams and Warriors since 2012. The 2013 and 2014 meetings were both postponed one day because of stormy conditions. One year ago, the Rams opened the season with a 3-1 record, only to close the season with five straight losses to finish the year with a 3-6 record. "We didn't finish games well last year," said Abruzzino. "We are a pretty senior-heavy team this year, and we are a lot more prepared. We know what we have this year; we know we have the talent. We're just trying to focus on what's in front of us."

team-leading 61 rushing yards and one touchdown on 17 attempts. Moore gained 43 yards on five attempts. Senior Marc Traylor gained 27 yards on four carries and scored a pair of rushing touchdowns.

"It's nice to have a balanced offense," said Abruzzino. "We went into the game knowing we were going to put the ball in the air a lot. If teams try to focus on one of our receivers, I have other options."

Willowbrook cut into the Rams' lead with a touchdown drive early in the third quarter. Senior quarterback Billy Degnan completed a 12-yard touchdown pass to junior Jonathan Kelso with over eight minutes left in the period. The Rams rebuilt their lead to 21 points by the end of the third quarter. A 32-yard pass from Abruzzino to Lyles put the Rams inside the Warriors' 5-yard line. Moments later, Traylor scored on a short touchdown run. The extra-point kick extended Glenbard East's lead to 28-7 with about four minutes to play in the quarter.

Glenbard East senior defensive end Matt Mihic recovered a Willowbrook fumble on the first play of the fourth quarter to give the Rams the ball inside the Warriors' 40-yard line. Abruzzino's short touchdown run less than two minutes later helped push Glenbard East's lead to 35-7. Traylor's touchdown run midway through the final period helped to push the lead to 42-7.

The Warriors scored a pair of touchdowns in the closing minutes. Senior quarterback Joe Strem threw a 30-yard TD pass to senior Ron Reitz. Junior Alize Tyson's 5-yard run accounted for the game's ninth and final touchdown.

"I'll give the kids credit for battling in the second half," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth. "We really just failed to execute in a ton of spots over and over again."

Glenbard East, which has not

The Rams have the upper hand

The Glenbard East and Willowbrook football teams met in the season-opening game for the 11th straight year when they squared off on Friday in Lombard. Glenbard East defeated Willowbrook 42-21. The Rams have won nine of the 11 contests against the Warriors since the schools resumed their football rivalry after an eight-year hiatus.

2015	Glenbard East d. Willowbrook 42-21
2014	Glenbard East d. Willowbrook 41-14
2013	Glenbard East d. Willowbrook 28-21
2012	Willowbrook d. Glenbard East 42-41
2011	Glenbard East d. Willowbrook 35-14
2010	Glenbard East d. Willowbrook 21-18
2009	Glenbard East d. Willowbrook 27-7
2008	Glenbard East d. Willowbrook 26-13
2007	Willowbrook d. Glenbard East 22-13
2006	Glenbard East d. Willowbrook 17-14
2005	Glenbard East d. Willowbrook 21-14



Going for the TD...

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GLENBARD EAST SENIOR receiver Karon Keyes (above) sprints toward the goal line at the end of the first half of Friday's football game against Willowbrook. Keyes dove and stretched the ball into the end zone for a 23-yard touchdown reception. The extra-point kick gave the Rams a 21-0 halftime lead. Glenbard East defeated Willowbrook 42-21 in Lombard. "He's an electric player," said Glenbard East head coach John Walters of Keyes. When Keyes caught the pass from senior quarterback Phil Abruzzino late in the first half, Walters was prepared to call a timeout and send in the kicking unit for a field-goal attempt. "I was ready to call a timeout; once he started running around we couldn't get the clock stopped. I went back and enjoyed the show like everybody else." The Rams' season continues with this Friday's home game against Glenbard South.

qualified for the IHSA football playoffs since 1999, will continue its season with this Friday's home game against Glenbard South (0-1). The Raiders opened their season with a loss to Addison Trail. The Rams have

not met Glenbard South on the gridiron since 1998.

Willowbrook will try to pick up its first win of 2015 when it travels to Hillside for this Friday's game at Proviso West (0-1).



Broncos edge Maine South...

MONTINI JUNIOR Mitch West (above) celebrates after hauling in a 50-yard touchdown pass late in the second quarter of Friday's season-opening football game against Maine South. The Broncos defeated Maine South 20-17 in Lombard. West caught the touchdown pass from senior quarterback Justin Blake with about one minute remaining in the first half. The extra-point kick by sophomore Michael Cooney gave the Broncos a 14-6 halftime lead. The Hawks took an early 6-0 lead with a pair of first-quarter field goals. Montini junior Prince Walker ran 61 yards for a touchdown early in the second quarter. Cooney's conversion kick gave the Broncos a 7-6 lead. Cooney's 20-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter gave Montini a 17-9 lead. The Hawks tied the game at 17-17 with about nine minutes to play following 41-yard touchdown pass and a successful 2-point conversion pass. A 37-yard pass play from Blake to senior Tyler Millikan helped set up Cooney's 30-yard field goal with just under six minutes left in the game. The Broncos will continue their season with this Saturday's game at East St. Louis.

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Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (right) gives a building tour to local realtors during a previous open house at the high school. This year's Open House will take place on Sept. 3 at the school.

Willowbrook prepping for open house

VILLA PARK — On Sept. 3, Willowbrook High School will host its annual Open House.

This event is an opportunity for parents/guardians and community members to tour the school; to meet administrators, teachers and staff; and to learn about the

curriculum, athletics, clubs and activities offered at Willowbrook. Building tours will begin at 5:30 and 5:45 p.m., and a parent/guardian meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents/guardians should have received a letter with detailed information in the mail. To

see that letter, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2401

Local realtors also are invited to attend the open house and building tours. Those who are interested should RSVP by Sept. 1 to Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or dbrink@dupage88.net.

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22nd District as a State Senator. State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-23rd), also of Villa Park and Bullwinkel's predecessor as Villa Park Village President, briefly campaigned for the 8th District seat but stepped out of the race in July of this year.

Asked why she thought she was the best choice to represent the 8th District, Bullwinkel was quick to point out her years of public service.

"I have several years as a public servant at the local level," she said. "I'm in the trenches with residents every day. Many local issues translate to the national level: economic development, employment, health care."

In addition, Bullwinkel pointed out her experience as a



DEBORAH BULLWINKEL

communications consultant and her work with senior citizens, veterans and people with dis-

abilities. She feels it "gives her a unique perspective on issues affecting her constituency."

"I'm a natural born advocate," she said. "I help people solve problems."

Bullwinkel also related that she had spoken with Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth, and received much advice related to the 8th District.

"Tammy was very gracious with her time," said Bullwinkel. "She was encouraging and gave me some great advice."

The only Republican currently declared for the race is attorney Andrew Straw of Schaumburg. Dist. 2 DuPage County Board member Pete DiCianni of Elmhurst has said he is "exploring the possibility of running" for the Con-

gressional seat. He is expected to make the announcement on September 13 at his annual Talkie Trot event for the Center for Speech & Language Disorders. The deadline for major party candidates to file is in December. The Primary will take place on March 15, 2016.

The Illinois 8th Congressional District represents all or part of Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Elgin, Elk Grove Village, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Lombard, Palatine, Roselle, Schaumburg, Streamwood, Villa Park and Wood Dale. The district is stretched over four counties (Cook, DuPage, Kane and Lake) and encompasses a population of nearly 725,000.

SPORTS

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Addison Trail football team out to defend conference title

Blazers sport mix of experience and promising potential

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail football team had a memorable 2014 season where it won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title with a 6-0 record and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs.

Now, the Blazers are looking to carry that momentum into this fall with a roster mix of returning veterans and talented newcomers.

Addison Trail has six players back on offense, including seniors Jose Acencion (OL), Andrew Lopez (OL), Ryan Zygowicz (QB) and Mike

Hundley (RB), along with junior wide receiver Darrion Conrad.

Key newcomers on the offensive side of the ball include junior wide receivers Ricky Perez and Stevan Jones. "Those two kids have looked good," said Addison Trail coach Paul Parpet Jr., whose team opened the 2015 season with a 19-14 win over Glenbard South, a fellow 2014 conference champion.

"They give us size and a deep threat. But they are young. It will be a baptism by fire with them. We spent time in the summer working on the passing game and running routes. The big thing is they are making the adjustment from going against a sophomore defense to a varsity defense. It's been a process, but their potential is very high."

The Blazers return seniors Zach Atiyeh (LB), Nick Fugarino (CB), Matt Domek (DL) and Josh Simko (DL) on defense.

Addison Trail also has three sophomores up on the varsity with Mike Renc (center), Nick D'Ambrose (secondary) and Nick DiBenardo (inside linebacker).

"They definitely are newcomers to watch," said Parpet Jr. "Just like with Steve and Ricky, it will be baptism by fire. It's a big step for them. They are very talented and figuring things out every day."

Parpet Jr. likes the way things are shaping up on both sides of the ball. "I think we have a chance to be a pretty good football team on defense," he said. "Offensively our running game is going to have to control the ball until we can get

the passing game timed out. It's all about timing and recognition and having confidence in each other. We need to get some games under our belt to continue to get these guys better. I like the mix of guys we have here. We have the younger guys and the guys back from last year's conference-championship and playoff-qualifying group. The experienced guys are showing the younger guys where we need to get to. These guys have done a great job of coming together in the time we've had them. They count on each other."

Parpet Jr. noted the team's schedule again is loaded with strong opposition. "Our schedule is not easy," he said. "We have Oak Park for a crossover and Willowbrook in Week 3. We have to be ready to go.

It's not an easy road. Hinsdale South has been predicted to be the top team in the conference. They are pretty good and they have a lot of kids back from last year's playoff team."

Schedule aside, Parpet Jr., is looking forward to another fun and successful season.

"Because of our strength on defense and up front and our ability to run the football and with some linemen, quarterback and running back returning, hopefully we'll be ready to put our conference title on the line," he said. "I think we will be. I love it. This is a fun bunch of young men. It's a good mix of experience and inexperience. The guys are hungry. We just need to play games and then critique the things we need to focus on. We're looking forward to it."

Willowbrook girls volleyball team opens season

Warriors go to three sets with Bartlett

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team opened the season with a pair of non-conference matches against Fenwick and Bartlett.

In a 25-18, 25-13 non-conference loss to Fenwick, Danielle McNamara had two kills and one dig. Celia Dewyer added one ace and one dig. Grace Chantos had one assist and three digs. Olivia Pennebaker had two kills. Kiley Kelly added one dig. Maya Bullock had two kills. Maddie Weinhold chipped in with three assists and one dig. Emily Ligocki also had three assists and one dig. Jamie Chiapetta had one kill and one dig. Kalyn Konrath had one kill.

Willowbrook also dropped a 22-25, 25-17, 25-17 non-conference contest to Bartlett. McNamara had five kills. Dewyer and Chantos each had two digs. Pennebaker had five kills and four digs. Bullock had one kill. Weinhold had five assists and one dig. Ligocki had one kill, 15 assists and one dig. Chiapetta finished with four kills and three digs. Konrath finished with three kills and one dig, while Milena Sogure had three kills.

Willowbrook is coming off a 2014 season where it went 18-18 overall and took third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division with a 4-2 record.

Pennebaker, a junior outside hitter, racked up 58 kills and 18 blocks last year. Chiapetta, a junior outside hitter as well, had 49 kills. Konrath is a senior middle blocker who registered 22 kills and 15 blocks last season.

McNamara is a senior right-side hitter who finished with 141 kills and 25 blocks last year. Bullock, also a senior right side, had 79 kills and 14 blocks.

Also back is senior libero Kelly Conley, who had 250 digs last year. "Kelly, our returning libero, will be leading our defense again," said Willowbrook coach Sue Bower, who is in her 12th season at the helm.

Ligocki, a junior setter, and Sogura, a senior middle blocker, are key newcomers to the team.

"We have a core of returning players who had a successful season for Willowbrook last year," said Bower. "They have already set goals to not only maintain the record from last year, but to improve upon it. They have been working hard on their communication skills and keeping a positive atmosphere on the court. We are working on some position changes. The girls are looking forward to the challenge."

Addison Trail boys soccer team scores impressive win over Lake Park

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys soccer team gained some key momentum right out of the gates recently.

The Blazers kicked off their season with a 2-0 non-conference win over Lake Park.

"We won at their place and they were a preseason top 20 team," noted Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini. "The last couple years against them we didn't have too much. This time we came out fired up and we flew around and scored two goals in the first 20 minutes. This team expects to be good and they are confident. They want to show everybody they belong with the big names in high school soccer around here. We controlled the tempo against Lake Park and jumped on them early and defensively we shut them down."

Sophomore Jonathan Hernandez and senior Damian Zielinski each had a goal for Addison Trail. Enrique Luna had an assist.

Addison Trail is coming off a 2014 season where it went 7-10-1 and 2-4 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

"We were real young last year and we have a lot of those kids back," said Dini. "We expect to be pretty good this year. We have a lot of kids back with varsity experience."

Returning for the Blazers are seniors Zielinski (midfield) and Fernando Alvarado (defense), along with juniors Tomasz Kania (midfield), Uriel Martinez (defense) and Isvic Quintana (midfield). Kania, Alvarado and Martinez are in their

third varsity seasons, while Quintana is in his second as a junior.

Key newcomers include seniors Cosme Garcia (goalie) and Adrian Rozkuszka (defense), junior Ruben Amaro (midfield) and Hernandez, who is a sophomore forward.

"Our strength will be our speed," said Dini. "We have a lot of fast kids. I like our ball control. We like to keep the ball on the ground and switch fields and get behind the defense. We also have a lot of experience. We have a lot of juniors and multiple other players with years of playing varsity soccer."

Alvarado and Martinez give the Blazers strength in the back. "They are two returning defenders and they are defenders with size," said Dini.

Dini also is excited about Garcia's potential in goal. "I'm excited about a lot of things with this group," he said. "We have good leadership. Cosme will be a stud in goal. He's one of our captains."

Other captains include Kania (all-sectional a year ago) and Luna.

Dini said the competition in the West Suburban Gold will be as fierce as ever. "Morton will be good again and we play them at their place," he said. "This is my fourth year as head coach and my eighth year being involved and this is by far the toughest the conference has been. Morton and Leyden will be very good and so will Downers Grove South and Willowbrook is pretty good. The conference will be loaded. We'll see how it plays out."

Addison Trail was in the midst of hosting its annual tournament earlier this week.

Addison Trail football team opens season with victory

Willowbrook, Fenton drop Week 1 contests

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail football team had a fellow conference champion staring across the gridiron from it in Week 1.

And the Blazers came away on the winning end, thanks to a 19-14 advantage over Glenbard South in a non-conference game played in Glen Ellyn.

Addison Trail won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title last year, while Glenbard South won the Metro Suburban Conference West Division championship and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs.

Addison Trail has now won

nine of its last 10 regular-season games.

The Blazers return to action Friday in their home opener, a West Suburban Conference crossover game against Oak Park-River Forest.

Fenton football

The Fenton football team opened the season with a 42-7 non-conference loss to neighbor Leyden in Bensenville. Fenton returns to action Saturday at 1 p.m. in Melrose Park against Walther Christian.

Willowbrook football

Willowbrook's football team continued its annual season-opening series with Glenbard East. The Warriors dropped a 42-21 non-conference decision to the Rams in Lombard.

Willowbrook hits the road again in Week 2 Friday in Hillside against Proviso West in a West Suburban Conference crossover game.

Willowbrook boys golf team downs Proviso East

Neiswanger leads was for Warriors in win

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys golf team recorded a recent 174-259 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory over Proviso East.

The match was played at par-35 Columbus Park. The win moved Willowbrook to 2-1 in duals on the season.

Junior Jake Neiswanger led the Warriors with a 42. Senior Nick Tiberi shot 43, while junior Sam Malito added a 44. Sophomore Tim Keefe carded a 45.

In earlier action, Willowbrook dropped a 171-178 non-conference match to West Chicago at par-32 Sugar Creek in Villa Park.

Tiberi led the Warriors with a 42. Senior Matt Langer added a 44. Senior Mike Lopez shot 45, while Neiswanger fired a 47.

Week 2 Preview

Oak Park-River Forest (1-0) at Addison Trail (1-0)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Addison Trail High School

Last week: OPRF 14,

Lincoln-Way East 13;

Addison Trail 19,

Glenbard South 14

Last year: Did not play

Outlook: Addison Trail welcomes an Oak-Park River Forest team to town that went 7-3 last year and made the state playoffs. The Huskies opened the season with a 1-point win over Lincoln-Way East. Lincoln-Way East went 10-2 last year, advancing to the state quarterfinals. Addison Trail gave itself a good boost with a Week 1 road win over Glenbard South.

Addison Trail girls volleyball team defeats Lake Park

Schmidt, Pudlo, Petrbok and Williams power offense in victory

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls volleyball team started the 2015 campaign off on the right foot with a 25-23, 26-28, 25-20 non-conference victory over Lake Park.

Alyssa Pham had one dig for the Blazers. Anastasia Labadessa had one ace, two kills, 19 assists and three digs. Carla Muell added three digs. Ciara Williams had two aces, four kills and three digs.

Danielle Tulke had one ace, one assist and six digs. Jessica Mell had two kills and one

dig. Keara Schmidt finished with three aces, five kills and one dig. Nicole Pudlo had five kills and three digs, while Sarah Petrbok had three aces, four kills and six digs.

The Blazers then dropped a 21-25, 25-15, 25-20 non-conference match to Fenwick. Pham had one ace, while Labadessa had five aces, one kill, 24 assists and six digs. Muell had six digs. Williams had one kill, one assist and three digs, while Tulk had four digs.

Mell added two aces and six kills. Schmitt finished with one ace, nine kills and one dig. Pudlo had four kills and Petrbok had seven kills, hit .429 and had six digs.

Addison Trail had 10 aces in the match against Lake Park and nine more against Fenwick. The Blazers had a total of 50 kills in the two matches.

Week 2 Preview

Fenton (0-1) at Walther Christian (0-1)

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.

Where: Walther Christian High School, Melrose Park

Last week: Leyden 42, Fenton 7

Last year: Fenton 55, Walther Christian 12

Outlook: Fenton opened the season against O'Hare Airport area neighbor Leyden in Week 1 and dropped a 42-7 contest. The Bison now look to rebound against Walther Christian, which plays in the opposite division of the Metro Suburban Conference. Walther went 0-9 last season. This is considered a non-conference game for both teams. Fenton still has crossover games against Ridgewood and Elmwood Park in weeks 3 and 4.

Week 2 Preview

Willowbrook (0-1) at Proviso West (0-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Proviso West High School, Hillside

Last week: Glenbard East 42,

Willowbrook 21;

Evanston 42, Proviso West 21

Last year: Did not play

Outlook: Willowbrook will look to get in the win column this week when it heads to Hillside for a West Suburban Conference crossover game against Proviso West. The Panthers lost on the road to Evanston (coached by former Driscoll head coach Mike Burzawa) in Week 1. Proviso went 2-7 last year. Willowbrook will play three of its first four on the road. The Warriors host Addison Trail in the annual District 88 game next week and then head to Darien to face a Hinsdale South team that advanced to the 6A quarterfinals last year.

Week 2 Preview

Evergreen Park

(1-0) at IC

Catholic Prep (0-1)

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.

Where: Lewis Stadium at Plunkett Park, Elmhurst

Last week:

Evergreen Park 30,

Lake Station

(Ind.) 8,

Bishop

McNamara 49,

IC Catholic Prep 32

Last year: Teams

did not play

Outlook: IC Catholic Prep switched out a non-conference game with downstate Breese Mater Dei from last year for this contest against Evergreen Park. Evergreen Park is a member of the South Suburban Conference Red Division. The team went 6-4 and reached the state playoffs last year. This will be the penultimate Saturday matinee game for the Knights. After playing Walther Christian at home in Week 3 during the day, IC Catholic Prep's final three home regular-season games will be contested under Friday night lights thanks to permanent lights being installed in the facility.

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*ATHS, ITJH,
District 4 seek
people for Addison
Mentor Program*

ADDISON — The Addison Mentor Program is looking for community members and business professionals to become mentors. The program benefits students at Addison Trail and at Indian Trail Junior High School in Addison Elementary School District 4.

The program has a history of successfully matching community members and business professionals with students at Addison Trail and at Indian Trail Junior High School in Addison Elementary School District 4. The purpose is to identify students on the brink of success, who will benefit from having a positive adult role model. Adults from the local business community are matched with students and meet once a week for a half hour during the school day on campus.

Make a difference in the life of a student — become a mentor.

See a video and a presentation about the Addison Mentor Program at dupage88.net/site/page/580. To sign up or for more information, contact Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or dbrink@dupage88.net.



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Addison Trail to host annual Open House

Addison Trail students share information about the school at an Open House from a previous year. This year's event will take place on Thursday, Sept. 3 at the school.

School District 4 celebrates new Addison Early Learning Center

*Ardmore, Fullerton
expands to offer
full-day kindergarten*

ADDISON — Addison Elementary School District 4 (ASD4) was all set to move forward with a new early learning center. Then the State of Illinois grant it had applied for fell through. That was four years ago.

The setback did not deter the district's Board of Education,

Superintendent John Langton, and a team of dedicated leaders: their research revealed that the facility would have a lasting educational impact on the district's early learners, as well as its kindergarteners.

Yesterday afternoon, playful colors and window patterns set the tone as parents, students, and district leaders dedicated the new Addison Early Learning Center (ELC). The addi-

tion was achieved without state funding, and without a referendum.

The 16,500-square-foot center, designed by Legat Architects and built by The Lombard Company, attaches to the existing Ardmore Elementary School, which reopened as a K-5 school.

Langton said, "This cost-

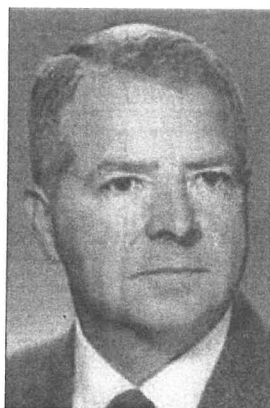
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Well-known teacher, coach, first-ever principal of ATHS, passes away

*Dr. David Frederick
Koch Jr., 92, worked
at York HS as well*

ADDISON — Dr. David Frederick Koch Jr., lately of Pine Plains, NY passed away on August 26, 2015, at Geer Village in Canaan, Ct., after a short illness. He was 92. Born on April 5, 1923 in Elgin, he was the beloved son of David Frederick Koch Sr. and Francis Bowen Koch.

After matriculating from Elgin High School in 1941, where he played football on an undefeated and unscored-upon championship team, he entered college at Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa) in Cedar Falls, Ia., where he also played football. His education was interrupted by the outbreak of WWII when he enlisted as a cadet in the U.S. Army Air Force graduating with his wings as a Second



DR. DAVID FREDERICK KOCH JR.

Lieutenant before seeing service as an Army pilot in North Africa, Europe, Russia, and South America.

He married his college sweetheart Ruth Campbell Koch in 1943. After the war Dr. Koch

returned to Iowa State Teachers College to finish his education with a B.A. degree, then began his high school teaching career at Oakville, Ia., where he not only was an English instructor but also coached three sports.

Later, Koch accepted a teaching and coaching at York High School in Elmhurst, where he would live most of his adult life. At York he initially taught English and coached football and basketball, rising to the position as head basketball coach, and later, athletic director. Eventually, he was promoted to assistant to the superintendent of High School District 88 (which includes Addison Trail in Addison and Willowbrook in Villa Park).

In 1965, Koch was appointed the first principal of Addison Trail, overseeing the construction and development for District 88's newest high school. Before his retirement, Dr. Koch was then appointed

Superintendent of District 88.

While teaching and in administration Dr. Koch completed both his Masters Degree and his Doctorate in Education at the University of Illinois. After retiring, Dr. Koch and his wife Ruth traveled extensively before settling down to rural life in Pine Plains, NY. Dr. Koch is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ruth Campbell Koch of Geer Village, Canaan, Ct.; his sister Betty Lou Plapp of Malta, Ill.; two children, Douglas Bowen Koch DVM of Pine Plains, and Marsha Kay Rambow of Champaign; and one grandson, David Christophe Rambow of Granger, Ind. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Remembrances in his honor should be sent to DuPage High School 88- David F. Koch Scholarship Fund, DuPage High School District 88, 2 Friendship Plaza, Addison, 60101. Information was provided by the family.

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Mentor Terry Sliva speaks during the Addison Mentor Program end-of-year celebration breakfast May 29 at Addison Trail High School.

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BE A FRIEND

Addison Mentor Program makes difference in students' lives

By AIMEE BARROWS
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BEING a teenager can be tough, and that's why Addison Trail High School junior Reyna Vidales likes to have an adult at school whom she can trust and talk to about her life. Vidales, 16, is part of the Addison Mentor Program, which pairs students at Addison Trail and Indian Trail Junior

High School with a professional adult from the community.

"[My mentor] and I talk about my plans after high school, what I want to do about college, and we talk about my family," Vidales said. "You go through a lot as a teen, and sometimes you need somebody who is there for you. I feel really comfortable around her, and I have confidence in her."

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Addison School District 4 unveils new Early Learning Center



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Addison School District 4 Facilities Manager Mike Christensen (from left) holds the door as Board of Education members Jeremiah Lange, Serge Ruffolo, Dave Williams and Taso Triantafyllou cut the ribbon Aug. 26 at the dedication of the district's new Early Learning Center.

• FRIEND

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Dani Brink, director of community relations for DuPage High School District 88 and coordinator of the program, is Vidales' mentor. Brink has been meeting with Vidales since the teen was in eighth grade and said her experience as a mentor has been "amazing."

"It's such a nice break in my day to focus on my mentee and to watch her bloom is wonderful," Brink said. "I've enjoyed watching her find herself in high school."

The program, which began in 2004, is open to professional adults in the community who are willing to meet with their mentee for a half hour once a week at the school. Brink said the students are usually struggling academically or personally and are recommended to the program by their school counselors. She said the students love the program, and she knows it helps them.

"The goal is to get them a positive role model," Brink said. "It depends on the student, but usually the biggest improvement is in attendance, and sometimes their grades go up, too. Students have said at the end-of-the-year celebration breakfast how much their mentor has meant to them."

Terry Sliva, retired principal of Indian Trail, has been involved with the program since its inception, and she is still a mentor. She said she can't wait to start meeting with her mentee this fall.

This is her third year working with the boy, who is a freshman at Addison Trail.

"It's a wonderful relationship. He's a great kid, easy to talk to and has lots



Dani Brink (left), director of community relations for DuPage High School District 88 and coordinator of the Addison Mentor Program, is Addison Trail High School junior Reyna Vidales' mentor. Brink has been meeting with Vidales since the teen was in eighth grade.

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DuPage High School District 88

Get involved

Professionals who are interested in becoming a mentor should contact Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or dbrink@dupage88.net.

of questions," Sliva said. "It's made quite a difference in my life."

Sliva said that pairing up the students with an adult has helped because the students feel like they have an adult outside of their family who cares about them.

"It's a genuine relationship between mentor and mentee – caring, support and unconditional love," Sliva said. "It's an adult who's not judgmental. The mentees begin to develop trust and security that helps them feel comfortable opening up."

Brink said that between 30 and 35 students were involved in the program last year, and there are many more students who would like to be. The problem, she said, is there are never enough adult volunteers so she's

always looking for more adults to become mentors.

"There's always more demand from the students, so sometimes a few mentors will take on two students," she said. "We have a variety of mentors – some from DeVry University, some of our own staff and a few local business owners."

Sliva said the biggest reluctance on the part of the adults is feeling uncomfortable if the students don't want to talk.

"Adults need not be worried about kids who don't want to talk," she said. "Just ask them questions about school, and they'll usually open up. If not, bring a deck of cards and play a card game. It's surprising how conversation can start from a card game."

Vidales said just meeting with Brink once a week has given her more confidence to become more involved at school.

"She's been the motivation for me to go out and try new things," she said. "I would recommend the program to anyone. Something doesn't need to be wrong; you can just have a friend."



BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW

York, IC building; AT, TC hope to contend

By DAN SANTAROMITA

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The boys soccer season will culminate with Class 2A and 3A state finals at Hoffman Estates High School in early November, and several teams in the area have dreams of reaching the championship. Here's the outlook for Addison Trail, IC Catholic, Timothy Christian and York this season.

Addison Trail Blazers

Coach: Ryan Dini

Conference: West Suburban Gold

Top players

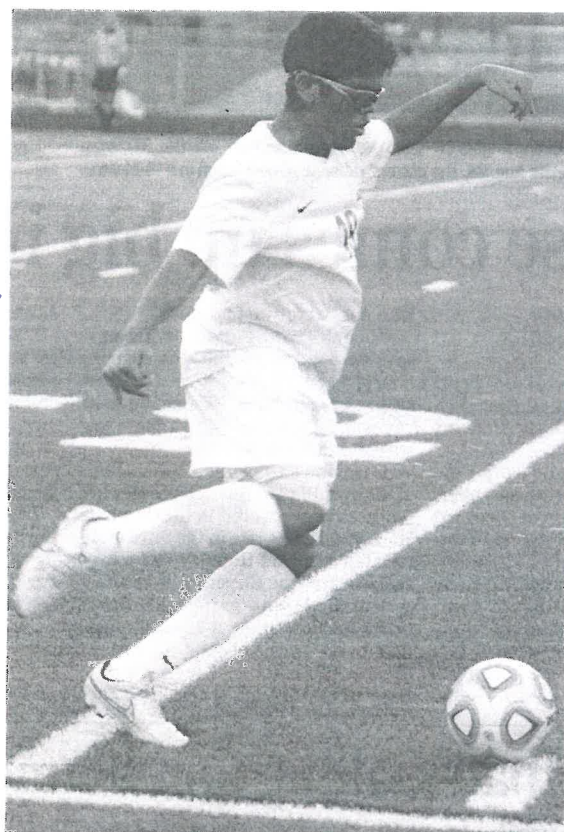
NAME	YEAR	POS.
Fernando Alvarado	sr.	M
Cosme Garcia	sr.	GK
Tom Kania	jr.	M
Uriel Martinez	jr.	D
Damian Zielinski	sr.	M

Outlook: A fast start to the season has Addison Trail looking like a contender in the strong West Suburban Gold. The Blazers won their first four games of the season against Lake Park, Illiana Christian, Curie and Maine West, and outscored those teams 21-0.

Tom Kania has been off to a hot start individually with five goals and three assists during that stretch. Kania is entering his third year on varsity and is coming off a 14-goal, five-assist season.

Joining Kania in the midfield is a three-year starter in Fernando Alvarado. Senior Damian Zielinski also is a returning starter in midfield, giving AT plenty of experience in the middle.

Another three-year starter is Uriel Martinez, who anchors the defense and is a team captain. Returning goalkeeper Cosme Garcia is behind him. Sophomore Jonathan Hernandez is back up top and is



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York's Manuel Kappen boots the ball Sept. 1 during a game against Conant. The Dukes have a young team this season after seeing several seniors graduate.

part of what coach Ryan Dini describes as the Blazers' good team speed.

"The majority of our team are juniors who have some varsity experience from last season ... [and they] have mixed in well with the seniors we have this season," Dini said. "They want to be great so I cannot wait to see how this season turns out for us. It's exciting to be involved in the soccer program with the talent we have in our building."

IC Catholic Knights

Coach: Javier Andrade

Conference: Metro Suburban West

Top players

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Alex Meurer	so.	M
Francisco Monteon	jr.	M
Josh Simmons	sr.	D

Outlook: In Year 1 of IC Catholic boys soccer, the Knights already have absorbed a pair of losses, but the priority is

growing the program.

Javier Andrade, who has 16 years of youth soccer coaching experience, has the honor of being IC's first coach.

The Knights opened with a 2-1 loss against Aurora Central Catholic and followed with a 3-0 defeat against Montini. IC's first-ever home game is Sept. 5 against Evergreen Park.

Midfielders Francisco Monteon and Alex Meurer are two of the team's most talented players and will be key to any success.

"I told the kids we just planted a seed two weeks ago," Andrade said. "The other programs already have flowers. We have to wait for that seed to grow and that's my goal, to grow this program so other people and players are going to start coming."

Timothy Christian Trojans

Coach: Stephen Fernandes

Conference: Metro Suburban East

Top players

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Jimmy Allen	so.	F
Josh Anderson	jr.	M
Mitch Evenhouse	sr.	M
Ben Lodewyk	sr.	GK/D
Michael Martens	so.	F

Outlook: A year after taking second in Class 1A, the Trojans are hoping to make another deep run with a handful of key players back.

Forward Jimmy Allen scored 21 goals on varsity as a freshman and will take the leading role in the attack. Fellow sophomore Michael Martens will pair with him up top after mostly coming off the bench last year.

Josh Anderson and Mitch Evenhouse are back to stabilize the central midfield. Ben Lodewyk is also back in goal. Freshman Isaiah Whitaker should play as an outside back.

"Athleticism and solid defending will be our strengths this year," first-year coach Stephen Fernandes said. "We have a real solid back line with two great defending center mids in front of them. We also have many athletic starters. They can win balls in the air and make solid tackles using their speed and strength."

York Dukes

Coach: Lukasz Majewski

Conference: West Suburban Silver

Top players

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Aiden Richards	sr.	D
Nicholas Sasanelli	sr.	GK
Seamus Ward	sr.	D

Outlook: York lost a lot from last year's 11-6-1 team, most notably the 24 goals Stefan Mijatovic scored last season.

First-year coach Lukasz Majewski takes over with four sophomores and a freshman on the roster.

"We're young. We're learning a new system," Majewski said. "It's a work in progress. I think we made big improvements from the first game to the second. We're hoping to be improving still and learning from mistakes."

Senior goalkeeper Nicholas Sasanelli is a strong presence between the posts and is one of three team captains, along with Seamus Ward and Aiden Richards.

Sophomores Jakub Knurek, Joseph Chornij, Joseph Reinhofer and Robert Meade and freshman Edgar Roman are seeing playing time.

The Dukes opened with a 4-1 loss to Lake Park on Aug. 29 and held on for a 0-0 tie against Conant on Sept. 1.

Both games were part of the Lake Park Invite.

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Rowell, Ricobene not enough for Knights

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KANKAKEE – IC Catholic's offense showed it could put up big points against Bishop McNamara, but for the second year in a row the Fighting Irish scored more than 40 points in a victory.

The Knights traveled to Kankakee and lost 49-32 to start the football season on Aug. 28.

A year ago, IC lost 41-0 in Elmhurst against Bishop McNamara, but the more competitive score will serve as little consolation.

The Irish jumped ahead 13-0 before the Knights fought back and eventually tied it on a Jordan Rowell punt return touchdown. That was the first of two Rowell return touchdowns in the game.

A 13-yard touchdown pass from Luke Ricobene to Patrick Jordan late in the second quarter tied the game again, this time at 20-20, before the Irish returned the ensuing kickoff and went into halftime leading the Knights 26-20.

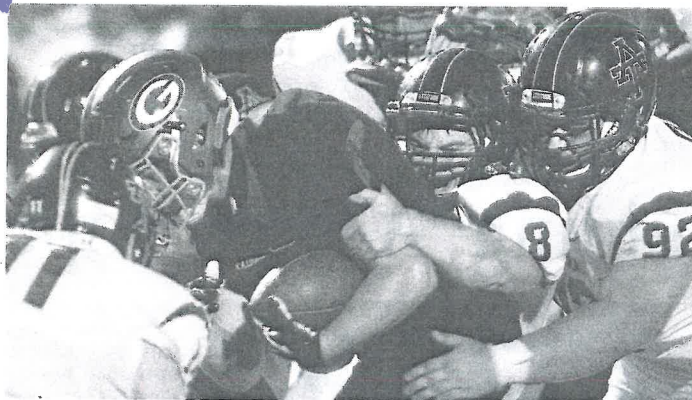
The Knights trailed the rest of the game.

Rowell was limited to 55 yards rushing on 17 carries, but did manage 117 yards receiving on seven catches in addition to his big return game. Ricobene, a sophomore, passed for more than 300 yards and had two touchdowns.

Next up for IC is the home opener against Evergreen Park.

Week 2 matchup

- **WHO:** IC Catholic vs. Evergreen Park
- **WHEN:** 1 p.m. Sept. 5
- **WHERE:** 186 S. West Ave., Elmhurst
- **RECORDS:** IC 0-1, Evergreen Park 1-0
- **OUTLOOK:** The Mustangs opened the season with a 30-8 victory against Edison High School from Lake Station, Ind. Evergreen Park has made the Class 4A playoffs the past four seasons. The Knights got big games out of Luke Ricobene and Jordan Rowell in the opener, but will need a better showing from the defense to notch their first win.



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Addison Trail defenders, including Angelo Crededio (No. 8) and Alex Palazzolo (No. 92), wrap up a Glenbard South ball carrier Aug. 28. The Blazers' defense played tough in a 19-14 win.

Defense comes up big in AT win

By MATT LE CREN
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GLEN ELLYN – Addison Trail didn't play its best football game Friday night, but cornerback Nicholas Fugarino did.

The 6-foot-1, 170-pound senior enjoyed his first two-interception game and the Blazers forced three Glenbard South turnovers overall in a 19-14 season-opening win.

The Blazers (1-0) trailed 7-0 early but knocked Glenbard South quarterback Kyle Carli out of the game on the second series with a left shoulder injury. The visitors took advantage of backup Justin Goetz,

who passed for just 53 yards.

"Coach [Paul Parpet Jr.] always says we want to see the second-string quarterback, we want to see the third-string quarterback," Fugarino said. "So we ... got their No. 2 in there and we just made plays."

Fugarino's first interception came at his own 10-yard line and preserved a 7-7 tie as time expired in the first half. His second came late in the third quarter after Michael Hundley had scored twice to give the Blazers a 19-7 lead.

Hundley, who gained 147 yards on 25 carries, broke a 71-yard touchdown run on the second play of the second half and added a 1-yard scoring run on the next series after Zach

Atiyeh recovered a fumble.

"We're happy with the win but we've got to get better," said Parpet, whose team committed two turnovers and had a punt blocked. "We can't afford to make mistakes when we have an opportunity to put the game out of reach and I thought that's what happened today."

Ryan Zygowicz threw a game-tying 6-yard TD pass to Darriion Conrad for Addison Trail, which hosts Oak Park-River Forest in Week 2.

"We've got a lot of things to work on and we'll do that," Fugarino said. "But we've been waiting 294 days since [the playoff loss to] Libertyville and we got it done."

York football looking to rebound vs. Leyden

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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NORTHFIELD – The past two years, York football opened up against weaker opposition and picked up comfortable wins.

This time the Dukes opened at New Trier, far from a pushover. The Trevians picked up the 28-14 win Aug. 28, but York is hoping a tough opening loss will benefit them more in the long run.

The game was tied 14-14 at halftime and entering the fourth quarter, but York was held scoreless in the second half. The Trevians made the big plays to make the difference.

"It was a tough Week 1; it's not like last year," York coach Matt Monken said. "It's nice to see our kids tested right away."

Running back Lucas Alexander scored both touchdowns for the Dukes and had more than 100 yards of total offense. The offensive line played without two starters, but Cal Widener

Week 2 matchup

- **WHO:** York vs. Leyden
- **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Sept. 4
- **WHERE:** 355 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst
- **RECORDS:** York 0-1, Leyden 1-0
- **OUTLOOK:** York looks for its first win against a Leyden team coming off a blowout victory. The Eagles won at Fenton 42-7 in Week 1. David DeMarras led Leyden's run-heavy offense with two rushing touchdowns and more than 100 yards rushing to go with one receiving score.

was among the fill-ins who kept the running game going and drew praise from Monken. Quarterback Johnny DiCanio proved a threat with his arm and legs and was a key part in York not giving away any turnovers.

Defensively, it was big plays that

cost York.

"We gave up one good drive and then we gave up two long touchdowns, which we can't do, especially when we had the kids right there to make the plays," Monken said. "Defensively, we played great."

Next up is a West Suburban Conference crossover against Leyden. The Eagles were more run-dominant on offense than York's option offense in the Week 1 victory against Fenton.

"They were able to run their base stuff and hope to make the other team not have as much success when it came to the passing game," Monken said of Leyden.

Monken mentioned finishing drives as a key after failing to score on numerous lengthy drives against New Trier. Despite the loss, he thought the team showed good signs going forward.

"I think there were a lot of positives that came out of it for us," Monken said. "Our kids see it. They just need to learn how to win."