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Here come the Warriors

Willowbrook High School held its annual Silver and Blue Community Night event on Friday in the school's stadium. The evening included a grand opening ceremony for the stadium's new concession stand and merchandise booth. The student-athletes on all of the Warriors' fall sports teams were introduced to the large audience. Friday's event also included brief scrimmages from Willowbrook's boys soccer, flag football and football teams, as well as performances

from the Warriors' cheerleading and dance teams. The Villa Park Warriors Football and Cheer program's teams were introduced near the end of the celebration, which concluded with a fireworks display. One photo from the event shows members of Willowbrook's girls cross-country team running on the stadium track. The members of that team were introduced on the stadium field a few minutes later.

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A celebration at Willowbrook

Friday's Silver and Blue Community Night event at Willowbrook High School celebrated the start of the 2023-24 school year. The first day of student attendance at the Villa Park school was Wednesday, Aug. 16. All of the student-athletes on the Warriors' fall sports teams were introduced during Friday's service, which also included scrimmages from the school's boys soccer, flag football and football teams. The evening also featured performances from the Warriors' cheerleading and dance teams. The Villa Park Warriors Football and Cheer program's teams were also introduced. The youth program's cheerleaders gave a brief performance. One photo (above) shows members of the Warriors' boys cross-country team running on the stadium track. Another photo (below) shows senior Elle Bruschuk (No. 12) waving to the crowd during the introductions of members of Willowbrook's girls volleyball team. One more photo (bottom) shows some of the young cheerleaders from the Villa Park Warriors Football and Cheer program performing on the field near the end of Friday's event.



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Warriors earn a victory

The Willowbrook High School boys golf team played its first dual meet of the season last week. The Warriors faced Elmwood Park at Sugar Creek Golf Course in Villa Park on Aug. 17. Playing at its home venue, Willowbrook won the meet after posting a team score of 159. Elmwood Park produced a team total of 184. Three Warriors—Junior Austin Coppersmith (above left), senior Alex Calderon (above right) and senior Victor Voskresenski—each posted nine-hole scores of 39 on the par-32 course. Junior Nick Hathaway shot a 42 to contribute to Willowbrook's team score of 159 (39+39+39+42). Coppersmith is pictured while hitting his tee shot on the ninth hole. Calderon is shown while sinking a putt on the ninth green to complete his round. The Warriors' season continued with Saturday's meet against Downers Grove North at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club's Course No. 3 in Lemont. The Trojans turned in team score of 303 to defeat the Warriors, who delivered a team total of 355. Coppersmith shot his team's best round of the day, firing an 18-hole score of 83 on the par-72 course. Voskresenski shot an 85 during Saturday's event. Junior Trent Kovacs turned in a 93 for the Warriors, while senior Carson Stefani carded a 94 to round out Willowbrook's scoring lineup. The Warriors' schedule this week includes West Suburban Gold Conference meets against Hinsdale South and Proviso East.

Warriors open their conference season

Willowbrook High School's girls golf team began its West Suburban Conference season with last week's dual meet against Oak Park and River Forest High School. Playing at their home venue—Twin Lakes Golf Club in Westmont—the Warriors lost to the Huskies. Oak Park and River Forest turned in a team total of 144. In the Aug. 16 meet, while Willowbrook posted a 223. Junior Paige Dehnke, who is pictured while hitting a tee shot during the competition, delivered the Warriors' best score of the day with her nine-hole total of 53. Willowbrook held its Rachel Gibson Invitational at Twin Lakes Golf Club on Saturday. Riverside-Brookfield won the invite's team title. Montini Catholic finished second in the team standings, while Glenbard South placed third.

The Warriors landed in sixth place. Willowbrook's schedule this week includes conference dual meets against Downers Grove South and Addison Trail.



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