

## • Heat

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itol News Illinois the heat has had a "significant impact" on IHSA sports.

IHSA requires schools to move practices and games indoors or cancel them if the "wet bulb globe" temperature exceeds 89.9 degrees. Wet bulb globe temperature combines air temperature, sun exposure, humidity and wind.

While the IHSA does not require schools to let them know of changes to athletic schedules, Troha noted that the association was anecdotally aware of many games being moved to later times of day or to different days.

### Natural disasters bring federal aid

Before last week's record heat, much of Illinois experienced severe drought conditions from May through July, with the peak of the drought coming in June.

This led to the federal Department of Agriculture to issue a series of disaster designations. The designations, which are centered on McDonough, McHenry and Mercer counties, are a follow-up to a previous set of disaster designations from earlier this season. The classification allows the USDA to provide emergency loans to farmers recovering from the droughts.

"While we are seeing improvement in drought conditions across the state, we know that crops and livestock have been impacted," Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II, said in a news release Wednesday announcing the designations.

Jeff Kirwan, a farmer in Mercer County and board member of the Illinois Farm Bureau, said the droughts have negatively impacted crops in Illinois.

"Especially in June, that's the most stressful time for farmers," Kirwan said. "We had a good crop, but then it didn't rain."

Kirwan later added that overall, he expects the corn and soybean crop to be around average, although some farmers in areas hit hardest by drought may struggle more.

"The emotion that goes with that was extremely unsettling, very stressful," he said of the recent drought.

In addition to the heat wave and drought, Illinois has seen several damaging storms and the most tornadoes of any state so far this year.

A series of severe storms and flooding between June 29 and July 2 also drew the attention of the federal government, with President Joe Biden approving federal assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

This assistance will go to individuals and businesses in Cook County and can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs and low-interest loans to cover property losses.

"Residents and businesses, especially those on the west side of Chicago who were most brutally hit, are now able to access additional resources necessary to rebuild and revitalize, and I know Cook County will build back stronger than ever," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release.

## This Labor Day, remember: drive sober or get pulled over

### Lombard Police Department stepping up traffic safety efforts

As we near the end of summer and the busy Labor Day weekend, the Lombard Police Department is partnering with the Illinois State Police and law enforcement across the state to stop impaired driving and help save lives.

"Our first priority is to keep people safe, so we're asking everyone to plan ahead for a sober ride home if they'll be drinking or using another impairing substance," said Sgt. Tom Balsitis.

Important tips to remember:

- If hosting, make sure all guests designate a sober driver in advance, or arrange ride-sharing or another sober ride home. Also, serve lots of food and include non-alcoholic beverages at the party.

- If you do not have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, or stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

- Don't let friends leave your sight

if you think they are about to drive impaired.

- Always buckle up—it is your best defense in a crash.

The high-visibility "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign runs from Aug. 18 through the early-morning hours of Sept. 5. During this period, motorists can expect to see roadside safety checks, more officers on the road and increased messaging about the dangers of impaired driving.

In addition to looking for drunk drivers, Lombard Police will be stepping up seat belt enforcement, particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are at their lowest. Speeders and distracted drivers should also be aware.

The Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High. Get a DUI." enforcement efforts are made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## Warriors start soccer season with a 5-0 victory

Willowbrook's boys soccer team kicked off its 2023 season with a 5-0 win at Elmwood Park on Aug. 22. The Warriors fell to 1-1 following Saturday's 5-0 loss to Oak Park and River Forest High School in a match played at Addison Trail's Joe Novy

Tournament.

Junior Armando Martinez scored three of Willowbrook's goals during last week's win over Elmwood Park. Sophomore Adrian Gesicki provided one goal and one assist for the Warriors. Willowbrook junior Kam-

il Kurpacha also delivered one goal and one assist in the victory. Junior Vinni DaSilva contributed two assists against Elmwood Park, while

senior Lucas Bohm made one assist. The Warriors will continue to play in the Joe Novy Tournament this week.

# Warriors suffer disappointing loss in their season opener

Willowbrook's 12-0 lead evaporates in the fourth quarter; Notre Dame pulls out a 15-12 victory

The Willowbrook football team began its 2023 season with Friday's tough 15-12 non-conference loss at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles.

The Warriors led the Dons 12-0 at the end of the third quarter. Notre Dame scored a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns to take a 15-12 lead. Willowbrook drove inside the Dons' 25-yard line in the game's closing moments. The Warriors' drive ended with an incomplete pass on a fourth-down play with about 30 seconds on the clock.

Willowbrook will play its first home game of the season this Friday, when it meets Glenbard North (0-1) in a non-conference clash in Villa Park. The Panthers began their season with a 17-12 home loss to Moline.

The Warriors will start their West Suburban Gold Conference season with a Sept. 8 game at District 88 rival Addison Trail.

Willowbrook took a 6-0 lead over Notre Dame on a defensive touchdown in the second quarter. Junior Jordan Pate of the Warriors jumped into the passing lane to make an interception and raced 62 yards into the end zone with 9:33 left in the second quarter. Willowbrook missed the ensuing extra-point kick.

The Warriors scored their second touchdown of the game on a 1-yard run by senior quarterback Arthur Palicki with 3:32 left in the third quarter. Palicki's touchdown run capped a 40-yard drive that began after a short Notre Dame punt. Palicki threw an incomplete pass on the two-point conversion attempt, leaving the

Warriors with a 12-0 lead.

Willowbrook punted the ball to the Dons early in the fourth quarter. Notre Dame began its ensuing drive at the Warriors' 49-yard line. The Dons scored two plays later. Moments after a 12-yard run, Notre Dame delivered a trick play that resulted in a 37-yard touchdown pass. The Dons' quarterback threw a lateral pass to a receiver, who threw downfield to a teammate who caught the ball near the 10-yard line and raced into the end zone.

The Dons made the extra-point kick to cut the Warriors' lead to 12-7 with 10:21 left in the game.

Willowbrook's next offensive drive lasted only three plays. The Warriors subsequently punted the ball to the Dons, who took possession of the ball at their own 29-yard line. Notre Dame marched down the field and took a 13-12 lead on a 4-yard touchdown run with 4:15 remaining in the game. The Dons ran the ball across the goal line on the two-point conversion play to extend their lead to 15-12.

The Warriors began their next offensive series on their own 25-yard line. Palicki led Willowbrook into Notre Dame territory with some productive runs and a couple of completed passes. The Warriors faced a fourth-and-seven play from the Dons' 23-yard line with about 40 seconds remaining. Palicki rolled to his right on the play and threw a pass, which fell incomplete.

Notre Dame's offense then executed one kneel-down play to run out the clock.



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## Winning Warriors

Willowbrook's girls volleyball team started its 2023 season with last week's 25-8, 25-16 victory at B left. Senior Calli Kenny, who will play volleyball at the collegiate level for Marquette University's women's team, provided four kills, four digs, three assists and an ace in the Warriors' Aug. 22 win over Bart Kenny (No. 9) and some of her teammates are pictured during their introductions at Willowbrook's Si and Blue Community Night event in the school's stadium on Aug. 18. Pictured left to right are: se Elle Bruschiuk (No. 12), junior Wendalynn Pollak (No. 11), junior Lily Javier (No. 10), Calli Kenny, ju Anna Mariner (No. 8), senior Keri Ostrowski (No. 7) and junior Hannah Kenny (No. 6). Hannah Ke who is Calli's sister, recently committed to play collegiate volleyball at the University of Louisville, contributed five kills, six assists, three digs and three aces in last week's win over the Hawks. Se Elle Bruschiuk added two kills and two digs. Ostrowski made four digs, while Javier connected for two kills. Warriors were supposed to play a home match against East Aurora on Aug. 24, but the contest was celled; East Aurora did not have classes that day because of the extreme heat in the area. Willowbrook schedule this week includes road matches at Fenwick and Lyons Township. The Warriors will also i in their own Willowbrook Invite this Friday and Saturday.

## • Charges

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after agents broached the subject of Madigan and his close confidant Mike McClain. The FBI was interested in whether McClain, a long-time influential lobbyist in Springfield with whom Mapes also shared a friendship, acted as an "agent" of Madigan.

Shortly after Mapes' FBI interview, he was subpoenaed for testimony in front of the grand jury, but roughly 10 days later, asserted his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. In response, prosecutors requested the court put Mapes under an immunity order, meaning that in exchange for his truthful testimony, Mapes couldn't be charged in the investigation.

However, the immunity order also meant that if Mapes lied while under oath, he could be charged. It was under those circumstances that Mapes entered the grand jury room in late March of 2021, where during those two hours of testimony, he was reminded three times of the stakes of lying under oath.

"For whatever reason in his heart and his mind, (Mapes) chose loyalty over the truth," Assistant U.S. Attorney Diane MacArthur said during closing arguments Wednesday.

Prosecutors used evidence and witnesses to establish for the jury an image of Mapes as both extremely

meticulous and detail-oriented and extremely loyal to Madigan — both things Mapes was known for during his decades in Springfield.

In addition to serving as Madigan's chief of staff, Mapes also worked for 20 years as executive director of the Democratic Party of Illinois under Madigan's chairmanship, and for the last seven years of his career, he was clerk of the Illinois House, keeping legislative session days moving in the manner the speaker wanted.

But all that came to an end on June 6, 2018, when Mapes was forced to resign from all three of his roles after being publicly accused of sexual harassment and bullying.

Mapes' attorney, Andrew Porter, sought to poke holes in the government's theory of motive during his closing arguments.

"Three years after (his forced resignation), why would Tim Mapes, who's been immunized, why would he fall on the sword for a guy who kicked him to the curb three years before?" Porter asked the jury.

Sheri Garrett, the former Illinois House Clerk's Office employee who accused Mapes of harassment in 2018, issued a post-verdict statement saying she hoped others who experienced the same "toxic work environment" under Mapes "feel some relief today, as I know I do."

## Answers

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