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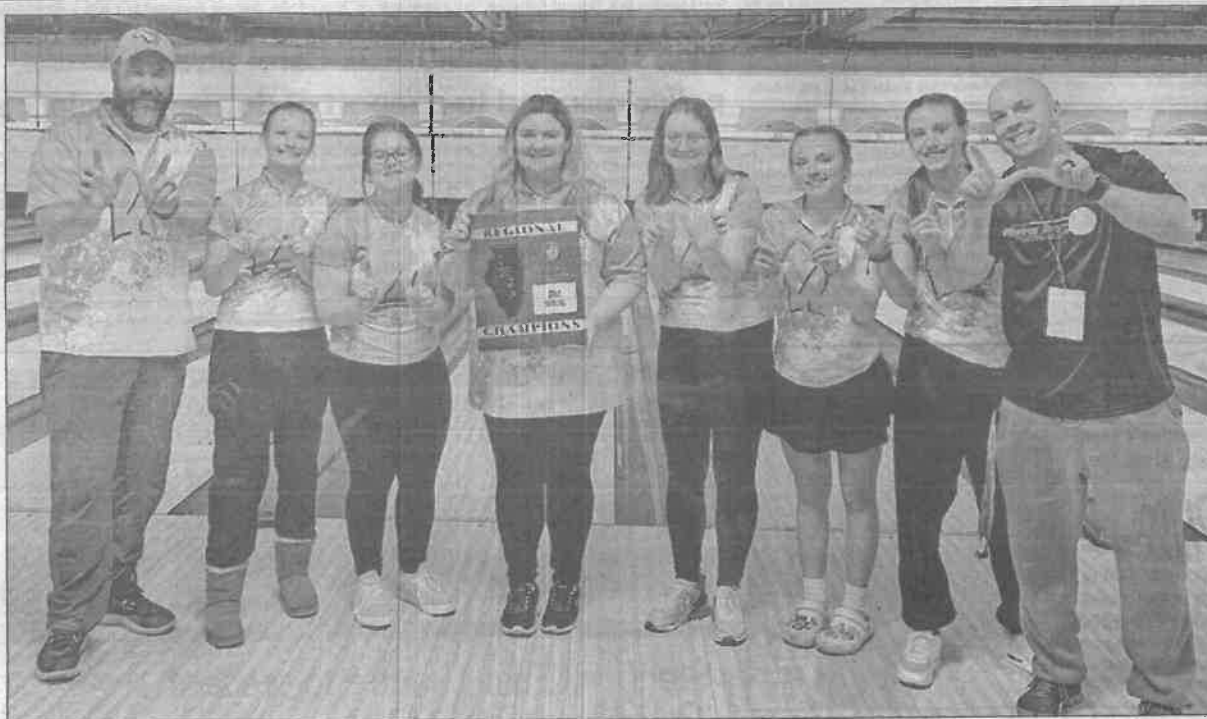
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## Warriors win a regional title

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head coach Kevin Allen, senior Lauren Carson, senior Maddie Wolf, senior Jacquelyn Porro, senior Annabelle Thompson, freshman Elizabeth Pettinger, senior Emma Anderlik and assistant coach Anthony Gebhart. Porro won the individual championship at the regional with her six-game score of 1,204.

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## Armed convicted felon charged after leading police on high-speed chase

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Oak Brook Chief of Police Brian Strockis have announced that Judge Timothy McJoynt granted the state's motion to deny

pre-trial release for a convicted felon accused of leading police on a high-speed chase while in possession of a loaded handgun.

Quinton Hicks, 38, of Chicago, appeared at First Appearance Court and is charged with one count of armed habitual criminal (Class X felony), one count of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon (Class 2 felony), one count of aggravated fleeing and eluding a police officer (Class 4 felony) and multiple misdemeanor and petty traffic offenses.

On Jan. 27 at approximately 2:56 a.m., an Oak Brook police officer on patrol observed a vehicle, allegedly driven by Hicks, on 22nd Street and Midwest Road allegedly traveling 55 mph in a 35-mph zone. It is alleged that when the officer activated his emergency lights and sirens, instead of pulling over, Hicks sped up reaching speeds of approximately 60 mph and ignored a red light at a traffic control device. It is alleged that Hicks allegedly continued to evade the officer, reaching speeds of approximately 70 mph in a 35-mph zone until another officer successfully spiked his tires at Spring Road and 31st Street.

It is further alleged that Hicks continued to drive on flat tires and entered I-294, where he reached speeds of approximately 80 mph until his vehicle became disabled in Northlake.

Hicks was taken into custody at this time and transported to a local hospital for medical attention after he told officers he had just ingested ecstasy. When searching Hicks' vehicle, officers allegedly located a loaded SCCY 380



Quinton Hicks

“What is more alarming in this case is that, as a convicted felon, Mr. Hicks is prohibited from owning a firearm, yet he was allegedly found to be in possession of a loaded gun at the time of his arrest.”

— Robert Berlin, DuPage County State's Attorney

Handgun with one bullet in the chamber in the glove compartment. Hicks does not possess a FOID card or CCL.

“In DuPage County, we take incidents of fleeing from the police very seriously,” Berlin said. “What is more alarming in this case is that, as a convicted felon, Mr. Hicks is prohibited from owning a firearm, yet he was allegedly found to be in possession of a loaded gun at the time of his arrest. Thankfully, no innocent motorists were injured or worse as a result of Mr. Hicks' alleged actions. I thank the Oak Brook Police Department for not only their work on this case, but also for their ongoing efforts in keeping our roadways safe.”

“Pursuits are inherently dangerous, and we train our officers to carefully assess the risks and benefits before initiating one,” Strockis said. “However, there is some misconception by criminals that if they flee from the police they will not be pursued and that is simply not accurate in Oak Brook. We have had numerous pursuits for various offenses which ultimately led to weapons offenses and taking illegal firearms off the street.”

Hicks' next court appearance is scheduled Feb. 26 for arraignment in front of Judge Michael Reidy.



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## Junior Warriors

Willowbrook's girls basketball team faced Leyden in last week's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. The Warriors defeated Leyden 52-50 in the contest, which took place on Youth Basketball Night. Several members of the Willowbrook Junior Warriors basketball program's fourth-grade, fifth-grade and seventh-grade teams attended the game and provided enthusiastic support to help Willowbrook rally from a 32-19 halftime deficit to earn a narrow victory. Those Junior Warriors are pictured moments after the game ended.

## Police Reports

The Villa Park Police Department recently reported the following arrests and citations.

Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Persons charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the privacy of victims.

Juveniles age 17 or younger are not named.

### Jan. 30

A complainant at a business in the 100 block of W. St. Charles requested the police department check on the business after a suspect had allegedly made threatening statements.

### Jan. 29

Michael P. Bardesi, 34, of Villa Park, was charged with violation of an order of protection in the 400 block of S. Riverside at 6:54 p.m.

Police said Ashley S. Clark, 33, of Berwyn, had an out of jurisdiction warrant in the 100 block of W. St. Charles at 7:15 p.m.

Clifford K. Tate, 28, of Villa Park, was charged with violation of an order of protection and obstructing identification in the 100 block of W. St. Charles at 7:15 p.m.

A complainant in the 1600 block of S. Michigan reported at 10:05 p.m. that a suspect threatened by phone to send someone over to the complainant's house.

### Jan. 28

Elika A. Gallarzo Herrera, 28, of Melrose Park, was charged with theft—unauthorized control not exceeding \$500 at a fitness center in the 300 block of W. North at noon.

A complainant in the 400 block of W. Division stated they were struck, but not injured, by a shampoo bottle that a suspect threw at them. The complainant did not want the suspect to be arrested.

### Jan. 26

Estuardo Isais Gomez Martinez, 27, of Villa Park, was charged with DUI, improper lane usage, operating a vehicle with suspended registration for no insurance and no insurance in the 300 block of E. St. Charles at 9:16 p.m.

Police said the DuPage County Jail advised they had Chloe Armstrong, 32, of Montgomery, in custody and served a Villa Park police original complaint and warrant for attempted possession of methamphetamine. Armstrong was later released.

### Jan. 25

An unknown suspect threw a partial brick through a driver's side window of an unoccupied vehicle parked in the parking lot of a business in the 200 block of E. Adele at 10:28 a.m.

A complainant at a store in the 900 block of S. Route 83 reported a customer became loud and belligerent after an employee requested to see

the customer's receipt as they were leaving. The complainant requested that the customer be trespassed from the store.

A homeless male subject was reportedly banging on windows and yelling at employees at a restaurant in the 200 block of W. Roosevelt at 7:37 p.m. The subject reportedly also bothered and threatened customers.

A victim in the 600 block of W. Ridge reported at 11:09 p.m. that a suspect battered him, but he does not want the suspect arrested and only wants the suspect to get help.

### Jan. 24

Jerry M. Pearson, 36, of Lombard, was charged with retail theft—possessing displayed merchandise exceeding \$300 and retail theft—possessing displayed merchandise exceeding \$300 with a prior conviction at a store in the 1-100 block of E. North at 11:29 a.m.

A complainant at a store in the 900 block of S. Route 83 reported a male subject was in the store, swearing and yelling, and eating candy without paying for it. The business wanted the subject trespassed from the store.

### Fraud, Identity theft

According to information provided by the Villa Park Police Department, police reported three incidents of residents being a victim of fraud or identity theft.

## Obituary

### ANNA REEDY, 93

Anna Reedy (nee Tomaso), age 93 passed away peacefully on Feb. 1, 2024. She was a life-long resident of Villa Park and most recently resided in Glen Ellyn.

Anna married (the late) Robert in 1954 and they were inseparable for nearly 65 years. They were blessed with 5 children: Julie (the late Steven) Glaser, Thomas (Melissa) Reedy, David (Susan) Reedy, Mary (James) Santucci, and the late John Reedy. They raised their 5 children in Villa Park and were dedicated members of St. Alexander's Parish.

Anna was blessed with the love of 14 grandchildren: Michael (Katie), Megan (Mark), Bobby (Emily), Kelly, Patrick, Brian, Samantha, William, Caitlin, Kayla, Sean, Emma, Catherine and Caroline. Recently she was gifted with 3 great grandchildren: Charlie,



Caroline and Vivian.

Anna will be remembered for her outgoing, vivacious personality. She had an uncanny ability of being able to effortlessly engage and interact with anyone she met, whether it be a total stranger or someone she knew for years.

Family dinners were a staple in her home, especially on Sundays where the table was full and the food was flowing.

She could always be counted on to bring levity to the most chaotic of situations. There was no one quite like “Annie” and she will be missed by all.

Morning Visitation Tuesday, Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Alexander Catholic Church, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park, IL 60181. Interment Assumption Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Misericordia Home are appreciated.

Funeral information: steuerlefh.com or (630) 832-4161.

# Warriors place second at Lake Park Regional

*Campbell, McBride and Macias advance to this week's Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional*

The Willowbrook girls gymnastics team opened the IHSA post-season by competing in last week's Lake Park Regional in Roselle.

Lake Park won the regional's team title with its total score of 144.875. The Warriors earned a second-place finish in the team standings with their score of 131.7. Addison Trail (126.65) and Maine East (100.425) placed third and fourth, respectively, at the Feb. 1 competition.

The top five finishers in each event at the regional automatically qualified for this week's Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional.

Junior Naomi Campbell of Willowbrook earned automatic sectional berths with her fourth-place regional finish in the vault (9.0), her fifth-place effort on the uneven bars (8.275) and her tie for fifth in floor exercises (8.95).

Campbell also earned an automatic sectional berth in the all-around competition with her third-place all-around total of 34.725 at the Lake Park Regional.

Willowbrook senior Mia McBride secured an automatic sectional berth in floor exercises by tying Campbell for fifth at the regional with her score of 8.95.

McBride also earned an automatic sectional berth in the all-around competition. She delivered a fourth-place all-around total of 34.375 at the regional.

Addison Trail senior Nicolette Franczak secured an automatic sectional berth with her fifth-place score of 33.625 in the Lake Park Regional's all-around standings.

While the top five finishers in each event at the regional advanced to this week's sectional, several other gymnasts earned at-large sectional berths with their regional performances.

The Warriors who claimed at-large sectional berths with their performances at the regional included: McBride, who earned at-large berths with her regional scores in the vault (8.8; eighth), uneven bars (7.975; seventh) and balance beam (8.65; sixth); Campbell, who earned an at-large sectional berth with her seventh-place regional score on the balance beam (8.5); and freshman Lillian Macias, who qualified for the sectional's vault competition with her ninth-place regional score of 8.65.

Addison Trail's at-large sectional qualifiers included: Franczak, who advanced to this week's action with her regional scores in the vault (8.925; tied for sixth), uneven bars (8.0; sixth) and floor exercises (8.9; seventh); junior Olivia DeBeauvoir, who qualified in floor exercises (8.7; tied for eighth) and the all-around competition (32.075; seventh); and sophomore Mia Trombatore, who qualified for the sectional in the vault with her 10th-place regional score of 8.475.

Willowbrook sophomore Kaia Capulong finished eighth in the regional's all-around standings with her total of 31.3. Capulong tied for 11th on the vault (8.35) at the regional. She finished 13th in the uneven bars (6.85), 10th on the balance beam (7.85) and 11th in floor exercises

(8.25).

Willowbrook's regional competitors also included freshman Mallory Yeazel, sophomore Leigh Bernardo

and senior Zoe Kraft.

Trombatore finished ninth in the all-around competition with her regional score of 31.05. She placed 10th on the

vault (8.475), 12th on the uneven bars (7.0), 13th on the balance beam (7.625) and 13th in floor exercises (7.95).

The Blazers' regional gymnasts

also included senior Brooke Greaves, senior Freya Gudmundson, sophomore Mickey Fricano and sophomore Gabriela Trejo.



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Three members of Willowbrook's girls gymnastics team earned individual berths in this week's IHSA Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional with their performances in last week's Lake Park Regional in Roselle. The Warriors who advanced to the sectional included Junior Naomi Campbell, who earned automatic sectional berths with her top-five finishes in the vault, uneven bars and floor exercises at the regional. Campbell, who is pictured (right) on the uneven bars at the recent West Suburban Gold Conference Meet, also qualified for the sectional's all-around competition with her third-place regional score of 34.725. Campbell earned an at-large sectional berth in the balance beam. Senior Mia McBride of Willowbrook also earned sectional berths in all four events (vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercises), as well as the all-around competition. McBride, who is pictured (left) during a performance in floor exercises this season, finished fourth in the regional's all-around standings with her total of 34.375.

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# Broncos finish second at GCAC Tournament

*Montini beats Mother McAuley in the semifinal round before losing to undefeated Loyola Academy in the title contest*

The Montini Catholic girls basketball team advanced to the championship game of last week's Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC) Tournament. The Broncos, who won three straight tournament games to earn a berth in Saturday's title contest, faced the undefeated Ramblers of Loyola Academy in the championship game at Mother McAuley High School.

Loyola Academy defeated Montini 76-57 in Saturday's tournament championship battle. The Ramblers closed out their regular season with the victory, which raised their record to 31-0.

The Broncos' overall season record fell to 24-6 after Saturday's loss. Montini finished its regular season with a game at Benet Academy earlier this week.

The Broncos opened the GCAC Tournament by posting two convincing home victories over De La Salle Institute and Trinity. Montini pounded De La Salle 59-15 on Jan. 29. One day later, the Broncos earned a 72-45 win over Trinity.

Montini faced Mother McAuley in a tournament semifinal battle at Loyola Academy on Feb. 1. The Broncos defeated the Mighty Macs

70-57 to advance to Saturday's championship game against the Ramblers. Two months ago, Montini suffered a 63-45 loss at Mother McAuley during the GCAC season. The Broncos avenged that Dec. 6 setback with their performance in last week's semifinal.

Montini held a 19-8 lead after one quarter of last week's first-round game against De La Salle. The Broncos expanded their lead to 40-10 by halftime. The lead grew to 54-14 by the end of the third quarter.

Junior Nikki Kerstein scored 13 points for Montini in last week's first-round victory over the Meteors. Junior Audrey Kinney provided 12 points for the Broncos, while senior Alyssa Epps contributed nine points. Senior Victoria Matulevicius supplied six points for Montini. Juniors Peyton Farrell and Maggie Nielsen added five points each.

Montini led Trinity 20-14 after one quarter of last week's second-round

game in Lombard. The Broncos led the Blazers 38-27 at halftime. Montini outscored Trinity 24-9 in the third quarter to boost their lead to 62-36 with eight minutes to play.

Matulevicius scored a team-leading 22 points for the Broncos in their Jan. 30 win over Trinity. She scored 18 of those 22 points during the first half. Kerstein added 21 points in Montini's win over the Blazers. Epps contributed nine points. Juniors Shea Carver and Lauren Mellish netted six and five points, respectively.

The Broncos led Mother McAuley 16-10 after one quarter of last week's semifinal contest. Montini owned a 33-25 halftime lead. The Broncos led the Mighty Macs 47-35 at the end of the third quarter.

Kerstein, who did not score in the first quarter of the semifinal game against Mother McAuley, piled up a team-leading 30 points in the victory. She made three shots from 3-point range and scored 10 points

in the second quarter. After scoring two points in the third quarter, Kerstein supplied 18 of Montini's 23 fourth-quarter points. She made 14 of 16 free throws during the last 3:16 of the game. Kerstein stepped to the foul line with 3:16 to play. After missing her first attempt, she made her next shot to raise the Broncos' lead to 53-45.

Kerstein made 10 straight free throws from the 2:41 mark in the final quarter until the 1:09 mark. She closed out her 30-point performance on a driving layup with 25 seconds to play.

Matulevicius made nine field goals and scored 20 points for the Broncos in last week's win over Mother McAuley. Epps and Carver provided seven points each. Farrell tallied four points. Senior Riley White contributed two points with a third-quarter basket.

The Broncos led Loyola 21-16 after one quarter of Saturday's cham-

pionship game. The Ramblers rallied to take a 34-33 halftime lead. Loyola led the Broncos 58-49 at the end of the third quarter.

Matulevicius scored a team-leading 17 points in Saturday's contest. Carver, who made three 3-point shots in the first quarter, provided points. She made her fourth 3-point field goal of the day during the fourth quarter. Farrell supplied 11 points while Epps and Kerstein scored six and five points, respectively.

Montini is the No. 1 seed in the Glenbard South Sectional in the coming IHSA Class 3A tournament. The Broncos will begin the postseason by hosting next week's regional in Lombard. Montini should pick two wins to claim the regional title and advance to the Glenbard South Sectional. If the Broncos earn four victories in Glen Ellyn to claim sectional title, they would advance to a super-sectional at Concordia University in River Forest.

## Rams and Warriors take part in Class 3A regional at Glenbard West

The Glenbard East and Willowbrook wrestling teams competed in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Glenbard West Individual Regional in Glen Ellyn.

Marmion Academy won the team title in the event with its total score of 212 points. Glenbard West finished second with 156 points. Batavia (126 points) and Downers Grove North (122 points) placed third and fourth, respectively.

Glenbard East delivered a fifth-place finish with its total of 93

points. Lyons Township (83 points) landed in sixth place, while Wheaton Warrenville South (46 points) claimed seventh.

Willowbrook posted an eighth-place finish with its total of 37.5 points.

The top three finishers in each weight class at the regional advanced to this week's individual sectional at Hinsdale Central High School.

The top four finishers in each weight level at the sectional will qualify for the IHSA individual state

meet in Champaign.

Five Glenbard East wrestlers advanced to this week's individual sectional in Hinsdale. Senior Waleed Binmahfooz of the Rams delivered a second-place finish in the regional's 106-pound weight class. Sophomore Ismael Chadez provided Glenbard East with a third-place finish in the 126-pound level.

Senior Blake Salvino of the Rams battled to a third-place finish in the 190-pound weight class.

Glenbard East senior Augustus

Winkler posted a third-place finish in the regional's 215-pound division. Junior Cooper Conliss of Rams placed third in the 285-pound level.

Willowbrook sophomore Mui Branch advanced to the individual sectional in Hinsdale with his third-place finish in the Glenbard Regional's 113-pound weight class.

Senior Noah Brockie of Willowbrook advanced to the sectional round with his third-place effort in the regional's 175-pound level.

## Willowbrook's girls bowling team captures regional title

*Porro wins event's individual championship to lead Warriors to team victory*

The Willowbrook girls bowling team won an IHSA regional championship on Saturday. The Warriors won the title at the 12-team Hinsdale Central Regional at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont.

Willowbrook will compete in this weekend's Glenbard East Sectional at Bowlero in Glendale Heights. The top four teams at the 12-team sectional will advance to the IHSA state meet, which will take place Feb. 16-17 at the Cherry Bowl in Rockford.

The Warriors won the regional title in Westmont with Saturday's total pin count of 4,992. Morton (4,823) finished second, while York (4,776) placed third. Glenbard East (4,670) secured a fourth-place finish in the regional to earn a berth in this weekend's sectional. St. Charles North (4,493) finished fifth at the regional.

The top four teams in each of the state's 18 regionals earned sectional berths. There will be six sectionals this Saturday, Feb. 10.

Senior Jacquelyn Porro led Willowbrook to its regional title by winning the event's individual championship with her six-game total of 1,204. Porro opened Saturday's event with a 199 in her first game. She rolled a 233 in her second game before posting a 191 in her third game. Porro completed the regional with scores of 197, 200 and 184 in her final three games.

Freshman Elizabeth Pettinger contributed to the Warriors' regional victory with her six-game total of 1,073, which placed her sixth in the event's individual standings. Pettinger's steady regional effort featured scores of 177, 176 and 177 in her first three games. She closed the event with scores of 193, 180 and 170.

Senior Lauren Carson of Willowbrook delivered a ninth-place finish in the regional's individual standings with her six-game score of exactly 1,000. Carson bowled her best game of the regional in her second game, when she fired a 220.

Senior Annabelle Thompson contributed to Willowbrook's regional title with her six-game score of 904. Thompson placed 20th in the regional's individual standings.

Senior Maddie Wolf bowled four games for the Warriors at the regional. She supplied a 170 in her best game of the event. Senior Emma Anderlik of Willowbrook bowled two regional games in the event. She tallied a 143 in her top game of the competition.

**Jenna Pitts leads Glenbard East with her second-place finish in the individual standings**

Junior Jenna Pitts led Glenbard East to its fourth-place regional finish by posting the event's second-best

individual total. Pitts fired a six-game score of 1,192 at the regional to help her team qualify for the sectional.

Pitts opened the regional with a 204 in her first game. She then rolled scores of 182 and 191 in her next two games. She posted a 202 in her fourth game before rolling a 220 in her fifth game. Pitts bowled a 193 in her sixth game of the day to produce her regional total of 1,192, which was 12 pins behind Porro in the race for the individual title.

Senior Alexis Clayton helped Glenbard East to its fourth-place finish with her six-game regional total of 867, which placed her 25th in the event's individual standings. Clayton delivered a 169 in her fourth game of the regional.

She posted another 169 in her sixth game of the competition.

Senior Nicole McCombs bowled a five-game regional score of 823 for Glenbard East. McCombs fired a 189 in her best game of the day. Senior Julianna Vasicek contributed a six-game total of 822 at the regional for Glenbard East. She rolled a 148 in her best game of the day—her fifth game.

Freshman Zoey Poling bowled four games for Glenbard East at the regional. She posted a 179 in her finest game of the event. Freshman Jenna Pope competed in three regional games for Glenbard East. She delivered a 134 in her best game of the day.



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**Senior Jacquelyn Porro** Willowbrook's girls bowling team on Saturday. Porro won the title at the team Hinsdale Central Regional at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. Porro rolled a six-score of 1,204 at Saturday's event to win the regional. She edged Glenbard East Jenna Pitts (1,092) in the for the individual championship. Porro is pictured with her place individual medal at Warriors' championship I after Saturday's event.



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

**Montini Catholic's girls basketball team** advanced to the championship game of the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC) Tournament. The Broncos opened the tournament with last week's home wins over De La Salle Institute and Trinity. Montini then defeated Mother McAuley in a tournament semifinal on Feb. 1. The Broncos faced undefeated Loyola Academy in Saturday's tournament final. The Ramblers defeated Montini 76-57. Loyola improved to 31-0 with the victory. The Broncos dropped to 24-6 with the loss. Junior Nikki Kerstein (No. 3) of Montini is pictured during last week's victory over Trinity in Lombard. Kerstein scored 21 points in the game. She poured in 30 points in last week's victory over Mother McAuley. Montini completed its regular season with this week's game at Benet Academy. The Broncos will host an IHSA Class 3A regional next week. If Montini wins the regional title, it will advance to the Glenbard South Sectional. The Broncos are the sectional's No. 1 seed.

# Warriors earn another win over the Rams

## Bruschuk scores 29 points in Willowbrook's win in Lombard; Warriors then finish their conference season with a win over Leyden and a loss to DG South

The Willowbrook girls basketball team won two of three games last week to improve its overall season record to 13-17. The Warriors went 1-1 in West Suburban Gold Conference play last week to conclude their conference season with an 8-4 mark.

Willowbrook opened the week with a 54-52 victory over Glenbard East in a non-conference game in Lombard on Jan. 29. One night later, the Warriors edged Leyden 52-50 in a conference battle in Villa Park. Willowbrook completed the week with Friday's 55-33 conference loss at Downers Grove South.

The Warriors finished third in the seven-team conference standings. Hinsdale South and Downers Grove South shared first-place honors with identical 10-2 conference records. Willowbrook secured a solo third-place finish with its 8-4 record. Morton and Leyden both posted conference records of 5-7. Proviso East and Addison Trail both went 2-10 in conference play.

Senior Elle Bruschuk scored 29 points to lead the Warriors to last week's win at Glenbard East. Bruschuk made five 3-point shots during the victory.

Willowbrook led the Rams 15-13 after one quarter of last week's contest, which was a rematch of a Dec. 13 battle in Villa Park. (The Warriors prevailed 48-30 in the teams' first game of the season.) Glenbard East owned a 32-28 halftime lead. The Rams led Willowbrook 42-41 at the end of the third quarter.

Bruschuk sank a 3-point shot early in the fourth quarter to give the Warriors a 44-42 lead. The game was tied at 48-48 when junior Ayaani Gusman of the Warriors went to the free-throw line with 1:24 to play. Gusman made her first free throw and missed the second attempt. Bruschuk grabbed the rebound of the missed shot. She scored a basket and was fouled on the play. Bruschuk made the ensuing free throw to give the Warriors a 52-48 lead with 1:23 on the clock.

Bruschuk made two free throws with 57.7 seconds to play to push Willowbrook's lead to 54-49. The Rams made a 3-point shot to cut the Warriors' lead to 54-52 with 48 seconds remaining.

Glenbard East tried and missed a 3-point shot in the game's final seconds.

Senior Lillian Vish scored nine

points for Willowbrook in last week's win at Glenbard East. Junior Loralai McIntyre, who made a pair of 3-point shots, added eight points. Gusman scored six points, while senior Seyna Fall contributed two points.

The Warriors struggled in the first half of last week's conference home game against Leyden. The visiting Eagles led Willowbrook 13-4 after one quarter and 32-19 at halftime. The Warriors cut Leyden's lead to 36-35 by the end of the third quarter.

Willowbrook took the lead in the fourth quarter and held a 50-47 advantage with more than one minute to play. The Eagles sank a 3-point shot to tie the score at 50-50 with 1:05 remaining.

Senior Kalina Henry gave the Warriors the lead when she scored an inside basket—her only basket of the game—off an inbounds pass from Bruschuk with 18 seconds to play to give Willowbrook its 52-50 lead.

Leyden missed a last-second shot that could have tied the game. Senior Tia Kelly grabbed the rebound for Willowbrook and was fouled with 3.4 seconds remaining. The Warriors then inbounded the ball to Bruschuk, who was fouled with 2.0 seconds to play. Willowbrook inbounded the ball one more time and ran out the clock.

Bruschuk scored 20 points in last week's win over Leyden. She connected on two shots from 3-point range and made eight of nine attempts from the free-throw line.

Gusman, who made three 3-point field goals, supplied 15 points for the Warriors in last week's win over the Eagles. Vish added six points, while McIntyre contributed five points, including a 3-point basket that tied the score at 46-46 with 2:45 left in the game. Kelly, Fall and Henry provided two points each.

Willowbrook defeated Downers Grove South 65-63 in double overtime in the teams' first conference meeting of the season on Dec. 15. The Mustangs gained some revenge on the Warriors in Friday's rematch. Downers Grove South led Willowbrook 12-2 after one quarter, 22-14 at halftime and 41-29 after three quarters.

A driving basket from Bruschuk cut the Mustangs' lead to 41-31 with 7:30 to play. Downers Grove South outscored 14-2 during the rest of the game.



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Willowbrook's girls basketball team played its final home game of the 2023-24 season last week. The Warriors faced Leyden in a West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park on Jan. 30. Willowbrook trailed the Eagles 32-19 at halftime, but rallied to earn a 52-50 victory. Senior Elle Bruschuk (No. 33) is pictured at left while firing and making a 3-point shot during the third quarter. Bruschuk scored a team-leading 20 points in the victory. One more photo shows Bruschuk and other Warriors congratulating senior Kalina Henry (No. 24 - above) after Henry scored a basket to break a 50-50 tie with 18 seconds to play. Willowbrook improved its conference record to 8-3 with last week's win over the Eagles. The Warriors finished the conference season with an 8-4 record after losing 55-33 at Downers Grove South on Friday. The Warriors finished their regular season earlier this week with a game at Lyons Township. The Warriors will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season with next week's game against Glenbard West at the Glenbard West Regional in Glen Ellyn.

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## Warriors lose a pair of conference battles

The Willowbrook boys basketball team fell to 3-6 in West Suburban Gold Conference play following last week's losses to Leyden and Downers Grove South.

The Warriors lost 59-53 at Leyden on Jan. 30. Downers Grove South beat Willowbrook 84-55 on Friday in Villa Park.

The Warriors' overall season record fell to 8-19 after Saturday's 69-29 non-conference loss at Christ the King.

Sophomore Otis Powell scored 23 points for Willowbrook in last week's loss at Leyden. Senior Noah Boyd contributed 16 points for the Warriors.

Senior Kenyon Rhodes provided five points and six rebounds. Senior Andrew Ciesinski tallied three points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

Willowbrook led Leyden 15-12 after one quarter. The Eagles held a 25-20 halftime lead. The Warriors

owned a 41-40 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Downers Grove South led Willowbrook 25-14 after one quarter of Friday's conference meeting. The Mustangs held a 52-24 lead at halftime and a 76-45 edge at the end of the third quarter.

The Warriors' schedule this week includes this Friday's conference home game against Proviso East, along with Saturday's conference contest at Addison Trail.

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## Winter play at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School's theater department presented its winter play—Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple"—last week in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium. The photo from the last of the three performances shows (left to right) senior Seán O'Brochta (who portrayed the neat and tidy Felix Ungar) and sophomore Malachy Heneghan (who played the sloppy Oscar Madison) on Saturday evening. The cast's comedic performances yielded multiple laughs from the audience.



## Campbell advances to the IHSA state meet

Willowbrook junior Naomi Campbell will compete in this week's IHSA girls gymnastics state meet.

Campbell earned multiple state-meet berths with her performances at last week's IHSA sectional at Wheaton Warrenville South High School. The top five finishers in each sectional event secured automatic berths in the state meet, which takes place this Friday and Saturday at Palatine High School.

Campbell delivered a pair of top-five finishes at the sectional. She tied for fourth place in floor exercises; her routine on the floor received a score of 9.125. Campbell earned a fifth-place score of 9.25 for her performance on the balance beam.

Campbell earned an at-large berth in the state meet's all-around competition with her all-around sectional total of 35.825. That total included her scores in floor exercises and on the balance beam, along with her scores of 9.0 on the vault and 8.45 on the uneven bars. Campbell finished in a tie for 16th place in the sectional's vault competition. She placed 19th on the uneven bars at the sectional.

Campbell was one of three Willowbrook gymnasts to compete at last week's sectional in Wheaton. Senior Mia McBride of the Warriors finished 23rd in the sectional's all-around standings with her total of 32.375. McBride earned sectional scores of 8.55 on the vault, 7.95 on the uneven bars, 7.225 on the balance beam and 8.65 in floor exercises. She placed 16th in floor exercises, 26th on the vault, 28th on the balance beam and 29th on the uneven bars.

Willowbrook freshman Lillian Macias competed in the sectional's vault competition. She finished 22nd in the event with her score of 8.7.

### Franczak places 16th in the sectional's all-around competition

Addison Trail senior Nicolette Franczak completed her season by earning a 16th-place finish in the all-around competition at the Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional. Franczak posted a sectional score of 8.7 in floor exercises to finish 15th in that event. She placed 21st on the uneven bars with her score of 8.35. Franczak tied for 23rd on the vault with her score of 8.65. Her balance beam routine at the sectional, which was part of her all-around total, received a score of 8.3.

Junior Olivia DeBeauvoir of Addison Trail finished 24th in the sectional's all-around competition with her score of 31.8. DeBeauvoir's all-around total included scores of 8.25 on the vault, 7.55 on the uneven bars, 7.425 on the balance



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Junior Naomi Campbell of the Willowbrook girls gymnastics team will participate in this week's IHSA state meet at Palatine High School. Campbell earned multiple berths in the state meet with her strong performances at the Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional on Feb. 8. The top five finishers in each event at the sectional automatically qualified for the state meet. Campbell tied for fourth in floor exercises at the sectional with her score of 9.125. She is pictured during her floor exercises routine in Wheaton. Campbell received a fifth-place score of 9.25 for her sectional performance on the balance beam. In addition to earning automatic state-meet berths in those two events, she secured an at-large berth in the state meet's all-around competition with her sectional total of 35.825. Campbell finished seventh in the sectional's all-around standings.

beam and 8.575 in floor exercises.

### Broyles represents the Rams at the Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional

Glenbard East senior Olivia Broyles competed in the sectional's uneven bars event. She also participated in the sectional's all-around competition. Broyles placed 31st in the uneven bars at the sectional with her score of 7.625. She finished 28th in the all-around standings with her total of 31.4. In addition to her score of 7.625 on the uneven bars, her all-around total included scores of 8.95 on the vault, 7.175 on the balance beam and 7.65 in floor exercises.

## District 88 Foundation holds pickleball tournament on March 2

Deadline to register is Feb. 26

The District 88 Foundation will hold its inaugural "Paddle Battle" pickleball tournament on Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. The tournament will take place in the field house at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave.

There will be two divisions of

play, based on skill level. Medals will be awarded, and there will be a raffle for prizes.

The deadline to sign up for the tournament is Monday, Feb. 26.

To register online, visit, [www.dupage88.net/PickleballRegistration2024](http://www.dupage88.net/PickleballRegistration2024).



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## Villa Park resident appears in Super Bowl commercial

If you watched the big game on Sunday, Feb. 11, between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers, you might have spotted a familiar face in one of the commercials—that of Lombard native and Villa Park resident Matt Kissane, a comedian and actor who appeared in the beginning of a TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation commercial. As Kissane explained it, "I auditioned for it last summer and we shot it in August in River Forest. It was a self-tape audition so it was done here at home. We were told the day of the shoot it was going to be a Super Bowl commercial." He added, "We did three takes. The first two were with a small cup and then the third one was a lot bigger and it soaked me!"

## Police Reports

The Villa Park Police Department recently reported the following arrests and citations. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Persons charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the privacy of victims. Juveniles age 17 or younger are not named.

### Feb. 6

A 42-year-old Villa Park man was charged with domestic battery in the 400 block of S. Yale at 6:13 p.m.

An unknown suspect cut an AT&T cable in the 400 block of N. Beverly.

### Feb. 5

Jheniya C. Willis, 18, of Lombard, was charged with disorderly conduct/transmitting a threat to a school building or person at Willowbrook High School at 3:43 p.m.

An unknown suspect removed a speaker from the display shelf at a music store in the 200 block of W. Roosevelt and left the store without paying for the item.

A complainant at a residence in the 400 block of S. Oakland reported that an unknown suspect entered the home and ransacked a bedroom. Nothing of value appeared to be missing.

### Feb. 4

Jessica N. Donato Godoy, 23, of Chicago, was charged with retail theft exceeding \$300 at a store in the 1-100 block of E. North at 1:01 p.m.

Felix Grajales, 38, of Villa Park, was charged with DUI, no valid driver's license, parking on railroad tracks and no insurance near N. Ardmore and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Late S. Lawson, 49, of Maywood, was charged with DUI, improper lane usage and crossing a lane boundary unsafely near E. St. Charles and N. Charles at 9:38 p.m.

Police said five luxury vehicles with an Addison auto dealership's advertisement placards fled from a traffic stop near W. North and N. Villa at 3:43 a.m.

A suspect at a store in the 900 block of S. Route 83 removed merchandise from a display and left without paying for the items.

### Feb. 3

A complainant in the 200 block of W. Kenilworth reported one of their windows was struck by a BB or pellet and damaged.

A 24-year-old Villa Park man was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 500 block of W. Division at 2:21 p.m.

A complainant at a liquor store in the 200 block of W. Roosevelt reported that a suspect stole two bottles of liquor.

### Feb. 2

A complainant at a fitness center in the 300 block of W. North reported they were battered while at the gym.

### Feb. 1

Jacob Roger Chavez, 24, of Lombard, was charged with DUI, driving too fast for conditions or failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and disobeying a stop sign near E. Washington and S. Summit at 7:45 p.m.

A victim at a car wash in the 700 block of N. Addison reported his wallet fell out of his pocket while he was cleaning his car. After someone told him his wallet was on the ground, he checked it and saw it was missing \$200.

A victim at a fitness center in the 300 block of W. North stated seven males jumped him at 10:42 p.m.

### Jan. 31

Carlos E. Garcia-Martinez, 35, of Bensenville, and Nora P. Vazquez Bermejo, 36, of Melrose Park were charged with burglary/retail theft/possessing displayed merchandise exceeding \$300 at a store in the 1-100 block of E. North at 3:46 p.m.

A victim at a fitness center in the 300 block of W. North stated seven males jumped him at 10:42 p.m.

### Fraud, identity theft

According to information provided by the Villa Park Police Department, police reported three incidents of residents being victims of fraud or identity theft.

### Fleeing, eluding

According to information provided by the Villa Park Police Department, police reported two incidents of fleeing and eluding last week in which the driver of a vehicle fled the scene after being stopped for a traffic stop.

# Binmahfooz qualifies for Class 3A state wrestling meet

Senior will join 15 other wrestlers in the Class 3A level's 106-pound weight class

Glenbard East senior Waleed Binmahfooz will compete in this week's IHSAA Class 3A individual state wrestling meet.

Binmahfooz earned his berth in the state meet by placing fourth in the 106-pound weight class of the Hinsdale Central Individual Sectional. Binmahfooz won four of six matches at the sectional, which ended on Saturday.

He opened the event with a victory. He then lost in the quarterfinal round, but proceeded to reel off three straight wins before losing the third-place match in his weight level.

The top four finishers in each of the sectional's weight levels qualified for the state meet.

The individual state meet begins today at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Binmahfooz is one of 16 wrestlers who will compete in the Class 3A state meet's 106-pound level. He will enter the state meet with a season record of 38-9.

Four other Glenbard East wrestlers joined Binmahfooz to compete

at the Hinsdale Central Individual Sectional. Those four Rams were unable to secure state-meet berths.



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Glenbard East senior Waleed Binmahfooz qualified for the IHSAA Class 3A Individual state wrestling meet with his fourth-place finish in the 106-pound weight class of the Hinsdale Central Individual Sectional. Binmahfooz is pictured on the medal stand at the sectional on Saturday. Binmahfooz won four of six matches at the sectional. The top four finishers in each weight class at the state's four Class 3A sectionals advanced to the individual state meet, which takes place this week in Champaign.

Senior Blake Salvino of the Rams won his first sectional match in the 190-pound level before losing in the quarterfinal. Salvino won his next match in the consolation round before losing his next match. He finished the season with a record of 33-10.

Glenbard East sophomore Ismael Chaidez won his first two matches in the sectional's 126-pound level. After losing in the semifinal round, Chaidez suffered a loss in a consolation-round match. Chaidez ended the season with a 37-8 record.

Senior Augustus Winkler of Glenbard East dropped two straight matches in the sectional's 215-pound level.

Junior Cooper Conliss of the Rams suffered to straight sectional losses in the 285-pound weight class.

Winkler completed the season with a 31-16 record. Conliss finished the season with a 28-19 record.

Two Willowbrook wrestlers participated in the Hinsdale Central Individual Sectional. Senior Noah Brockie of the Warriors won his first match in the sectional's 175-pound level before losing in the quarterfinal round.

Brockie picked up one win in the consolation round before his season ended with a loss in the next round. Brockie finished the season with a record of 33-11.

Willowbrook sophomore Miteku Branch wrestled in the sectional's 113-pound division. Branch lost his first two matches at the event to close out the season with a record of 25-18.

## Two Blazers advance to the individual state meet

Two Addison Trail wrestlers will compete at the IHSAA Class 3A individual state meet. The two Blazers earned their state-meet berths with top-four finishes at the Conant Sectional, which ended on Saturday.

Senior Damian Valdez of the Blazers earned a second-place finish in the sectional's 132-pound level. Senior Martin Duarte of Ad-

dison Trail posted a fourth-place finish in the 157-pound division.

Valdez will enter the state meet

with a season record of 32-10. Duarte will begin the state meet with a record of 36-8.

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## Coming events

### Garden club Seed Swap Feb. 21

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### Improv workshop at Villa Park Library Feb. 20

Calling all teens. Come to the Villa Park Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m., for a fun afternoon of improv presented by Talewise. In this exciting theater workshop for teens, fun games and activities will be used to explore the foundations of improvisation—things like characterization, how to be a good scene partner, and how to be prepared for just about anything. Registration is required. For more information, visit the library's website at [www.vppl.info](http://www.vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### Versiti blood drives Feb. 23, 24

A blood drive at Helen Plum Library will be held on Friday, Feb. 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A second drive will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., hosted by Lombard Masonic Lodge #1098, in Hatfield Hall at First Church of Lombard, 220 S. Main St. At either drive, donors can receive a new license plate frame while supplies last. Call or text Camille from Versiti at 847-305-9998. A photo ID is required.



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## BOYS BASKETBALL: DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH 84, WILLOWBROOK 55

# Downers Grove South dominates in win at Willowbrook

By BOB NARANG

Shaw Local News Network correspondent

VILLA PARK - Downers Grove South had all phases of its game working at a high level in a dominating first half against Willowbrook.

The Mustangs had their transition game running at warp speed. The defense was on point with 10 steals and 12 defensive boards.

Six players scored at least seven points in the opening 16 minutes.

But those weren't the most impressive feats by the Mustangs. They also dominated the halftime show - at Willowbrook.

In the end, the Mustangs rolled to an 84-55 victory over the Warriors in West Suburban Gold play in Villa Park.

The Mustangs displayed their chemistry Feb. 2 with a prolific offensive and defensive performance during the game and in their support for Downers Grove South athletic director Brandon Murphy.

Murphy, a 2001 Willowbrook graduate who was a standout wrestler, was one of six honorees into the Willowbrook Hall of Fame during an elaborate halftime ceremony. Of the six new inductees, Murphy had the most extensive list of accomplishments in the brochure.

The Mustangs' basketball players and coaches made a point to sit on the team's bench for the entire 20-minute halftime presentation.

"Mr. Murphy was out there as well, so it was special to see him going back to his roots," Downers Grove South senior guard Dominic Marcantelli said. "He's a Mustang now. It was nice to acknowledge him and all the other Willowbrook (Hall of Famers), so that was special to see."

On the court, the Mustangs could rest a bit because of their all-around team effort. Keon Maggitt hit three 3-pointers to finish with 13 points. Marcantelli matched his backcourt partner, burying three 3s for 13 points. Justin Sveiteris had 11 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Daniel Laurich had 11 points.

"I'm happy with how all of our guys competed," Downers Grove South coach Zach Miller. "These guys were just focused. The second quarter, they really put it on them. It all started with our guards and our pace. Our big fellas were able to rebound and outlet it out to those guys, but it starts with our defense."

Miller said the team's chemistry is one of the main factors in its success. The Mustangs (18-7, 8-1) shared the ball, attacked the glass and hounded the Warriors' ballhandlers.

"I love this group," Miller said. "It's a different guy every night. They don't



Photos by Karen Haess for Shaw Local News Network

Downers Grove South's Jeremiah Dariin picks up a loose ball and advances past Willowbrook's Feim Alka on Feb. 2.



Willowbrook's Otis Powell goes in for a layup against Downers Grove South.

really care. No one is hunting or shooting too much. They have a lot of joy for each other."

Maggitt, a junior point guard, played solid on both ends of the court. The left-

hander has been a valuable addition to the Mustangs this season. His smooth ballhandling and perimeter shooting gave the Warriors fits all game.

"Playing on this team has helped my

game get better," Maggitt said. "Everybody has helped me out a lot this year. I just try and look for my team and be an actual point guard."

Marcantelli, a North Central recruit, said the Mustangs were working in perfect harmony against the Warriors (8-18, 3-6).

"This is a very special group and we're all comfortable with each other," he said. "Tonight, we played and had fun and took it quarter by quarter. Everybody got in and almost got a bucket. It was an amazing game to be a part of."

The Warriors had a few positives in the defeat, mainly sophomore guard Otis Powell erupting for a game-high 27 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

"He is having a great season and adjusting to the speed and physicality of the varsity level," Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins said. "The game is starting to slow down a bit for him. He's having a great season. ... We're a young group this year after having graduated nine guys. Downers Grove South is a veteran team. We knew it would be difficult tonight, but minus tonight, we've been playing much better. We didn't match up with the physicality tonight."

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