

Warriors rise to 4-3 after reeling off their third straight win

Willowbrook builds a 17-0 lead on its way to a 31-14 road victory over the Huskies; the Warriors will play Thursday-night home game against Morton this week

The Willowbrook football team improved to 4-3 overall following Friday's 31-14 win at Oak Park and River Forest High School. The Warriors picked up their third straight victory with their win in the cross-over game between members of the West Suburban Conference's Gold and Silver levels.

Willowbrook will finish its regular season with a pair of games against fellow West Suburban Gold teams. The Warriors will battle Morton tonight—Oct. 17—in a rare Thursday-night contest in Villa Park. Morton enters the game with an overall record of 2-5 and a West Suburban Gold mark of 1-3.

Willowbrook will wrap up its regular season with an Oct. 25 battle at Leyden.

The Warriors took the lead against Oak Park and River Forest when junior quarterback Jahonise Reed completed a 6-yard touchdown pass to senior KJ Rhodes in the first quarter. Senior Dean Romano made the ensuing extra-point kick to give Willowbrook a 7-0 lead.

Reed and Rhodes would connect on another touchdown pass later in the game. Reed also fired a touchdown pass to senior Jesus Gomez. Romano made a 32-yard field goal in the second quarter to help the Warriors to a 17-0 halftime lead over the Huskies, who slipped to 1-6 with Friday's loss.

Junior Rashad Morrison scored the Warriors' fourth and final touchdown of the night on a short run with about three minutes left in the game.



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Warriors win a regional title

Willowbrook's flag football team won an IHSA regional championship last week. The Warriors defeated Elgin 42-6 to win the Conant Regional in Hoffman Estates on Oct. 10. Willowbrook advanced to the regional championship with its 24-0 victory over Conant in a regional semifinal contest on Oct. 9. Earlier this week, the Warriors joined three other teams at the Streamwood Sectional. Willowbrook faced Addison Trail in a sectional semifinal on Oct. 15. The winner of that game battled West Aurora or Schaumburg in the sectional championship game on Oct. 16. The sectional champion will join seven other teams at the inaugural IHSA state tournament, which will take place at Willowbrook this Friday and Saturday.



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Dashing for glory

Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley held its annual Run for the Kids: Superhero Hustle 5K Run/2-Mile Walk on Saturday, Oct. 5. The start/finish line for the run/walk was located in front of the Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley facility at 830 S. Addison Ave., Villa Park. Participants were encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero. More than 500 people ran, walked or rolled in the event, which raised over \$60,000 to benefit the mission of Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley—to ensure that children with disabilities and their families are empowered. After the run/walk, there was a brief kids dash in the facility's parking lot. Two photos show some of the competitors in the kids dash. The entertainment after the run/walk included live music, as well as a performance from the Jesse White Tumblers.

