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Still going strong...

Sequoits pick up big win

By Dan Moore

Baseball

The Sequoit baseball team split games in a big doubleheader match-up last Saturday with the Libertyville Wildcats.

With a great start to the season the Sequoits had a huge games against defending North Suburban Lake division champion Libertyville, and picked up a major win in the first game of this critical doubleheader.

In the first game we could have seen one of the biggest, or possibly the biggest pitching match-up in the county this season. Sequoits ace lefty Chris Malec took on Libertyville's ace lefty John Dwan in the first game.

Dwan pitched a great game and retired the first 11 Sequoit batters, and finished the game with 6 strikeouts. Malec received the support he needed to pick up the win in the game when the Sequoit offense powered

back late in the game. In the fifth inning senior first baseman Scott Straub hit a RBI single to bring home junior second baseman Nick Severson. Later in the game the Sequoits loaded the bases off of a Libertyville fielding error. Then Straub came up big again when he hit a ground ball to short, and when another Wildcat error came up and Straub was able to reach base on a fielders choice to tie the game. Malec then came up big a hit a single to win himself the game, 3-2.

In the second game, Kevin Pendergast took the mound in his second start of the season. In his first start of the season Pendergast suffered a tough loss on the mound to the Palatine Pirates.

Libertyville started off strong with two runs in the second inning. The Sequoits struck back in the sixth when junior right fielder Scott Coles hit an RBI double to bring the team within two, but the Sequoits couldn't quite catch up to the Wildcats and dropped a tough second loss of the season 4-2.

The Sequoits pulled off a big save on Fri. April 19 when they were forced to finish a

game that was called off the night before due to weather.

The Lake Forest Scouts came to Antioch on Thurs. April 18 to take on the Sequoits and the Scouts went up by 3 runs before lightning set in and the game was delayed until the next day.

Friday was a completely different story though. The Sequoits came in down by 3 runs and so they knew they had a big job at hand.

"We all had the feeling that we were going to come back. When the game was delayed on Thursday, we had the momentum to win," said senior third baseman Ryan Callanan.

After the seventh inning the game was tied with 11 runs and the boys were forced into extra innings. In the bottom of the eleventh they were tied 11-11 when Joe finkelberg hit the game winning homerun to bring the Sequoits record to 15-1.

Next Tuesday the Stevenson Patriots will be coming to Antioch for the first of back to back games. The games should be good ones, with both teams being some of the best in the conference.

After a great start to the season these games should be great ones. As of Sat. April 20 the Sequoits were 15-2, third in the con-



Photo by Andy Pruski
STRIKE: In a huge match-up of lefty's Chris Malec (left) took on Libertyville's John Dwan (top) in a battle that could be the best of the year in Lake County. With the assistance of his talented and very experienced senior catcher, Chris Kocinski (far left), and the offensive support of his team, Malec was able to pull off a big win against last years conference champion Wildcats.



ference behind the Patriots and the Mundelein Mustangs. The team has a great offensive ability with an overall batting average of .346.

The Sequoits competed against the Round Lake Panthers last Tuesday, Highland Park Giants Wednesday, and the Vernon Hills Cougars yesterday. Results were unavailable at press time.



ACHS dances to a second and third in state

By Ben Newton & Andy Pruski

Dance Team

After excelling at the State Championship for the last two years, the Antioch Community High School varsity dance team didn't disappoint this year. Antioch finished third in the funk category, losing only to H.D. Jacobs, and St. Charles. In the kick category, they took second behind Fremd.

"We were extremely happy with a third in funk, because funk is the most prestigious category, and with the second in kick, it could have gone either way. It was really close, but Fremd was extremely good, so we weren't too upset that they won," said Antioch junior, and varsity dance co-captain Ashley Ginascol.

The competition took place at the University of Illinois, Assembly Hall in Champagne.

For sophomore member Amy Shouse, it was her first

performance since she suffered an injury early in the year.

"The feeling performing on that floor for the first time ever this year was so incredible," said Shouse.

When it mattered most, the Antioch dance team performed their best.

"We thought that we had done the best we had ever done in both routines, especially kick, we were extremely happy with what we accomplished," said Ginascol.

The girls decided that their goal going into the state competition was not to necessarily win, but to perform their routines to the best of their ability.

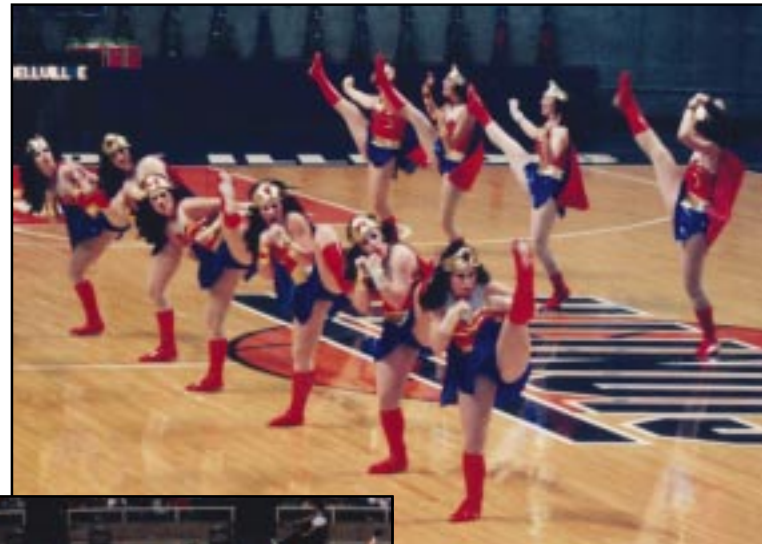
Overall, the girls feel that the state competition was a positive end to the season.

"We really pulled together and became a team, and it really helped out with our performance at state. We danced as a team and had the

best performance of the year. We felt very accomplished with what we did and we were very happy with placing 2nd and 3rd in the whole state of Illinois," said ACHS varsity member Lindsey Bailey.

For the 2002 and 2003 dance season there will be 12 returning members. Captains were announced to the girls April 16. The captains for next year are Heather Axton and Lauren Popp.

The co-captains for next year are Lindsey Bailey and Ashley Ginascol.



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KICKIN' IT: The Dance team competed at the State competition held at University of Illinois- Champaign-Urbana where they took a second behind Fremd High School for kick with their superhero routine and a third in funk with their Smooth Criminal routine.

