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Sequoits suffer from back to back losses

By Kellie Rouse

Boys Basketball

With the winter basketball season fully underway, the Antioch Community High School boys' basketball team holds a record of 7-13 as of the Vernon Hills game last Saturday.

The main theme and goal of the season seems to be the same – consistency.

"At this point in the season, we are just trying to stay consistent from quarter to quarter," said ACHS Varsity coach Jeff Dresser.

Senior starters Tom Woodruff and Brian Walsh seem to be the most consistent, according to Dresser. Woodruff holds an average of 6.6 points per game for the Sequoits, while Walsh holds an average 9.4.

In an average game, Woodruff will obtain a total of four rebounds. Walsh will usually have an average of 5.9 rebounds.

Seniors Allen Patin and Josh Bonner have also been quite consistent, according to Dresser.

Patin holds an average of 8.6 points scored per game, while Bonner holds an average of 7.6.

To have gained two wins against Lake Forest, 47-37, and Waukegan, 56-53, the Sequoits just "refined what [the team] was doing," said Dresser.

"We're making adjustments where there are problems. Right now we can't get real major. We're just looking for more options to be positive."

Due to a long winter break, the Sequoits weren't as prepared for the game against Mundelein as they had hoped.

"It was our first game after Christmas, and we looked like we had a long break," said Dresser.

Mundelein had the advantage of having a previous game before their game against the Sequoits.

"We're doing the things we can do to be consistent in our game. We don't worry about what we can't control. We're working towards the future."

Another big loss for the Sequoits occurred at the Zion-Benton game.

"We just over-maxed ourselves that day," said Dresser.

Last weekend's two home games both proved to be unsuccessful for the Sequoits. They lost 36-48 on Friday night to Vernon Hills and 43-55 to Libertyville on Saturday night.

Junior forward Nick Severson is one of the few juniors to be getting varsity time. Severson leads the juniors with the highest average of points scored per game and rebounds per game.

Following closely behind Severson, junior guard Ryan Bell holds the second highest average of points scored per game and rebounds per game for juniors.

Although the team is very senior dominated, the juniors work especially hard in practice.

"It's a learning process," said Dresser.

"This is a great group to work with. They come to practice to learn, work hard, and get better. They go into games to do the best they can. They want to get better," said

Dresser, of his Varsity Sequoits.

"What's in the past is done. We're looking towards the future."

The Sequoit boys last home game of the season will be tomorrow at 7:30 against North Chicago.



Photo by Matt Ward

UNDER PRESSURE: Senior forward Ray Norton goes up for a shot under pressure. Norton has scored 39 points on the season.



Photo by Kellie Rouse

YOU CAN'T STOP HIM: Senior guard Brian Walsh brings the ball down the floor and sets up for one of his "never-fail" three pointers.

Lindenhurst Police League offers alternative for area athletes

By Andy Pruski

For those basketball players who don't have time to play for the school team, there's an alternative.

It's called Lindenhurst Police League basketball.

The program was originally started by John Miller, and Chief Jablonski, and is currently being run by Jim Stout.

"It was quite a bit of work to get it started, we had to rent the gym, get the basketballs, hire the refs, and get sponsors for the teams," said Miller.

According to Stout, it was originally a way to help teenagers.

"It started out as a way to help keep troubled teenagers off the streets for one night a week," said Stout.

He went on to say, "It was also a good way for officers to interact with teenagers, and vice versa."

Miller agreed, "It gives kids of 13-18 years of age something to do, because there's no more little league."

The Police league season is in full swing, and the competition is better than ever.

"There is a wide range of talent, a lot of the guys are pretty good, and could be playing on their high school team," said Stout.

The games occur every Friday night at B.J. Hooper grade school.

One of the reasons that players choose to play Police League over their high school team is because

they don't have time for practices.

"If you play for the school it's more of a chore," said Jared Stolarik, one of the players in the league.

One of the players on the undefeated M.G.N. Safe & Lock team, Luke Acuff, agreed, "It's fun because you don't have practices or anything like that."

It also offers a less tense a more fun type of game play.

"It's more enjoyable because you get to play with your friends," said Stolarik.

Mantas Valeika, who plays for the Lindenfest team had this to say.

"It's fun because it's less practice, and more play time. It's also not as strict as playing for the school."

Recently, Jeff Huebner, the starting forward for the boys varsity basketball team, left the team and is currently playing Police League basketball.

"Mainly it's just a lot of fun, everyone is just out there to have a good time," said Huebner

Huebner is another player playing for the M.G.N. Safe & Lock team. Since leaving the varsity team and joining Police League, Huebner has noticed a difference.

"There isn't as much competition but some are good enough to play varsity basketball."



BREAK AWAY: ACHS Senior Matt Green steals the ball and makes a fast break for the easy two in a win over Lindenfest.



Photos by Andy Pruski

FAST BREAK: Junior Jesse Bayer takes the ball down the floor, past two Lindenfest defenders. McDonalds defeated Lindenfest in the first game of the night, 60-41. Mc Donalds is currently 3-2 while Lindenfest is win-less with a record of 0-5.