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Bowlers reach uncharted territory. . .

Antioch advances to State Meet

By Matt Ward

Bowling

The Antioch bowling team advanced to the State meet for the first time ever and senior Susan Carlson also advanced in the individual competition.

In the beginning of the season the Antioch Community High School's Girls' bowling team set a goal—to go to the state tournament.

On Feb. 8 they accomplished their goal when they went to Rockford to compete against the top 24 bowling teams in the state.

Out of 123 teams statewide that competed only 12 positions were open for teams to move onto the next tournament. The ACHS bowling team ended up with a placing of 19 and were not able to move on.

This is the first team to go down to state since 1994 and the team was pleased just to make it.

"It was just great to get there," said senior varsity bowler Susan Carlson, "That was our goal and we achieved it."

The team had to be one of the best in the state to make it as far as they did and most of them contribute their success to one thing.

"It had a lot to do with teamwork," said Carlson.

The team had troubles adjusting to the different conditions when they played anywhere but home and it came into play at the tournament.

We are going to have to be able to adjust to other conditions and being on the road," said the head coach, Steve Haenchen, "... we started a little slow that we wanted."

There were also numerous other differences to their

normal conditions that contributed to their rank.

"There is a lot of pressure at state," said Bobbie Haenchen, who is a member on the coaching staff, "The noise level was unbelievable."

Despite all of the obstacles at state the team still kept in high spirits.

"The only tears we saw were when we made state," said Bobbie.

The team is hopeful for next year and only has three varsity members that will be leaving.

"It will be a goal for everyone," said Bobbie, "They have a taste of it now so they might have better drive [for next year]."

Not only it look as if the team is going to have the drive but also is showing good promise for next year.

"They have really good potential for next year," said Carlson "As long as they work together they can do it"

After starting of slow the coaches sent in members of the varsity team to give them experience. Tricia Moore was one of the bowlers sent in, and is showing promise for next year.



Photo by Matt Ward

STRIKE: Senior Susan Carlson was the first bowler to compete in the individual state competition in 4 years. She finished with a score of 1042 and did not place in state

Sequoits boys basketball picks up a big win to advance in the state tournament

By Kellie Rouse

Boys Basketball

The Antioch Community High School's boys' basketball team certainly proved themselves worthy in the last games of the season finishing up with a record of 9-17.

Depending on the outcome of their past Tuesday game against the Highland Park Giants. Game results were not available at press time. If the Sequoits won they will be playing the winner of the Grayslake and Grant game.

Earlier this season, the Sequoits played Highland Park in a tournament and lost by one point.

"We are going to use our previous experience with Highland Park to our advantage. We know we can play with them, and I know we have a realistic chance of beating them, although we will have to play at a very high level," said ACHS varsity coach Jeff Dresser.

By the looks of the game against Round Lake on Tuesday, February 19, the Sequoits are coming together quite nicely.

The boys went into double overtime with the Round Lake Panthers. One may think double overtime happens only once in a while in high school basketball—but not for the Antioch Sequoits.

Four days before, at the Mundelein away game on Friday, February 15, the boys went into double overtime and lost.

Near the end of the first overtime, the Sequoits were up by three, but Mundelein's Hawkins hit a three point shot to tie the game.

With 12 seconds left in the second overtime, Mundelein got fouled by the Sequoits

and made its free throws, meaning a loss for the Sequoits.

This was not the case for the Round Lake game, though. The Sequoits won with a score of 57-53.

Senior starter Brian Walsh definitely proved his self in this game.

In just the first quarter, he scored a total of 11 points, with 14 points at half time. Twelve of those 14 points were from his four three-point shots that he made by the end of the first half.

Walsh then went on to hit three three-point shots in the second half and seven more points, giving Walsh a total of 30 points for the game. This was a career high for Walsh.

He also tied with the record for more three-point shots made in a game, seven.

"He came up big in double overtime. He definitely played to his strength," said Dresser of Walsh's performance.

Josh Bonner also stood strong throughout the game, scoring a total of 16 points.

With Senior Tom Woodruff out with an injury, junior Nick Severson started in his place. Severson scored a total of four points for the team, with five rebounds and four assists.

Previously in the season, Severson came up and played for Josh Bonner when he was also out with an injury.

"He played a good game," said Dresser of Severson.

In a addition of Severson, junior Ryan Bell also got some playing time.

This season was very awarding, according to Dresser. He gives a lot of credit to the players because they wanted to improve.

"The boys came to practice to work hard and gave it their best shots. They liked to practice, and therefore, we got better throughout the second half of the season," said Dresser.

Got better they did. By the end of the second half of the season, the Sequoits' shooting, rebound and three point percentages improved from the first half.



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STRONG TO THE HOOP: Senior Josh Bonner goes up for the two under pressure against a Round Lake defender. The Sequoits picked up the win 57-53 in a double overtime game.