



## Sequoits stun Wildcats...

# Boys track travels to Leyden Saturday

By Tim Lorenzini

The Sequoits boys track team will compete in their first invitational this season at Leyden on Saturday.

ACHS junior distance runner Jim Beatty competed in the invitational last year. He stated that the team placed third at last year's invitational and plans to repeat their performance.

"There's not a whole lot of competition down there [Leyden]," said Beatty.

This year's team will have to depend on their distance and field events to carry them through the season.

On April 10, the team defeated Libertyville. This was a considerable feat for the Sequoits according to Beatty because Libertyville is an perennial powerhouse in the conference.

Beatty went on to give the field events credit for the victory.

"[The field events] really helped us out. [Ryan] Jordan threw well and Oleg [Sokolov] won the high jump again," said Beatty.

Senior thrower Ryan Jordan threw the discus 151' 11" at the first meet, beating his personal best by two feet.

"I already managed to beat my last year's throw by two feet... starting the year out with a PR [personal record] is gigantic... an excellent way to start out the season," said Jordan.

Jordan went on to say that his goals for this season consist of qualifying for state and increasing his disc throw to 170'.

Weight coach Ted Sieckowski feels that the team has performed considerably well so far.

"We [the throwers] scored a lot of the team's points last year. In the first meet we did the same and hope to the rest of the season," said Sieckowski.

One hopeful prospect for this year's team is a transfer from Niles North. Oleg Sokolov, ACHS junior, is currently the top high jumper for the Sequoits.

His goals include clearing the 6'4" mark, which is also



Junior Oleg Sokolov is the most successful high jumper that the Sequoits have this year. He has won two consecutive meet this year against Crystal Lake Central and Libertyville.

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the state qualifying height.

Sokolov feels that he carries an advantage over many of his competitors because his father use to be a high jump coach in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Distance runner and ACHS junior Andy Napier would like to see his team place well in the conference but is doubtful the team will. Personally, he wants to just do his part on the team and hope the best for his teammates. "Track is such an individual sport. It's not at all like basketball where your performance effects the rest of the team. I just try to do my part and control the controllable," said Napier.

ACHS junior distance runner David Dee has had a slow start to his season.

"I'm not in the shape I need to be in. I didn't do all the winter running I should have," said Dee.

Dee went on to praise his fellow distance runner Beatty for his dedication.

"[Beatty] was the only one out there all winter. He's in tip-top shape... he really sets the example for the rest of us," said Dee.

According to senior pole vaulter Eric Fletcher, a major problem for this year's team is the 'extremely' slow start to the pole vault program.

Fletcher stated that the pole vault pit had yet to be completed and remained uncompleted at press time.

Fletcher reported that the pole vaulting equipment was not complete in time for the first home meet. He said that without these things the pole vault event is prohibited by the IHSA and the team cannot practice.

Because the facility was not up to IHSA standards, the team was forced to forfeit the event to Libertyville in last week's meet.

"We usually have a couple of weeks or practice before meets even start... this year the first time I pole vaulted was at the Crystal Lake Central meet," said Fletcher.

Fletcher claimed that he cleared three marks [one and a half feet] lower than his personal best.

ACHS Athletic Director Steve Schoenfelder claimed that the main reason for the pit not being completed was poor weather and that it should be completed soon.

"[The pole vault pit] should be done Monday," said Schoenfelder.

Fletcher believes this is no excuse.

"I can't believe they have time to reseed the football field but don't have enough time to fix things right now with the pole vault. It's embarrassing when

other schools come here and we have to forfeit the event because we don't even have a pit to vault in," said Fletcher.



Juniors Andy Napier and Jim Beatty compete in the 3200 meter race. Napier ended up winning the race.

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-Andy Napier  
varsity track member

# Inexperienced team struggles

By Lindsey Bailey and Andy Pruski

## Boys Volleyball

The Antioch Community High School varsity boys volleyball team will be looking for their first victory of the season this Saturday at the Lake County Invitational being held at Stevenson High School.

"Our goals for the tournament are to serve the ball better and hopefully come away with our first victory," said ACHS junior and varsity member Matt Carlson.

After the tournament, the Sequoits have games on the road Tuesday against Waukegan, and Wednesday against Mundelein.

"It's going to be a tough week for us, we've been struggling all season long, and it's always a little tougher going to someone else's gym and playing," said ACHS junior Tom Rompella.

So far this season the varsity Sequoits have been hitting the ball well, but have had problems with their accuracy in passing. Their biggest weakness at this point, however, is still their serving, which they have been working on.

"Passing is one of the biggest factors in winning a game, and we've been having problems in that area as well as with our serving," said Tom Rompella, "Hopefully we can improve on that and start making games closer, and maybe even start winning a few."

Last Friday the Sequoits lost two straight matches to the Zion Benton Zee Bees. They lost the first match 16-14 and the second match 15-8.

"We got into a slump during the second game. I think they served 14 straight points, and then we started rallying a little, but still came up short," said Carlson.

The two losses dropped their record to 0-7 on the season. With two varsity members recently dropping, the team is now down to only eight varsity players.

"This is just another obstacle that the team has to overcome. I think we'll be in good shape; we just have to stay focused. In the long run it will hopefully help us play better and grow together as a team," said Rompella.



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ACHS junior Tom Rompella has been a starter on the varsity team for two years. Here, he is serving at a game against Deerfield.