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Losing streak ends at five with 2-point victory over Wauconda

By Aaron Patin and Andy Pruski

Boys Basketball

The Antioch Community High School boys basketball team, looks to improve on their 3-6 record tonight at Stevenson, when they face the Patriots. With a record of 6-1, the Patriots have gotten off to a strong start

"To beat them, we have to play hard, work together, be patient and move the ball around," said senior varsity starter Ryan Bell.

The Sequoits got off to a good start winning two of their first three games. They then went on to lose five straight before beating Wauconda by two points last week.

"I think it was a combination of the schedule getting tougher, and us not executing as well as we did before," said junior varsity starter Kyle White.

One of the biggest problem areas for Antioch this year, has been their defense.

"We've got to stick to our defensive game-plan and play tight D," said White.

Head coach Jeff Dresser also thinks that one of the reason Antioch has struggled early on is inexperience.

"We're making a little progress, we are going to be a work in progress all season," said Dresser. "Our goal this season is to grow as a team and individually."

Though Antioch only beat Wauconda by two points, according to Bell, a win is still a win.

"We played tough and hard, and we came out on top and that's all that's the most important thing," said Bell.

One of the keys to Antioch's victory over Wauconda was the tight defense they played late in the fourth.

"We stole a victory out of the jaws of defeat," said Dresser, "I'm

glad we won the game, our defense down the stretch was real good."

Following the Stevenson game, Antioch will be traveling to

Glenbard West, to compete in the four-game Glenbard West Invitational. Their games will be against DeLasalle, Timothy Christian and Fenton. The final team they will play has not been announced yet.

"Our main problems are taking care of the ball, and rebounding. If we can control those, we'll be in good shape," said Dresser

Another aspect Antioch needs to work on is getting off to better starts.

"We need to start getting off to quicker starts. A lot of times,

we start off slow and get frustrated. If we start the game strong, everything should come into place," said White.



Photos by Tim Lorenzini
Juniors Richard Brown (left) and Eric Leer (above) are just two of the seven juniors playing on the varsity squad.

On the right track...

Dancers take 1st in funk and kick

By Andy Pruski

Dance

The Antioch Community High School dance team will look to add to their strong start on Sat., Dec. 12 when they compete at Warren High School.

They will be competing in the funk, dance and kick categories.

"Our main goal is to stay consistent with our routines," said senior varsity captain Lauren Popp.

The competition appears to be greater at Warren.

"The hardest competition at Warren is St. Charles East ,

and we haven't even seen Stevenson yet, so we don't know what to expect from them," said head coach Sam Griffin

Though just the third competition of the season, the dancers are already confident about the team's chance of success.

"We'd like to come home with 3 firsts [at Warren]," said senior varsity captain Heather Axton.

According to senior co-captain Lindsey Bailey, one of the main parts the team has been focusing on most in practice is lines and formations.

"We know all the moves, now we just have to get our lines straight and our formations correctly spaced," said Bailey.

The last competition Antioch competed in was at Argo High School, where they took two firsts, and one third. The two first place awards were for their funk and kick routine, and the third was for dance.

"We did well, but we still have a lot of work to do," said Popp.

Along with the first place with their funk routine, Antioch also received the highest score of the day for their funk routine. This meant that they had the opportunity to accept an invitation to super-sectionals for their funk routine, which the team denied.

"We can only take two routines to state, and we have three, so we still need to decide which two we want to stick with," said Bailey.

According to Popp, the team has been spending equal time on each of their routines during practice.

"Before the last competition [Argo] we were mainly working on kick, but now we are trying to divide up the time in practice," said Popp.

Last year, there were 17 varsity members, but this year there are 24. For twelve of the girls, this is their first year on the varsity team.

"We have a lot of girls and a lot of talent this year," said Griffin.

The dancers hope to qualify to the state finals, which will be held on March 15 at Assembly Hall.



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The Sequoits dance team has been able to overcome much adversity this year, including having 12 girls who are new to the varsity level. Currently, the team consists of 4 freshman, 4 sophomores, 7 juniors, and 9 seniors. Their upcoming regular season schedule includes competitions on Dec. 12 at Warren, Feb. 1 at Palatine and Feb. 16 at Stevenson. Super-Sectionals will be held on March 1 at Harlem High School, followed by the state competition, which will be held on March 15 at Assembly Hall in Champaign. Last year at state Antioch took 2nd in kick, and 3rd in funk.

