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## Girls tennis qualifies two teams for state

By Ashley Ginascol

The Antioch Community High School girls tennis team has been in deep concentration this week preparing two doubles teams to represent ACHS at the state competition being held this weekend. Seniors Jen Buhrmester and Dina Izenstark will be playing in the number one doubles position while senior Ashleigh Honaker and sophomore Ashley Jensen will be representing the number two doubles position. "It is such an awesome feeling to make it to state. We are really

pumped up," said Honaker.

The last time ACHS was present at a state tournament was in 1999 with the doubles pairing of Jenny Rogers and Kristen Jensen.

Teams had to qualify to the state competition at the Warren sectional where Buhrmester and Izenstark placed first, and Honaker and Jensen placed third.

Buhrmester and Izenstark beat the number one team from Warren with which they were 0-3 in regular season play.

"Their play was right on the money," said ACHS varsity tennis coach Bryan Plinske.

They also went on to beat teams from Grant and Zion.

### Girls Tennis

Honaker and Jensen had similar success with wins over Grayslake and Johnsbury.

"They [Honaker and Jensen] had a long road ahead of them, but you could tell both girls wanted it," said Plinske.

Junior Kelly Clarke played in the number one singles position at sectionals, and senior Beckie Tobiaski played at number two singles.

Tobiaski started out the season playing doubles, but sprained her ankle at the McHenry Invitational three weeks ago. Once her ankle healed she returned as a singles player.

"Beckie had singles experience from last year, so we put her in at number two singles for sectionals," said Plinske. Looking forward to state, the teams' goals are to at least win one round of play. There are 128 doubles teams that will be competing in the tournament. "The competition will be fierce, but if Dina and Jen play the way that they did at sectionals, there's no telling how far they will go," said Plinske.

The state tournament is being held at Hersey High School Thurs. Oct. 24 through Sat. Oct. 26. Results that have already concluded were not available at press time.



**RETURNING THE FAVOR:** Senior Ashleigh Honaker returns a volley from a Grayslake opponent. It has been three years since ACHS has sent a tennis team to the state tournament. This year ACHS is sending two doubles teams to the tourney which is this weekend.



Photos by Ashley Ginascol

**REACH:** Sophomore Ashley Jensen switched from singles to doubles midway through the season. She is now partnered with Ashleigh Honaker in the number two doubles position.

## Football looks for final win tonight

By Andy Pruski

### Football

The Antioch Community High School Sequoits look to end their season on a high note with a victory on the road against Mundelein tonight.

The Sequoits lost to the Libertyville Wildcats last Saturday, moving their record to 1-7 on the season. Mundelein also suffered a loss this past weekend, to the Stevenson Patriots, dropping their record to 5-3.

"We're pretty much on the same level as them with talent and size, the only difference would be the records," said Antioch's inside linebacker Scott Gehrke.

Head coach Del Pechauer thinks that having a quick hitting offense will be key to winning their game tonight.

"Their defense is very quick, we have to go right at them," he said.

The Mustangs offensive attack is led by senior running back James Hawkins.

Despite his lack of size, 5'4", 150 lbs, he is still the biggest offensive threat the Mustangs have.

"The key is Hawkins, he's really short and he's fast, the kid is a burner," said defensive coordinator Mike Gordy, "Our focus will be containing the speed of Hawkins."

Though the Sequoits are not eligible to make the playoffs, the Mustangs are not guaranteed a spot with only five wins.

Only a few teams who have five wins don't make the playoffs.

The teams with five wins are judged on strength of schedule, and then the decision will be made as to who will make the playoffs.

Improving their record would also help Mundelein face an easier opponent if they make the playoffs.

"They really want to be 6-3 to get a better playoff match-up," said Gordy.

In last Saturday's game against Libertyville, the Sequoits lost 35-7. Despite the final score, the game was closer than the score indicated; the score at halftime was 14-7.

"To only be down by seven at half is really saying

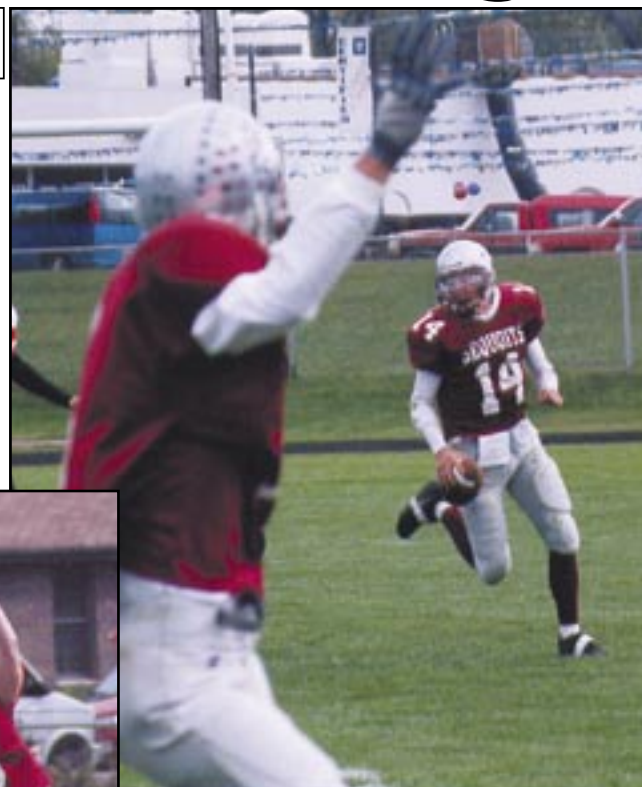
something," said Gordy.

Though they only scored seven in the first half, the offense was able to put together drives, and keep Libertyville's offense off the field.

"We hit some passes early, and it really opened things up with the running game. In the second half, we weren't hitting those receivers and that had a lot to do with what hurt the running game," said Pechauer.

According to Gehrke, the Wildcats just did a better job adjusting.

"They made a lot of halftime adjustments, we did good the first half, but we didn't make many adjustments at half time," said Gehrke.



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**UNDER PRESSURE:** Senior quarterback Brad Hoogerhyde looks to complete a pass to junior Eric Lear on Saturday (above). Junior Chris Petersen leaps up to block a pass against Libertyville (left). The Sequoits are 1-7 in regular season play and have one more chance better that record when they play at Mundelein tonight. Mundelein is currently 5-3. Kickoff tonight is at 7:30.