

Dance qualifies for State

Sequoits kick their way to Champaign to reclaim title

By Korin Knutson

The Antioch Sequoits will look to reclaim their kick state title tomorrow. The team's biggest rivals this season are Fremd, St. Charles East, Stevenson and Lake Zurich. These four teams along with Antioch have all rotated through the first place position.

"There is a lot of competition between Antioch and those four teams. They have all been first. So [first place] is pretty much up for grabs," said ACHS teacher and head dance coach Carissa Parker.

The dance team will travel to Champaign for the twelfth consecutive year to perform at State along with 139 other teams.

Antioch's biggest rival for hip-hop is H.D. Jacobs High School.

"Jacobs has been on all year, they have been placing first at every single competition," said ACHS student and team captain Kaja Milovanovic.

The team made many minor changes in their hip-hop routine, prior to the competition but changed it entirely last month.

"Our routine had not been getting the type of results we had anticipated, so we re-did it," said Parker. "Although the changes helped, we're at a disadvantage because we have had less time to practice it. Jacobs has a more solid routine because they've been working with it all season."

Some of the girls see kick as their stronger routine.

"We definitely have a better chance with kick only because no

other team has held first place all season," said Milovanovic.

The team is focused on making no mistakes out on the floor.

"One mistake could be crucial. It really could make or break our chance for first," said ACHS junior and co-captain Kristy Breitbach.

One thing that posed difficulty for the team was the judges.

"The judges were harder and really inconsistent this year, but the

and will be returning as coach next year.

"The season went well, there were a lot of positive things. I'm excited to return next year, I'll be more prepared than I was this year," said Parker.

Parker came in having no idea how the season would go but was very proud of what the girls accomplished this season.

"We have done a lot this year. As a squad, we have accomplished a lot," said Parker.

Team members have similar feelings.

"The team this year was really up for change.

That was good because we had to deal with a lot of change especially with our routines," said ACHS junior and dance team member Kellie Davis.

Breitbach said, "The season may be ending, but our biggest feat is yet to come."

Parker's one goal is for the girls to be satisfied about their performance.

"My one goal is for the girls is to walk off the floor with no regrets. I don't want them to say they missed a kick.

I want them to feel they did their best," said Parker.

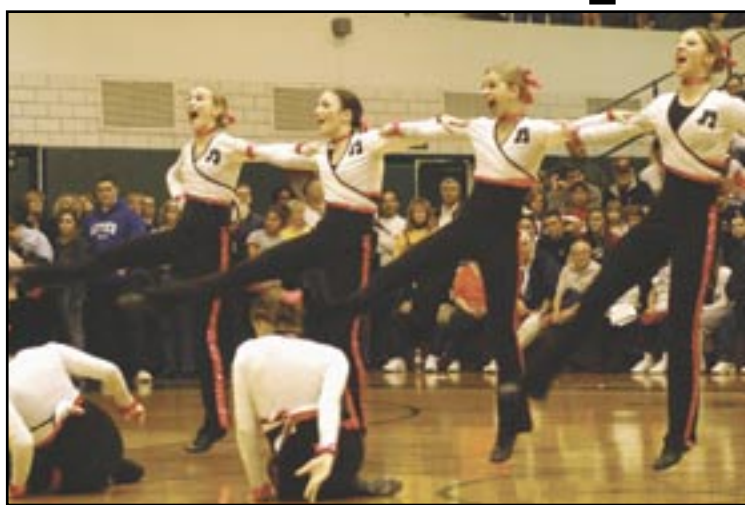
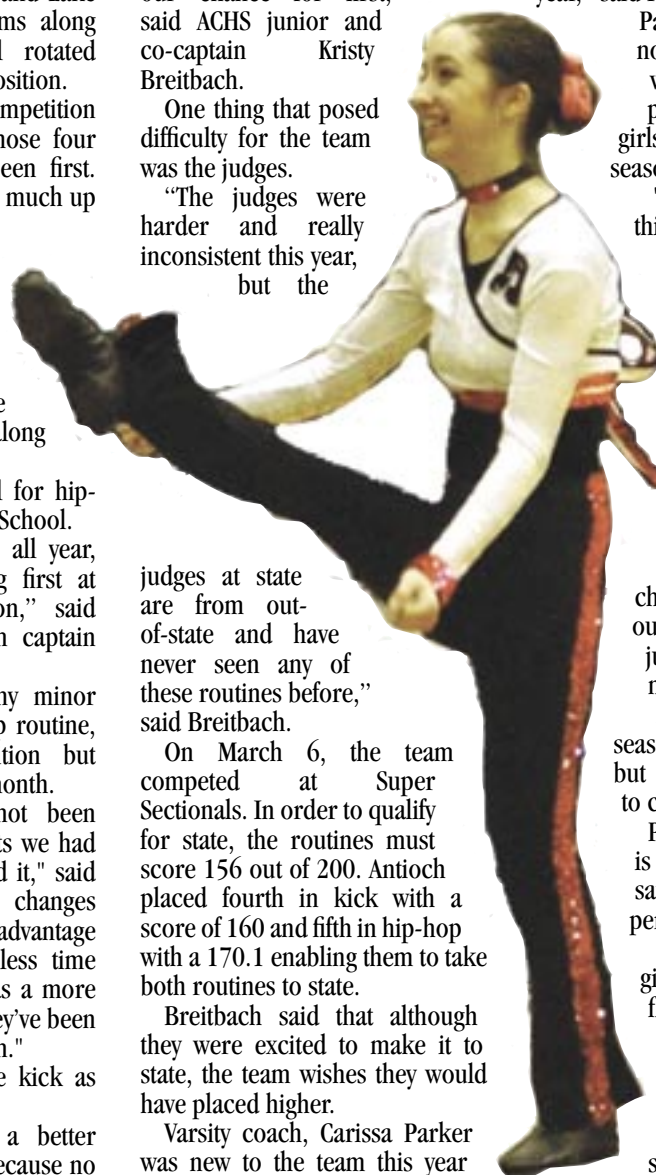


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The Sequoits competed at Super Sectionals on March 6. The team scored 173.1 in kick and 160 in hip-hop qualifying them for state in Champaign.



Pazanin takes third in 3-point showdown

ACHS junior travels to Peoria for state finals

By Jillian Perzigian

Antioch Community High School junior Martin Pazanin, who went to Bradley University to participate in the IHSA King of the Hill three-point shoot out, took third place overall in class AA.

Pazanin started the competition at an ACHS basketball team practice. Each player shot five shots from the right wing, five shots from the left wing and five shots straight on. This was the standard procedure for the advancing competition.

"Kyle White [ACHS senior] and I tied. We had to have a shoot off, which I won. Therefore, I went to regionals," said Pazanin.

Although Pazanin beat him, White had no hard feelings.

"I'm proud of him," said White. "We knew he was one of the best three point shooters on the team, so we were not that surprised."

From there, Pazanin advanced to regionals, which were held at ACHS in the north gym. At regionals, he competed against 20 players from 5 teams: Grant, Warren, Round Lake, North Chicago, and Antioch. To prepare for the competitions, Pazanin practiced everyday after school at Millburn with Millburn

basketball coach Dan Jazo.

Each team had four people participate and, from the regionals, only four advanced. Those four went to sectionals, held at the Waukegan High School gym, which is also known to the students as the "Dawg Pound" because of the mascot the Bulldogs.

There were sixteen players and Pazanin was one of the four to advance to state held at the Carver Arena in Peoria.

In the preliminary round at state, there were 64 competitors and 60 were cut in the first day. Then the competition resumed in two days where Pazanin shot and placed

Looking back on the whole experience, it was awesome on how far I made it.

-Martin Pazanin

-ACHS Junior



Photo courtesy of Dorothy Pazanin

Pazanin was shown on the scoreboard while preparing for a shot. He went to state for the King of the Hill 3-point showdown. It took place at the Carver Arena and Pazanin placed third out of 64 contestants.

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"Overall I am pleased with the accomplishments I have achieved. It was a great ride. The whole time I was on an emotional high," said Pazanin

The contest was broadcasted Saturday March 20 on channel 20 before the start of the IHSA tournament games.

"I did wonderful and I am so glad I could represent Antioch so well," said Pazanin.