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Sequoits move to Regionals



Photo by Chip Leffleman

Sophomore Sean Hertz crosses-over an opponent from Mundelein. With the loss of players at the beginning of the season, the Sequoits only have three seniors on the varsity team. Regardless, the boy's move to Regionals.

By Kristen Baiocchi

With the loss of four players at the beginning of this season, the Varsity boys basketball team has gone through its fair share of trials and tribulations this season.

"I think one of our main problems this season has been the number of players we lost at the very beginning," said Chandler Kent, ACHS junior. "The guys that left obviously thought there were better and more important things to do."

Alex McKenzie, ACHS junior agrees with Kent, but also looks at it in a positive light.

"It showed us who really wanted to be here and who didn't," said McKenzie. "Plus it helped those who will play next year to gain more experience to become even better players."

Due to the loss of those four players, the Sequoits were left with only three seniors on Varsity. They included Randel Williams, Chad Ori, and Martin Pazanin.

Another main problem that the team has run into this season, according to Coach Tom Duffy, has been inconsistency.

"We just can't seem to play the entire ball game all the way through for the entire 32 minutes," said Duffy. "When we've not gone out and fully played those 32 minutes we'll run into a team such as Libertyville and allow them to score and have a super-sized run."

Although Duffy claims the Sequoits have gotten better at playing the entire ball game, they allowed Libertyville to score 24-4 in only eight minutes.

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WINTER WRAP-UP

Sometimes you wanted to get off your seat and cheer; Other times you wanted to cry. That was the kind of enthusiasm and emotion that was involved in the 2004-2005 winter sports season at Antioch Community High School.



Wrestling

The wrestling squad had a rough go this year under the guidance of head coach Wilbur Borrero. They were led by seniors Brad Lindstrom, Scott Miller, and Ryan Cashmore, along with junior Nick Ward. Sophomore Tyler Hall had a great run in the playoffs, with an opening round win in the Barrington Sectional against a Hersey opponent. Hall's record at the end of the season was .500 at the 14-14 mark.

Girl's Gymnastics

The girls' gymnastics team suffered a major blow when senior star Angel Simonini hurt her ankle during the last stretch of the season. Simonini had made it down to state her sophomore year and barely missed state last year as a junior. Because of the ankle injury, she was not able to compete and get another shot at qualifying for state competition.



Girl's Bowling

The girls' bowling team was filled with excitement as they sent senior Rachel Kerner down to state at Cherry Bowl in Rockford. After the first day in Rockford, Kerner was sitting in great position, knocking down a total of 1,231 pins during six games. One of those games



was a 277, which included an amazing nine straight strikes. She was sitting in fourth place at days end, but did not have the heroics the second day and fell 12 pins short of advancing to the final round.

-Martin Pazanin

Girl's fall short, stay optimistic

By Tiffany Chilcote

With their season now coming to a close, the girl's basketball team fought hard to make it to the second round of regionals, but fell short to Grant 47 to 32.

With a very strong first half in the game on Feb. 15, the girls proved to Grant and their fans that they "have the strength and the will-power to beat anyone", according to Don Zeman, girls' varsity basketball coach.

"We fought like heck, and had good defense," said Zeman. "Unfortunately so did Grant, and I have to give them props for a well played game."

Before the girls took on Grant, they were certain that they could put up a good fight. According to Gina Florian, ACHS senior, they were confident about their defense, but worried about shooting.

"I think our defense will be our biggest strength," Florian said before the game, "But we really need to get the ball through the hoop. Our shooting percentage

hasn't been so hot."

Antioch learned what Grant's playing level was when they played a conference game at Antioch on Friday, Feb. 11. According to Zeman, they knew what they needed to improve on before the big game on Tuesday.

"We constantly reminded each other that in order to have fun we need to work hard to successfully perform out on the court. Even if the score doesn't show it, we know if we worked hard as a team or not," said Florian.

According to Loren Scarbrough, ACHS senior, "There was definitely a difference in the way we played Tuesday night than on Friday night. On Tuesday, the girls wanted to win and their intensity level stepped up a notch."

The Lady Sequoits fell short of the second round and ended up with a .250 season and an ending record of 7-21.

While the season may be over, look for Florian and Holly Roberts in the second round of the three point shoot-out.



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Senior Gina Florian drives to the lane past a Grant defender. The girl's ended up losing to Grant 47-32.

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