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Volleyball attempts to recover after early season meltdown



Dan Roche, ACHS senior and middle hitter broke his hand after the game against the Waukegan Bulldogs on April 17. Roche will not be returning for the remainder of the season.

Photo by Donny Thornton

By Dakota West

They may be off to a slower start than expected, but the Antioch Community High School boys volleyball team still wields the power for a strong second half of the season.

The boys have won one game since the start of the season, but according to Becky Dziekan, first year head coach the record does not show the ability of the team.

“Our record does not reflect our talent at all,” said Dziekan. “We are at a crossroads at where we want to be right now. We are at the halfway point with our games, giving us more opportunities to show our talent.”

The team has suffered numerous close losses, including a loss to Waukegan in the Lake County Invitational where Dan Roche, Co-captain broke his hand.

“Right now, it is more of a mental game with us,” said Dziekan. “We have to start winning our close games by coming prepared to play the game.”

According to Joe Barlow, co-captain and setter, the lack of experience the team has this year may contribute to the unsuccessful first half of the season.

“We have five returning seniors this year, but one is out with a broken hand,” said Barlow. “We only have two people that have returned from last year’s varsity team, meaning a lot of the team is fresh from junior varsity.”

Although the lack of experience may be a setback, Barlow still has high expectations for the rest of the year.

“We still have plenty of games to prove ourselves and we plan on doing it,” said Barlow.

“We have to work on staying positive throughout the entire game,” said Barlow. “Most of the time we get down mentally and let the other team beat us. I still set the bar pretty high for the rest of the year. We are capable of much more than what we have been doing.”

Jason Sippy, middle hitter agrees with Barlow.

“We are always getting into holes and then we can’t come back,” said Sippy. “We have the talent but not the mental preparation when we walk onto the court.”

The boys will be facing off away against the Lakes Community High School Eagles tonight at 7 p.m.

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Sports Briefs

Girls soccer heads to Crystal Lake Central

The girls’ soccer team will be traveling to the Crystal Lake Central Invitational tonight and tomorrow. In earlier action the Sequoits traveled to the Niles West Invitational where they went 1-2 on the tour-

ney. The team played Lakes Community High School on Thursday. The results were not available at press time.



Zack Johnson competes at YMCA Nationals

Zack Johnson competed in the National YMCA swim meet in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. According to Johnson, there was rigorous training and hard work involved to prepare for the meet. Competing in three relays, Johnson was pleased with the times that he and his three swim partners received. Even though Zack did not place he was still enthusiastic about advancing to Nationals. “I was not going for a top ten finish,” said Johnson. “I was just going for the experience.” Zack finished 38th in the 200 yard free relay, 61st in the 200 yard medley relay, and 47th in the 400 yard free relay.

Girls track exceeds coach’s expectations

During an invitational held on April 24, at Lakes Community High school the Sequoit girls track team came out ahead of the Waukegan Bulldogs by a score of 109-97, and beat the Lakes Eagles 97-63. Coach Dan Oslage indicated that he is very proud of his small team. “This year is going great. We came in as a small team and we are definitely exceeding expectations,” said Oslage. The girls will be competing today at the Woodstock Invitational at 4:30 p.m.



Morway breaks school record

By Jessica Gaido

Scoring 24 goals during her freshman year, Kelsie Morway, varsity soccer midfielder and forward, missed breaking the school record by only one goal.

Now as an senior, Morway has established herself as a record holder by breaking the school record for the most goals scored in a career at ACHS.

The goal that Morway scored against North Chicago on April 17 made her record breaking

61 goals, one more than the ACHS record of 60 goals in one career by Carrie Delany.

“I didn’t even realize I was so close [to breaking the school record] until a few weeks ago,” said Morway.

Charlie Trout, girls’ varsity soccer coach, has been coaching Morway on varsity for the past four years, and said she is one of the best players he has ever worked with.

“Skill wise and attacking wise, she is the best player I have coached out of boys and girls,” said Trout. “She has a good attitude, and her instincts are powerful.”

Morway has played soccer for 13 consecutive years, since she was in kindergarten. Throughout this period, she has also played on elite club teams.

“She has played a lot of soccer with club teams, and she knows how to score goals,” said Trout. “She always knows where the keeper is, and a lot of people don’t

necessarily see that.”

Sarah Lincoln, defensive center midfielder and teammate of Morway, indicated that

she is not surprised that Morway broke the school record because of the skill and dedication she brings to the field.

“The intensity she brings onto the field is amazing,” said Lincoln. “It is crazy how she will do almost anything to get the ball into the goal.”

Although Morway has achieved the school record, she has been forced to overcome the difficulty of tearing both of her Anterior Cruciate Ligament during her sophomore and junior years.

“I tore both of my ACL’s,” said Morway. “My right knee my sophomore year, and my left knee my junior year.”

Consequently, she was played only 16 games during her sophomore year and 12 games during her junior year. Comparatively she played 23 games during her freshman year, before any injuries.

“I want to finish the season

with no more injuries, and have fun because it is my last year,” said Morway.

Morway indicated that she is unsure about any future soccer plans after her high school graduation because of the injuries to her knees.



Photo by Lauren Vance

With eight games remaining in the regular season every goal that Kelsie Morway scores will add to her record breaking career total. To date she has scored 63 goals.