

# TOM TOM SPORTS

Cheerleaders prepare for sectional meet. See Page 18



Photo by Joey Alvarez

The dance team received second place for their dance routine at the Stevenson competition. They were three tenths of a point away from first.



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Antioch's kick routine received the highest score in its category at the Stevenson competition. Their score qualified them for state.

## High scores qualify dance team for Super Sectional competition

By Joey Alvarez

After taking first place in kick and second place in their dance routines at their recent competition at Stevenson High School, the Antioch Community High School dancers look to once again kick their way through super sectionals and on to the state competition.

Alyssa Johnson, four-year varsity dancer, was pleased with their performance at the Stevenson competition. "I thought we did really well at competition," said Johnson.

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*- Tiffany Mihovilovich  
Varsity dancer*

"Stevenson is always a hard competition because a lot of [good competitors] show up."

Tiffany Mihovilovich, three-year varsity dancer, agrees with Johnson, even though she said their start was not as strong as it could have been.

"We started off a little shaky, but ended strong," said Mihovilovich. "We put all of our energy into [our kick and dance routines] and tried to sell it to the judges."

Mihovilovich explained that the team is dominated by senior dancers, which gives them an edge on spirit for competitions like super sectionals and state.

Kelly Taylor, head coach, attributes the success that they're having to the fact that they have fun with the routines.

"They perform so much better when they're out there having fun," said Taylor.

"We have an old team, [ten seniors, five juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman]," said Mihovilovich. "I think we have a good shot at state, if we keep working hard, don't get cocky, and sell our routines each and every time we perform them."

The team has decided that they will perform both their kick and dance routines at super sectionals on Mar. 5 and hopefully state on Mar. 12. Johnson explained that the cut of their hip hop routine will help the team prepare.

"Now that we have decided on what two routines we are taking, we can concentrate on them more," said Johnson. "All we have to do now is clean them and perfect them so that we all look like one person on the floor."

According to Johnson, the team decided to exclude taking their hip hop routine because of the

comments on judging tapes after each competition.

"We can only take two routines to state and sectionals, and hip hop isn't one of them," said Johnson. "We changed [the hip hop routine] due to what judges left as comments on the tapes we receive after competition."

"The Antioch dancers are known for their kick routines. We have high kicks and are very flexible. The basics like pointing our toes, staying in straight lines and angles is what will make our break our routines and super sectionals and state," said Mihovilovich.

Taylor says that she believes this year's team is really talented and that if they work hard and want it bad enough that they should have a good chance at winning state.

The ACHS dance team will be competing tomorrow at Prairie Ridge High School.

### That's a wrap...

## Team ends season with positive outlook

By Maggie Bodanyi

The season came to an end for the Antioch Community High School girls basketball team in the Regional championship on Friday, Feb. 17 with a 50-26 loss to the Johnsbury Skyhawks.

Jamie Pontikes, forward, stated that she knew prior to play that Johnsbury was going to be a difficult team to compete against.

"I think Johnsbury was a very talented team as we were," said Pontikes. "They have one obvious height advantage, but we put up a good fight all the way through."

The girls achieved a 53-52 win against the North Chicago Warhawks to advance to the Regional Championship. According to Don Zeman, head coach, attitude made the difference in the game and the season.

"They have an attitude of not giving up," said Zeman.

Pontikes, agreed with her coach about the effort of the team.

"We came out in the fourth quarter with a strong defense and kept pushing our offense," said Pontikes. "We played together and never gave up."

As the season came to an end Zeman stated

that defense was a main strength.

"Without a doubt they played the best defense my teams have ever played," said Zeman.

Pontikes knew that the defense made a difference in their games also.

"Our defense was our strongest quality throughout the entire season," said Pontikes. "Even when our offense was off, our defense picked up the slack."

To the girls Zeman knew a win means something different to the team than to the students at ACHS.

"I'm proud of how they doubled their wins in the second half of the season," said Zeman. "Most of their classmates will not remember that."

Zeman was proud of what the team accomplished this season.

"I am proud of their teamwork," said Zeman. "They could have easily split up in groups of seniors and juniors, but the team has really stuck together."

Zeman anticipates the teams next season.

"The juniors have had good role models," said Zeman. "There will be a lot of competition for playing time though."

Angie Axton, forward, also thinks that they will have a good season.

"They all have talent and experience," said Axton. "I think they will do pretty well."

The Sequoits finished their season off with an 18-17 record overall, with a second place finish in the Regional Championship game.



Photo by Maggie Bodanyi

Ashley Fain, point guard, drives past her opponent in the Regional Championship game against the Johnsbury Skyhawks.

### Sequoit



### Sports Briefs

#### Three point shootout

Ashley Fain, point guard, was the only varsity girl basketball player to advance to the sectional shootout. Fain advanced with 10 shots during the regional game. Fain competed again on Feb. 21 at Warren High School, results were not available at press time. If in the top four, she will be qualified for state.



#### New spring athletic coaches

The varsity boys volleyball team is welcoming a new coach this season, Marla Day. Day is currently a teacher at Bradford District High School and coaches their volleyball team as well. Varsity boys track will also be lead by John Brumund-Smith, who has prior experience with high school and college level coaching. The varsity softball team will be lead by Fred Colon who is currently an investigator for Illinois.

#### Wrestling

Alan Nyre, sophomore and 2nd year varsity wrestler, was the only varsity wrestler advanced to sectionals. Nyer lost in his first match to a wrestler with a record 32-1.



#### Winterguard

ACHS winterguard has a fever for disco, as they strive to perfect their performance to the 1970's "Car Wash." The performance will be at Swing Street on march 10-11. The performance will incorporate selections featuring saber, rifle, flag, and pole tricks. The performance will be taped for their audition to perform at Walt Disney World. They expect to perform at Universal Studios in June.