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## Sequoits fall short of regional win

*Team dominated by underclassmen looks toward next year*

By Jake Anderson

The Antioch Community High (ACHS) season fall short with a 49-57 loss to a hungry Grayslake Central (GLC) squad in the first round of the regional playoffs, which were held at Lakes Community High School. The Sequoits were seeded number six in the tournament while GLC was seeded 12.

The Sequoits came out flat in the first quarter, ending in a 21-10 GLC lead. However, there were signs of a comeback going into half time as the Sequoits cut the lead.

But the proverbial dagger to the season came in the third quarter when GLC pulled away, and the Sequoits just could not come back. Freshman standout Andi Potkonjak led the attempted surge with 12 points and six steals.

Though the team was not a powerhouse in the North Suburban Conference this year, the team was not a pushover. As a matter of fact, the Sequoits shook things up and upset some pretty outstanding teams this year.

One of the season's highlights came from the team's performance in the Lisle Cage Classic Tournament, where the girls shocked the competition and upset a few teams to take second overall in the tournament.

The lady Sequoits, considering their lack of experience, fared well as opposed to other teams due to some exceptional talent shown by a dominantly

underclassmen team.

The squad had one all conference athlete who was more impressively, a freshman. Andi Potkonjak started on varsity as a freshman the entire season and has proved to be the Sequoits' top scorer.

"Andi is a very dynamic player with outstanding court vision for only being a freshman. She took good senior players to the hoop and showed them up on a consistent basis," said varsity guard and ACHS junior Jen Precht.

The team is only graduating two seniors, which means the Sequoits will be returning a lot of the same players to next year's squad.

Potentially, the team could be returning four starters to the floor, making them a force to be reckoned with in the North Suburban Conference (NSC).

"We didn't make it quite as deep into the playoffs as we would have liked, but this season turned out great considering how we started. I am really excited to come back next year and see the team tear it up, because they are going to be a tough squad to beat," said ACHS senior and varsity captain Christine Gaborek.

Do not be surprised to see a few more fans at next year's home games based upon this season's underclassmen performance.

That seems to be the popular verdict; several Antioch teams have been junior dominated, such as soccer, football and both boys and girls basketball.

"It is a ways away from now,



Photo by Jake Anderson  
Christine Gaborek, senior varsity player attempts to drive past a Grayslake defender at the first round of playoffs at Lakes Community High School.

but I am already excited for next season. I have a feeling we are going to do some damage in the NSC," said varsity captain and ACHS junior Katrina Holm.

So with fans, players, and par-

ents excited about next season, all that is left is the wait until the new season dawns. This next season may be a NSC championship season for the ACHS lady Sequoits basketball team.

## Athletes sign intent letters

*O'Connor, Krumpos to play for Division One sports at college level*

By Jake Anderson



Kalli Krumpos

Two Antioch Community High School seniors will have a little less trouble with college next year from their exemplary performance on the sports field.

Susie O'Connor and Kalli Krumpos both signed letters of intent to play Division One athletics in college on Thursday Feb. 7.

O'Connor received a scholarship to DePaul University to play soccer in Lincoln Park, Illi-

nois. O'Connor, however, was not just handed the scholarship. She "put in the time" as one might say. O'Connor has been playing club soccer for the Eclipse Soccer Club since her sophomore year of school.

"It feels great to know that all my hard work is finally paid off, especially because DePaul was one of my top schools," said O'Connor.

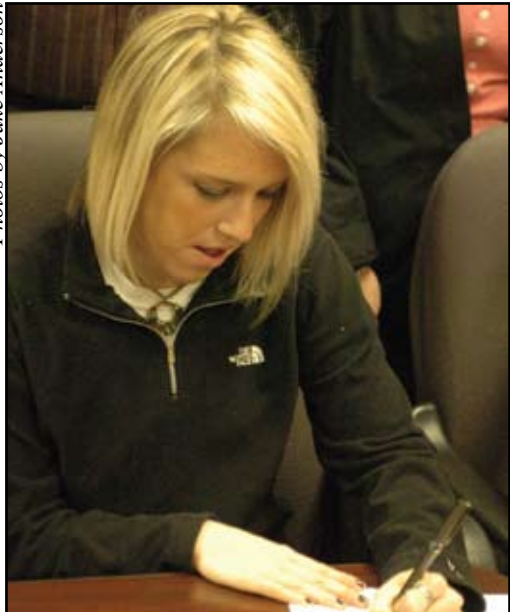
With her obligation to club soccer, O'Connor has played in tournaments ranging from 45 minutes away to playing in Las Vegas or at Disney World in Florida.

"Playing club soccer is very time consuming, considering most of the practices are located about an hour away, but it is all worth it in the long run as it is helping me pay for college," said O'Connor

Krumpos will be receiving a full scholarship to play her sport of choice, field hockey, at Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

Krumpos was also named Field Hockey Player of the Year by the Illinois High School Field Hockey Association. Krumpos was a four-year varsity player for the Sequoits serving as a captain for two years.

"I tried out for a spot on a team to go to California for a college showcase. While I was there the Georgetown coach saw me play,



Susie O'Connor

She got in contact with us shortly after," said Krumpos about her first exposure to Georgetown.

Also, the two have represented Sequoit excellence and will be considerably great additions to their respective teams.

All of Krumpos's field hockey equipment will be paid for by Georgetown University according to Krumpos.

### Sequoit Sports Briefs

*New boys' soccer coach steps forward*

The varsity boys soccer team has gained a new head coach, Antioch Community High School PE teacher Marni Polakow, and will now run under her direction for the 2008-2009 season.

Polakow coached boys soccer at Grayslake North last season and girls soccer at Stevenson while she was still a student teacher. She also used to play in high school as a defender and midfielder.

*Girls' softball starts early*

ACHS girls softball is in full swing conditioning for the upcoming season, with practice starting on Monday Feb. 25.

Coaches Mary Easton and Jamie D'Andrea head the varsity team, with coach Jeff Peterson guiding the junior varsity.

The girls' first match up is on March 28 in Cary Grove.

*Wiatr competes at Regionals, loses state spot by one placement*

Just one more take down, and senior Bobby Wiatr would have been competing at the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament.

On Feb. 8 and 9, Wiatr participated in individual sectionals held at Barrington High School. With a promising wrestler facing severe injuries to his leg, junior Tom Gerstner lost his chance to partake in the tournament.

Weighing in at 145 pounds, Wiatr was the only wrestler to advance past regionals from Antioch.

"It was kind of lonely to be the only Antioch wrestler to advance, but I also felt very deserving and proud," stated Wiatr.

After beating Justin Santiago from Warren Township High School on the first day of sectionals, Wiatr moved on to wrestle three times on Saturday. Wiatr defeated Joe Kent from Wheeling High School, and lost in the final round of competition to take a fourth place finish overall missing a chance at state by one placement.

"I was really upset by Bobby's loss," said Coach Wilbur Borerro, "he worked so hard all season, and came so close."