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The Antioch Tom Tom

Early season struggles persist through regular season. . . .

Playoffs present fresh start for Skinner, team

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The season has been a disappointment, there is no doubt about that. A 4 and 18 campaign thus far is something the Antioch boys' basketball team did not expect. The team entered with high expectations, and has failed to meet most to this point.

However, throw the records out the window because 'March Madness' is quickly approaching for boys' basketball in the IHSA. The regional for Antioch is a familiar one, with two teams (Lakes and Grayslake North) that the team has already played, and has lost to by a combined 13 points.

The other team in the regional (comprised of four teams to a regional) is Grayslake Central which is 17-7, and holds the number one seed in the regional, and will play Antioch first.

The Sequoits know the task at hand is a daunting one, but after last seasons' departure at the hands of Grayslake North, Antioch would like a little pay back by defeating the older of the two Grayslake schools first, then handle the winner of North and Lakes.

"The record is 0-0 when the playoffs come into play. Every team gets to play until they lose. So you really can't count any

team out," said junior guard Drew Moncelle

And while the record isn't impressive, the team has suffered its share of injuries this season, not playing with the county's top re-bouncer, senior Eric Smith for a little more than month was difficult, and then losing team leader and senior captain, Travis Kwieford to a knee injury during the North Chicago game.

So with the numbers dwindled, the team was forced to call up two sophomores, Mike Siperiko and Sam Green, both of which have been pleasant surprises for the team and both of them started against rival Lakes in the team's most recent defeat.

On a bright note, the team is playing a lot of youth, setting up success for future campaigns. It's hard on any team to lose their seniors, but with strong junior leadership coming from what will be three year varsity players Drew Moncelle and Kyle Haley, the team should be in good shape.

So even though it is exciting looking forward to the playoffs, the team still does have more road tests to help them gear up for Central, and those two games will not be easy either. The team plays crossover team Libertyville on March 25, and continues with a back-to-back game against Vernon Hills the very next night,

both on the road. "We all need to connect on the floor, everyone gets hot from the floor at different times. We are close to having that solid team chemistry which could carry us deep into the playoffs hopefully," said junior center Kris Nordby.



Photo by Jake Anderson

Senior Travis Kwieford attacks the lane off a Sequoit fast break. Kwieford suffered a season ending knee injury during the contest. The final score resulted in a 76-40 loss for the Sequoits. They will open IHSA regional play against Grayslake Central High School who has a record of 17-7

Hopefully the team can use the two games against Libertyville and Vernon Hills to gain some positive momentum for the playoffs because, as all sports fans know, anything can happen during 'March Madness' to a team that is hot.

Senior athletes take next step

18 Sequoits to continue athletic careers in college

Becca Huebner — Sports Editor

The graduating class of 2009 already has two athletes who have received a full-ride scholarship for next fall and has many more signing letters of intent.

One athlete receiving a full ride scholarship is all-conference running back, Cameron White, who will be playing at Eastern Illinois University, in the fall.

"I picked Eastern because they welcomed me as a member of the team before I signed," said White. "I also wanted a school where the sports were good as well as the academics."

White has been playing football since fourth grade and is excited to continue playing at Eastern. The second athlete receiving a full-ride scholarship is Ashley Mysliwiec, who also is an all-conference athlete playing softball. She pitches and plays second base. Mysliwiec will be attending Iowa Wesleyan University.

"I picked Iowa Wesleyan because it is a small school and I know I will get a good education. I also like how everyone knows each other and is involved," said Mysliwiec. "Iowa Wesleyan reminds me of home."

Along with White, five of his football teammates are planning on playing football in college. Travis Kwieford is going to play at Concordia University, WI, and Jake Anderson at Carthage College. Tom Gerstner, Alec Paramski and Matt Romani are still undecided on where they are going to play.

"The coaches at Concordia are so down to earth. I like how I can talk to them about anything, and not just football," said Kwieford.

White and Mysliwiec are not the only players who have signed a letter of intent. Katrina Holm signed to play soccer at Olivet Nazarene University while Katie Budd also signed to play soccer but at Concordia University, MN.

"I picked Concordia because they have a great psychology program and I will get to start as a freshman. Not a lot of people can say that," said Budd.

Along with Holm and Budd, Kyle Sytsma is looking to play soccer in college, but is undecided on where he wants to play.

Even though there are no athletes from the ACHS basketball programs moving on to play

in college, there are still many other athletes that are going to represent Antioch at the college level.

Heather Hawkins and Jenna Krumpas are both planning on playing field hockey, but are undecided.

Andy Danna is planning on playing baseball at University of Dubuque in Iowa. Danna has been a three year starter for the Sequoit baseball program and is very excited to continue playing baseball in college.

The girls tennis team is sending Angela Marescalco and Jennifer Schlung to College of Lake County. Also, Martha Arntson is planning to walk on to the Olivet Nazarene University volleyball team.

Spring athletes who have not started their seasons will also get interest in playing college sports. Jen Naegele has interest in running track at Bradley University, and Erin Schoenfelder has not made a decision to where she wants to run. Many spring athletes are waiting to see how their season goes before making a decision to participate in college athletics.

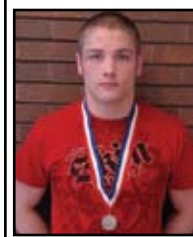
As the winter sports seasons are finishing and spring sports are beginning, these athletes will be finalizing their decisions to play college athletics, and will make their school proud wherever they decide to play.

"I picked Eastern because they welcomed me as a member of the team before I signed.

-Cameron White
EIU Recruit

on track

Tom Gerstner



Tom participated in the IHSA state wrestling championship. He placed 2nd in the 171 lbs weight class. The Competition was held at the University Of Illinois.

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the question

Who is the only athlete to come through Antioch and be an all-state athlete in three different sports?

See answer below

in the numbers

Girls' Basketball
Varsity 38,
Grayslake Central 58

Boys' Basketball
Varsity 59, Lakes 67

Girls' Bowling
State Competition
Varsity: 13th place

Wrestling
Tom Gerstner
State Finals - 2nd Place

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Cheerleaders finish seventh at state competition

Congratulations to the ACHS Cheerleading team, who finished in seventh place at the IHSA State Competition. This is the fourth year the team has competed at the state level. After each day of competition, the top ten teams from each class advanced to the next day of performances. ACHS finished fourth on the first day allowing them to move on to the next day of competition. The team looks to continue their tradition of attending the state finals for years to come.

the answer

Tyrone Walls
1967 Graduate