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## Boys' golf ends season with wins all around

### Hirsch takes 25 at IHSA state finals

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As Head Coach for the boys' golf team William Hamill put his opinion to the culmination of the season, it is a "bittersweet ending." "They've taken it one step further this year," Hamill said.

Having had this year's state qualifiers Johnny O'Connor and Matt Hirsch since their freshman year, along with every other senior on the team, Hamill says that losing his four-year players is a "sad ending to the year."

However, despite losing valuable players to the team and having to watch yet another group of seniors walk out the doors of Lakes for the last time, Hamill and his team have much to be proud of due to their hard work.

Some team highlights include winning the Antioch Quad, taking the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division title, placing second

at regionals, and also sending O'Connor and Hirsch to state, where O'Connor finished in the top 100 and Hirsch placed 25 out of 112.

"I was really nervous while I was waiting for scores to come in but it felt really good to accomplish something I've always wanted," Hirsch said. "I was all smiles."

On Oct. 13, 14, and 15, O'Connor and Hirsch stayed in Bloomington-Normal, where the state finals are held. On that Thursday, the boys practiced the course and then on Friday and Saturday they participated in the State tournament.

"It's a little disappointing that I didn't play to my full potential," O'Connor said.

However, the team ended the season with a 9-2 record and even beat long-time rival Vernon Hills.

"The entire team really wanted to beat them [Vernon Hills] since we never had before. We all worked really hard and came focused for that match and it won us the division," Hirsch said. "It was also one of my favorite memories from Lakes golf."



Photo by Alec Teppis

Jake Bathery shoots out of the sand trap at the Antioch Golf Course at the IHSA regional match. The team placed second overall.

## History is made for the girls volleyball team

By Alec Teppis  
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The girls' volleyball team entered the state series with a fifth place seed in the Norridge (Ridgewood) Sectional with a match against the tenth seeded Norridge themselves on Oct. 25.

Although the results were not available at press time, the Eagles went into the playoffs with their best performance in the history of the program.

"We are working hard every day at practice," said team captain Rachel Sieracke, who earned the North Suburban Conference Sportsmanship Award for the team.

That hard work

helped the team to win the Prairie Division title, go 5-0 in the Woodstock North Invite earlier this month, and break the school record with 22 wins in the season and only 7 losses.

"It is great to be known as the team who is making history and that was our goal this year," varsity player Alex Silvola said. "We hope to continue to make our school proud and we owe part of that to our fans who have supported us this season."

The team played for the NSC championship on Wednesday, Oct. 19 against the Lake Forest Scouts, but lost in three games 25-15, 25-27, 17-25.

"Even though

we ended up getting second place in conference it was a huge accomplishment for our team," Silvola said.

The Eagles also hosted the annual Volley for the Cure at the beginning of the month, during which both the Lakes and Antioch programs came together to raise money for breast cancer.

"Volley for the Cure was a success. We are still getting contributions, but we raised close to \$7,000," said Head Coach Molly May.

The Eagles had a great game and came out on top winning two out of three games after suffering a loss to the Sequoits early in the season.



Photo by Tyler Engle

Emily Aigner (right) and Sarah Horner (left) come together as a team after the loss of the North Suburban Conference match against the Lake Forest Scouts. The Scouts won in three games, 25-15, 25-27, 17-25.

## Girls' tennis finishes strong

The season almost over for the girls tennis team and they plan on finishing with a bang

The team just hosted the North Suburban Conference meet on their home court. The team placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams.

"It's very good for us to finish in the top half," Head Coach Bryan Plinske said.

It wasn't just the NSC that the team has participated in; Sectionals was two weeks ago and the team placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams.

Rachel Loos went on her own in singles, and she made it all the way to the third round until she was beaten by Alex Mella from Warren.

—by Alec Teppis

## Money makers: A inside look at misconceptions of activities funding for the school

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It has been a long-time misconception that popular sports like football and basketball get the most money from the district because they make the most money for the district. It is true that football, along with the athletic training, are the two biggest budgets set by District 117. It does not come down to favoritism, but the number of kids and equipment involved.

The Athletic Department budgets start on the first of July

every year and end on the same day a year later for each school year.

"In January we start looking at next year's budget and we ask coaches for three lists; what they need to run their program, what they would like but don't necessarily need (sort of like a wish list), and what can be given from the Booster Club," said athletic director Troy Parola.

With that information, Parola sends a request to District 117 and the district decides how much money goes to each budget under the Athletic

Department. The budget for each sport is split up into many different categories such as transportation, supplies, fees, awards, uniforms, work contract services, etc.

"The gate money from football, boys basketball, and wrestling as well as the plays goes directly to the district funds. It goes into the large pot that helps pay for everything that is done to run a school. This money does not go directly back to a specific program nor does it stay in the athletic department," Parola said.

The only finance that District

117 can't touch and must be used on the sport, by law, is any fundraising money. For example, the football program sells gold card coupon books.

"Football brings in a substantial amount of money [through fundraising]...the school budget only paid for their home jersey and equipment repairs," Parola said.

In the soccer program, Head Coach Kevin Kullby used his cookie dough fundraiser to purchase new soccer goals. Softball Head Coach William Hamill fundraised and took trips to Florida and Mrytle

Beach, S.C.

"Fundraising [accounts for] 90 percent of our funds," Hamill said. "The district budget just goes to uniforms."

What the budget can't buy Hamill either covers with fundraiser money or just goes without.

"What people need to understand is in groups that parents and kids are getting involved they are getting more...in football there are 150 kids," Parola said, and the more the kids the more need for equipment, hence a bigger budget.