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## Glenbrook South Titan Booster Club Newsletter

A weekly round-up of Glenbrook South High School Athletics



## Girls Basketball

Girls' basketball defeated Niles West on the road Friday 52-44. In its first conference action, the Titans held off repeated comeback attempts by the Wolves and sank key free throws down the stretch.

The Titans were led by Kristin Ralston's 17 points, which included two big three pointers. Lizzy Shaw contributed 12, did a terrific job of handling the Niles West pressure defense and played her usual stellar lockdown defense. Sophomore Challen Flaws scored her career high of 9 points, including a momentum-breaking three at the third quarter buzzer. Flaws also had numerous flashy assists to help the Titans' cause and helped contain the Wolves leading scorer, Sam Galanopoulos.

Liz LaPierre scored seven, played great post defense and secured key rebounds. After early foul trouble, Libbie Vanderveen scored five and played outstanding defense on Niles West's hot-shooting guards. Katherine Chu played key minutes in the first half and scored a basket to give the Titans the lead for good. Sophomore Annie Streb played terrific defense, including a key steal down the stretch.

Earlier in the week, the Titans traveled to Des Plaines to take on the top team in the state, Maine West, whose average margin of victory entering the game was 54. The Titans battled valiantly the entire game, but lost 60-35.

The Titans cut a 21 point lead to nine early in the fourth quarter, but the Warriors were able to handle the Titans' pressure defense at the end of the game to pull away. Makayla Stadler led the Titans with 11 points.

The Titans are now 6-1 for the year and continue conference action with Evanston at home on Tuesday and Niles North at home on Friday.

**Alumni update:** Carie Weinman scored 34 points, including eight three-pointers, in the University of Denver's 80-73 win over Northern Arizona Sunday.

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### **Boys Basketball**

Boys Basketball lost Saturday to cross-town rival GBN Saturday, 54-43.

The Titans fought back going on a 10-1 run to close within 40-36 early in the fourth quarter. Stevon Boyd led the charge with five points along with a three from Yianni Mavrakis and Will Kings's layup. But GBN answered getting it back to a 10 point lead. The Titans cut the deficit to 46-41 with 2:30 left. But GBN ultimately sealed it at the line.

Earlier in the week, the Titans went on the road and lost to Evanston.

Although the Titans dropped to 1-5, coach Phil Ralston believes his team is not far from where they need to be in his first season at the helm for GBS.

"I think this is one of the best jobs we've done running our offense this season," Ralston told the Glenview Lantern. "The difference between where we are and where we could be is very small. There are probably about five possessions that made

the difference in this game. We had a few shots we didn't finish. We just have to stay the course and keep having faith in what we're teaching them."

And Ralston is already seeing the improvement in his squad.

"It may not seem like it from the outside but we're seeing a lot of improvement," Ralston said. "This team has a great work ethic. We continued to battle hard against an undefeated team. We just need to get to the point of eventually knowing when we get the ball inside to go for the layup instead of kicking it out."

GBS was led by nine from Dom Martinelli, eight from King and Mavrakis and five from Boyd, Jimmy McMahon and Gavin Morse.

### **Chicago Bulls Game**

The boys varsity basketball team will be playing Hersey H.S. at the **United Center** on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The team is selling discounted Bulls Tickets for \$30. Your ticket will get you into the GBS-Hersey game, and the Bulls game vs the New York Knicks later that night. Great deal!

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Coach Ralston at [pralston@glenbrook225.org](mailto:pralston@glenbrook225.org).









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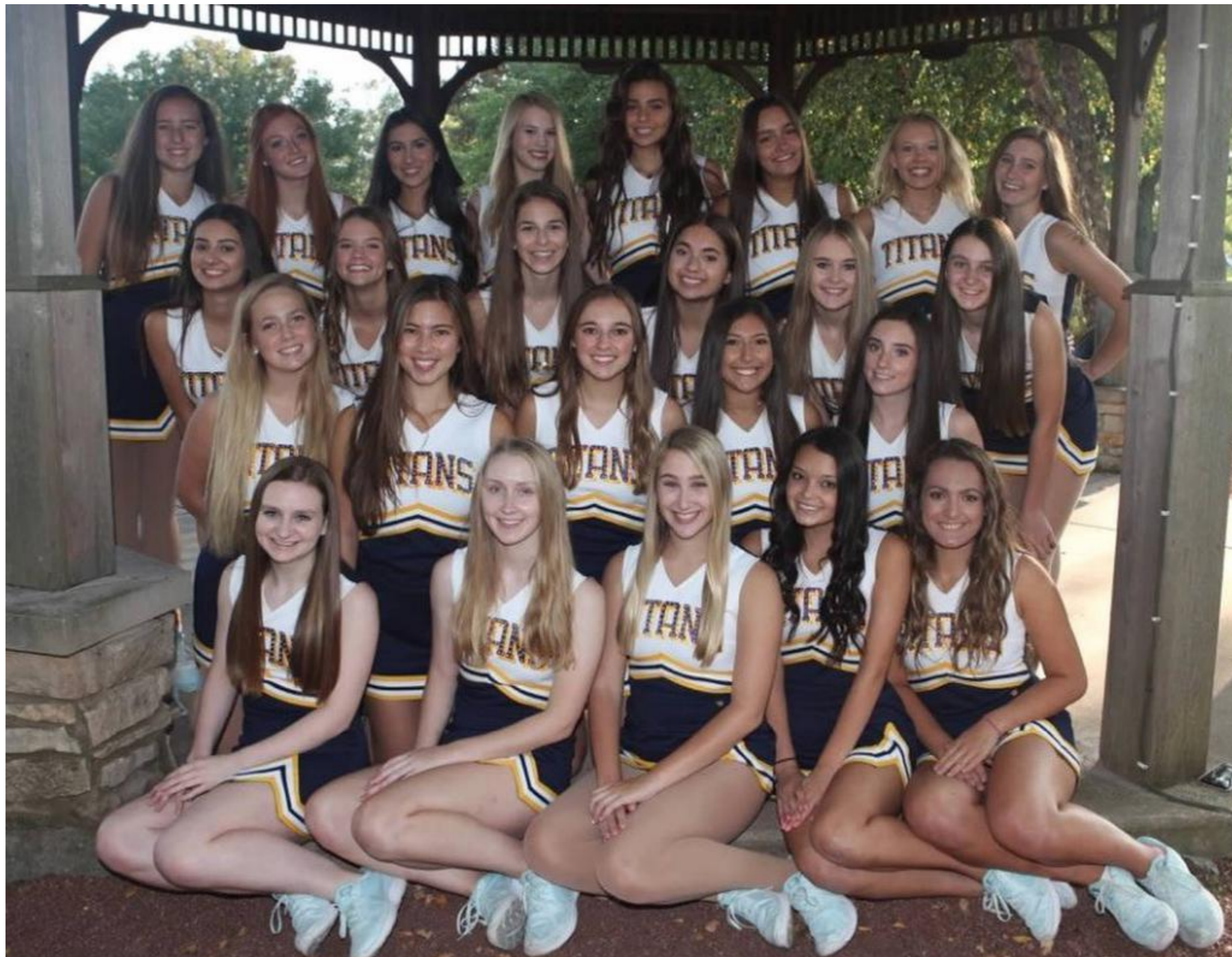


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**Poms**

Titan Poms started their season this weekend at a competition in Lake Zurich. Varsity finished in third in poms and fifth in jazz, while the JV team finished second in jazz and in third in poms.

On December 10, the Titans will host a competition at the Titan Dome. Come on out to cheer them on!





[Deerfield  
Meet Results](#)

### **Girls Gymnastics**

The Glenbrook South girls' gymnastics team opened their 2017-18 season with a 139.50 to 134.70 victory over the Warriors of Deerfield.

Leading the way for the Titans was freshman phenom, Sheena Graham, with a 36.70 all around score. Graham won vault, bars and floor in this her first high school gymnastics meet. Placing second in the all around was team captain Bebe Haramaras with a 34.10 score and capturing second place on the floor exercise event.

The next competition for the girls' gymnastics team is Thursday, December 7, against Niles West at home.

### **Raffle Tickets**

Girls gymnastics, which placed 3rd in state last season (first time in 38 years!) are selling raffle tickets. This season, Head coach Steve Gale and the girls welcome a new coach to the team, Mr. Kurt Wahler, owner of American Academy Gymnastics in Wheeling and Northbrook.

This additional coach allows for more instruction and safety in the gym, and will make this already outstanding team even more competitive.

The girls are selling raffle tickets to support the addition of a new coach. Purchase a raffle ticket for \$10 and you could win a pair of premier **Chicago Blackhawks** tickets (2nd row directly behind goal) or **Chicago Bulls** tickets (7th row behind bench)

Either prize will make an excellent holiday gift.

To purchase tickets today see Sue Haramaras or Roxanne Nourbash or any of the gymnasts.

Roxanne Nourbash

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Sue Haramaras

[skharamaras@gmail.com](mailto:skharamaras@gmail.com)

Deadline to buy is Dec 7th. Drawing is Dec 11th. Good luck to the gymnastics team this season!

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### **Boys Swimming**

The Boys Swim Team started off the season with a bang by winning the 7 team Deerfield Invitational. The boys won 7 of 9 events including setting two meet records and breaking two sophomore school records.

The new record holders are 200 Medley Relay-Mike Hadjiivanov, Max Iida, Quinn Loughren and Adam Zuiker and 200 Free relay (Nick Khatkovyy, Hadjiivanov, Loughren and Zuiker).

The boys will take on rival GBN this Friday at Glenbrook North at 5 p.m.

### **Pioneer Press All-Area Soccer Team**

#### **Gavin Morse**

Glenbrook South

Defender

**Average Goals/Assists Per Game:** 0.05/0.11

Morse, a junior central defender from Glenview, anchored the defense for a Titans team that went 12-7-4 and had 10 shutouts. The 6-foot-1, 175-pound Morse, who also is a member of the basketball team, used his height and size to his advantage. First-year Titans head coach Reggie Lara said Morse's best qualities were his high soccer IQ and his endless motor. "We played many highly-ranked teams and he was often the best defender on the field," Lara said via email. "(Late in the season) we lost (other) starting defenders and our goalkeeper due to injury, but teams (still) had to attack on the flanks to avoid going through Gavin."

**Honorable Mention:** Gabriel Diculescu, Sr. M; Jimmy McMahon, Jr. M/F

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## **Save the Date: Booster Club Spring Benefit**

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 10, for the annual Club benefit. Join your friends and team coaches for dinner, drinks and an array of silent and live auction items. All money raised will benefit Titan athletes.

## **Thank You Coaches**

Special thanks to GBS coaches for contributing content. To read prior Titan newsletters, to view more information about GBS Titan Athletics, or to see how you can get involved in Booster Club activities, please visit the Titan Booster Club website at [GBS Titan Booster Club](#)

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