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With 1,000-point scorer Brianna Coffey on bench, Ayumi Ishikawa takes over for Streamwood. 'She's been on a tear.'

By: Paul Johnson

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Streamwood's Ayumi Ishikawa (2) stares down a Jacobs defender in the second quarter of a nonconference game in Streamwood on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025.

Streamwood's Ayumi Ishikawa has started to take the strides that first-year coach Sam Kruehl was hoping to see from his sophomore point guard.

After leading scorer Brianna Coffey exited Monday night's game against Jacobs, Ishikawa had to take yet another step forward.

"For this last month, she's been on a tear," Kruehl said of Ishikawa. "She's really matured in the second half of the season. To take over a game like this, she played outstanding."

Ishikawa scored a team-high 17 points, including nine in the fourth quarter with Coffey out of the game, to help lead the Sabres to a 58-52 nonconference victory.

Ishikawa added six steals and five assists for Streamwood (18-6). Casie Cruz, Angelina Sagadraca and Ronaja Stewart scored 11 points apiece. Coffey also had 11 rebounds.

Sophomore center Olivia Schuster led all scorers with 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Jacobs (7-14). Mikayla Weel added 11 points for the Golden Eagles.

It may seem like Ishikawa is having a breakout season, but she was hoping for this progression.

“I did a lot of offseason work, so I expected to have a great season,” she said. “It feels good. I’ve just been having big point games. It’s been harder since I’m younger, but I feel like I should be a better leader. That’s really important.”



Streamwood’s Ayumi Ishikawa (2) directs a play against Jacobs in the fourth quarter of a nonconference game in Streamwood on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025.

Kruel has watched her blossom in front of his eyes. Ishikawa has five 20-point games — including a career-high 28 points against Larkin — since the calendar flipped to 2025.

“This is a big part of her growth,” Kruel said. “This year, we put her into more of a leadership role and she’s been growing. When we’ve needed her, there were a couple games where ‘Bri’ wasn’t having a good game and she just took over the fourth quarter.

“She’s the type that comes into the gym and says, ‘Teach me how to do this.’ It’s those types of players that you love as a coach. You want to see them get better.”

Coffey, who scored her 1,000th career point in the first quarter, exited with 2:25 left in the third quarter of a tight game. Kruel let his team regroup without giving them a speech.

“I think they all just figured it out,” Kruel said. “They huddled up on the court. I hope she’s going to be OK. Ayumi and the whole team stepped up.”



Streamwood’s Brianna Coffey (21) reacts to cheers from the crowd after scoring her 1,000th career point during a nonconference game against Jacobs on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025.

Up only 41-38 early in the fourth quarter, Ishikawa scored seven straight points as Streamwood stretched the lead to 50-43 with 3:25 left.

Two layups from Schuster brought Jacobs within 50-47, but that's the closest the Golden Eagles got the rest of the game.

"Having someone that can handle the ball, not turn the ball over and can move the ball, she was very active on offense and defense," Jacobs coach Jonny Reibel said of Ishikawa. "She just made some fast-break layups, got some steals on us and passed the ball well.

"She just really executed down the stretch, as a point guard should. She's been a great point guard all year, so we knew it was going to be tough with her handling the ball."



Streamwood's Ayumi Ishikawa (2) drives past Jacobs' Mallory Fessler (11) and Zara Lewis (10) during a nonconference game in Streamwood on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025.

Kruel was happy with how his team handled an adverse situation with Coffey, who averages 15 points, on the bench.

"We haven't had to deal with that this year," Kruel said. "They stepped up big time. People were playing spots that they're not used to playing. I couldn't be more proud of them."

Ishikawa credited Kruel for helping fuel Streamwood's turnaround. The Sabres, who are 11-1 in their last 12 games, already have more wins than the program produced in the past 12 seasons.

Streamwood won only two regional championships in that span.

"It feels good," Ishikawa said. "It's just teamwork, ball movement and communication."

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Basketball and local scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

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Streamwood's Lashunda Cheers (32) takes a shot while guarded by Jacobs' Zara Lewis (10) during a nonconference game in Streamwood on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025.

High school and local college results and highlights from the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County coverage areas.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS HIGH SCHOOLS WRESTLING

CENTRAL SUBURBAN MEET Top local team: 3. Deerfield 196.

Local winners: 106 pounds: Charles Dominguez, Vernon Hills. 132: Jackson Palzet, Deerfield. 138: Jordan Rasof, Deerfield. 165: Illia Dvoriannikov, Vernon Hills. 215: Daniel Derbedyenyev, Highland Park.

CHICAGOLAND CHRISTIAN MEET

Local winner: 144: Max Mulhearn, Harvest Christian.

DUKANE MEET Top team: St. Charles East 281.5.

Local winners: 113: Kai Enos, Batavia. 120: Dom Munaretto, St. Charles East. 132: Jack Duraski, Batavia. 138: Gavin Woodmancy, St. Charles East. 144: Logan Tatar, St. Charles East. 165: Anthony Gutierrez, St. Charles East. 175: Jack Brown, Batavia. 215: Asher Sheldon, Batavia. 285: Joseph Pettit, Geneva.

LAKE COUNTY INVITATIONAL Top 3 teams: Grant 223, Stevenson 181.5, Wauconda 180.

Winners: 106: Vince DeMarco, Grayslake Central. 113: Caleb Noble, Warren. 120: Gavin Rockey, Wauconda. 126: Vince Jasinski, Grant. 132: Luis Medina, Zion-Benton. 138: Erik Rodriguez, Grant. 144: Chase Nobling, Antioch. 150: David Farjado, Carmel. 157: Justice Humphreys, Warren. 165: Aaden Arroyo, Grant. 175: Aaron Stewart, Warren. 190: Mike Merevick, Wauconda. 215: Caleb Baczek, Libertyville. 285: William Cole, Round Lake.

SOUTH SUBURBAN MEET

Top 3 teams: Oak Forest 213, Evergreen Park 174.5, Lemont 104.5.

SUBURBAN PRAIRIE MEET

Top team: Yorkville 551.

Local winners: 138: Dominic Recchia, Yorkville. 144: Brayden Swanson, Oswego. 157: Jack Ferguson, Yorkville. 175: Luke Zook, Yorkville. 190: Ryder Janeczko, Yorkville.

TOM LAHEY SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN INVITATIONAL

Top 3 teams: Sandburg 269.5, Lockport 252. Lincoln-Way East 220.

Winners: 106: Davion Henry, Homewood-Flossmoor. 113: Rocco Hayes, Sandburg. 120: Chazz Robinson, H-F. 126: Shane Stream, Lincoln-Way West. 132: Madden Parker, Sandburg. 138: Jadon Zimmer, Lincoln-Way Central. 144: Ryan Hinger, Sandburg. 150: Justin Wardlow, Lockport. 157: Jovan Vukajlovic, H-F. 165: Jalen Byrd, Lincoln-Way Central. 175: R.J. Robinson, H-F. 190: Colton Zvonar, Lincoln-Way East. 215: Nate Elstner, Lincoln-Way West. 285: Aiden Hennings, Lincoln-Way Central.

UPSTATE EIGHT MEET

Top team: West Aurora 292.

Local winners: 106: Gabriel Richmond, West Aurora. 113: Nicholas Dilallo, South Elgin. 132: Jack Platt, West Aurora. 138: Aamir Nieves Allen, South Elgin. 144: Evan Matkovich, West Aurora. 157: Malan Hatfield, West Aurora. 165: Dayne Serio, West Aurora. 175: Fabian Ramirez, Elgin. 215: Fernando Anaya, West Aurora.

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- Daily Herald - High school scores for Jan. 27

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Geneva's Hudson Kirby (left) grabs a rebound away from Wheaton Warrenville South's Brady Goken during Friday's game in Geneva.

Saturday's late results

Girls basketball

Benet 69, Geneseo 37
Buffalo Grove 66, Elgin 39
Glenbrook South 42, Hersey 40
Grant 49, North Chicago 9
Larkin 60, Dundee-Crown 48
Leyden 55, Addison Trail 48
Morton 56, Willowbrook 53
Mundelein 54, Palatine 45
Neuqua Valley 61, Plainfield East 38
St. Charles East 59, Wheaton North 46
Wheaton Warrenville South 55, Glenbard North 23

Upcoming

Tuesday, Jan 28

Boys basketball

Aurora Central Catholic at Fenwick, 7 p.m.
Aurora Christian at Marian Central, 7 p.m.
Burlington Central at Crystal Lake South, 7 p.m.
Cary-Grove at Dundee-Crown, 7 p.m.
Conant at Barrington, 7:30 p.m.
DeKalb at Kaneland, 7 p.m.
Elk Grove at Wheeling, 7 p.m.
Elmwood Park at Metea Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Glenbard North at York, 7 p.m.
Glenbard West at Wheaton North, 7 p.m.
Grant at Round Lake, 7 p.m.
Grayslake Central at Grayslake North, 7 p.m.
Hersey at Buffalo Grove, 7 p.m.
Hoffman Estates at Palatine, 7 p.m.
Hope Academy at Timothy Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huntley at Hampshire, 7 p.m.
IC Catholic Prep at St. Ignatius, 5 p.m.
Lakes at Wauconda, 7 p.m.
Larkin at Lake Park, 7 p.m.
Latin at St. Viator, 7 p.m.
Libertyville at Lake Zurich, 7 p.m.
Lisle at Peotone, 6:45 p.m.
Lyons at Hinsdale South, 7 p.m.
Marmion Academy at St. Rita, 7 p.m.
Montini at DePaul College Prep, 7 p.m.
Neuqua Valley at Rochelle Zell, 7 p.m.

Niles Notre Dame at Maine East, 7 p.m.
North Chicago at Antioch, 7 p.m.
Prairie Ridge at Jacobs, 7 p.m.
Rolling Meadows at Prospect, 7 p.m.
Schaumburg at Fremd, 7 p.m.
Schaumburg Christian at Parkview Christian, 7:30 p.m.
St. Anne at Westmont, 7 p.m.
St. Charles North at Bartlett, 7:30 p.m.
St. Francis at Brother Rice, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Mundelein, 7 p.m.
Warren at Waukegan, 7 p.m.
Wheaton Academy at Christ the King, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Addison Trail at Elgin, 7 p.m.
Buffalo Grove at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Chicago Christian at Timothy Christian, 6 p.m.
Conant at New Trier, 6:30 p.m.
DeKalb at Waubonsie Valley, 7 p.m.
Downers Grove South at Hinsdale Central, 6:30 p.m.
Fenwick at St. Francis, 7 p.m.
Glenbard West at St. Charles East, 7 p.m.
Marian Catholic at Montini, 6:30 p.m.
Naperville North at Downers Grove North, 7:30 p.m.
Neuqua Valley at Aurora Central Catholic, 7 p.m.
Rosary at St. Edward, 7 p.m.
Schaumburg Christian at Parkview Christian, 6 p.m.
Simeon Academy at IC Catholic Prep, 7:15 p.m.
South Elgin at Schaumburg, 7 p.m.
West Chicago at Fenton, 7 p.m.
Westmont at Cristo Rey, 7 p.m.

Girls bowling

Addison Trail at Hinsdale Central (Suburbanite), 4 p.m.
Bartlett at South Elgin (Streamwood Lanes), 4 p.m.
Downers Grove North at Willowbrook (Stardust), 4 p.m.
East Aurora at West Aurora (Funway), 4 p.m.
Elgin at Larkin (Elgin Lanes), 4 p.m.
Glenbard Coop at Riverside-Brookfield, 4 p.m.
Hinsdale South at Downers Grove South (Bowlero), 4 p.m.
Morris at Kaneland (Mardi Gras), 4 p.m.
Naperville North at Andrew (Thunder Bowl), 4:30 p.m.
Regina Dominican at Antioch (Antioch Lanes), 4:30 p.m.

Rosary at Fenwick (Bowlero), 4 p.m.
Streamwood at Fenton (Wood Dale Bowl), 4 p.m.
Walther Christian at Lisle (Lisle Lanes), 5:30 p.m.
Woodstock at Grayslake North (Lakes Bowl), 4:30 p.m.

Boys swimming
Bartlett at Fenton, 5 p.m.
Naperville Central at Naperville North, 5 p.m.
Vernon Hills at Libertyville, 5 p.m.
West Aurora at South Elgin, 5 p.m.
York at Riverside-Brookfield, 5 p.m.

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