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Boys basketball: Defense carries Larkin to victory against West Aurora in UEC play

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Stifling defense and just enough offense.

Those ingredients produced a 51-43 win for Larkin over West Aurora in Upstate Eight Conference play in Elgin on Thursday night.

“We have been hanging our hat on defense since the beginning of the season,” said Larkin coach Deryn Carter. “Honestly, when we play good defense we win.”

West Aurora only made 16 of 50 shots from the field for 32% and committed 18 turnovers.

“They are a very talented team and we made them take tough shots,” Carter said. “They are short-handed, but this is a good win in December for us.”

David McFadden and Max Irvin paced the Royals with 13 points each.

“We played very good defense,” said McFadden. We played with energy and enthusiasm and were able to contain their bigs and the baseline.”

Irvin scores 13 points and grabbed 9 rebounds with 3 assists.

“This is a great win and we were patient on offense and got good shots,” Irvin said. “We made them take bad shots.”

Larkin broke a 15-15 tie after one quarter by outscoring the Blackhawks (2-6, 1-2) 12-6 in the second quarter and led 27-21 after 16 minutes.

The Royals (2-3, 1-1) connected on 6-of-10 shooting from the floor in the second quarter. McFadden and Jahvion Sowers scored 4 points each in the quarter.

West Aurora tied the game at 39 on a 3-pointer from Jaden Matthews with 7:11 left in the game but couldn't get any closer.

A 3-pointer by Justin Simmons gave the Royals a 48-43 lead with 36 seconds remaining.

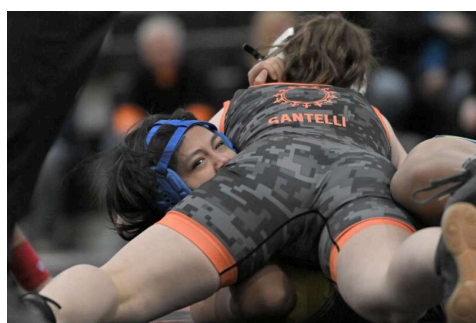
West Aurora, which was playing without starters Antonio Higgins and Terrence Smith, was led by Travis Brown with 12 points. Abe Martinez added 9 for the Blackhawks.

“They speeded us up and we didn't handle their pressure very well,” said West Aurora coach Mike Fowler. “We had too many wasted possessions.”

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High school sports scores for Dec. 12

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Wheaton North's Emily Anteles struggles against St. Charles East's Talia Santelli in their 140-pound bout in a girls wrestling meet in St. Charles on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024.

Thursday, Dec 12

Boys basketball

Elmwood Park 50, West Chicago 42 (OT)

Larkin 51, West Aurora 43

Riverside-Brookfield 58, Glenbard South 30

Upcoming

Friday, Dec 13

Boys basketball

Aurora Central Catholic at St. Laurence, 7:30 p.m.

Aurora Christian at Chicago Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Barrington at Palatine, 7:30 p.m.

Carmel at Notre Dame, 7 p.m.

Cary-Grove at Jacobs, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago Hope at Wheaton Academy, TBA

Christian Liberty at Alden-Hebron, 7:30 p.m.

Conant at Fremd, 7 p.m.

DeKalb at Waubonsie Valley, 7 p.m.

Elgin at Bartlett, 7 p.m.

Elk Grove at Hersey, 7:30 p.m.

Fenton at Glenbard East, 7 p.m.
Hampshire at Dundee-Crown, 7:30 p.m.
Hope Academy at Wheaton Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Huntley at Crystal Lake Central, 7:30 p.m.
Intrinsic-Belmont at Leyden, 5 p.m.
Kaneland at Rochelle, 7 p.m.
Libertyville at Lake Zurich, 7 p.m.
Lisle at Peotone, 6:45 p.m.
Lyons at Hinsdale Central, 7 p.m.
Maine East at Highland Park, 7 p.m.
Marist at Benet, 7 p.m.
McHenry at Burlington Central, 7:30 p.m.
Metea Valley at Neuqua Valley, 7 p.m.
Mooseheart at Schaumburg Christian, 7 p.m.
Naperville Central at Naperville North, 7 p.m.
New Trier at Maine South, 7 p.m.
Niles North at Maine West, 6:30 p.m.
Prairie Ridge at Crystal Lake South, 7:30 p.m.
Prospect at Buffalo Grove, 7:30 p.m.
Providence Catholic at Montini, 7 p.m.
Providence St. Mel at Marmion Academy, 7 p.m.
Rolling Meadows at Wheeling, 7:30 p.m.
Schaumburg at Hoffman Estates, 7:30 p.m.
St. Charles North at Sycamore, 7 p.m.
St. Edward at Timothy Christian, 7:30 p.m.
St. Francis De Sales at St. Francis, 7 p.m.
Westminster Christian at Harvest Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Barrington at Palatine, 6 p.m.
Bartlett at Elgin, 7 p.m.
Batavia at Wheaton North, 7:15 p.m.
Cary-Grove at Jacobs, 6 p.m.
Christian Liberty at Alden-Hebron, 6 p.m.
Conant at Fremd, 6 p.m.
Elk Grove at Hersey, 6 p.m.
Elmwood Park at West Chicago, 7 p.m.
Glenbard East at Fenton, 7 p.m.
Glenbard North at Geneva, 7:15 p.m.
Grant at Antioch, 7 p.m.
Grayslake Central at North Chicago, 7 p.m.
Grayslake North at Wauconda, 7 p.m.
Hampshire at Dundee-Crown, 6 p.m.

Highland Park at Maine East, 6 p.m.
Hinsdale Central at Glenbard West, 7 p.m.
Huntley at Crystal Lake Central, 6 p.m.
Lake Park at St. Charles East, 7:15 p.m.
Leyden at Hinsdale South, 7 p.m.
Libertyville at Lake Zurich, 7 p.m.
Maine South at New Trier, 6:30 p.m.
McHenry at Burlington Central, 6 p.m.
Morton at Downers Grove South, 6:30 p.m.
Naperville Central at Naperville North, 5:30 p.m.
Prairie Ridge at Crystal Lake South, 6 p.m.
Prospect at Buffalo Grove, 6 p.m.
Proviso East at Addison Trail, 6 p.m.
Riverside-Brookfield at Glenbard South, 7 p.m.
Rolling Meadows at Wheeling, 6 p.m.
Schaumburg at Hoffman Estates, 6 p.m.
Stevenson at Mundelein, 7 p.m.
Streamwood at South Elgin, 7 p.m.
Sycamore at Kaneland, 7 p.m.
Warren at Waukegan, 7 p.m.
West Aurora at Larkin, 7 p.m.
Westminster Christian at Harvest Christian, 5:45 p.m.
Wheaton Warrenville South at St. Charles North, 7:15 p.m.
York at Oak Park-River Forest, 7:30 p.m.

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