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- Chicago Tribune - Colin Taylor takes control, and takes another step, as Bartlett pulls away from Elgin. 'Our chemistry is better.'

By: Paul Johnson

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Bartlett's Colin Taylor (1) secures a loose ball from Elgin's TJ Singson (0) in the second quarter of an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024.

Senior guard Colin Taylor wanted to take another step in his development this season for Bartlett.

Last winter, the 6-foot-4 Taylor began to emerge in his first go-round on the varsity. Still, he toiled in the shadows as Nathan Searce, one of the area's best players, owned the spotlight.

With Searce having graduated, however, Taylor wanted to take control.

"Nate was obviously a great teammate to have," he said. "We just need players to step up and play as a team. I feel like we're more of a team without Nathan."

Taylor led Bartlett in scoring yet again Friday night, a common theme thus far, picking up a game-high 11 points as the Hawks pulled away for a 67-28 Upstate Eight Conference win over Elgin.

Adrian Nankov added nine points off the bench for host Bartlett (2-6, 2-1), which used 14 players in the first half while working through its rotations early in the season.

Adrian Jackson paced Elgin (1-8, 0-2) with 10 points.

Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith, however, has noticed the jump in improvement he had hoped to see from Taylor — as well as sophomore guard Joey Cwik.



Bartlett's Adrian Nankov (23) pushes the ball up the court against Elgin in the third quarter of an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024.

“He and Joey have both taken that next step with Nate gone,” Wolfsmith said. “They’ve done a really good job of stepping up and scoring double digits throughout all of our games, even in our tough losses.

“Leadership qualities are there, playing good defense, physical play, inside, outside. He’s developed his game.”

Working to his advantage is a muscular 6-4 frame, which allows Taylor to hold his own down low while also being able to step out and hit a 3-pointer. He also can put the ball on the floor and get to the rim with both hands.

Add in Taylor’s twin brother, Keegan, and 6-6 Dimitre Petrasiunas, who recently returned from a leg injury, and the Hawks suddenly have some size.



Bartlett's Keegan Taylor (3) works his way under Elgin's Adrian (33) in the first quarter of an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024.

“Teams don’t always have guys to match up with him,” Wolfsmith said. “It makes a big difference when I can put Dimitre out there with the two Taylor brothers.

“That gives us a lot of size out there and teams have to figure out how they’re going to guard one of them. They can all pound you inside, but they can also beat you off the dribble.”

Colin Taylor kicked off a decisive 25-0 run in the third quarter that put the game away. He started with a 3-pointer, followed by Cwik’s layup and two conventional 3-point plays from Taylor, before the starters departed the game.

Elgin coach Kurt Kerrigan recognized the mismatch problem that the Taylor brothers present.

“In this league, there aren’t too many bigs that can shoot,” Kerrigan said. “At 6-4, to have some agility and drive with both hands and also hit the three, it’s hard when you have two of them.”



Bartlett’s Colin Taylor (1) and Elgin’s Ryan Varghese (2) battle under the boards in the first quarter of an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024.

Wolfsmith could see the Hawks starting to put things together last week. Now they’re finding ways to win those games. It’s all part of the evolution he hoped this group would make this season.

“It was good beating Larkin,” Wolfsmith said. “It gave us a good vibe. We just want to play good basketball and we’ve been doing that.

“We haven’t won all the games we’ve played good basketball in, but we’re playing much better basketball. We’re learning how to win.”

After an 0-6 start to the season, the Hawks have won two straight and had close losses to Lake Park and West Aurora right before that.

“It feels great winning,” Taylor said. “It’s good for the team. I feel like our chemistry is better. We started moving the ball around better and playing as a team. We just have to keep moving the ball.

“Starting off the season 0-6, we’re coming back.”

- Daily Herald -

High school scores for Dec. 14

Date: December 14, 2024



Carmel's Hollyn Krogman dismounts from the balance beam during the Conant girls gymnastics meet on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 in Hoffman Estates.

Boys basketball

Addison Trail 62, Elgin 25
Antioch 48, Grant 43
Cary-Grove 81, Marian Central 48
Crystal Lake South 53, St. Viator 48 (OT)
DePaul Prep 65, St. Francis 35
Downers Grove North 48, Oak Park River Forest 31
Fremd 68, South Elgin 43
Geneva 53, Glenbard North 44
Glenbard West 69, Proviso West 59
Grayslake Central 69, North Chicago 50
Grayslake North 58, Wauconda 41
Hersey 59, Bartlett 44
Hinsdale Central 65, York 44
Hinsdale South 61, Proviso East 54
IC Catholic Prep 59, Timothy Christian 45
Lake Park 46, St. Charles East 45 (2OT)
Lakes 66, Round Lake 47
Libertyville 65, Lake Zurich 54
Lyons 70, Neuqua Valley 63
Mundelein 47, Stevenson 45 (OT)

Naperville North 67, East Aurora 45
St. Patrick 76, Larkin 34
Waubonsie Valley 76, Oswego 42
Westmont 64, IMSA 38
Wheaton North 53, Batavia 43
Wheaton Warrenville South 48, St. Charles North 27

Friday's late results

Girls basketball

Burlington Central 42, McHenry 27
Glenbard East 46, Fenton 22
Highland Park 44, Maine East 40
Larkin 51, West Aurora 43
West Chicago 56, Elmwood Park 26
York 48, Oak Park-River Forest 21

Upcoming events

Monday, Dec 16

Girls basketball

Addison Train at Maine East, 7:30 p.m.
Antioch at Grayslake Central, 7 p.m.
Cary-Grove at Lake Zurich, 7 p.m.
Dundee-Crown at Elgin, 7 p.m.
Hersey at Barrington, 7 p.m.
Lake Park at Jacobs, 6:30 p.m.
Proviso West at York, 6:30 p.m.
Rolling Meadows at Conant, 7 p.m.
South Beloit at Schaumburg Christian, 5 p.m.
St. Charles North at Batavia, 7:15 p.m.
West Chicago at Glenbard North, 7 p.m.
Westmont at Ridgewood, 6:30 p.m.
Wheaton Academy at Marian Central Catholic, TBD
Wheeling at Zion-Benton, 7 p.m.
Willowbrook at Evergreen Park, 6 p.m.

Boys bowling

Fenton at Elgin (Elgin Lanes), 4:30 p.m.
Glenbard East/South at South Elgin (Streamwood Lanes), 4 p.m.
Glenbrook North at Lake Park (Bowlero), 4:30 p.m.
Grant at Grayslake Central (Bowlero-Waukegan), 4:30 p.m.
Hinsdale South at Reavis (Palos Lanes), 4:30 p.m.
Morton at Hinsdale Central (Suburbanite Bowl), 4 p.m.
Riverside-Brookfield at West Aurora (Funway), 4 p.m.

St. Charles North at St. Charles East (Funway Bowl), 4 p.m.
St. Edward at Woodstock (Kingston Lanes), 4:30 p.m.
Streamwood at Larkin (Elgin Lanes), 4 p.m.

Girls bowling

Bolingbrook at Naperville North (Fox Bowl), 4:30 p.m.
Burlington Central at Johnsburg Tournament (Raymonds Bowl), 4:30 p.m.
Grant, Waukegan at Antioch (Antioch Lanes), 4:30 p.m.
Huntley at Harvard, 4 p.m.
Jacobs at Woodstock (Bowlero), 4:30 p.m.
Kaneland at Morris (Echo Lanes), 4 p.m.
Lake Zurich at Mundelein (Lakeside Lanes), 4:45 p.m.
Naperville Central at Leyden, 4:30 p.m.
Oswego East at Waubonsie Valley (Parkside Lanes), 4 p.m.
Plano at Dundee-Crown (Liberty Lanes), 4:30 p.m.
Rosary at DePaul College Prep (Habetler Arena), 4 p.m.
South Elgin at Glenbard East, 4 p.m.
St. Charles East at Downers Grove South (Bowlero), 4:30 p.m.
St. Edwards at Larkin (Elgin Lanes), 4 p.m.
Streamwood at Bartlett (Streamwood Lanes), 4 p.m.
Warren at Stevenson (Fairhaven Lanes), 4:45 p.m.

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High school scores for Dec. 13

Date: December 13, 2024



Schaumburg's Tony Horton and Hoffman Estates' Nathan Cleveland battle for the ball in a boys basketball game in Hoffman Estates on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024.

Boys basketball

Bartlett 67, Elgin 28

Benet 74, Marist 66 (OT)
Cary-Grove 48, Jacobs 45
Crystal Lake South 62, Prairie Ridge 42
Dundee-Crown 39, Hampshire 27
Fremd 70, Conant 47
Glenbard East 65, Fenton 47
Harvest Christian Academy 72, Westminster Christian 36
Hersey 50, Elk Grove 16
Highland Park 53, Maine East 42
Hinsdale Central 75, Lyons 47
Hoffman Estates 57, Schaumburg 45
Huntley 59, Crystal Lake Central 48
Kaneland 62, Rochelle 36
Marmion Academy 58, Providence St. Mel 38
McHenry 68, Burlington Central 67
Metea Valley 57, Neuqua Valley 49
Montini 53, Providence Catholic 48
Naperville North 74, Naperville Central 63
New Trier 73, Maine South 56
Niles North 86, Maine West 40
Notre Dame 67, Carmel 38
Palatine 61, Barrington 41
Prospect 66, Buffalo Grove 43
Rolling Meadows 63, Wheeling 27
Schaumburg Christian 66, Mooseheart 44
St. Charles North 65, Sycamore 49
St. Francis De Sales 58, St. Francis 56
St. Laurence 81, Aurora Central Catholic 30
Timothy Christian 62, St. Edward 49
Waubonsie Valley 53, DeKalb 39
Wheaton Academy 84, Hope Academy 73

Girls basketball

Barrington 42, Palatine 34
Batavia 53, Wheaton North 39
Cary-Grove 48, Jacobs 18
Crystal Lake South 58, Prairie Ridge 35
Fremd 64, Conant 29
Glenbard South 47, Riverside-Brookfield 17
Grayslake Central 59, North Chicago 14
Hampshire 47, Dundee-Crown 34
Hinsdale South 51, Leyden 38
Huntley 69, Crystal Lake Central 41

Kaneland 55, Sycamore 49 (OT)
Libertyville 46, Lake Zurich 41
Maine South 60, New Trier 41
Naperville Central 45, Naperville North 42
Prospect 67, Buffalo Grove 38
Proviso East 33, Addison Trail 22
Rolling Meadows 48, Wheeling 27
South Elgin 64, Streamwood 38
St. Charles North 36, Wheaton Warrenville South 24
Vernon Hills 47, Niles West 31
Wauconda 52, Grayslake North 24
Westmont 42, Argo 39

Girls gymnastics

1. Glenbrook North 139.990, 2. Rolling Meadows 130.050, 3. Evanston 123.830, 4. Wheeling 117.070, 5. Niles West 109.250, 6. Maine West 108.550, 7. Niles North 95.900, 8. Elk Grove 56.650

Thursday's late results

Boys basketball

South Elgin 61, Streamwood 57

To read the full article, please click [here](#).

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

By: Staff Reports

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Lincoln-Way East's Jonathan Aluyi (25) goes to the basket as Lockport's Nedas Venckus (11) defends during a SouthWest Suburban Conference game in Frankfort on Friday, Dec. 12, 2024.

High school and local college results and highlights from the Southland, Aurora, Elgin,

Naperville and Lake County coverage areas.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bartlett 67, Elgin 28

Benet 74, Marist 66 (OT)

Benet (7-1, 2-0 ESCC): Blake Fagbemi 19 points. Jayden Wright 19 points. Colin Stack 14 points. Daniel Pauliukonis 13 points.

Marist (7-1, 0-1): Adoni Vassilakis 24 points. Rokas Zilys 15 points. Karson Thomas 10 points.

Brother Rice 71, Leo 52

Brother Rice (7-1, 2-0 CCL Blue): Marcos Gonzales 22 points. K.J. Morris 14 points. Jack Weigus 14 points.

Leo (4-4, 1-1): Dontae Bell 13 points. Karon Shavers 12 points.

Cary-Grove 48, Jacobs 45

Crete-Monee 53, Thornridge 46

Crete-Monee (6-1, 2-0 Southland): Jayden Watts 13 points. Jayden Preston 12 points. Jaylen Blakes 10 points.

Dundee-Crown 39, Hampshire 27

Harvest Christian 72, Westminster Christian 36

Highland Park 53, Maine East 42

Highland Park (7-1, 2-0 Central Suburban North): Simon Moschin 22 points. Hayden Kach 10 points.

Hinckley-Big Rock 68, Somonauk 42

Hinckley-Big Rock (5-1, 2-0 Little Ten): Martin Ledbetter 30 points, 7 rebounds; became school's all-time leading scorer. Max Hintzsche 25 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists.

Somonauk (4-4, 1-1): Brock Sexton 10 points.

Homewood-Flossmoor 97, Stagg 30

H-F (8-0, 3-0 SWSC): Jayden Tyler 19 points, 7 steals, 6 assists. Arden Eaves 15 points, 4 rebounds. Brent Taylor 13 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals. Ethan Howard 13 points, 6 rebounds.

Kaneland 62, Rochelle 36

Kaneland (7-1, 3-0 Interstate Eight): Marshawn Cocroft 19 points. Freddy Hassan 16 points.

Lincoln-Way Central 55, Andrew 51

Lockport 63, Lincoln-Way East 58

McHenry 68, Burlington Central 67

Burlington Central (5-3, 2-2 Fox Valley): Patrick Magan 15 points. Jake Johnson 13 points. Patrick Shell 13 points.

Marian Catholic 65, Joliet Catholic 23

Marian (6-1, 2-0 ESCC): Zack Sharkey 18 points. Delan Davis 13 points. Terrell Morton 10 points.

Marmion 58, Providence-St. Mel 38

Marmion (4-5, 1-1 CCL White): Ali Tharwani 18 points, 6 assists. Dave Malley 11 points.

Metea Valley 57, Neuqua Valley 49

Metea (6-2, 1-1 DuPage Valley): Tyler Miller 23 points. Tre Watkins 12 points. Khalil Jones 11 points.

Montini 53, Providence 48

Providence (1-6, 0-2 CCL White): Seth Cheney 29 points.

Mount Carmel 66, De La Salle 63

Naperville North 74, Naperville Central 63

Newark 62, Gardner-South Wilmington 43
 Notre Dame 67, Carmel 38
 Oak Forest 48, Argo 40
 Oak Forest (4-3, 2-1 SSC Blue): Hayden Noha 17 points. Donavan Williams 11 points.
 Argo (3-5, 0-3 SSC Red): Yusuf Saleh 9 points.
 Oak Lawn 79, Tinley Park 59
 Oak Lawn (7-1, 3-0 SSC Red): Marc Harvey 24 points. Donte Montgomery 15 points.
 Oswego 51, Minooka 45
 Oswego (4-4, 1-3 Southwest Prairie West): Dasean Patton 20 points.
 Oswego East 52, Yorkville 48
 Richards 65, Bremen 61
 Richards (2-6, 1-2 SSC Red): Travon Gourdine 39 points.
 St. Charles North 65, Sycamore 49
 St. Charles North (4-4): Auggie Hoffman 22 points.
 St. Laurence 81, Aurora Central Catholic 30
 St. Laurence (5-2, 2-0 CCL White): Zerrick Johnson 15 points. Markese Peoples 15 points.
 Jeremiah Toney 13 points. Logan Brown 10 points.
 ACC (0-7, 0-2): Nick Czerak 16 points.
 Serena 64, IMSA 53
 T.F. South 79, Eisenhower 58
 Eisenhower (4-5, 0-3 SSC Red): Micah Calvin 32 points, 12 rebounds.
 Timothy Christian 62, St. Edward 49
 Waubonsie Valley 53, DeKalb 39
 Waubonsie (7-0, 2-0 DuPage Valley): Tyreek Coleman 23 points. Moses Wilson 17 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Batavia 53, Wheaton North 39
 Batavia (6-2, 2-0 DuKane): Kaidyn King 20 points. Hallie Crane 18 points. Natalie Warner 9 points.
 Burlington Central 42, McHenry 27
 Burlington Central (3-5, 2-2 Fox Valley): Audrey LaFleur 10 points. Ashley Waslo 10 points.
 Cary-Grove 48, Jacobs 18
 Evergreen Park 57, U-High 24
 Evergreen (5-5): Kyziah Lewis 15 points. Trinity Jones 10 points. Tatum Harris 9 points.
 Gardner-South Wilmington 43, Newark 39
 Grayslake Central 59, North Chicago 14
 Hampshire 47, Dundee-Crown 34
 Highland Park 44, Maine East 40
 Johnsburg 62, Sandwich 58
 Sandwich (1-7, 0-2 Kishwaukee River): Dom Rome 20 points, 13 rebounds. Griffin Somlock 16 points. Kai Pon 10 points.
 Kaneland 55, Sycamore 49 (OT)
 Kaneland (5-3, 1-1 Interstate Eight): Amani Meeks 13 points. Kyra Lilly 13 points. Grace Brunscheen 12 points.
 Libertyville 46, Lake Zurich 41
 Libertyville (7-4, 4-0 North Suburban): Lily Fisher 13 points. Sophia Swanson 11 points. Elinor Lindal 10 points.
 Naperville Central 45, Naperville North 42
 Naperville Central (5-6, 1-1 DuPage Valley): Annabelle Kritzer 20 points, 12 rebounds. Erin Hackett 13 points, 5 rebounds; GW 3-pointer as time expired.

Oak Forest 46, Southland Prep 16
Oak Forest (6-4): Maddie Martinez 20 points. Ambriel Anderson 16 points.
St. Charles East 45, Lake Park 28
St. Charles North 36, Wheaton Warrenville South 24
St. Laurence 54, De La Salle 29
St. Laurence: Marlee-Michelle Coleman 14 points. Angelina Kurylowicz 9 points.
South Elgin 64, Streamwood 38
Stevenson 39, Mundelein 36
Mundelein (7-4, 2-2 North Suburban): Casey Vyverman 17 points, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks.
Taft 62, Morgan Park 33
Vernon Hills 47, Niles West 31
Vernon Hills (7-4, 2-1 Central Suburban North): Keira Thomas 19 points. Emma Jocson 15 points.
Wauconda 52, Grayslake North 24
Wauconda (6-1, 3-0 Northern Lake County): Grace Parker 13 points. Sarah Palmer 10 points.
Kelsey Piehl 9 points, 8 rebounds.
Grayslake North: Ashlyn Stoneham 12 points.
Westmont 42, Argo 39
Argo (4-4): Morgan Murphy 15 points, 8 rebounds. Lexi O'Hara 11 rebounds.
REAVIS RAM HOLIDAY SHOOTOUT
Thornridge 29, Reavis 25

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ag. Science 74, Englewood STEM 34
Ag. Science (6-3, 3-0 Public Red Star): Chris Cole 20 points. Bobby White 18 points. Bryce Tillis 10 points, 10 rebounds.
Genoa-Kingston 62, Sandwich 60
Sandwich (1-6): Griffin Somlock 22 points. Nick Michalek 21 points. Quinn Rome 10 points.
Larkin 51, West Aurora 43
West Aurora (2-6, 2-1 Upstate Eight West): Travis Brown 12 points. Abe Martinez 9 points.
Lemont 68, Shepard 19
Lemont (7-1, 3-0 SSC Blue): Gabriel Sularski 21 points. Alanas Castillo 17 points.
Morgan Park 110, Harlan 51
Morgan Park (5-2, 2-0 Public White-South): Nasir Rankin 54 points. Joc Pullum 14 points, 7 rebounds, 6 steals, 3 blocks.
Morgan Park Academy 61, Daystar 55
Newark 54, Indian Creek 46
Newark (4-3, 3-0 Little Ten): Dylan Long 24 points, 4 rebounds. Payton Willis 10 points, 8 rebounds, 5 blocks.
Indian Creek (9-1, 2-1): Logan Schrader 10 points. Isaac Willis 9 points.
South Elgin 61, Streamwood 57
T.F. North 68, Evergreen Park 58
Evergreen (4-3, 1-2 SSC Red): Lenear Bolden 17 points. Cam Dandridge 10 points.

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