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District U-46 updated on project bidding data

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in School District U-46 was updated on the district's process for bidding out projects and contracts at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 9. Board member Eva Porter was absent from the meeting.

Bruce Phelps, senior business official, said that in the 2018-2019 school year there were a total of 57 bids and requests for proposal (RFP) published. The board approved \$76.3 million in bid and RFP proposals and \$18.8 million in contracts.

The board's policy, under Section 4.060, states that board approval is required on expenditures \$25,000 and up, but Phelps said: "There are items that are exempt to this, and they're outlined in the actual board policy."

Additionally, the policy states: "Any repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or single project that exceeds \$50,000.00 will also apply to the bidding requirements."

There are five stages to the bid process including creation, publishing, public opening and review, board presentation and awarding stages. Additionally, there is a special requirement stage for some projects concerning prevailing wages, a minimum

wage requirement set by unions rather than market forces.

"Most of our construction projects require a prevailing wage," said Phelps who added that construction contractors must submit certified payroll to the district in order to verify the prevailing wage was paid.

Phelps noted that during the public opening and review stage that bids are now submitted and opened publicly through electronic means as opposed to opening sealed bids via envelopes except for construction projects.

"The only difference would be is that any construction is still required to be a sealed bid envelope," Phelps said. "We are not allowed to do it electronically. We publish it electronically, but we cannot open it electronically."

Sue Kerr, the board's president, asked why the construction bids must be sealed and Phelps said: "It's a state requirement."

During the publishing stage the district sometimes holds a pre-meeting with vendors and board member Melissa Owens asked if those meetings were required.

"It's not legally required," Phelps said. "What we do is we try to have pre-meetings on some of the more

complicated projects."

Phelps said the pre-meetings allow the district to explain the verbiage within its proposal, and "sometimes we're also venturing in an area where we're not too aware of what is going on."

"It's kind of nice to have the pre-meeting because we can hear what they have to say, and questions that they might have, that we might have to send out an addendum from that to get a better return on what the information we are requesting back," Phelps said.

Board member Kate Thommes asked who attends the pre-meetings to which Phelps said district staff along with any vendor that pulls the bid can attend. He noted that some of the pre-meetings are required for vendors to attend which the district will note within its RFP.

Phelps said that all open and active bids, as well as past bids, can be found at the business services section on the district's website, u-46.org. The link to the electronic website, Bonfire, the dis-

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Village Board approves subdivision easements

By Kristin Carreno

During the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19, trustees voted unanimously in approval of three resolutions accepting a utility easement for each of three units in the Oaks Subdivision. The resolutions consisted of a blanket grant for public utilities, drainage and roadway lighting and the plat of easement for units one, two and three.

The resolutions allow the village to accept and maintain new street lighting, according to Director of Public Works Matt Mann. The blanket easement allows access to the street light system including the poles, wiring, power and control system.

Mann said the Oaks Subdivision was built in the late 1960s and includes a multi-family area just north of Lake Street from Bartlett Road to Valley Lane. The subdivision has always been served by village water and sew-

er but originally had privately-held streets. In 1993 the Oaks Homeowners Association (HOA) requested the village "take the streets." The HOA made street improvements to bring the roads up to code and the village then took over the responsibility for the main streets in the subdivision.

"We took the streets over from curb to curb but did not get any other additional utility easements," said Mann.

Only a few privately-owned street lights are still present in the neighborhood, Mann stated. The HOA is planning to install improved street lighting per village code in the area over the next few years.

"When they do start installing the street lights we agree to maintain them but in order to do that we need the easements," Mann said. "Once they put them in and we inspect them then we would take over maintenance."

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By Seth Hancock

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Scoring opportunity

Michael Garcia getting off a shot from about 15 yards in front of the St. Viator goal on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Millennium Field. For story and more photos see page 8a.

(Examiner photo by Bruce Leighty)



Keeping thoughts private and don't criticize

I've made a new resolution. Not a New Year resolution but I've just decided to stop criticizing others for things I don't like, such as the way someone wears their hair, too much makeup, their clothes or just their appearance in general. I remember when I was growing up years ago some of the kids in school would giggle and make fun of me for wearing something they didn't like or styling my hair a certain way. It made me feel bad because I didn't understand what was wrong with the way I looked. So when I became an adult I decided to teach my children to respect others and never criticize anyone because they don't like the way a person looks or acts. But sometimes it's hard to not sneak in a little criticism of someone when we don't like what they wear and sometimes we have the urge to make a comment.

I just try not to be like the kids I grew up with that always made fun of people who didn't look like them. It's a childish way to express oneself, to criticize how another person looks; however, it is difficult never to criticize anything when you consider what we are exposed to each and every day. Look at our politicians who don't please us and right away we criticize any person with whom we don't agree. But isn't that part of life to have an opinion? I mean aren't all of us guilty of criticizing others for one reason or another? Is it okay to give an opinion if you disagree with a politician and don't agree with their policies? I think there's nothing wrong with sharing an opinion and being honest about the way you feel. There are people who don't take criticism well and get their undies in a twist if you say something they don't agree with or vote for a candidate they don't like. Some people even stop talking to others that they have known for a long time simply because their political opinions are different.

Giving your opinion isn't necessarily criticizing someone when it differs from theirs, but they may take it that way. It is important to be able to share constructive criticism though because it is usually in the best interest of another, right?

I suppose it depends on the situation such as talking to a friend and saying something like, "Hey, I don't like the dress you're wearing."

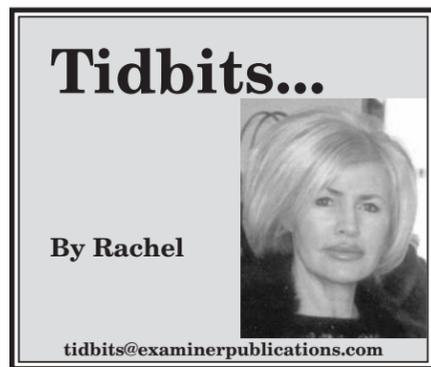
It may sound rude but if someone asks you if you like the dress they are wearing shouldn't you give an honest answer? I know when I would ask my husband if he liked what I was wearing for a night out I really wanted an honest opinion even if he said he didn't like my dress. Even if his honest answer hurt a bit because I chose something I thought was special, I wanted to look my best and tried to take it in stride.

So, is it okay to criticize someone? I think there are ways to give an opinion if asked, but if you think that a friend is doing something they shouldn't or wearing an outfit you find hideous, don't you owe it to them to say something? As long as you put it in the right words and try not to use harsh or insulting words when sharing your thoughts, the person should be fine and I'm sure that a friend would appreciate your well-intended opinion.

So next time you are asked to share your opinion or you ask someone else for theirs, be prepared for what the consequences could be and be careful. Try to find the right way to tell a friend that her dress is a little too tight and unflattering, and don't ask if your husband likes what you are wearing if you can't take it when he says he doesn't like it. However, when people are not asking you for your thoughts and opinions on what they look like, be careful to keep your thoughts to

yourself and cut people a break. No one is perfect.

Congratulations to Pim Inchan of Streamwood who was named to the dean's list for the 2019 summer semester at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Would you like to cheer up our troops during the holidays? Please send an email to: BartlettVFWAux@gmail.com to obtain the list of items. Or, pick up a list from the front desk at Bartlett Public Library, 800 S. Bartlett Road. Then please place items in the bin at the library's front desk by Monday, Sept. 30. These items will then be brought to Operation Support Our Troops-America and used to stuff Christmas stockings for our military! Please call Rochelle at 373-0422 with any questions. This effort is organized by the Auxiliary to Bartlett VFW Post 11018. Your support is very much appreciated!

Calling all West Suburban Nurses! Your West Suburban Hospital Alumni Association invites you to its annual Get-together luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Learn-

Firefighter officially joins fire district ranks

By Kristin Carreno

Village Clerk Kittie Kopitke swore-in Erik Lira as a new Streamwood firefighter and paramedic during the Village Board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19.

According to Village President Billie Roth, Lira attended the fire academy at McHenry County College in 2014 after receiving his associate degree in fire science from Elgin Community College. In 2016 Lira received his paramedic training at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. He was employed by Carpentersville Fire Department prior to joining the Streamwood Fire Department in 2018.

According to Fire Chief Chris Clark, the badge is a distinctive emblem worn over the heart that marks an individual's office, membership or achievement and has been around since the middle ages.

Project bidding

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tract uses to post RFPs is also on the website.

All questions asked by bidders are answered and posted publicly, Phelps said. Board member Donna Smith asked where the answers are posted and Phelps said all bidders are emailed and they can be found on Bonfire by anyone who is registered.

Board member John Devereux said there were several RFPs last year that received only one bidder. He said "it was because it's a good, strong economy where there's more work than

ing Center, Centrum Covenant Living at Windsor Park, 124 Windsor Park Drive, Carol Stream. Meet other alumni, reminisce about our student days, be part of a short business meeting, meet the new scholarship winner, hear Dr. Pam DiVito-Thomas speak on "Human Trafficking," and enjoy a delicious lunch. To reserve your place, please send a \$15 per person check, made out to West Sub Alumni Assoc., enclose a note giving your name, address, graduating class, phone number and email address, and mail to: AA of WSH, PO Box 94, Winfield, IL 60190. Deadline for mailed responses is Monday, Sept. 30. For special circumstances, call or email Louise Lave-nau at 779-2558 or balhl@msn.com.

Help celebrate 50 years of fire safety at the annual Fire Department Open House on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Fire Station #31, 1204 S Park. See displays and enjoy a last tour of the station before it's rebuilt.

Please join the Tri-Village Garden Club of Bartlett, Hanover Park & Streamwood on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Poplar Creek Public Library, 1405 S. Park, Streamwood, where the club will have Kevin Luby giving his amusing and very informative presentation entitled "Poisonous Plants and Venomous Animals." Luby is a retired DuPage County Forest Preserve naturalist who is very personable and has a wealth of information acquired over his many years as a naturalist for DuPage County. His pointer for the slide show is an old stick from the forest! The cost is free. For additional information, please contact Wally Groble 497-1958 or Sandy Swenson 837-0281 or visit their website at www.trivillagegardenclub.org.

Take time to give back to your local community by joining the Streamwood Woman's Club. Enjoy fellowship with members who work on local philanthropic projects to help the community become a better place to live. They meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month, September through May, at the Streamwood Police Station. Membership is open to any woman who is 18 years and older. Not restricted to Streamwood residents. Contact Anita at 247-2359 for more information.

The Tri-Village Garden Club of Bartlett, Hanover Park and Streamwood holds general meetings at the Poplar Creek Public Library at 1405 S. Park, Streamwood, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month from February through November. For additional information, please contact Wally Groble at 497-1958 or Sandy Swenson at 837-0281 or visit the web site at www.trivillagegardenclub.org.

In the days before the American Revolution, patriots would gather in local taverns to discuss the issues of the day and consider remedies to their grievances. Continuing on this tradition, West Suburban Patriots invites you to Patriots' Pub. This is a casual get together with no guest speaker or structured program, just an opportunity to gather with like-minded citizens. Cash bar and pub food available for purchase. Patriot's Pub Nights will be held every other Tuesday at Chrissy's, 552 N. Gary Ave., Carol Stream from 7 to 10 p.m. For more details, see west-suburbanpatriots.com.

Interested in playing bridge? Join in at the Hanover Township Senior Center, Illinois Route 59, Bartlett. Bridge is played on the second and fourth Tuesdays (duplicate bridge on the first and third) from 1 to 4 p.m. Open to all residents in the area. For more information, call 483-5600.

Operation Airlift-Donations are being accepted at the following locations: VFW Post 5151, 520 S. Bartlett Road, 483-0055, email contact@vfw5151.org; and Streamwood Chamber of Commerce, 820 S. Bartlett Road, Suite 108, Streamwood.

Animal Shelter Supply Drive supporting various animal rescue groups. Kitten/cat/dog food of any kind, cat litter/pans, collars, leashes, carriers/crates/cages, toys, scratching posts, cat condos, pet beds, old towels. No human bedding please. Donation bin located at Heartland Animal Hospital on Stearns and Illinois Route 59.

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vendors available," but asked what the district is doing to increase the number of bidders.

"We hope to improve that," Phelps said. "With the capital planning, we have 15 vendors that are bidding on it... That was a very good turnout."

Phelps said that this school year, the district will be going out to bid on construction projects earlier than prior years.

Devereux also asked if the district receives feedback on if U-46 is a "good customer," and Phelps said "we have a policy of third-day turnaround of our invoices" with vendors and "they're not carrying that debt for a long period of time." Phelps added that the district receives "a lot of re-

Three Bartlett schools lead all U-46 rankings

By Seth Hancock

Bartlett High School was ranked one of the top 100 high schools in Illinois and both Bartlett's Sycamore Trails Elementary School and Wayne Elementary School were winners in School District U-46's summer reading challenge in 2019.

All three schools were recognized by the Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 9.

Bartlett High School was ranked 86th among over 600 Illinois high schools and 2,303 among over 17,000 high schools in the nation under *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking. Bartlett achieved its rank in part due to its 94 percent graduation rate and 39 percent of students taking one or

more advanced placement exams.

"We have an amazing community," said Mike Demovsky, Bartlett's principal, in a U-46 press release. "It is a true team collaboration of staff, students, and families. Every student has the opportunity to convert their dreams into realities."

Behind Bartlett in the rankings among U-46 high schools were South Elgin High School (136th Illinois; 3,928th nationally), Elgin High School (280th Illinois; 9,383rd nationally), Streamwood High School (313th Illinois, 10,527th nationally) and Elgin's Larkin High School (377th Illinois; 11,870th nationally).

In conjunction with area libraries, U-46 holds an annual summer reading

challenge for elementary students. Sycamore Trails had the highest percentage, nearly 30 percent, of students with 164 completing the challenge, and Wayne was the most improved with nearly double the number of students completing the challenge, 77 total, from last year.

"The partnership between our families, our community, our Bartlett Public Library and just having the importance of reading to help us for our vision" were among the reasons for Sycamore Trails' success said Lisa Cardenas, the school's principal.

Adam Zurko, who became Wayne's

principal this school year, said: "It is evident, being brand new to the Wayne school in our district, that the love for literacy is all around the Wayne school community. It's just awesome."

Wayne's librarian Dena Fagan joked that she "used bribery" to help her school's success by telling students they could win a trophy.

"They do love reading at our school, and I told them about the summer reading program and I really did encourage them to participate in the summer reading program at the library," Fagan said. "And I guess they did it, and I'm really proud of them."

Expense proposals ratified by District U-46

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Bartlett volleyball falls to Wildcats in straight sets

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett volleyball team couldn't overcome West Chicago's runs as the Hawks dropped a 25-22, 25-19 Upstate Eight Conference match on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at West Chicago.

In both games, the Hawks had their moments including holding a five-point lead late in Game 1 and starting out strong in Game 2.

However, frustrations mounted when West Chicago made rallies while Bartlett faced the chants of the home crowd.

"When they fell apart, they all fell apart," said Bartlett coach Bob Schwantz. "Hats off to West Chicago, they brought the energy with the crowd."

Bartlett was looking strong in the first set when it held a 19-14 lead, but West Chicago rallied with a 9-1 run for a 23-20 lead and the team's traded a pair of points before the host won.

Game 2 saw the Hawks jump out to a 7-0 lead behind three kills each from Maddie Hankins (six kills, eight digs, six assists, five blocks) and Bria Lomax (three blocks) as well as a Dakota Johnson (seven assists, two aces) ace, and they later led 11-3 after a Lomax ace.

West Chicago followed with a 16-1

run, including 11 straight points, to take the lead for good at 19-12. A 7-2 run by Bartlett, capped by a Kirsten Munar ace, pulled them to 21-19, but the Hawks came no closer.

Despite being disappointed overall, Schwantz was happy with the effort all night by Hankins.

"I really had just one girl doing everything she could out there, Maddie Hankins," Schwantz said. "She was hustling every play, diving for balls. She was the only one playing with energy."

Bella Diaz tallied five kills.

The loss was the third straight for Bartlett which was coming off a 3-2 performance at the West Chicago Invite over the weekend, which included a three-set loss to West Chicago. The Hawks also took a hit to their chance at the UEC title falling to 1-2 in the league, 10-5 overall.

"I'm not going to say it's off the table, but we're going to need a lot of help," Schwantz said of the conference. "Right now, we have to focus on just getting back to playing our game."

Schwantz added: "We need to come together because we still have a lot of volleyball to play. We're a good team, it's just when one thing falls apart everything falls apart."

Fire District grant to be used for SEBA gear

By Joe Hyland

"I am here to inform you that the Bartlett Fire Protection District has been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters grant in the amount of \$292,122.72 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)," said Firefighter Wayne Maulding at the Wednesday, Sept. 18 meeting of the district's Board of Trustees.

Maulding reported that the grant will fund the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) gear for the entire department. The grant will cover the purchase of 44 SCBA harnesses, 88 breathing air cylinders, 57 face masks and two rapid intervention team packs.

"This grant (request) was written last October," Maulding said.

Maulding said that the district had originally requested \$341,360, but FEMA had reduced the amount.

"Overall, this was a huge win," Maulding said. "This was our grand slam that we were hoping for."

According to Maulding, "It is the largest equipment grant that Bartlett Fire Department has ever received."

In fact, according to Board President Jim McCarthy only one larger grant has ever been received by the district.

Maulding said that the grant was needed to replace the department's current stock of SCBA gear.

"All of our SCBA are obsolete accord-

ing to FEMA," Maulding said.

"Nice job," Trustee Frank Giovanelli told him.

Maulding said that the grant amount was reduced because FEMA set \$7,000 as the cost for an industry standard base model. Upgrades would be up to the department.

"Is it safe to assume that the committee is going to be looking at that?" Trustee Don Wisniewski asked, referring to upgrades. "I don't know that has ever been seen in our budget."

Maulding replied that the committee would be looking at cost/benefit ratios for any upgrades. He noted that National Fire Protection Association standards had changed so that some upgrades would now be considered standard equipment, although he did not provide details as to what those might be.

Trustee Larry Robbins asked what would happen to the existing equipment.

Maulding replied that some of the units still work although they are considered obsolete. Some could be sold, some could be refurbished. However, he also noted that some of the cylinders are coming up on the end of their life cycle and could not be re-certified.

McCarthy offered the board's appreciation for the committee's work.

"We are very appreciative of that effort," McCarthy said.

Letters

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ABC 7 Intelligence Report from 2011. But today, drivers in Illinois are still paying those tolls – the same drivers who also just saw the state's gas tax double in July.

When the Illinois General Assembly created the Illinois State Toll Highway Commission in 1953, lawmakers at first used the revenue to pay for the original bonding needed to build 186 miles of interstate highways.

Revenues exceeded expectations and the original bonds were eventually paid off, but the tolls still remained on Illinois roadways. Nevertheless, lawmakers made the commission permanent in 1968, creating the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority that exists today.

Former Gov. George Ryan proposed finally eliminating the tolls in 1999, according to ABC, an idea that faded with his governorship in 2003.

Today, every toll paid serves as a reminder of Illinois political leaders' long history of broken promises.

Adam Schuster
Illinois Policy Institute

Seeking solution to satisfy all parties
Dear Editor,

As negotiations continue between College of DuPage leadership and the Full-Time Faculty Association (CODFA), the issue of compensation plays a major role in discus-

sions between both parties. We have heard from the faculty that teaching matters. We, too, believe that teaching matters. Our students also matter, and so do our staff as well as every member of the community who is served by College of DuPage and who support the College of DuPage with their hard-earned money through their tax dollars and through tuition.

As a board representing the taxpayers of this outstanding district and the educational needs of our students, it is essential that we fully underscore the fact that a strike would serve no one's interests. In fact, it would become an unnecessary roadblock to our students' ability to obtain the best possible education at College of DuPage.

Having now held three negotiating meetings with a federal mediator, we remain encouraged by our continued progress toward a contract that is focused on student success and balances the fiduciary responsibility to our taxpayers and students.

College leadership and the Board of Trustees are confident both sides can reach an agreement that is fair and mindful of the best interests of our students.

We have made it clear we do not want a strike, nor do we think one is necessary to accomplish what needs to be done.

It is my sincere hope that we can work together to bring out a resolution that will satisfy the needs of all parties involved – faculty, administration, taxpayers and, most importantly, students.

Frank Napolitano
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
College of DuPage

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U46 school board OKs balanced \$594M budget for 2019-20

By: Rafael Guerrero

The District U46 School Board unanimously approved a \$594 million budget for the 2019-20 school year Monday that is not only in the black, but will end with a \$2 million surplus.

Identical to tentative budget released in August, the spending plan calls for \$594 million in expenditures and \$596 million in revenue from local, state, and federal sources.

The budget is \$36 million higher than the one approved for 2018-19, and includes money earmarked for 10 new assistant elementary school principals, expansion of the district's Chromebooks computer program, new school bus purchases, and employee salary and benefit increases.

"I think the budget is a reflection of the aspirations this board has," board member Melissa Owens said. "I know (CEO Tony Sanders) has been forward in saying some of the investments we've taken have gone back to the classrooms — middle school counselors, the additional assistant principals. We're very intentional about using this money that we have available to us, to making sure it goes back to the classrooms."

Salaries and benefits are budgeted to go up by more than \$14 million from last year, accounting for more than 40% of the overall increase.

The district is receiving about 6% more in revenue thanks to bumps in evidence-based funding from the state and property tax revenue. Evidence-based funding includes general state aid for schools and money for special education and English language learners programs.

The additional evidence-based schools funding — a result of the General Assembly's revamping of the school funding formula — has resulted in state funding jumping from \$120 million in 2017 to \$197 million this school year.

U46's cash reserves will be \$184 million by the end of 2020, according to projections. Sanders said the ending balance represents 35% of the total operating expenditures, meeting the school board's requirements that the district maintain reserves that are 20% of the annual budget or higher.

SPORTS

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Boys Soccer

Breakout performance

Morales delivers 2 goals, 2 assists as Streamwood stings Glenbard South

By: Paul Johnson

Alejandro Morales and Streamwood needed a win like Monday's 7-2 Upstate Eight victory over Glenbard South.

Stuck in a rut of close games, many of them losses, the Sabres finally put a team away with help from Morales. The junior forward scored twice and added two assists.

“It was nice to get a bigger score than we usually get,” Morales said. “We usually only win by one or we lose by two.”

Leading only 1-0 at halftime, Streamwood (5-6-2, 2-1) came out quickly in the second half.

Morales delivered a crossing pass to Edwin Peralta for the first goal of the second half with 37:44 left. Then 1:03 later, Morales scored on the rebound of Joel Sandoval’s shot to suddenly give the Sabres a 3-0 lead.

“We’ve been in this black hole of taking these teams and having 15 chances and coming away with one goal,” Streamwood coach Matt Polovin said. “This was a good night for us to really keep going. I wasn’t going to tell them to hold back.

“They needed a game like this to really put a team away and go at them. It was very good for Alejandro to take note of that and do it.”

Glenbard South got back into the game less than 10 minutes later, however, scoring two goals in a three-minute span to cut the deficit to 3-2.

Morales went back to work. He followed up Leo Magana’s blocked shot to make it 4-2 with 24:50 left. Just over a minute later, Peralta converted a penalty kick, and the rout was on.

“It kind of brought us up as a team,” Morales said. “We were down on ourselves, screaming at each other. I felt like that goal brought us back to life — helped us push harder and harder to get the other goals.”

Morales later assisted on Aaron Taboada’s goal. Morales, Peralta and Angel Diaz each had two goals for the Sabres.

“He’s very solid at taking guys on one-on-one,” Polovin said of Morales. “He likes to go at guys and try to beat them, which I want. I want my wingers to take guys on. I want them to go at guys.

“Once you can take those defenders on, take it to the end line, beat them. If you get a good shot, take it. Or if you can find one of our players making a run inside the box, even better.”

Polovin is hoping the Sabres can roll the momentum of that second half into Wednesday’s home conference game against Elgin.

“Maybe (Monday) was one of those nights where we finally opened it up,” Polovin said. “We have a big game Wednesday against Elgin. I know the guys are looking forward to that.

“Take this and put it toward Wednesday and keep it going.”

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Girls volleyball: South Elgin wins 4th straight Upstate Eight match

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In South Elgin's 25-23, 25-16 win over West Chicago, the Storm (8-5, 4-0) made quick work of West Chicago in the second set to remain undefeated in the Upstate Eight Conference.

Alyssa Warden led South Elgin with 17 kills and 11 digs. Maggie McGough added a team-high 21 digs and Allison Cunniffe finished with 22 assists for South Elgin.

Westminster Christian d. Mooseheart 25-11, 25-17: The Warriors grabbed their first conference win behind Lizzy Muschong with 6 kills, 4 aces and 2 digs. Sophie Kovachevich added 3 kills, 2 aces and 3 digs for Westminster Christian (4-18, 1-5) and Gretchen Hill finished with 6 assists.

Elgin Academy d. North Shore Country Day 25-20, 25-27, 25-15: After a grueling match, it was the Hilltoppers (8-12, 2-2) that came out on top. Elizabeth Sporina led Elgin Academy with 25 assists and 7 digs. Marina Aristodemo was perfect from the serving line and served up 2 aces, along with adding 8 kills, and Maddy Beauchamp finished with 45 digs and 4 aces.

Huntley d. Burlington Central 25-10, 25-11: The Red Raiders (10-0, 9-0) remained undefeated with a decisive win over Burlington Central. Emma Konie led the Huntley offense with 10 kills and Taylor Jakubowski led the defense with 12 digs.

Rachel Stoneman had 5 kills, 5 assists and 3 digs for the Rockets (4-9, 1-8) and Lily Mortetti added 8 assists and 4 digs.

Hampshire d. Dundee-Crown 17-25, 25-15, 25-21: The Chargers (3-11, 1-8) won the first set, but Hampshire fought all the way back to steal this win away.

Makena Wesol led Dundee-Crown with 12 kills and 10 digs and Jenna Brown finished with 24 assists. Mia Seaton added 12 digs for the Chargers.

Wheaton Warrenville South d. Batavia 25-11, 25-11: The Bulldogs (6-11, 2-1) were on the receiving end of very strong serving from Wheaton Warrenville South, who handed Batavia its first DuKane Conference loss on Tuesday night.

Olivia Vani led the Bulldogs with 5 digs, 1 ace and 1 block and Kyra Taylor finished with 4 kills.

Girls volleyball: Larkin takes rivalry match over Elgin

By: Jared Birchfield

The River Rivalry Match between Elgin and Larkin Tuesday was definitely flowing in the Royals' direction early in the contest Tuesday with Larkin winning the first set, 25-9.

The Maroons then stirred up some turbulence in the second set and led at one point, 17-15.

That's when Kaitlin Turner took the helm and steered Larkin to 25-18 victory to win the match, tally its first Upstate Eight Conference win and keeping bragging rights on the Royals' side of the Fox River.

The junior stepped to the service line for a nine-point run that put Larkin ahead, 23-17. Turner started the string scoring one of her four aces.

The Royals tied the set, 17-17, on another Turner ace and back-to-back strikes by Amarie Gray and Ashley Miller (4 kills, 4 digs, 2 aces) gave the Royals some breathing room.

The run ended with a kill by Elgin's Haley Wahl. The senior had a game-high 7 kills and an ace.

The Royals capitalized on Elgin hitting and serving errors to seal the match.

"Turner stood out with the serves. That was a big thing," said Larkin coach Mattie Boyd. "We were struggling with putting the ball in court and serving and she came in and went on a big run for us. That was really important."

"I was making sure that I wasn't worrying so much about the zones." Turner said. "I was just making sure that I got them in. I was avoiding serving to the libero."

A Boyd timeout called before Turner's run also help right the Royals' ship.

"I told them that they needed to calm down. I think it was 16-12 at that point. I said it was only four points," said Boyd. "We still need to get to 25. We just need to relax, play our game, put the ball in the court and let them make the errors on their side."

Elgin (0-17, 0-4) started out strong in the second set, tying Larkin (4-12, 1-3) at 4-4. The Maroons' widest margin was 13-8.

"Coming into the second set, they came out like they wanted to win," Elgin coach Amy Zapata said. "Haley stepped up and got some huge hits and points for us. We then went into a slump. (Turner) came out and had some great serves and we just could not get around it."

It's new rivalry for both first-year coaches.

"It's my first year at Larkin and so far we are 2-0 against Elgin so I'll take that," Boyd said. "It was also our first conference win so it's a big deal for us."

The squads faced each other in a tournament earlier in the month.

"Larkin has the edge this time but we are going to play them in another game," Zapata said "We are going to fight hard and come back for the last one."

Janelle Clements led the Larkin attack with 5 kills. Turner was credited with 11 assists while teammate Nilah Gonzalez notched 12. Lilah Hanson assisted the Royal defense with 6 digs.

Kimberly Aguirre tallied 10 assists for the Maroons.

Village Board receives tree inventory summary

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees was presented with the results of a recent tree inventory at its committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Sarah Christensen, village forester, said that the village received a forestry grant from the Morton Arboretum in order to conduct the inventory of village managed trees, the survey taking place last spring.

"The inventory determined there are a total of 15,282 parkway trees in Bartlett with 2,993 available spaces where trees could be planted," Christensen wrote in a memo. "The average condition rating of all trees is 2.97, which is slightly above average."

Christensen added: "Due to the massive amount of tree removals and replacements over the last several years as a result of the emerald ash borer, the age of Bartlett's tree population is now relatively young."

About 33.3 percent of trees are under 15 years old and 33.3 percent between 20 and 25 years old according to Christensen.

"That means only a third of the total population is considered to be 'mature,'" Christensen wrote. "The ultimate goal is to have a fairly equal number of trees in each age classification. Therefore, it is important that the Village prioritize the planting, health, and maintenance of our young trees so they become a balanced, mature population in the future."

There are 117 different species of trees which qualifies the village to be accredited as a level two arboretum Christensen said. Maples (32.8 percent), honey locusts (22.2 percent) and lindens (11.9 percent) make up the largest species.

Christensen said urban forestry rules state that there should be no more than 20 percent of trees from one family, 10 percent from one genus and 5 percent from one species. She said the plan is for the village to try and diversify the tree species in the village.

The village does have a 50-50 parkway tree program in which the village shares half the cost for residents to buy a parkway tree.

Village President Kevin Wallace asked if all ash trees needing removal have been removed from the village parkways.

Christensen said there are "no haz-

ardous dead ash's anymore." She said 167 ash trees remain, a majority of which are being treated by residents.

Trustee Raymond Deyne asked if the treatment was working which Christensen said "it is working."

"It did on ours," Wallace said. "We have one in our yard. We had to pay for the treatment and it's not cheap, but it's working well."

Christensen added: "Unfortunately, you're signing on to an every two or three year treatment that is not cheap. That's why the village didn't opt to treat any trees, but I have to say I didn't think that it would work but your neighborhood looks great."

Trustee Michael Camerer asked about types of trees that are underrepresented to which Christensen said some examples are the tulip tree and Kentucky coffeetree.

"The only problem is that because it is a voluntary program by residents, they're not trees that residents recognize so they're hesitant to purchase them," Christensen said. "So, I think that comes with a little education of why these trees are nice even though you've never heard of them before."

Camerer asked if local trees were too big for parkways such as oak, hickory and black cherry trees. He said: "Maybe if we had the opportunity to plant local trees that were used to this climate in this area, maybe that's a good thing as long as they work well in the parkways."

Christensen said some of those trees to pose issues, such as falling acorns near roads, but some are planted. She said they are trying to diversify species while making sure the trees are appropriate for the location.

Trustee Aaron Reinke asked how the village encourages residents to use the 50-50 tree replacement program. Christensen said they use the website and social media and residents are informed when a tree is removed, and she is planning to send letters to residents where there are open tree locations.

Christensen said the village relies on residents to care for the trees and they provide them with instructions.

Trustee Kristina Gabrenya asked if there are grants available for planting trees in the open locations and Christensen said there are that grants the village can apply for in the future.

Bartlett soccer rallies to forge tie with Schaumburg

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team rallied in the second half for a 1-1 tie against Schaumburg in nonconference play on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Bartlett.

Trailing 1-0 at halftime, the Hawks netted the equalizer when Kamil Jarzabek made a cross finished by Marco Zamora.

"The ball never seemed to fall kindly for us," said Bartlett coach Vince Revak. "However, Kamil's cross to Marco was a thing of beauty, it really was an excellent team goal. If we can cut back on the small mistakes, or at least organize ourselves more comprehensively after one, we should be able to get back to our ideal playing style."

Hawks goalies Jeremy Taylor (two saves) and Israel Cuautle (one save) split time in the net.

For Revak, the tie was a bit of a bounce back from an Upstate Eight Conference loss to Larkin to start the week, but he was hoping for a better result.

"The good news is that we've responded to our poor effort against Larkin last Monday by salvaging a point against Schaumburg, but overall

it seems we've taken a step back this week," Revak said. "I suppose the good news is that we were able to come from behind for the third time this year and earn a tie. That kind of resiliency will be important down the stretch."

Against Larkin, the Hawks fell 3-1 on Monday, Sept. 16 at Bartlett. Bartlett's only goal came on a Nicolas Gomez penalty kick which came right before the game's final buzzer.

Larkin scored early and held a 1-0 lead at halftime and built a 3-0 lead in the second half. Despite that, the Hawks controlled most of the possession in the game.

Francesco Espana, Amine Medmoun and Giovanni Palid all had solid shots on goal in the game, but the Hawks struggled much of the game producing shots after solid attacks.

"We possessed a lot, but we didn't attack with our possession," said Bartlett assistant coach Anthony Glorioso. "We need to play our game. We would start to collapse as a team when we'd get near the net."

The Hawks are now 4-2-4 overall, 1-1-1 in the UEC.



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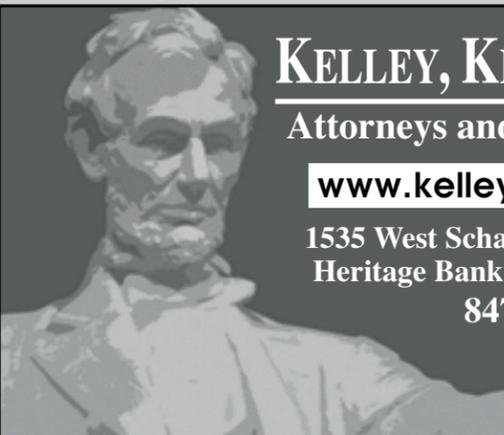
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Storm fall to Geneva in midst of 0-1-1 week

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team struggled to slow down nonconference foe Geneva as the Storm dropped a 2-0 game on Thursday, Sept. 19 at South Elgin.

Geneva finished with an 11-7 advantage in shots on goal and took a 1-0 lead into the break with a goal in the final five minutes of the first half, and it scored again in the final seven minutes.

For the Storm, their offense was led by a pair of shots on goal by both Elijah Patrick and Ryan Doherty. Goalies Christian Andrew (four saves) and Zach Juszko (five saves) split time in the net.

South Elgin was coming off a 1-1 tie against Elgin in an Upstate Eight Conference match on

Wednesday, Sept. 18 at Elgin. Elgin came out strong scoring in the first five minutes, and the host controlled play in the game with a 13-2 advantage in shots on goal.

"It's been the bane of my existence so far," said South Elgin coach Jerzy Skowron. "It's happened way too many times where we start out slow, fall behind and have to play uphill the rest of the game."

Skowron added: "We just need to be able to start right away, from that opening whistle."

The Storm netted the equalizer with 12:26 left in the first half when Angel Garcia-Resendiz converted a penalty kick.

Despite only two shots on goal, both taken by Garcia-Resendiz, the Storm did have their chances with 10 shots total including some solid chances by Nick Flores and Danny Quintana.

Skowron was also happy with the defense, which he said has grown in confidence as the season's gone on especially since Flores moved to the backline from forward. Andrew (five saves) and Juszko (seven saves) split time in the net.

The tie was bittersweet as Skowron was pleased with his team's performance.

"When I was a kid, they said a tie is like kissing your sister," Skowron said. "It feels like that. It stings a little, but I'm trying to encourage these boys and tell them they are one of the better teams in the area from a talent perspective. It's just a matter of putting it together on the field."

South Elgin went on to drop a 2-1 game against Joliet West in the PepsiCo Showdown on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Inwood Complex in Joliet. Quintana, assisted by Ethan Cup, scored for the Storm and Andrew (one save) and Juszko (four saves) split time.

The Storm are now 3-6-3 overall, 0-1-2 in the UEC.



The Storm's Alex Wano rising above Geneva's Dominick Peri for a header as the two teams battled on Thursday, Sept. 19.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



South Elgin keeper Zachary Juszko out of the net just prior to colliding with the Vikings' Alexander Joubran who was able to head in a goal past Juszko prior to the contact.

East snaps South Elgin four game win streak

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team was unable to keep up with East as the Storm dropped a 25-14, 25-15 nonconference match on Friday, Sept. 20 at South Elgin.

The young Storm squad struggled to keep up with the speed of East, but South Elgin coach Joni Plach was happy with the experience for her team against a team they could see again in the postseason. South Elgin's roster is comprised of predominantly new varsity players, nine total, with only senior Angie Negron (five kills, six digs)

returning.

"This is a really good nonconference match for us," Plach said. "They are in our sectional, so it's a good learning experience for us. They run a very fast-paced game which we struggled against a bit, but we can grow from this."

Alyssa Worden (nine digs, two aces) led the offense with six kills and Allison Cunniffe (13 assists, five digs), Maggie McGough (eight digs) and Isabella Tusa (ace) all contributed.

The loss snapped a four-game winning streak that included a pair of wins earlier in the week. The Storm defeated Larkin 25-12,

25-13 in conference play on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at South Elgin and Dundee-Crown 25-22, 25-21 in a nonconference match on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at Dundee-Crown.

"We were able to run through our middle more against both teams," Plach said. "Those were two good confidence builders for us. Dundee-Crown is also in our sectional, so that was a good team to face."

Worden (nine kills, five digs, three aces), Negron (seven kills, six digs, ace), Cunniffe (14 assists), McGough (six digs, ace) and Emma Hunter (six digs, ace) led against Larkin. The Storm were led against

Dundee-Crown by Worden (nine kills, seven digs), Negron (seven kills, 13 digs, two aces), Brooke Elders (four kills, two blocks), Loreal Wilson (four blocks), Cunniffe (22 assists, eight digs), Hunter (eight digs), McGough (six digs) and Tusa (ace).

South Elgin is now 7-5 overall, 3-0 in the UEC.

"They are improving every week," Plach said. "In some aspect of the game, they're getting better. They are still getting used to the varsity level and speed, but they are improving."



Angie Negron following through on a kill shot against the Saints.



Alyssa Worden getting low to the floor to dig a St. Charles East serve.

(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)



Allison Cunniffe setting for a teammate during the first set of the match against St. Charles East.

Storm demolish Sabres, stay perfect on season

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team continued its dominance with a 63-0 win over Streamwood in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Sept. 20 at South Elgin.

The win keeps the Storm undefeated, 4-0 overall and in the UEC, and they have yet to allow a point having now outscored opponents 232-0. They outgained Streamwood 393-40 in total yards.

The Storm ran away from the start posting a 28-0 first quarter and leading 49-0 by halftime. Quarterback Ben Karpowicz (5-for-6, 94 yards) threw a 20-yard touchdown to Marquis Gillespie II on the game's opening possession.

On Streamwood's first possession, the visitors went for it on fourth-and-one deep in their own territory and failed to move the chains. That seemingly set up the Storm for short field position the rest of the game with their longest scoring drive of the night being 59 yards.

"That was the game, that right there," said South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic. "The game was really wild in the first quarter. I thought we played hard, and it was physical. We're growing as a team."

Alex Noworol scored on a 23-yard run and just 12 seconds later Karpowicz threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Corve King, who had three re-

ceptions for 63 yards and four carries for 40 yards, right after Christian Mastropieri recovered an onside kick.

King then caught a 26-yard touchdown pass from Karpowicz after Dylan Bernal recovered a fumble for a short field.

"We punch them in the mouth and we run up the score, there's no way for them to come back," Bernal said. "We just want to keep our foot on the pedal."

Eron Mahmudi had two touchdown runs from 11 and four yards, Gillespie one from six yards, Davion Cherwin one from five yards and Payton Dennis one from four yards. Kicker Andrew Bucaro was 9-for-9 on extra point attempts, and Gillespie added an interception on defense.

The Storm will now face fellow 4-0 UEC foe Glenbard East in a similar position as last year when Glenbard East won 35-7. Both teams were 4-0 last year while the Storm had still not allowed a point, but the only difference is this year's game is at Glenbard East.

"They got after us pretty good and they have some really, really good football players," Teonic said. "We will be ready next Friday night. That game has been circled since January in the weight room, so we're ready to roll. Our kids, they understand and they know what's at stake."



Streamwood's Joey Calo could only watch as South Elgin's Marquis Gillespie caught a touchdown pass early in the first quarter.



Streamwood's Sirrion Dixon, left, and South Elgin's Justin Giannini battling for a loose ball.



Storm quarterback Payton Dennis finding an open receiver with a pass.



South Elgin's Davion Cherwin looking for a hole to open up against Streamwood.



South Elgin's Dylan Marquis digs in for extra yards as Streamwood's Amarion Rayford tries to make the tackle. (Examiner photos by George Niman)

Bartlett tops Maroons for homecoming victory

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett football team was able to close out strong as the Hawks defeated Elgin 34-13 in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Sept. 20 at Bartlett.

The Hawks, who never trailed after Tyler Rivelli's (16 carries, 131 yards) first quarter touchdown run of 67 yards, were clinging to a 20-13 lead after an Elgin score early in the fourth

quarter.

However, Jordan Snyder (12 carries, 82 yards) capped the game with a pair of touchdowns on 42- and one-yard runs. The final TD was setup by a Nicholas Bucaro interception that was returned to the goal line.

Liam Gallagher also had an interception in the game which he returned 71 yards for a score and a 13-0 lead in the second quarter, and quarterback Michael Priami (13-for-26, 159 yards) threw a 14-yard touchdown pass

to Bucaro for a 20-7 lead in the third. Kicker Xander Salyers was 4-for-5 on extra point attempts.

The Hawks outgained Elgin 388-273 in total yards. Bucaro finished with six catches for 79 yards to lead Bartlett's receivers.

The win, which improved Bartlett to 3-1 overall and in the UEC, was also on homecoming.

"The family (coach Matt Erlenbaugh) built around the program, the camaraderie, the alumni that come back just because of him, it's a drastic difference," Rivelli said. "It's amazing what he's done for the team."



Elgin's Xavier Bonds drive was stopped short by Bartlett's Nathan Tomaso and Abel Serrato.



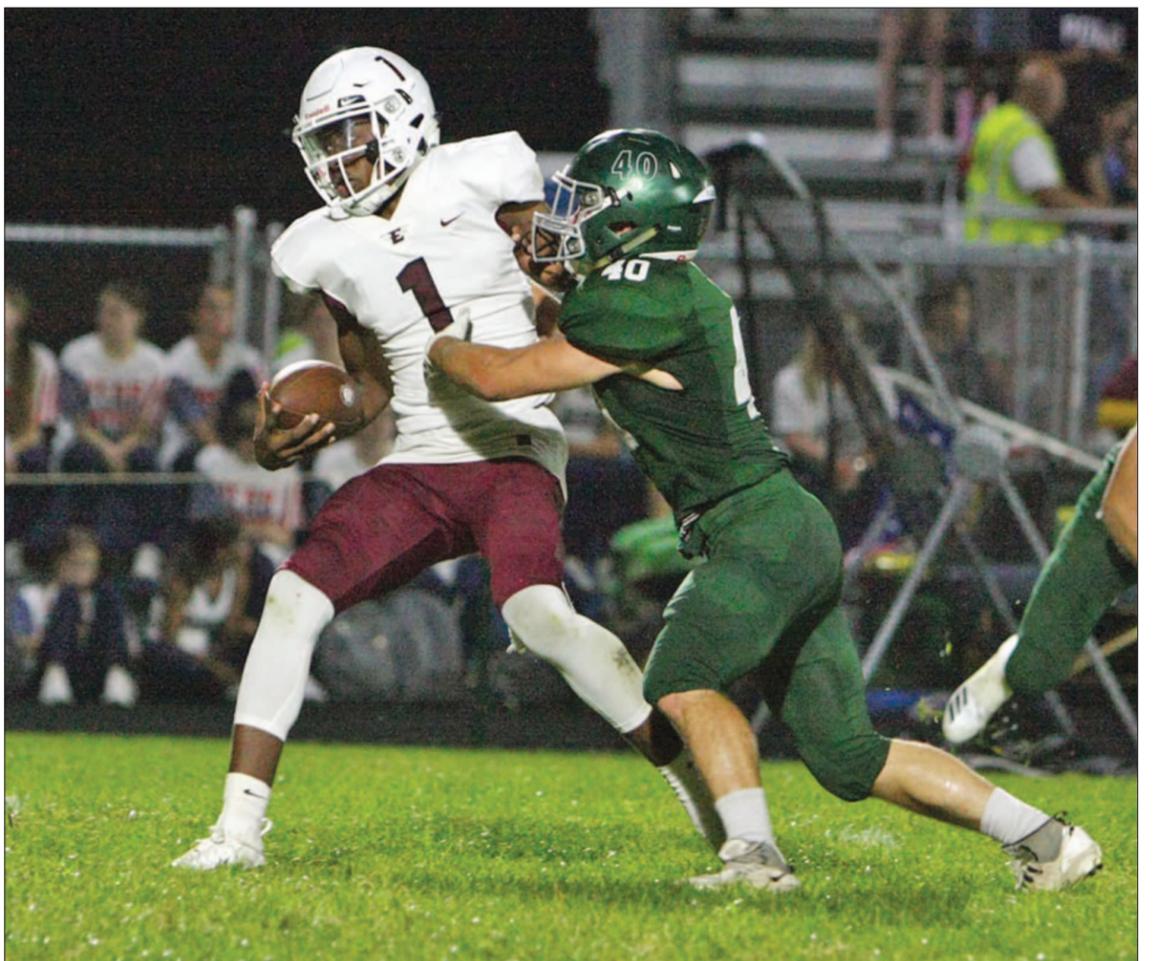
The Hawks' Tyler Rivelli found an open pocket during the third quarter of the game against Elgin. (Examiner photo by Caroline Hollis)



Bartlett's Jordan Snyder used a stiff arm to push away Elgin's Xavier Bonds on a drive in the third quarter.



Elgin's Darien Jackson was unable to stop a pass to Bartlett's Nick Kantzavelos.



Elgin quarterback Jeffery Lomax being sacked by the Hawk's Brenden Gran.

Streamwood goes 1-2 to complete PepsiCo play



Francisco Campos, left, of St. Viator making contact with the Sabres' Ethan Satsatin who was driving on the Lions goal along the far sideline prior to getting off a shot for Streamwood.



Jose Ibarra of Streamwood heading a shot on goal off a corner kick, however, the effort was blunted by the Lions keeper.



The Sabres' Angel Diaz watched as his shot sailed past St. Viator keeper Matt Marchiori and wide of the far post. Streamwood had a number of strong scoring opportunities during the first half including a shot off the post, however, they were not able to score until after the break. *(Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)*

By Seth Hancock

The Streamwood soccer team rallied in the second half to defeat St. Viator 2-1 as part of the PepsiCo Showdown on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Millennium Field.

Down 1-0 at halftime, Edwin Peralta lifted the Sabres in the second half with an unassisted goal while providing the helper on an Angel Diaz goal. Sabres goalie Eduardo Del Rio required just one save to preserve the win.

Against Crystal Lake South, the Sabres went on to drop a 3-1 PepsiCo game on Thursday, Sept. 19 at Robert Morris University in Arlington Heights. Jose Banuelos, assisted by Harvey Partida, scored in the second half to pull Streamwood to 2-1, and Del Rio finished with six saves.

In both games, Streamwood coach Matt Polovin was pleased with the overall performance but has some frustrations with his team struggling to finish as the Sabres had plenty of scoring opportunities in both games.

"I thought our performances in both games were very good, the issue still is finishing our many chances we get in front of the goal," Polovin said. "The guys are still working hard and creating perfect chances, they just need to be a little more composed and just



Streamwood's Alejandro Morales battling to maintain possession of the ball while confronted by the Lions' Joey Taylor.

place the ball to the side of the goalie instead of trying to rip the net down with a 100 mile per hour shot at the goalie."

To end the PepsiCo, the Sabres dropped a 2-0 game to Thornton on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Inwood Complex in Joliet. Thornton found the net once in each half, and Del Rio finished with five saves.

Streamwood, now 4-6 overall, has lost four of its last five games and it has suffered from some inconsistencies. The Sabres have endured through some injuries and

also played without a starting midfielder on Thursday because of a red card the previous game.

"When you lose a major chunk of starters, including my starting goalie Antonio Herrera, it puts the added pressure on the guys on the bench who normally wouldn't be getting 70-75 minutes of game time," Polovin said. "Everyone should be back Monday from injury and we should be back to consistent winning again. Glad we still have a ton of games left before regionals and our training sessions have been high intensity as always. We will be fine."