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Kane County Connects

Kane county school outbreaks down to 6 – but 2 added to list this week --- 1/31/2022

Kane County active school outbreaks are down to six, according to data posted today (Friday, Jan. 28, 2022) by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

There were [seven outbreaks reported](#) last week.

According to the IDPH's [COVID-19 Youth Outbreaks page](#), there are two schools new to the list this week: less than five cases at [Blackberry Creek Elementary](#) in Kaneland School District 302 and less than five cases at [St. Charles East High School](#) in School District 303.

The source in both cases was listed as “classroom.”

Outbreak information is reported once clusters of cases are confirmed to be linked by location and time (within 14 days). Some outbreaks are pending processing and evaluation and will be added as more complete information is available.

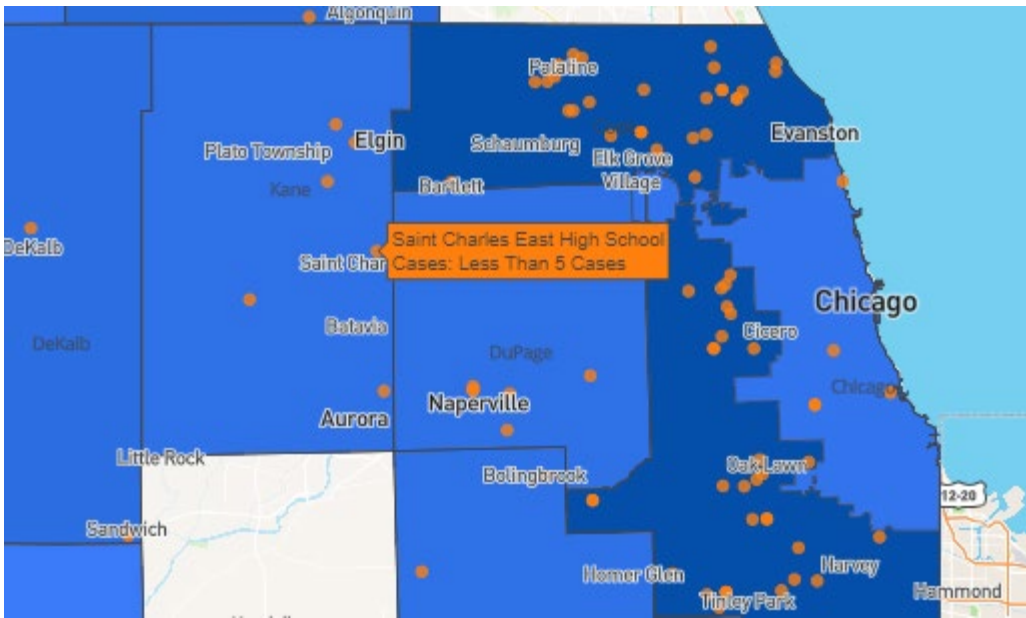
The outbreak information is reported by local health departments to the Illinois Department of Public Health through an outbreak reporting system.



These outbreaks do not include secondary cases that may occur in a household member who has not been at the same outbreak location.

All data is provisional and subject to updating as more information becomes available. Data are updated once a week, typically on Fridays. The IDPH says this data includes entries elicited from cases opened within the previous 30 days from the date of the update.

Active Kane County Youth Outbreaks: 6



Blackberry Creek Elementary (K-12) *

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Staff and Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 1/21/2022

Harvest Christian Academy (K-12)

- 7 Students
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 1/14/2022

Larkin High School (K-12)

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Students
- Source: Sports
- First Reported: 1/12/2022

O'Donnell Elementary (K-12)

- 5 Students
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 12/14/2021

Otter Creek Elementary School (K-12)

- 6 Students
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 1/19/2022

St. Charles East High School (K-12) *

- Less Than 5 Cases
- Students
- Source: Classroom
- First Reported: 1/25/2022

SOURCE: Illinois Department of Public Health

Elgin Courier-News

Can South Elgin beat a good team? Drew Cwik has the answer. So does East Aurora --- 1/30/2022

By Paul Johnson for Beacon-News



South Elgin's Drew Cwik, right, drives past East Aurora's Ralph Clark during a game in South Elgin on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. (Rob Dicker / The Beacon-News)

Drew Cwik thinks **South Elgin** can hang with just about any team.

But the Storm hadn't delivered a signature win to prove it.

That changed against East Aurora on Friday.

"We work too hard to not win games like this," Cwik said.

The senior point guard scored 23 points as South Elgin roared to a 31-point lead in the first half in an impressive 83-53 Upstate Eight Conference win at home.



South Elgin's Drew Cwik, left, goes for a layup after driving the length of the court during a game against East Aurora in South Elgin on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. (Rob Dicker / The Beacon-News)

"Finally, as a team, things are coming together as we had hoped. ... I feel like things are starting to jell," Cwik said. "Playoff time is creeping up, and I feel like we're starting to hit our peak at the right time."

Elgin (13-12, 9-4) hit 19 of 30 shots in the first half, including 6 of 11 from 3-point range. Cwik scored 13 but spread the ball around as seven players scored in the first half. The Storm blew the game open with a 25-3 run and led 46-15 with 1:30 to go before halftime.

East Aurora (14-7, 8-4) tried to claw back in the second half. Its 8-0 run to start the fourth quarter cut the lead to 67-50, but South Elgin responded with a 13-0 run to put the game away.



East Aurora's Jullian Acosta, left, tries to take the ball past South Elgin's Brian Vesta on his way to the basket during a game in South Elgin on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. (Rob Dicker / The Beacon-News)

"I think what helped was we made some shots early," South Elgin coach Brett Johnson said. "When shots start to go in, more shots seem to go in, and then the energy picks up in all facets of the game. That's how you create runs."

Jullian Acosta and CJ Savage each scored 11 to lead the Tomcats. James Parker added 10.

Rocco Marzullo scored 15 off the bench for South Elgin. Kendis Wiley added 11, and Josh Genz scored 10.

"They have some great shooters, and they were on," East Aurora coach Rick Robinson said of the Storm. "When it was time to come out and execute, we didn't do it. I take my hat off to coach Johnson. He's always well-prepared. It was just one of those situations."

Marzullo led an impressive effort from the Storm bench, which produced 28 points.

“It was a good team victory,” Johnson said. “I thought everybody played well, filled the roles they needed to fill. We needed one like this for them to believe that we can do it. It was a night where everything we worked on the past couple weeks worked.”



South Elgin’s Kendis Wiley (32) hangs on to the ball during a game against East Aurora in South Elgin on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. (Rob Dicker / The Beacon-News)

Johnson sang the praises of Cwik.

“He is a great player,” Johnson said. “His leadership has come so far in four years. Communicating what we need to do, knowing when he needs to step up and take over, but also knowing when other guys are doing well and finding them. I’m proud of his leadership. He’s starting to come into his own at the right time.”

South Elgin lost 65-63 to East Aurora in December. The Storm are starting to round into form, however, winning five of six, with the lone loss coming at first-place Larkin.

“We’ve had leads like this and found ways to blow them,” Cwik said. “Actually, keeping the lead and keeping the energy through four quarters is huge for us. This win could be big for something even more to come. That’s what we’re hoping for.”

Daily Herald

U-46 co-op 3rd at Upstate Eight meet --- 1/30/2022

By Chris Walker for Shaw Media

Deep and talented, the Oswego co-op gymnastics team is excited to see what it can accomplish in the postseason after winning Saturday's Upstate Eight Conference meet on the heels of sweeping its regular season conference dual meets.

Receiving team scores from eight gymnasts who earned 11 finishes in the top five places, Oswego co-op was clearly the top team in Lombard with 139.75 points and the host Rams a distant runner-up at 133.45.

Riverside Brookfield was third with a 130.55 and U-46 co-op took fourth place with a 127.65.

"We're pretty happy," Oswego co-op coach Amanda Zielske said. "It's been a while since we won conference, at least for varsity. This was our best vault day of the season."

Sam Phillip won the vault with a 9.45, and she needed all of it to barely outscore teammate Sara Mustafa's 9.4 for the individual conference title.

Kelsie Freundt, who would win the conference beam and floor championships, took fifth with a 9.15. Gwen Berenyi was eighth with an 8.9 for the final contribution to the team score as Kylie Phillip scored an 8.8 but the team couldn't use it.

Amelia Soriaga finished in second on bars with an 8.6, third on floor with an 8.85 and fifth on beam with an 8.55.

"It was a really good meet, I was really impressed with how everybody did today," Soriaga said. "I've been working really hard to sort of clean up everything throughout the season and it was really good to see that pay off, and I was up on the podium for all the events I competed in today so I was really happy with our performance."

That included watching her younger sister Hailey Soriaga take third on beam and Freundt win it with one the meet's top moments, with a 9.3.

"I still think we can improve on beam," Amelia Soriaga said. "It was a really good meet, though, and I think everybody did what they needed to do for us to win."

The conference champs received big-time contributions that included an 8.9 on vault from Gwen Berenyi. On bars, Olivia Valenti tied U-46's Amelia Lis with an 8 for seventh place. On floor, Kylie Phillip scored an 8.8 to tie Glenbard East's Riley Olson for fourth place.

Riverside Brookfield's Lia Christiansen won the all-around with a 34.8. Sam Phillip was second with a 33.85 and followed by Olson and fellow Ram, Abbie Johnson, who tied for third place with a 33.6.

Glenbard East's Olivia Broyles took fifth place in the all-around with a 32.7, landing the final call to the podium, sneaking past the 32.65 that Geneseo's Addison Pischke and U-46's Brynn Kerber each tallied.

"We did really, really good," Johnson said. "We got second. Everybody did the best they could've. I was proud of all of us."

Last summertime may feel like forever ago for Johnson, but she was brought back to those sunny days when she was working on adding her bail skill.

"This actually feels really good because I worked really hard to get that bail this summer," Johnson said. "The bail has been decent and the routine has been there, but sometimes it's a little off or I go a little too far and hit my feet, but today that was the best one I've done."

Emma Iwaniszyn took second on floor with a 9 for the Rams.

Oswego has a quick turnaround as the girls head to the Lyons regional on Tuesday optimistically.

"Monday is a quick practice and then we see how the regional goes and then we've got three days to train to get our highest sectional we could possibly get," Zielske said. "We expect to win regional and our goal is to get to the sectional and do the best we possibly can."

The 141.425 that Oswego co-op scored on Jan. 8 is the highest-score among teams in its sectional. Based on scores this season, Oswego's top competition in the sectional title would likely come from Lincoln-Way co-op, Downers Grove co-op and Hinsdale Central.

"We know we're very close to being able to compete with the next closest team, but it's going to be a big (challenge)," Zielske said. "We're nervous, but excited, and we're excited for the potential for so many girls that can qualify individually even if we don't get there as a team."

Daily Herald

Schaumburg too much for Streamwood --- 1/30/2022

By Bill McLean, Daily Herald Correspondent

The dunk is basketball's exclamation point.

Schaumburg's boys' basketball team amassed 5 of them -- getting 2 apiece from seniors Nicholas Doroskin and DeJaunte Wilson, plus 1 from senior Fabian Baez -- Saturday afternoon and emerged with an 66-38 defeat of visiting **Streamwood** in nonconference action.

Emphatic, indeed.

"Hey, how much time do you guys usually work on dunking at the end of practice?" Schaumburg coach Wade Heisler shouted to a Saxon in the team room, briefly interrupting a postgame interview.

"About 10 minutes," the Saxon replied.

"My guess is that they'd much prefer to work on slams than on free throws," Heisler continued. "I'd say that's our season-high total for dunks in a game. A dunk gets the guys up, gets everybody excited, including our bench guys."

The 6-foot-3 Baez (14 points, 9 rebounds) opened the scoring with his stuff 65 seconds after the tip. Schaumburg (13-10) then secured a 12-3 lead on Wilson's first dunk and stretched the advantage to 16-5 in the first minute of the second quarter, thanks to Doroskin's first dunk.

The 6-5 Doroskin finished with a game-high 19 points to go with his 9 rebounds and 3 steals.

"We needed to come out and play our game, as well as execute well, against a team that likes to play fast," Doroskin said. "We did that for most of the game."

Schaumburg threatened to turn the contest into a laugher after Doroskin's second dunk widened the Saxons' advantage to 35-18 at the 6:53 mark of the third stanza. But Streamwood (4-19) got a whiff of hope after its 11-2 run in the same quarter lopped the lead to 37-29.

"We battled," Streamwood coach Kent Payne said. "We just couldn't make the shots when we needed to make them -- that was the key. Great looks? We had those."

Schaumburg responded to Streamwood's surge decisively and quickly, capping the third quarter with a 7-2 burst and outscoring the visitors 22-7 in the final 8 minutes.

The 6-2 Wilson struck for 6 of his 17 points in the final quarter of the matinee, needing only 53 seconds to hit a pair of free throws and tally 2 field goals.

"Happy with the win, definitely," Heisler said. "I liked the heart we showed after that Streamwood run. It's a great, hardworking group of guys."

Jordan Tunis, a 5-9 freshman guard, also came down with 9 boards for Schaumburg, and Saxons reserve junior guard Joshua Carter tossed in 5 points.

Streamwood sophomore forward James Donato, who was held scoreless in the first quarter, netted a team-high 16 points. All he did was score the Sabres' final 4 points in the third quarter and all of his team's 7 points in the fourth.

Not bad for someone who suffered a dislocated knee on the eve of the season and played in his first game earlier this month.

"Crafty player," said Payne, who also received fine efforts from senior guard Richard Santiago (10 points), senior forward Cris Calderon (7 points) and senior guard Nicholas Trybulec (6 rebounds).