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- Chicago Tribune/Courier News - National Watch District homes, buildings to be centerpiece of this year's Historic Elgin House Tour

By: Gloria Casas

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The Historic Elgin House Tour being held this weekend will focus on houses and buildings located in the Elgin National Watch Historic District.

The Elgin National Watch Historic District will take center stage this weekend during the Gifford Park Association's 42nd annual Historic Elgin House Tour.

Four homes on Arlington Street, one on South Liberty Street and three public buildings — Calvary Baptist Church, the Elgin Fire Barn No. 5 Museum and the School District U-46 Observatory — will be featured during the event being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"This year we purposely wanted to focus on the Elgin National Watch Historical District," said Paul Bednar, who co-chairs the association's steering committee with Trish LaFleur. "They are a neighborhood that we haven't been to in 26 years."

Bednar, part of the house tour for 35 years, said the committee starts meeting in January to plan the event and tries to pick a new neighborhood each year from among the city's five historic districts.

The Elgin National Watch district was created in 1997 and centers on the area where the Elgin Watch Co. factory once stood on National Street.

“We really want to encourage things to happen down in the neighborhood,” Bednar said. “They used to have an active neighborhood group many years ago. It sort of disbanded. There are a couple of leaders down there that have tried to get the neighborhood back and get active and improve things.”



Carly and Theo Gorick’s American Foursquare-style home at 485 Arlington St. in the Elgin National Watch Historic District is one of five featured in Gifford Park Association’s annual Historic Elgin House Tour. The home of Carly Gorick’s parents across the street is also part of the tour.

The Gifford Park Association wants to “encourage everybody to see some of the cool and impressive homes in this neighborhood,” he said. “Hopefully, we’ll draw some attention to the value of a historic district and what that designation can do for the homeowners.”

One aspect that makes the district unique is the variety of homes, Bednar said. There are some large residences sitting next to modest-sized homes — the former once belonging to more affluent residents and the latter typically workers’ cottages, he said.

Two American Foursquare-style houses on the tour are owned by different members of the same family — Kathy and Joel Stuerer and their daughter and son-in-law, Carly and Theo Gorick.

“Just before the turn of the century, you might have seen Victorian and Queen Anne as the prominent styles. Then it got a little simpler with American Foursquare,” Bednar said.

The style has a square or rectangular design sometimes called a “square box,” according to information provided by Gifford Park Association.

The Stuerers purchased their house at 476 Arlington St. in 1990 and raised their two daughters, Carly and Abby, there, tour information says. They have done extensive work on the home,

including restoring all of the original windows and woodwork.

Carly and her husband bought the house across the street in 2017, and have also done restoration work, including stripping paint and refinishing several parts of the residence, tour information said.

The other homes featured are bungalow, Italianate and Colonial Revival styles.

Rebecca Hunter, who has researched and compiled studies on Elgin architecture, will do walking tours in which she'll explain the different styles found in the district.



This home at 535 Arlington St. will be open for viewing Saturday and Sunday as part of the 42nd annual Historic Elgin House Tour being held this weekend by the Gifford Park Association.

The tour typically draws more than 1,500 people and is one of the most popular events of its kind in the area, Bednar said.

“People from out of town just seem impressed when they come and see what Elgin has to offer. I think sometimes they are surprised,” he said.

One house on the tour will have docents who speak Spanish. “We felt it was important to do,” Bednar said. “As we do it again here, it will build up more interest to draw more people.”

Tour tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased online at historichelginhousetour.com or on the day of the tour. They can be used over both days.

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‘It’s very popular’: Elgin tours revisit Elgin National Watch Factory Historic District after 26 years

By: Elizabeth Maxwell

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The Home at 485 Arlington Ave. will be featured on the 42nd annual Historic Elgin House Tour, set for Sep.7-8.

Visitors can tour five homes in the Elgin National Watch Factory Historic District at the 42nd annual Historic Elgin House Tour, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-8.

These tours, organized by the Gifford Park Association, are known for their positive showcasing of historical sites in the Chicago area. Led by co-chairs Paul Bednar and Trish LaFleur, the annual tours cycle through different sites each year.

“This year we are featuring the Elgin National Watch Factory Historic District. The last time we featured that neighborhood was 26 years ago,” Bednar said. “We want to demonstrate how preservation and rehabilitation help to create desirable neighborhoods.”

The tour involves homes at 385 S. Liberty St., 476 Arlington Ave., 485 Arlington Ave., 527 Arlington Ave., and 535 Arlington Ave. It also explores the Elgin Fire Barn No. 5 Museum and U-46 Planetarium. On Saturday only, guests can visit the Calvary Baptist Church.

“We focused on this neighborhood because there are a couple of neighbors that are trying to bring back an active neighborhood association and try to improve things,” Bednar said.

“Because of their efforts and because they are really stressing that they are a historic district and historic districts are important, we want to help them out. We want to continue to help them to make their neighborhood stronger.”

Tickets can be purchased online at historichelginhousetour.com or at the Elgin Fire Barn No. 5 Museum at 533 St. Charles St. Registration opens at 9 a.m.

An adult ticket for \$20 provides two-day access to explore each property and grants access to one scheduled walking tour. Seniors older than 65 are able to gain the same access with a \$15 ticket, along with children under 18 with a \$10 ticket. Ticket prices on the day of are \$5 more.

While on the tour, taking photos of the inside of homes is not permitted. Viewers are allowed to take photos of the homes' exteriors from the front sidewalk.

Touring the homes is expected to take 2 to 2.5 hours. When exploring not on a scheduled walking tour, visitors can move at their own pace. They are not, however, allowed to view a home more than once due to the amount of people that attend the tours.

"It's very popular. Many attendees are from out of town and they realize that Elgin has a lot of great, old beautiful houses and some walkable neighborhoods. We expect about 1,500 people over the two days," Bednar said.

Architectural historian Rebecca Hunter, who has been part of the Heritage Commission for a long time, will lead the scheduled walking tours.

"She's done a lot of studies on the architecture of Elgin," Bednar said.

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Student charged with bringing gun, ammunition into Elgin High School

By: Gloria Casas

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A 15-year-old student was arrested Wednesday on charges he brought a gun and ammunition into Elgin High School, police said.

A 15-year-old student was arrested Wednesday on charges he brought a gun and ammunition into Elgin High School, coincidentally the same day a teen shot 13 people, four fatally, at a high school in Georgia.

The male student was taken into custody about 1 p.m. after an Elgin Police Department school resource officer was notified by high school staff that the teen might be armed, a police department Facebook post said.

An unloaded weapon was taken from the teen without incident and police found 10 rounds of ammunition separate from the firearm, police spokesman Sgt. Mike Martino said.

No threats were made to any students or staff, Martino said.

The student, whose identity was not released because he is a juvenile, faces three counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and one of unlawful use of a weapon, according to a post on the Elgin Police Department's social media. He is being held in the Cook County Youth Detention Center pending a future court date, the police report said.

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office did not respond to request for more information on the case.

Police have not had a report of a weapon being found at Elgin High School since 2012, Martino said.

While School District U-46 officials were not available for comment Thursday, Elgin High School Principal Avelira Rodriguez Gonzalez alerted parents to the situation in an email sent Wednesday. She said the district would take disciplinary action against the student.

"The safety of our students and staff is a top priority, and we are grateful for the prompt action of those who reported the situation," Gonzalez said in the message. "Our school is a safe place, and we must work together to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for all."

She asked parents to speak to their children about "the importance of making good decisions and remind them never to bring any weapon or anything that resembles a weapon to school." If they do see someone with a weapon, she said, they should notify a trusted adult, teacher, school administrator or police officer.

"Safety is a top priority and everyone's responsibility," Gonzalez said. "These deliberate actions are not tolerated and are taken seriously to ensure the safety of our school community."

Wednesday's arrest came the same day that 14-year-old Colt Gray, who will be tried for murder

as an adult, allegedly killed two 14-year-old students and two teachers using an AR-style rifle in Winder, Georgia, according to police reports. Eight students and one teacher were wounded, reports said.

The fact there was a school shooting on Wednesday wasn't lost on Elgin police, Martino said.

"We are cognizant of any local or national incidents and the elevated levels of concern which they may foster in our community," he said.

The Georgia tragedy struck home with parents on social media. One post urged people to "hug your kids," generating a flood of responses. She added, "Not armed but still. I hate that this is the age we live in. It's not ok."

- WGN9 -

Elgin High School student charged after gun found

By: Andy Koval

Date: September 5, 2024

ELGIN, Ill. — An Elgin High School student is facing four charges after a gun was found at the school.

At around 1 p.m. Wednesday, the school's resource officer was notified by staff that a student was observed with a possible firearm.

An unloaded firearm was recovered in possession of the student in question.

No threats were made toward students or staff, according to the school.

The student, a juvenile, was charged with three counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and unlawful use of a weapon.

They were transported to the Cook County Youth Detention Center.

- Daily Herald -

Boys soccer: Huntley rallies to tie Larkin

By: Michal Dwojak

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Huntley's Anthony Frelas tries to control the ball during a nonconference soccer match against Larkin on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, at Huntley High School.

After dealing with some tough matches to start the season, Huntley coach Matt Lewandowski wanted his young squad to gain some experience and learn how to overcome adversity.

Lewandowski got exactly what he wanted Thursday night.

The Red Raiders overcame a halftime deficit by coming out more aggressive in the second half. Their efforts resulted in a goal and a 1-1 tie against Larkin in Huntley's first match of the Huntley Quad.

"We're still happy to end up with a tie," Huntley junior Aktai Mametjanov said. "I feel like the score sometimes doesn't matter. If you give it your all, that's all you can do."

Down 1-0 at the half, Huntley (1-1-2) adjusted its play in the second half by being more aggressive since Larkin was more patient with the ball. The Red Raiders created more pressure on the Royals' backline and took advantage of the space Larkin allowed.

That's how Mametjanov came up big for Huntley.

Once he saw that junior Max Connell had the ball, he started sprinting down the pitch screaming for the ball.

Once he got it near the net, Mametjanov realized he came too far. Mametjanov adjusted and shot the ball into the corner to tie it 1-1 with 27:20 left in the match.

"I was like, 'No, I did not just run all that for nothing, I'm scoring tonight, this was my only mission for today,'" Mametjanov said. "I just kind of let my subconscious take over and shot it between his legs."

The attacks didn't stop there for the Red Raiders. After tying the match, Huntley continued its pressure and got solid looks at the net. The Red Raiders had a free kick with 25 minutes left in the match and just missed on a cross in front of the net with 14 minutes left.

Huntley finished with seven shots on goal while senior Jeremiah Reynolds made four saves in net.

Although Huntley couldn't score one more to win the match, Lewandowski was proud of the fight from his team.

"For them to bounce back, get back in and knuckle down to get things down was really important for us." Lewandowski said.

Larkin (1-1-2) also faced a similar situation as the Red Raiders. Filled with plenty of young players learning a new scheme, the Royals tried to set an identity early by earning two corner kicks and a free kick in the first five minutes of the match.

The Royals finally broke through when they earned a penalty kick after a foul in the box. Senior David Terrnos knocked in the penalty to give Larkin a 1-0 lead with 17:38 left in the first half.

While Larkin struggled to overcome the Red Raiders' pressure at times, the Royals still battled to create chances. Larkin had three more shots on goal the rest of the match.

"We showed a good fight," Larkin assistant coach Alex Vazquez said. "I think we showed what we're made of, what we can do and it's just working from there."

Both teams will resume play in the Huntley Quad on Friday. Larkin will play Woodstock North while Huntley has Rockford East.

After some progress Thursday night, Lewandowski will look for continued development before starting Fox Valley Conference play in a couple weeks.

"The core of our group has changed from the last couple years," Lewandowski said. "So it's just finding out the chemistry of the group, who gels with who, who creates the best opportunities together and making sure those are on the field together all at the same time."

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High school scores for Sept. 5
Date: September 06, 2024



Rolling Meadows' Lucy Pufundt stretches for a back row shot from Saint Viator in a girls volleyball match in Arlington Heights on Thursday, Sep.5, 2024.

Thursday, Sep 5

Boys soccer

Barrington Classic

Conant 2, Glenbrook North 2

Streamwood 6, Jacobs 0

Naperville Best of the West Tournament

Naperville North 5, South Elgin 0

Benet 3, Oswego 0

Others

Aurora Central Catholic 7, Indian Creek 0

Aurora East 8, Harvest Christian 0

Dundee-Crown 7, Johnsburg 0

Geneva 4, Maine West 0

Hampshire 8, Antioch 1

Larkin 1, Huntley 1

Prairie Ridge 4, Carmel 1

Prospect 150, Palatine 150 (Pr wins on 5th score)

Providence Catholic 5, Glenbard South 0

Schaumburg Christian 8, Mooseheart 3

Warren 5, Indian Trail 0

Westmont 4, Rochelle Zell 1

Willowbrook 150, Morton 214

York 1, Fenwick 1

Upcoming

Friday, Sep 6

Football

Addison Trail at North Chicago, 7:00 p.m.

Antioch at Zion-Benton, 7:05 p.m.

Aurora Central Catholic at Christ the King, 7:00 p.m.

Barrington at Hersey, 7 p.m.

Bartlett at Lake Park, 7:30 p.m.

Bolingbrook at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.

Bremen at Grayslake Central, 7:00 p.m.

Burlington Central at Dundee Crown, 7:00 p.m.

Chicago Catalyst/Maria at Westmont, 7:00 p.m.
Chicago Crane at Aurora Christian, 7:00 p.m.
Chicago Military Academy-Bronzeville at IC Catholic Prep, 7:00 p.m.
Chicago Noble/Academy at Marmion Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Crystal Lake Central at Cary-Grove, 7:00 p.m.
Downers Grove South at Downers Grove North, 7:30 p.m.
Dwight/Gardner-So. Wilmington at St. Edward, 7:00 p.m.
East Aurora at Glenbard South, 7:00 p.m.
Elgin at Grayslake North, 7:00 p.m.
Elk Grove at Schaumburg, 7:30 p.m.
Fremd at Buffalo Grove, 7:30 p.m.
Glenbrook North at Grant, 7:00 p.m.
Hillcrest at Montini, 7:30 p.m.
Jacobs at Hampshire, 7:00 p.m.
Lake Forest at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Zurich at Glenbrook South, 7:00 p.m.
Lemont at Geneva, 7:00 p.m.
Libertyville at Richards, 7:00 p.m.
Lisle at Seneca, 7:00 p.m.
Lyons at Wheaton Warrenville South, 7:00 p.m.
Maine West at Waukegan, 7 p.m.
McHenry at Huntley, 7:00 p.m.
Moline at Benet, 7:30 p.m.
Monee at St. Charles North, 7:30 p.m.
Mundelein at Johnsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Naperville Central at Naperville North, 7:00 p.m.
Neuqua Valley at Minooka, 7:00 p.m.
Niles North at Leyden, 6 p.m.
Plainfield Central at Metea Valley, 7:00 p.m.
Plainfield East at Waubonsie Valley, 7:00 p.m.
Prairie Ridge at Crystal Lake South, 7:00 p.m.
Riverside-Brookfield at Hinsdale South, 7:30 p.m.
Rolling Meadows at Conant, 7:30 p.m.
Round Lake at Maine East, 7 p.m.
South Elgin at Batavia, 7:00 p.m.
St. Charles East at Wheaton Academy, 7:00 p.m.
St. Patrick at Larkin, 7:00 p.m.
Streamwood at Fenton, 7:00 p.m.
Taft at Stevenson, 7:00 p.m.
Vernon Hills at Lakes, 7:00 p.m.
Warren at Maine South, 7:30 p.m.
Wauconda at Kaneland, 7:00 p.m.
West Aurora at Glenbard East, 7:00 p.m.
West Chicago at Joliet Central, 6:30 p.m.
Wheaton North at Lockport, 6:00 p.m.
Wheeling at Hoffman Estates, 7:30 p.m.
Willowbrook at Glenbard North, 7:30 p.m.

York at Plainfield North, 7:00 p.m.

Girls volleyball

Addison Trail, Glenbard North, Glenbard South, Metea Valley, West Chicago at Willowbrook Invite, 4:30 p.m.

Bartlett, Elk Grove, Hampshire, St. Viator, Streamwood, Wauconda at Hoffman Estates Invitational, 5 p.m.

Chesterton Academy at Westmont, 7:00 p.m.

Conant, Fremd, Glenbard East, Hersey, Lake Park, Lake Zurich, Maine South, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, St. Charles East, St. Francis, Naperville North at Conant Scholten Classic, 4:30 p.m.

Harvest Christian at Schaumburg Christian, 6 p.m.

Illiana Christian at Timothy Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Lake Park at Fremd, 4:30 p.m.

Maine West at York, 6 p.m.

Montini at Lyons, 5:00 p.m.

Mundelein at New Trier, 5 p.m.

North Shore CD at Christian Liberty, 6 p.m.

Wheaton North at New Trier, 5:00 p.m.

Boys soccer

Bartlett at Lake Park, 5:00 p.m.

Burlington Central at Woodstock Tournament, TBD

Elk Grove at Schaumburg, 5 p.m.

Fremd at Buffalo Grove, 5 p.m.

Glenbard West at Mundelein Jim Wolter Titan Invitational, 6:30 p.m.

Glenbrook South vs. Stevenson at Mundelein's Jim Wolter Titan Invitational, 5 p.m.

IC Catholic Prep at Universal (Bridgeview), TBA

Larkin at Huntley Quad, TBA

Maine East at Glenbard West, 6:30 p.m.

Marian Central Catholic at Harvest Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Prospect vs. Mundelein at Jim Wolter Titan Invitational, 5 p.m.

Ridgewood at Timothy Christian, 7:15 p.m.

Rolling Meadows at Conant, 5 p.m.

St. Viator vs. TBD at Woodstock Invitational

West Aurora at Morton Tournament, 5:00 p.m.

Wheaton Academy at NorthPointe Christian (MI), 6:00 p.m.

Wheeling at Hoffman Estates, 4:45 p.m.

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Scouting Week 2 Fox Valley football games

By: Craig Brueske

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Jacobs' Connor Goehring hands the ball off to running back Tyvon Boddie in last week's loss to Prairie Ridge. Jacobs returns to action this week against Gregory Shaver.

South Elgin (0-1) at Batavia (1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the Bulldogs: Batavia showed in its 35-28 victory over Glenbard West that despite losing a lot of talent from last season, the Bulldogs are still just as good – even if they didn't play like they usually do. Running back Nathan Whitwell did a majority of the heavy lifting with his 35 carries for 179 yards and three touchdowns. The defense also put on a clinic with five turnovers, an onside kick recovery, and a touchdown of its own. Now that the team is heading into Week 2, it'll be interesting to see if the offense will keep the ball on the ground with Whitwell, or if the Bulldogs will open up the playbook and allow quarterback Bodi Anderson to show off his arm against a team that struggled against the pass last week.

About the Storm: After losing 64-21 to Barrington in Week 1, the Storm find themselves at 0-1 for the first time since 2016, when they lost to St. Charles East. This week won't be much easier

when they head down to Batavia for the first time since 2017, where they lost 10-7. Wide receiver Ishmael George showed that he's still a threat on the field last week, picking up three touchdowns and 125 receiving yards against the Class 8A semifinalists. With the Bulldogs' secondary potentially not having Josh Kahley back there for the second straight week, George could see a lot of footballs coming his way.

Lemont (0-1) at Geneva (1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About Lemont: Lemont has played a rigorous nonconference slate for several seasons, but this might be one of the most difficult versions of it that it has undertaken. Libertyville overwhelmed Lemont in Week 1 and it appears things won't get any easier in Week 2 against a very good Geneva team. Lemont is still working in some new players at critical position and the learning curve will have to be swift for Lemont to get things on track before South Suburban conference play begins which is usually where Lemont thrives.

About the Vikings: Geneva has drawn a lot of attention recently for being the home to Georgia-bound wide receiver Talyn Taylor, but he's far from the only weapon on the Vikings roster. Geneva piled up an astonishing six touchdowns in the first quarter and probably could have named the score in rolling to a 63-0 victory over Larkin in Week 1. The nature of the game led to the starters only playing that first quarter, but starting QB Tony Chahino still managed to go 6-for-7 for 164 yards and four touchdowns in that time.

St. Charles East (0-1) at Wheaton Academy (0-1)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the Saints: While the Saints were the only team in the DuKane Conference to lose after falling to Lincoln-Way Central 56-40, they still put up an impressive display on offense. It was the first time that the Saints put up 40 points in a game since a 42-7 victory over Lake Park in Week 9 of 2018. JT Padron passed for 342 yards, completing 20-of-34 attempts with five resulting in touchdowns in the loss in his impressive first start. With Wheaton Academy closing out a tough opening slate before conference play, it should be interesting to see if the Saints can keep the offensive momentum moving.

About the Warriors: The Warriors won the matchup handily last season 41-23 in a season where they made it to the Class 4A semifinals. This season, they'll enter the matchup with an 0-1 record after suffering a 19-17 defeat to Second Baptist from Houston, with the Eagles getting the game-winning safety in the fourth quarter. Nathan Downey is under center for the Warriors after they graduated Brett Kasper. In his first game starting, Downey finished with 250 passing yards and two touchdowns. Brandon Kiebels returns at running back after recording 13 scores on the ground from last year, including two against the Saints.

Crete Monee (0-1) at St. Charles North (1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the North Stars: The North Stars needed a 99-yard drive in under two minutes to take down Palatine 28-27 in Week 1. Ethan Plumb connected with Keaton Reinke for the TD and with Braden Harms for the game-winning two-point conversion. North won the matchup 29-14 last season, with running back Joell Holloman getting 105 rushing yards and a touchdown after the North Stars relied on Plumb to defeat Palatine the week before. With the North Stars having a similar scenario play out this season, don't be surprised if Holloman breaks out again against the Warriors.

About the Warriors: While the North Stars were on the winning side of a 1-point score difference, the Warriors found themselves on the wrong side of one with a 27-26 loss to Richards in Week 1. Outside of the playoffs, the Warriors have lost five straight games against non-conference opponents, with their list win coming against Plainfield North in 2021.

Burlington Central (0-1, 0-1) at Dundee-Crown (1-0, 1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the Rockets: Central managed only a field goal in a 27-3 loss to defending Class 6A state champion Cary-Grove in Week 1. The Rockets' defense allowed over 300 yards on the ground. ... QB Jackson Alcorn was 7-of-24 passing for 78 yards. His top target was WR Caden West, who had four catches for 52 yards.

About the Chargers: D-C beat Crystal Lake South 20-14, the program's first win over the Gators since the shortened spring season of 2021. RB Terrion Spencer had a rushing TD and a passing TD. RB Kadin Malone (98 yards) led the team in rushing and scored on a 14-yard run. He left the game with cramps and missed most of the second half. ... OL/DL Zach Anderson had a sack and tackle for loss. ... Hayden DeMarsh had 84 yards passing in his first varsity start at QB.

Crystal Lake Central (0-1, 0-1) at Cary-Grove (1-0, 1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the the Tigers: Central lost to Huntley 35-7 in Week 1. The Tigers struggled to move the ball and didn't get a first down until the eight-minute mark of the second quarter. ... QB Aidan Niederkorn entered on the final drive and completed 8 of 10 passes for 80 yards, finding Ben Freese for a 20-yard score with 12.1 seconds left in the game.

About the Trojans: C-G opened with a 27-3 win against Burlington Central. ... Ostin Hansen had an interception on Central's first passing play. QB Peyton Seaburg ran for three

touchdowns and 137 yards. ... Jadon Apgar, the team's kicker, started at fullback for the Trojans after regular starter Logan Abrams dressed but missed the game with an injury suffered in practice. RB Holden Boone also missed the game for an international CrossFit competition in Alabama.

Prairie Ridge (1-0, 1-0) at Crystal Lake South (0-1, 0-1)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the Wolves: Prairie Ridge defeated Jacobs 17-0, the second year in a row the Wolves shut out the Golden Eagles. It was Mike Frericks' head coaching debut at the school. ... Luke Vanderwiel, making his first start at QB, led all players with 146 yards on the ground, scoring on a 55-yard TD run on fourth-and-3 and adding a 1-yard TD. ... Prairie Ridge had 293 yards, and the defense held Jacobs to 174 total yards. RB Jake Wagler added 83 yards on the ground, and FB Jack Finn had 56. ... LBs Jace Kranig and Giovanni Creatore each had a sack. DL Gavin Tinch had three tackles and tackle for loss.

About the Gators: South lost to Dundee-Crown 20-14 to open the season. RB Logan Miller had 56 yards rushing and a TD that gave the Gators a 7-6 lead. ... AJ Demirov played all over the field, getting reps at RB and QB, and scored on a 35-yard run for the game's final points. He led the team with 62 yards on the ground.

Jacobs (0-1, 0-1) at Hampshire (1-0, 1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the Golden Eagles: Jacobs was shut out by Prairie Ridge for the second year in a row, losing 17-0. FB Caden DuMelle led the team with 100 yards on 12 carries. OL/DL Vince DeLordo had a standout game on defense. ... QB Connor Goehring was 3-for-5 passing for 35 yards. T.O. Boddie had 21 yards receiving and 20 yards rushing.

About the Whip-Purs: Hampshire earned a 17-16 win in overtime against McHenry as the Whips came up with a stop on a 2-point try to clinch the win. Hampshire was without top RB Cole Klawikowski, who missed the game with an injury. Coach Shane Haak did not say when Klawikowski would be back. ... The Whips still had a strong run game – 256 yards on 44 carries. Tymere Marshall was the primary ball carrier with 120 yards on 22 carries. Arshawn Rupert scored on a 10-yard run on the first play of OT.

McHenry (0-1, 0-1) at Huntley (1-0, 1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the Warriors: McHenry lost a heartbreaker in Week 1 to Hampshire 17-16 in OT. The Warriors were stopped on a 2-point try in the extra time after scoring on a 10-yard touchdown

pass from Dayton Warren to Jeff Schwab. ... Schwab led the team with 57 yards on 13 carries and had two interceptions on defense. ... RB Nolan Chovanec added a 26-yard TD run.

About the Red Raiders: Huntley cruised to a 35-7 win against Crystal Lake Central in its opener. QB Braylon Bower was 10-of-19 passing for 205 yards and three scores. Two of his TDs were to WR Wyatt Fleck, who had three catches for over 100 yards. ... Reichen Dvorak (70 yards) and Gavin Havens (104) added TD runs. ... DL/LB Travis Dudycha had two sacks. Charles Condon III intercepted the first pass of the game.

Wauconda (1-0) at Kaneland (1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the Bulldogs: Wauconda went 8-3 last year. One of those losses was at the hands of the Knights, 40-13 in Wauconda. The Bulldogs opened the season with a 44-34 shootout win against Hinsdale South. Logan Olsen is back for the Bulldogs at quarterback, a three-year starter who was all-Northern Lake County Conference last year. Running back Kaden Pemberson returns after missing most of last year as well.

About the Knights: Kaneland knocked off Washington last week, 20-14 after the Panthers reached the Class 6A semifinals a year ago. Now they face a fellow 6A second-round qualifier from a year ago after winning at Wauconda last season. Chase Kruckenberg was 12 of 15 for 162 yards and two touchdowns in his debut as the everyday starter. Carter Grabowski led the ground attack with 55 yards on 13 carries and Sam Bruno hit field goals from 28 and 35 yards for the win. The secondary had a big day, with Jackson Little forcing a pair of interceptions and Luke Gadomski coming up with one.

West Aurora (1-0) at Glenbard East (1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Last matchup: Glenbard East won, 17-13, in 2018.

About the Blackhawks: The arrow is pointing upward for the Blackhawks, whose 83-member varsity squad is the most they have had in 14 years. In addition to possessing a game-breaking, wide receiver in Terrence Smith (who just committed to Iowa this week) and an up-and-coming junior quarterback in Mason Atkins, the Blackhawks field an improved defensive unit. Jordan Martino's strip and 9-yard fumble return for a touchdown, and Nicholas Weisse's 16-yard interception for a TD highlighted last weekend's 53-0 triumph over Proviso East. Defensive lineman Jesse Estrella added 5 tackles, as the Blackhawks recorded 3 takeaways and limited the Pirates to minus-10 yards rushing – lowest for WA since 1955. They figure to be tested by a Rams team that displayed big-play ability during last week's 30-23 win over Willowbrook.

About the Rams: Coach John Walters' squad enjoyed a breakthrough season of sorts last fall, recording a 10-2 mark and Class 7A state quarterfinal appearance. Despite losing several standouts to graduation, the Rams still have their share of game breakers, led by wide receiver Chris Renford and wide receiver/return specialist Amonte Cook. Renford caught a 57-yard touchdown pass, and Cook added a 57-yard kick return against Willowbrook last weekend. Meanwhile, quarterback Michael Nee enjoyed his first varsity start, completing 20 of 37 for 317 yards and 3 TDs. After Willowbrook grabbed a 23-22 lead on a late touchdown, the Rams showed their resilience, rallying to win on Nee's 23-yard TD pass to junior Muhammad Musleh with 2 seconds remaining. This has the potential to be one of the area's top games of Week 2.

Bartlett (0-1) at Lake Park (1-0)

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Last matchup: Bartlett won, 21-13, in 2012.

About the Hawks: These teams have not met since they were both members of the Upstate Eight Valley in 2012. Quarterback Vincent Yario directs the Hawks' attack, stymied during last weekend's 17-0 loss to Glenbard North. While recovering a fumbled kickoff, Bartlett hurt itself on special teams with a fumbled snap on a field goal attempt and had a punt blocked in the fourth quarter.

About the Lancers: Tailback Robert Munaco kick-started the Lancers' offense with 3 touchdown runs during last weekend's 41-14 victory over Conant. Now, the Lancers look to improve to 2-0 against Bartlett. "It's really exciting – it's kind of a regional matchup that we haven't had the ability to do before," said Lancers coach Chris Kirkpatrick.

Elgin (0-1) at Grayslake North (1-0)

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Scouting this game: Knights signal-caller Mitch Hughes got it done with his arm and feet last week, hitting on 13 of 15 passes for 220 yards and 2 touchdowns and also ran in another score. Cam Bates was the key beneficiary of Hughes' pinpoint accuracy, hauling in 6 balls for 128 yards and 1 touchdown. Elgin lost 35-14 to Fenton in Week 1 and is 1-9 over its last 10 games dating back to last season.

East Aurora (0-1) at Glenbard South (0-1)

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Last matchup: Glenbard South won, 56-21, last season.

About the Tomcats: The Tomcats look to get back on track following last weekend's 34-6 season-opening loss to Maine East.

About the Raiders: Sophomore Tommy Bauman finished 11 of 21 for 89 yards in his first varsity start at quarterback against Wheaton Warrenville South. These teams are now Upstate Eight crossover foes following the split into separate divisions.

St. Patrick (0-1) at Larkin (0-1)

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Last matchup: First meeting.

About the Shamrocks: Junior linebacker John Coyne led the Shamrocks' defense with 5 1/2 tackles during last weekend's 15-13 loss to Niles Notre Dame.

About the Royals: Larkin seeks a faster start after allowing 6 first-quarter touchdowns during last weekend's 63-0 loss to Geneva. Royals coach Vincent Ray remains optimistic. "I'm seeing a lot of positive things from my guys, and I just want us to keep growing," said Ray.

Streamwood (0-1) at Fenton (1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Last matchup: Streamwood won, 30-14, last season.

About the Sabres: Streamwood looks to score its first points of the season following last weekend's 28-0 loss to Addison Trail.

About the Bison: Veteran quarterback Nathan Stewart passed for 255 yards and a pair of first-half touchdowns in Fenton's 34-14 win over Elgin last weekend – a win that snapped a 10-game losing streak. Fenton's defense recorded 3 interceptions against Elgin.

Chicago Crane (1-0) at Aurora Christian (1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Last matchup: First meeting.

About the Cougars: Leading 12-6 at halftime last week, the Cougars scored 24 unanswered points during their 36-6 win over Englewood STEM.

About the Eagles: Quarterback Asa Johnson competed 17 of 25 passes for 212 yards and 3 touchdowns in the Eagles' 24-19 victory over Ottawa Marquette last weekend. The Eagles hope to begin their home season on a positive note.

Dwight/Gardner South Wilmington (1-0) at St. Edward (0-1)

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Last matchup: Dwight/Gardner South Wilmington won, 40-14, last season.

About the Panthers: The Panthers began their season with a 49-0 win over Dakota last weekend.

About the Green Wave: Senior quarterback Brayden Collins-Langfield displayed his elusiveness in the pocket during last week's 20-8 loss to ACC. Charlie Elwood finished with 117 receiving yards, while Michael Cones tallied St. Edward's lone TD.

Aurora Central Catholic (1-0) at Christ the King (1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Last matchup: First meeting.

About the Chargers: Aurora Central Catholic opened its season with a 20-8 nonconference victory over St. Edward last weekend, building a 20-0 third-quarter lead while keeping the Green Wave in numerous long-yardage situations.

About the Gladiators: Last season's 3-6 record was the best in the Gladiators' 6-year varsity football history. A week ago, they scored 3 touchdowns of 29 or more yards in their 44-0 win over Walther Christian.

The Noble Academy (0-1) at Marmion (1-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

About the Cadets: The Cadets came back from a 15-0 deficit at halftime to take down Oak Forest 21-15 and secure their first win under head coach Adam Guerra. Quarterback Kamron Tolliver finished his first start under center with three touchdowns, including his 39-yard throw to Bryan Scales to take the lead with 1:47 left before Colin McInerney got the game-sealing interception just 10 seconds later.

About the Griffins: The Griffins started their first full season since 2018 with not the best start after suffering a 72-8 blowout at the hands of St. Laurence, which was a game that ended with a 2-0 loss last year. The Griffins bounced back from last season's loss with an 80-6 victory over DRW College Prep.

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High school scores for Sept. 4
Date: September 04, 2024



Benet's Audrey Asleson (7) plays the ball at the net against Metea Valley's Ashley Ward (1) during a volleyball match at Metea Valley High School in Aurora on Wednesday, Sep 4, 2024.

Late Tuesday results

Boys soccer

Benet 4, South Elgin, 1

Harvard 4, Vernon Hills 3 (PK 6-5)

Girls volleyball

South Elgin d. Glenbard East, 25-20, 25-17

Upcoming events

Thursday

Girls volleyball

Antioch at North Chicago, 6 p.m.

Aurora Central Catholic at North Boone, 6 p.m.

Buffalo Grove at Warren, 6 p.m.

Burlington Central at Crystal Lake Central, 5:30 p.m.

Carmel at Marian Central, 6 p.m.

Cary-Grove at Jacobs, 5:30 p.m.

Crystal Lake South at Hampshire, 5:30 p.m.

Dundee-Crown at Mchenry, 5:30 p.m.

Fenwick at Willowbrook, 6 p.m.

Grayslake North at Grayslake Central, 6 p.m.

Harvest Christian at Westlake Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Herscher at Lisle, 6 p.m.

Huntley at Prairie Ridge, 5:30 p.m.

IC Catholic Prep at Rosary, 6:30 p.m.

Kenwood Academy at Elgin, 6 p.m.

Lake Park at South Elgin, 5:30 p.m.

Prospect at Evanston, 6 p.m.

Rolling Meadows at St. Viator, 6 p.m.

Round Lake at Grant, 6 p.m.

St. Charles East at Hinsdale Central, 6 p.m.
St. Charles North at Naperville Central, 5:30 p.m.
St. Edward at Larkin, 5:30 p.m.
St. Ignatius at Downers Grove North, 6 p.m.
Stevenson at Hersey, 6 p.m.
Timothy Christian at Montini, 5:30 p.m.
Westminster Christian at Schaumburg Christian, 6 p.m.
York at Wheaton North, 5:15 p.m.

Boys soccer

Antioch at Hampshire, 4:30 p.m.
Benet, Naperville Central, Naperville North, South Elgin at Naperville Best of the West, 7 p.m.
Bolingbrook at Willowbrook, 6 p.m.
Brother Rice at Hinsdale Central, 5 p.m.
Cary-Grove, Vernon Hills at Grant Invitational, 5 p.m.
Christian Liberty at Westlake Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Conant, Jacobs, Lake Zurich, Streamwood at Barrington Classic, 7 p.m.
Downers Grove North at Reavis Invite, TBA
Dundee-Crown at Johnsburg, 5 p.m.
Elgin at Ridgewood, 6:15 p.m.
Fenton at Addison Trail Joe Novy Classic, 5:30 p.m.
Fenwick at York, 6:30 p.m.
Grayslake Central at Libertyville, 6 p.m.
Harvest Christian vs Christian Life at Keith Country Day, TBA
Hinsdale South at Lemont, 5 p.m.
Indian Creek at Aurora Central Catholic, 4:30 p.m.
Kaneland at Batavia, 7 p.m.
Lakes vs. Auburn at Woodstock Tournament, 4:30 p.m.
Larkin at Huntley Quad, TBA
Lisle at Streator, 6:30 p.m.
Maine West at Geneva, 7 p.m.
Mooseheart at Schaumburg Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Palatine vs. Zion-Benton at Wauconda Tournament, 6:45 p.m.
Prairie Ridge at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
Providence Catholic at Glenbard South, 6:30 p.m.
Somonauk at St. Edward, 4:30 p.m.
South Beloit at Westminster Christian, 4:30 p.m.
St. Viator vs. Burlington Central at Woodstock Tournament, 4:30 p.m.
Timothy Christian at Chicago Christian, 5 p.m.
Warren at Indian Trail, 7 p.m.
Waukegan at Round Lake, 7 p.m.

Westmont at Rochelle Zell, 5 p.m.
Wheaton North at Fenton, 5 p.m.

Boys golf

Addison Trail at Leyden (White Pines) 4 pm.
Barrington at Elk Grove (Fox Run GC), 3:30 p.m.
Bartlett, Glenbard South at Elmwood Park (Indian Boundary), 3:30 p.m.
Benet at St. Viator (Royal Melbourne GC), 4 p.m.
Burlington Central at Prairie Ridge (Turnberry CC), 4:30 p.m.
Crystal Lake South at Hampshire (Randall Oaks), 4:30 p.m.
Downers Grove North at Glenbard West (Glendale Lakes), 4 p.m.
Downers Grove South at Proviso East (Columbus Park), 4:30 p.m.
Dundee-Crown at McHenry (McHenry CC), 4:30 p.m.
East Aurora, Elgin at West Chicago (St. Andrews), 3 p.m.
Glenbard East, Larkin at Streamwood (Streamwood Oaks), 4:30 p.m.
Grayslake North at Johnsburg (Boone Creek GC), 4:30 p.m.
Hinsdale Central at Lyons, 4 p.m.
IC Catholic Prep at Montini, 4 p.m.
Lake Forest at Stevenson (Arboretum GC), 4 p.m.
Lake Park at York (Maple Meadows), 4 p.m.
Lakes at Grayslake Central (Stonewall Orchard GC), 4 p.m.
Larkin at Streamwood (Streamwood Oaks), 4 p.m.
Maine West at Maine East (Glenview Prairie GC), 4 p.m.
Metea Valley at St. Charles North (Bowes Creek), 3:30 p.m.
Morton at Willowbrook (Sugar Creek), 4 p.m.
Neuqua Valley at Normal West Invite (Den GC), 1 p.m.
Oswego East at St. Francis (Cantigny), 3 p.m.
Plano at Westmont (Green Meadows), 4 p.m.
Prospect at Palatine (Palatine Hills GC), 3:30 p.m.
Rolling Meadows at Conant (Bridges of Poplar Creek CC), 3:30 p.m.
Schaumburg Christian at Harvest Christian (GC of Illinois), 3:30 p.m.
South Elgin at Fenton (White Pines), 4 p.m.
St. Charles East at the Challenge at the Den Invite (the Den), 1 p.m.
St. Edward at Marian Central Catholic, 4 p.m.
Streator at Lisle (River Bend), 2:30 p.m.
Timothy Christian at Nazareth, 3:30 p.m.
Warren at Mundelein (Steeple Chase GC), 4 p.m.
Waukegan at Libertyville (Pine Meadow GC), 4 p.m.
West Aurora at Yorkville (Blackberry Oaks), 4 p.m.
Zion-Benton at Lake Zurich (The Grove CC), 4 p.m.

Girls tennis

Aurora Central Catholic at Kaneland, 4:30 p.m.
Crystal Lake Central at Huntley, 4:30 p.m.
Dundee-Crown at Crystal Lake South, 4:30 p.m.
East Aurora at South Elgin, 4:30 p.m.
Elk Grove at Maine East, 4:30 p.m.
Grayslake North at Grayslake Central, 4:30 p.m.
IC Catholic Prep at Lisle, 4:30 p.m.
Jacobs at Prairie Ridge, 4:30 p.m.
Lake Zurich at Cary-Grove, 4:45 p.m.
Larkin at Glenbard East, 4:15 p.m.
Leyden at Morton, 4:30 p.m.
Libertyville at Glennbrook North, 4:45 p.m.
Lyons at Benet, 4:30 p.m.
McHenry at Hampshire, 4:30 p.m.
Metea Valley at Batavia, 4:30 p.m.
Naperville Central at Downers Grove North, 4:30 p.m.
Neuqua Valley at Geneva, 4 p.m.
North Chicago at Antioch, 4:30 p.m.
Resurrection at Montini, 4 p.m.
Ridgewood at Glenbard South, 4:30 p.m.
Rosary at DeLaSalle, 4:30 p.m.
Round Lake at Grant, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Hersey, 6 p.m.
Streamwood at Bartlett, 4:30 p.m.
Timothy Christian at Hinsdale South, 4:30 p.m.
Wauconda at Lakes, 4:30 p.m.
West Aurora at Elgin, 4:15 p.m.
West Chicago at Fenton, 4:30 p.m.

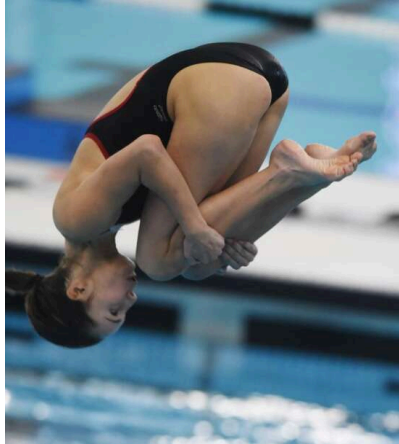
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Girls swimming: Scouting DuPage County and Fox Valley

By: Dave Hess

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Hinsdale Central's Meghan Martell was 24th in the 1-meter diving at last year's state meet.

ADDISON TRAIL-WILLOWBROOK CO-OP

Senior Audrey Morgan returns as a state qualifier.

Others back are seniors Gavyn Bumba, Lauren Barager, Bina Sadiku, and Abby Schnittker along with juniors Naomi Aldana, Tabitha Smaczny, Alyssa Wiemerslage and Emily Moy.

Coach Dan Fernandez's troops were third in the West Suburban Gold Conference a year ago.

"We want to improve our place in the conference and send varsity swimmers to state," said Fernandez.

BARTLETT

Junior Stephanie Adamson qualified for the state meet in the 50 freestyle as a sophomore.

Returners are senior Emillia Tredota, junior Abi Rycerz and sophomore Kaylee Olson.

Newcomers hoping to make a splash are freshmen Kaitlin Albertson and Soleil Rycerz. The Hawks are hoping to improve on a second-place finish in the Upstate Eight and eighth in the sectionals.

"We have the addition of two good swimming programs like West Aurora and R-B (Riverside-Brookfield) and we have to step up big time in the pool to stay competitive," said coach Michael Malanson. "We have newly added depth from a promising freshman class which help us with more points at conference and sectionals."

CARY-GROVE

Scott Lattyak, who begins his 15th season at the helm, is hoping his Trojans can improve on a third-place finish in the Fox Valley Conference and 32nd in the state.

Seniors Kacey Gruen, Mary Brown and Emma Black along with juniors Sofia Iskra, Ella Urbates and sophomore Olivia Nagel provide experience for the Trojans.

Newcomers include freshmen Nora Urbates, Madison Duncan, Brooklyn Rahn and Avery Brown.

"We want to move up in the conference and win the conference," said Lattyak. "We want to come together as a team and get some relays to state."

CRYSTAL LAKE SOUTH

In a co-op with Prairie Ridge and Crystal Lake Central, coach John Valentine's team is led by senior Abi Uhl (Prairie Ridge), who was fourth in the 200 freestyle in 2023. Also back is state qualifier Bella Fontana (CLS).

Others returners are senior Ashley Celentono (CLS), juniors Emma Sig (Crystal Lake Central), Penny Brereton (CLS) and Emely Rudsinski (PR) and sophomore Lyla Meyer CLC).

Newcomers include freshmen Eloise Brereton, Kendall Kramer and Isabella Ralacion. All three attend school at Prairie Ridge.

Valentine's troops were 14th in the state with 48 points.

"We hope to give Cary-Grove a run for the FVC," said Valentine.

D300 STORM

The co-op of Hampshire, Dundee-Crown and Jacobs is coached by Rebecca Dziubla and second in the Fox Valley Conference and fourth in the St. Charles North sectional last year.

Sophomore Rachel Johnson (Jacobs) placed 18th in the state in 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Other state qualifiers returning are junior Kaitlyn Thomaszewski (Jacobs) and sophomores Tessa Iverson (Hampshire) and Eliana Niemi (Jacobs).

Returning with varsity experience are senior Carly Pierzchalski (Jacobs) and sophomore Olivia Burczynski (Dundee-Crown).

Newcomers include senior Maggie Nowak (Dundee-Crown) and freshman Julia Zagata (Jacobs).

"A lot of girls hit the ground running and we saw many accomplishments due to their hard

work," said Dziubula. "We are looking for ways to ensure the medley qualifies for state and the 400 relay team repeats at state qualifiers. We would like several individuals to advance to the state meet."

DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH

The Mustangs under 31st-year coach Paul Krick have won the West Suburban Conference Gold championship 11 years in a row.

Back for DGS are seniors Keira McLaughlin, Jane Kane, Ashlyn Mesker, Morgan Molsky and Skylar Swanson, junior Ellysen Enriquez and sophomore Cameron Mesker.

GLENBARD SOUTH-GLENBARD WEST CO-OP

Returners for the co-op team coached by Miles Ritchie include seniors Ruby Metz (West), Ella Formanski (West), Eva Vogel (South) and Meghan McNally (West) along with Molly O'Connell (West) and sophomores Milena Wlodarz (South) and Harper Ullman (West).

"We want to develop swimmers within the program and provide opportunities to compete in an extremely strong conference (WSC Silver)," said Ritchie. "We want to grow participation in the program."

HINSDALE CENTRAL

Veteran coach Bob Barber seems to have the talent to improve on last season's fifth-place state finish with 144 points.

Barber, 190-50-1 in dual meets in 24 years, led the Devils to a second place finish in the West Suburban Conference Silver and second in the sectionals.

State qualifiers back are senior Kamille Zinis (13th, 100 freestyle), sophomores Karina Miller (14th, 100 backstroke, 18th, 100 freestyle), Lilia Barber (19th, 50 freestyle), and seniors Meghan Martell (24th, 1-meter diving) and Siena Allegra (28th, 100 breaststroke).

Returners for the Devils are seniors Isabella Brubaker and Fiona Hawk along with junior Annie Rocco.

"We want to be as competitive in the conference with LT (Lyons Township) and finish in the top two in the conference and sectional and Top 10 in the state," said Barber.

HINSDALE SOUTH

The Hornets return senior Lanie Chen, who was a state qualifier in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Others back for South are juniors Maya Szafran and Elle Urban and sophomores Nora Schaffer

and Cam Berringer, and freshman Brenna Chen joins the program.

HUNTLEY

The Red Raiders were 6-1 in dual meets, third in the Fox Valley Conference and ninth in the St. Charles North sectional in 2023.

Returners for Jenna Gaudio's team are seniors Maribelle Moyer and Rebecca Rocks along with juniors Caolyn Piepenbrink, Samantha Tan and Greta Young and sophomores Alyssa Gooden, Emerson Kim, Kylie Lamberti, Kacey LaPut and Ruby Martin. Freshmen Michelle Grela and Olivia Rohde are newcomers.

"Our season goals are setting personal records and team records," said Gaudio. "We want to drop times and they are excited to put the work in. We graduated only one swimmer and the girls are excited to swim fast and see how well everyone does. We have a strong conference filled with a lot of good swimmers."

LAKE PARK

Coach Bennett Witteveen returns juniors Veronica Krensku (seventh in state in 100 butterfly, 25th 100 breaststroke) and Lily Dewry (25th 100 breaststroke).

The Lancers were third in the DuKane Conference, sectional champs at Downers Grove North and 30th in the state.

Others returning are senior Una Dizdarevic, and juniors Iza Turczynska, Nadia Kowalski, Juliette Niemic and Nicole Brzostowski.

"We want to be competitive in the top conference (DuKane) in the state," said Witteveen. "Qualify for state in multiple events and take another major step with the program."

NAPERVILLE NORTH

State qualifiers back for the Huskies are seniors Chloe Chen and Malika Putakham, junior Abby Pobozny and sophomore Tasha Mantel. Senior Payton Schreier, junior Izzy Hersher and sophomores Jules Swatford, Erin Colburn and Natalia Brown also return while coach Andy McWhirter has a solid group of divers to choose from which includes senior Samantha Connolly, junior Sydney Queen sophomores Derryn Milner and Isa Smith along with freshmen Avery Christensen and Madison Moun gay.

Caitlin Augustune, MacKenzie Kuznar and Amy Rea also are new to the team.

"The DVC is a tough conference," said McWhirter. "All the teams are competitive."

ROSARY

The Beads, the defending state champions, return a bevy of talent in an attempt to repeat.

Rosary claimed the state title with 243 points while New Trier was second with 203.5 points.

Coach Glenn Brown's squad return two-time state champion senior Becky Rentz (Nptre Dame), who claimed top honors in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

Senior Elizabeth Nawrocki, a Georgia recruit, was the state champ in the 100 breaststroke and was fifth in the 200 individual medley.

TCU recruit Olivia Moore was third in the 100 breaststroke and senior Bella Wojtowicz (Illinois) placed seventh in the 200 individual medley.

Senior Kendall Mallers (Iowa State) placed 23rd in the 500 freestyle.

Other state place finishers were junior Ariyana Nieckula (sixth, 100 butterfly), sophomore Anna Bella Nawrocki (10th backstroke and junior Allie Casanovas (14th 500 freestyle).

Other returners are juniors Julia Barthel and Kailey DeLacruz, and they will be joined on the team by freshmen Paige Kowal and Abby Moore.

"We are in a very strong conference (Chicagoland Christian)," said coach Glenn Brown. "We want to win every meet."



Two-time state champion Becky Rentz returns at Rosary. Who won last year's team state championship.

SOUTH ELGIN

The Storm, which will co-op with Elgin, were third in the Upstate Eight Conference, seventh in the sectionals and 28th in the state.

Senior Morgan McCloskey placed 10th in the diving a year ago.

Others back are senior Mikella Mesina and junior Meadow Macalindong while freshman Vicki Osenkowski will be one to watch.

ST. CHARLES EAST

The Saints, under the guidance of fourth-year coach Adam Musial, must replace 12 seniors from a team that finished second in the DuKane Conference, third in the sectionals and 45th in the state (5 points).

"There are some big shoes to fill," Musial said.

State qualifiers back are junior Mikayla Kellett and sophomore Lulu Negro.

Returners include seniors Elin Foreman and Vivienne Dean, juniors Celine Peterson, Charlotta and Caroline Supple and sophomore Lily Engelhart while freshman Mia Fuscone is another top swimmer.

"We want to match or increase our state qualifications from last year and exceed our point total," said Musial. "We want to stay competitive in the conference meet and find a way to compete for the conference title. We want to be competitive in dual meets and invites and be prepared for the end of the season championship meets."



Lulu Negro is a returning state qualifier st St. Charles East.

ST. CHARLES NORTH

The North Stars boast one of the top 1-2 punches in the state. Senior Isabelle Beu, a Georgia recruit, who is the returning state champion in the 200 individual medley and a runner-up 100 breaststroke. Junior Tess Stavropoulos was second in the 50 freestyle and fourth in the 100 freestyle. Junior Jenna Williams was 12th in the 100 backstroke.

Others back for veteran coach Rob Rooney, in his 25th season, are juniors Giana Mesina and Martina Dobek.

Newcomers include Abby Hill, Kate Ferrell and Avery Luedtkae.

The North Stars are the defending DuKane Conference champs, were second in their own sectional and sixth in the state.

"We want to build upon the tradition and build upon team success," said Rooney.



St. Charles North's Isabelle Beu is the returning state champion in the 200 IM.

ST. FRANCIS

The Spartans return seniors Jackie Gabbert, Ana Hall and Rachel Telzrow and sophomores Adrina Capeless and Isabella Bana to go with newcomers Maddie Sioma and Payton Klingborg.

WAUBONSIE VALLEY

Nick Arens begins his 14th season as coach. Arens, who has carved out a 39-25-2 career mark, led the Warriors to a third-place finish in the DuPage Valley, fourth in the sectionals and 40th at the state meet.

State qualifiers returning are seniors Bella Plude and Ruby Meier, juniors Calin Ball and Anna Honcharuk and sophomores Abbey Brown and Malini Madiman.

WEST AURORA

The Blackhawks, back in the Upstate Eight Conference, return senior Megan Reagan, juniors Regan Mitchell, Callie Reimer and Amalig Valdez, and sophomores Addison Waddle and Sydney Charmello.

Newcomers include seniors Hannah Patel, and juniors Anaya Alfaro, Mikayla Hanson and Sydney Charmello.

"We want to do the best we can do this season," said Burke. "We have a strong group of girls. They are ready to swim and do the best we can. We want to get Addison Wadle downstate in the 100 backstroke."

WEST CHICAGO-BATAVIA-GENEVA co-op

The Wildcats return junior Audrey Lindstrom, who was ninth in the 500 freestyle and 13th in the 200 freestyle. Junior Claire Conklin was 11th in the 50 freestyle and senior Megan Sego was 32nd in the 100 butterfly.

Other returners are sophomores Emery Larsen, Katherine Smith, Ryann Lehan and senior Mia Marin to join with newcomers Jenna Bilut and Claire Smith, both freshmen.

The Wildcats were Upstate Eight Conference champs last year, won the St. Charles North sectional and were 12th in the state with 54 points.

"We want to have top eight finishers in the state, take another UEC title and have multiple state qualifiers," said first-year coach Sophia Parr.

WHEATON NORTH-WHEATON WARRENVILLE SOUTH

Coached by Angela Shaw, the co-op returns seniors Tiernan Day and Brynn Dillow along with juniors Jojo Mahan and Mina Ospina.

"We have great depth and great leaders from our juniors and seniors in and out of the pool," said Shaw. "We look forward to a great season ahead in the competitive DuKane Conference. We look forward to some great racing. We want to fine tune our technique, build better practice habits and produce purposeful training race strategy."

YORK

Megan Jensen begins her seventh season coaching in Elmhurst. The Dukes were third in the rugged West Suburban Conference Silver Division, second in the sectionals and 51st in the state.

York returns state qualifiers senior Sophia Amendola, junior Samantha Szejner and sophomore Katie McCarthy to go with freshman newcomer Gabby Miller.

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Week 2 Expanded Top 20

By: John Lemon

Date: September 04, 2024



South Elgin's D'eAgelo McCullough wraps up Barrington's Matt Kania during the Broncos' 64-21 win last week. Barrington checks in at No.3 in this week's Daily Herald Top 20 ahead of a match up against No.8 Hersey on Friday.

First and 10

1. Downers Grove North (1-0) After reaching the Class 7A state championship game a year ago, the Trojans picked up where they left off in Week 1 with a 42-0 win over O'Fallon. Now comes their crosstown rival Downers Grove South who also is 1-0. The Trojans won this matchup a year ago 35-13.
2. Warren (1-0) Junior Aaron Stewart is coming off a remarkable 361-yard, 5-touchdown effort in a 55-26 win over Hersey. Now comes a Maine South team hungry for a win after losing to 8A power Lincoln-Way East last week.
3. Barrington (1-0) The Broncos scored on 8 of their first 9 possessions last week in a 64-21 win over South Elgin. QB Nick Peipert finished a perfect 10 of 10 for 240 yards and threw 4 touchdown passes in the first half. Now comes a second road game at a Hersey team trying to shake off a loss to Warren.
4. Maine South (0-1) The Hawks continue a killer schedule to start the season against Warren. Last week in a 49-22 loss to Lincoln-Way East, the Hawks dug themselves a 14-0 hole after one quarter and it didn't get much better from there. Constantine Coines completed 15 of 25 passes for 149 yards with 2 TDs and 2 INTs.
5. Cary-Grove (1-0) The Trojans got off to a good start despite star RB Logan Abrams missing a 27-3 win over Burlington Central after getting banged up in practice last week. Abrams did dress for the game and is day to day heading into Week 2 against Crystal Lake Central (0-1).
6. Batavia (1-0) So much for inexperience, the Bulldogs came up big last week in a 35-28 win at Glenbard West 35-28. Running back Nathan Whitwell led the way, carrying 35 times for 179 yards and 3 TDs, and earning "Ironman" and "flat out stud" labels from his coach Dennis Piron. Batavia hosts South Elgin on Friday.
7. York (1-0) The Dukes trailed 10-0 before scoring the final 28 points in a 28-10 win over Glenbrook South, giving coach Don Gelsomino a win in his debut. QB Bruno Massel tossed an 80-yard touchdown to Hayden Alexander. Plainfield North enters 0-1 after a 28-21 loss to Lockport.
8. Hersey (0-1) UCLA-bound quarterback Colton Gumino finished 11-for-25 passing for 178 yards with 3 interceptions in a 55-26 loss to Warren. The competition doesn't get any easier

this week against Barrington as coach Tom Nelson looks for better execution from his entire team.

9. Carmel (1-0) The Corsairs built a 49-0 halftime lead in a 56-13 win over Grayslake Central. Sophomore QB Tre Taylor tossed a pair of TD passes as Carmel totaled nearly 500 yards of offense. Lake Forest opened the season with a 35-12 win over Lakes, also pitching a first-half shutout up 28-0.

10. Fremd (1-0) Northwestern-bound Johnny O'Brien led the Vikings to one of the most impressive wins of Week 1, 31-0 over Lake Zurich. O'Brien threw for 259 yards and 3 touchdowns while the defense dominated forcing four turnovers and holding Lake Zurich to 112 yards of offense. Buffalo Grove is up next.

Second and 10

11. St. Francis (1-0) Beat Kenwood 27-21; at Lift for Life Ac.

12. Naperville C. (1-0) Beat Hinsdale C. 24-13; vs. Naperville N.

13. St. Charles N. (1-0) Beat Palatine 28-27; Crete-Monee

14. Glenbard West (0-1) Lost to Batavia 35-28; Loyola

15. Geneva (1-0) Beat Larkin 63-0; Lemont

16. IC Catholic Prep (1-0) Beat St. Mary's 27-26; Bronzeville

17. Stevenson (1-0) Beat Kenosha 52-14; Taft

18. Huntley (1-0) Beat Crystal Lake Central 35-7; McHenry

19. Palatine (0-1) Lost to St. Charles N 28-27; at Prospect

20. Wheaton North (1-0) Beat Providence 23-22; at Lockport

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Team Within the Team: Football captains create the head space

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Glenbard North's football captains include, left to right, Dylan Bradford, Jaysek Thompson, Sterling Williams, Ben Princis and Dylan Hendee.

By Tuesday's football practice, emotions had subsided over Glenbard North's first victory since

2022.

For the Panthers' five senior team captains, the accomplishment remained. And the work ahead.

"It feels great," linebacker Dylan Hendee, a two-year team captain, said of Friday's 17-0 victory over Bartlett.

"Haven't won a game in a year, so it feels really good," he said. "But can't get too comfortable, got to keep working. Go 2-0."

The Panthers' captains — Hendee, Dylan Bradford, Ben Princis, Jaysek Thompson and Sterling Williams — are liaisons between the coaching staff and the varsity roster.

They keep things tight and keep things loose. Their teammates selected them for the job.

"We went through a voting process throughout the team, and I've just been trying my best to lead the team in the right area, get us all in the right head space. And I believe we're getting there," said Thompson, a 225-pound defensive end.

Head space?

"Just being focused in practice and bringing the right intensity every day," Thompson said.

Princis, Glenbard North's quarterback, takes the captain position to heart.

"It feels good to know that people are looking up to you," he said. "They look to you for answers and it feels good that the coaches have people to be, like, mini-coaches to the team, make sure everyone's on task. I think it means a lot to have a good leadership group."

Princis and his co-captains believe that was a difference between this year's 1-0 start and last year's 0-9 season. Intensity and cohesiveness weren't there.

"It was tough," Hendee said.

"Practice is very competitive now," he said. "Everybody gets excited whenever someone makes plays. It's just the hard work, and we're all together as a team this year. We go on team bonding a bunch, way different from last year."

When football players bond, food is an essential ingredient.

“We usually go to Ben’s house, or something like that, eat,” said Williams, a 6-foot-3 cornerback whose interception last week contributed to the opening win.

“We go to anyone’s house, like for example we’ll go to Teddy’s house (lineman Teddy Dost) or we go in the pool, something like that. It definitely helps a lot. It brings us closer, definitely.”

Glenbard North coach Ryan Wilkens is a stickler for leaving a clean footprint, and these captains are his deputies. It may seem trivial, but a clean locker room or sideline equals discipline.

“For the main part we’re in charge of the character of the team, making sure everyone’s on the right track, making sure everyone has the mindset of winning. Instead of just being ‘Me,’ it’s ‘We.’ That’s probably our most important job as captains,” Bradford said.

Starting in the summer, the 290-pound offensive guard and tackle said he organized Panthers linemen to run through plays or just enjoy down time. If necessary, Bradford will pick them up and take them home.

“An extra five-minute drive to win football games, that’s my mindset. I just want to win,” he said.

Everyone does. Creating the right example for underclassmen, win or lose, is one of Hendee’s goals as team captain.

“I feel like it’s very important for us to set a path for them to look forward to go on, and hopefully they follow it,” he said. “We’re just trying our best to make sure it’s the right one.”