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Sears Centre offering a suite view for high school graduations

By: Eric Peterson



Hoffman Estates' Sears Centre Arena is offering suites for \$425 each to families attending the graduation ceremonies of the high schools allowing the deal there this spring.



Families and friends of graduates from Schaumburg High School and several other suburban schools that hold commencement ceremonies at the Sears Centre Arena will have an opportunity to lease a suite for the event this year.

Hoffman Estates' Sears Centre Arena for the first time will offer parents and family members of high school graduates the option to lease a private suite at upcoming commencement ceremonies rather than watch from general admission seating.

"It's something I've seen other buildings do," Sears Centre General Manager Ben Gibbs said. "I can't take credit for the idea."

The arena will charge \$425 for each of the 15-seat private suites. A 12-pack of bottled water is included.

The Sears Centre will host 18 graduations this spring, including for Fremd, Palatine and Conant high schools in Palatine-Schaumburg High School District 211; Jacobs, Dundee-Crown and Hampshire high schools in Algonquin-based Community Unit District 300; Warren Township High School; and Mundelein High School. Suites will not be available for commencement ceremonies there for Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire or the five high schools of Elgin Area School District U-46.

Seating capacity at graduation ceremonies has never been an issue at the 11,000-seat arena, Gibbs said. The target market for the suites would be families wanting to avoid any stress from having to save a large number of seats in one place on the lower level.

Just over a week after the offer was announced, Gibbs said the response has been positive, but it's still too early to know how many people will ultimately be interested.

The suites aren't available for the U-46 ceremonies because all five schools are holding their events in a single day, making it hard to ensure the suites could be cleaned so many times so quickly, Gibbs said.

As far as Stevenson, the decision to not make the suites available was the school's.

"For us, this is an equity issue," Jim Conrey, Stevenson's public information coordinator. "We want all of our families to have a similar experience at graduation. Spending \$425 to rent a suite for two or three hours at graduation is a drop in the bucket for some families, but for others, that's a lot of money. We don't need a 'haves versus have-nots' situation at what is supposed to be a shared celebration."

Conrey said each graduating senior at Stevenson receives eight tickets to the ceremony.

The Sears Centre has largely been attracting schools that are moving commencement ceremonies off campus -- particularly those that previously held graduations outdoors -- and losing very few once they've made the change, Gibbs said.

"I don't know how practical it is in this day and age to hold it outside and just hope you don't have rain," he said.

District 211 spokesman Tom Petersen said Palatine High School is the only one of the district's schools that still holds graduation on campus.

Hoffman Estates High School holds its commencement at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington.

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U-46's first girls lacrosse team determined to make it

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy



South Elgin High School freshman Ella Winterhalder practices with Elgin Area School District U-46's first co-op junior varsity girls lacrosse team at Streamwood High School's Millennium Field. The teams draws from all five high schools and has 26 players this year.



Head coach Natalie Homan conducts practice for Elgin Area School District U-46's first girls lacrosse co-op junior varsity team at Streamwood High School's Millennium Field.



South Elgin freshman Lauren Frontier practices with Elgin Area School District U-46's first girls lacrosse co-op junior varsity team at Streamwood High School's Millennium Field. The team draws from all five high schools and has 26 players.



South Elgin freshman Lauren Frontier practices with members of Elgin Area School District U-46's first girls lacrosse co-op junior varsity team, which draws players from all five high schools.



South Elgin junior Shannon Martin is among 26 players on Elgin Area School District U-46's first girls lacrosse co-op junior varsity team started this school year.



South Elgin freshman Lauren Frontier practices with Elgin Area School District U-46's first girls lacrosse co-op junior varsity team at Streamwood High School's Millennium Field.



South Elgin freshman Ella Winterhalder practices with Elgin Area School District U-46's first girls lacrosse co-op junior varsity team at Streamwood High School's Millennium Field.



South Elgin freshman Rowynn Whyte attempts to hit a goal during a recent practice with Elgin Area School District U-46's first girls lacrosse co-op junior varsity team at Streamwood High School's Millennium Field.



Players on Elgin Area School District U-46's first girls lacrosse co-op junior varsity team run through drills at Millennium Field on Streamwood High School's campus.



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Learning a new sport is hard enough. Doing it with a squad of novice teammates can be "daunting" -- but exciting as well.

Twenty-six girls from Elgin Area School District U-46 high schools are finding that out as they launch the district's first co-op junior varsity girls lacrosse team.

"It's a daunting task," coach Natalie Homan said. "We have girls who weren't interested last year that decided to pick up a stick and a ball. ... They are learning and they are having fun."

Only four girls on the team have played lacrosse before. The rest are mostly cheerleaders, with one basketball and one softball player.

The students began practicing in February and have played seven games. They won their first, 7-6, and tied another but have otherwise struggled, and that can be demoralizing.

"I find it hard because when you mess up and miss a shot, it makes you scared to take another shot," said Kayla Emmett, 16, a Bartlett High School sophomore and cheerleader who was inspired to try the sport after watching her older brother play lacrosse for the school's varsity boys team. "Everybody came from different sports and we are learning to play as a team."

Homan, 29, of South Elgin, was a four-year varsity lacrosse player at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park. She said she gives pep talks after every game and consults with her retired former coach, Tom Paulius, for coaching tips and advice.

"We are going to keep moving forward," she said. "The way they've handled those losses ... they have held their heads up high and haven't backed down."

U-46 tried launching a girls team in the spring of 2018, when lacrosse became an Illinois High School Association-sanctioned sport. But the program never got off the ground for the lack of a head coach.

People new to the sport find lacrosse has "a faster pace" with constant movement and rules that can be confusing, said Dan Arntzen, Streamwood High School athletic director overseeing the lacrosse program.

Girls lacrosse also differs from the boys' version in that it's not a contact sport involving tackles and use of sticks to strike opponents' bodies. Boys are required to play with pads and helmets, while girls are equipped with only goggles and mouthguards. Helmets also are optional for girls.

"It's a lot less contact than I'm used to," said Ella Winterhalder, 15, a freshman basketball player from South Elgin High. "Trusting my teammates is probably one of the best things about the sport. Getting the fundamentals down was the challenge at first, (but) I'm getting the hang of it."

With five games left to play this season, Homan is hopeful the girls will pull off a few more wins, starting with Tuesday's home game at Streamwood High's Millennium Field against her alma mater Carl Sandburg.

Win or lose, the girls -- who hail from Bartlett, Elgin, Streamwood and South Elgin high schools -- are making history charting a new course for U-46's lacrosse program, Homan said.

"I'm hopeful that, through all the time and practice and sweat and tears that we've put together a team, they will be successful," she said.

She and players also are seeking support from the school community to help boost the team's morale and build the program.

"Nobody really knows about us at our school," Kayla said. "We want people to come to our games and watch us play ... come cheer at home games."

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Judson announces nominees for volunteer service awards

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy



Bartlett High School senior Rohan Shah created Mentors for Tomorrow, an after-school mentoring program for elementary and middle school students. Here, Shah celebrates a successful math result with second-grader Daichi Daniels at Spring Trail School in Carol Stream. Shah is among Judson University's volunteer service award nominees.



David Sam

Judson University has announced nominees for volunteer service awards to be presented Wednesday at its annual Community Prayer Breakfast.

The D. Ray Wilson Volunteer Service Award honors someone who has contributed to the greater good within the Fox Valley area by voluntarily serving others' physical, emotional, intellectual or spiritual needs. The Bea Wilson Youth Volunteer Service Award and scholarship, created last year, recognizes Fox Valley high school freshmen through juniors for community service.

Nominees for the D. Ray Wilson award are:

- Julie Bolster of St. Charles -- cares for critically ill animals and helps with educational and outreach programs at Anderson Animal Shelter in South Elgin.

- William Briska of Elgin -- served more than 15 years in leadership roles with the Elgin Area Historical Society, Gifford Park Association, the City of Elgin's Heritage Commission and Strategic Plan Advisory Commission.
- Carole and Don Burris of Elgin -- served with Elgin Area School District U-46 high school outreach programs, the Kane County State Attorney's Office Pre-Trial Diversion Second Chance Board, Elgin Community Crisis Center, parent-teacher organization boards for U-46 schools and at Children's Theatre of Elgin/Fox Valley Youth Theatre.
- Nancy Haggard of Elgin -- served 21 years as volunteer coordinator for Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin. She also served at Taylor YMCA, Highland and Creekside elementary schools, Elgin Community Crisis Center and her church.
- Jim Harding of Streamwood -- volunteered for Streamwood Little League, Crossroads Kids Club, Willow Creek Care Center, Elevate Junior High Ministry, and World Vision. He joined Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in 2016 as coordinator of the Heroes Program.
- Susan Jacobs of Streamwood -- a retired nurse who has volunteered nine years at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore in Elgin and served as a nurse on foreign mission trips, including doing storm cleanup, providing clean drinking water and vaccinations for children.
- Vivian Maly of Elgin -- volunteered for the Boy Scouts of America, Kaneland Unit District 302 and Right to Life of Kane County. In 1996, she helped launch the TLC Pregnancy Services in Elgin serving as volunteer executive director and raising funds to purchase a building.
- David Sam of Streamwood -- Elgin Community College president, volunteer on boards for the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Elgin, Greater Elgin Area YMCA and Amita Presence St. Joseph Hospital, and founding member of the Alignment Collaborative for Education.
- Rohan Shah of West Chicago -- Bartlett High School senior who created U-46's first student-led, STEM-focused mentoring program, Mentors For Tomorrow, operating at three schools, providing activities, tutoring and mentoring for students in the SAFE after-school program.

The Bea Wilson Youth Volunteer Service Award winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship annually to attend Judson University. The nominee is:

- Kylee Siers of Elgin -- junior honor student at Westminster Christian and student ambassador at Westminster and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Volunteers at Illinois Park School, an at-risk Elgin preschool, and at Vineyard Church serving homeless clients.

Judson's Community Prayer Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. featuring keynote speaker Lawrence Drake, a Judson trustee and global business leader. It will be hosted at the Love Family Christian Foundation, 310 E. Chicago St., Elgin.

Tickets are \$30 per person and \$500 for nonprofit/individual table sponsorships. To purchase, visit judsonu.edu/prayerbreakfast/.

First adults with disabilities finishing Judson program have found who they could be

By: Madhu Krishnamurthy



Emily Rogers of Elgin and her mom, Sharon, share a moment Friday at a Judson University event to recognize students who have completed the Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment program at the Elgin school.



Daniel Tiltges of St. Charles attends a Judson University event Friday to recognize RISE program students who are graduating today from the Elgin school.



Gayle Gianopulos, left, gave Kathy Lambert a Jimminy Cricket hat on Friday as a symbol of Lambert's having served as the "conscience" of the RISE program at Judson University in Elgin.



Daniel Bovell, 19, of Rockford, is among the first graduating class of Judson University's Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment, or RISE, program for adults with intellectual disabilities.



Chris Chavez, 20, of West Chicago, is among the first graduating class of Judson University's Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment, or RISE, program for adults with intellectual disabilities.



Ellen Gassen, 25, of Rochester, Michigan, is among the first graduating class of Judson University's Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment, or RISE, program for adults with intellectual disabilities.



Garrett Perkins, 22, of St. Charles, is among the first graduating class of Judson University's Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment, or RISE, program for adults with intellectual disabilities.



Evelyn Reiter, 25, of Cary, is among the first graduating class of Judson University's Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment, or RISE, program for adults with intellectual disabilities.



Emily Rogers, 26, of Elgin, is among the first graduating class of Judson University's Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment, or RISE, program for adults with intellectual disabilities.



Daniel Tiltges, 23, of St. Charles, is among the first graduating class of Judson University's Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment, or RISE, program for adults with intellectual disabilities.



Alexis Winegard, 25, of Vernon Hills, is among the first graduating class of Judson University's Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment, or RISE, program for adults with intellectual disabilities.

College typically is about honing one's skills and homing in on a career pathway.

For Daniel Tiltges, it also was about learning to be a man and taking responsibility for his life.

Tiltges, 23, of St. Charles, is among the first graduating class of Judson University's Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment, or RISE, program for adults with intellectual disabilities.

"This program has taught me a lot of things ... how to live by myself ... how to grow as a man," said Tiltges, who aims to work for the Kane County Cougars minor league baseball team after graduation, having previously worked as a food runner for the organization and managed Judson's basketball team.

Twelve students started classes in August 2017 for the two-year postsecondary certificate program, which provides students 18 to 25 years old an opportunity to experience residential college life and develop independent living and work skills. Of those, eight students will be graduating today with the rest of the Elgin Christian liberal arts university's graduates.

Through RISE, students could study from among six subject areas -- business and entrepreneurship, Christian ministries, creative arts, education, health and wellness, and math and technology. They learned professional skills, person-centered planning, independent living skills, consumer math and money management, about current events, personal fitness and wellness, and daily living with Christian values. They also audited traditional classrooms within their chosen concentration and were placed in on- and off-campus internships based on their strengths and interests.

RISE students became part of the campus community, attending chapel services, basketball games and homecoming, eating in the cafeteria with other students, participating in the theater program and music ensembles, and living in shared dorm rooms. Program participants also were paired with traditional student mentors who helped them in the areas of housing, job, study and volunteer social skills.

"I've become a more confident person," said Emily Rogers, 26, of Elgin. "I found out that I'm a really good leader and able to help people."

Judson's program provided the support she needed, especially after losing her father two years ago, Rogers said.

A higher-functioning student, Rogers plans on becoming a paraprofessional with **Elgin Area School District U-46**. She interned at Immanuel Lutheran School in West Dundee as an assistant to a paraprofessional and will be getting certified this summer. She currently works providing child care part time at the Centre of Elgin recreational facility.

"I've always been kind of like the shy, quiet person. I just let myself grow ... get outside my shell and comfort zone," said Rogers, who hopes to be living on her own within a year.

It's been an emotional journey not only for the students but also the team of university faculty and 43 traditional students supporting the program, said Kathy Lambert, outgoing RISE program director.

"It's extremely gratifying," said Lambert, choking back tears. "It's tremendously fulfilling to see these students grow socially, academically, spiritually and vocationally. And the fact that they don't wanna leave is sad on the one hand, but it's also a great testament to what their experience has been here. I'm very overwhelmed and proud."

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University awards Elgin teen

Student to enter field, elementary education, that lacks minorities

By: Rafael Guerrero



Wesley Mullens videochats with a family member Thursday. A few minutes earlier, University of Illinois at Chicago officials, Elgin High School staff and family surprised him in school with the announcement he won a full scholarship to UIC. Also pictured is his father, Auvell Mullens.

Wesley Mullens recalls having one African American teacher throughout K-12, a fourth-grade teacher at Garfield Elementary School in Elgin.

The impact she had on Mullens, also an African American, helped mold Mullens' post-secondary plans to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher — a field underrepresented by minority men. The Elgin High School senior will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago this fall to pursue elementary education.

His upcoming enrollment at UIC received a significant financial boost Thursday, when university officials surprised Mullens at Elgin with a full scholarship. The scholarship comes from UIC's Call me MiSTER program, an effort to recruit men of color to teach at elementary schools.

"I was very surprised, very happy," Mullens, 17, said of Thursday's announcement. "Dad's here, so it's got to be important."

UIC officials, Elgin High School principal Krystal Thomas, other Elgin staff, and some family members stopped by Mullens' physical education class Thursday. Mullens did not have a clue the surprise was coming. Most of the school did not receive word of the surprise announcement until Thursday morning, Thomas said.

"I think any student who has Wesley as a teacher (in the future) will benefit," Thomas said. "So many of our minority males don't see minority males as teachers. Sometimes we only hear of the negative things, we don't hear about the positive images, things our black males like Wesley are doing."

The MiSTER program — short for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models — will welcome its second group of students this fall. More than a dozen males of color make up the first two groups of MiSTER students, including Mullens. Mullens is the first student selected from a School District U46 high school, with the others coming from Chicago and Edwardsville, said Alfred Tatum, dean of UIC's College of Education.

Tatum said the program fits in line with the college's efforts to improve inclusion and equity in schools, particularly in urban schools. Studies have suggested black boys are

more likely to find academic success in elementary school with a black teacher and are less likely to be expelled or suspended. Researchers believe male teachers of color can act as role models to boys of color in the classrooms.

About 2 percent of all teachers nationally are Latino or African American men, said Tatum. In Illinois, the percentage is closer to 1 percent.

“We have to break the cycle of when you ask African American or Latino males if they’ve ever had a teacher that looked like them and they say never,” Tatum said.

The MiSTER program provides the prospective teachers tuition assistance via the scholarship, academic, social and cultural support systems, and job placement assistance.

In his application, Mullens wrote about his fourth-grade teacher, whom he believes helped unleash his academic potential. She moved him up to fifth grade math, providing a much-needed academic challenge, he said. Mullens eventually became a student in U46’s gifted programs in elementary, middle and high school.

“If I was sitting alone, I would talk to myself,” he said of his elementary school experience. “It wasn’t because I was trying to be a nuisance or be disruptive, it’s because I was bored.”

“There wasn’t enough things going on to keep me occupied physically or mentally. ... She helped me realize I wasn’t a disruption, I wasn’t someone to be put into a corner to be tossed away,” he said.

Mullens’ father, Auvell, described the scholarship as “a gift” to not take lightly. His father believes Mullens can be a great teacher and role model to children, noting how Mullens’ younger siblings gravitate toward him and look for his approval.

“I’ve been blessed, I’m very proud and happy,” said the older Mullens. He found out about the scholarship win only two days earlier and joked how difficult it was to not spoil the surprise to his son.

In his application, Wesley spoke highly of the motivation his English teachers at Elgin High gave him. “I want to be someone that is important to someone’s life, someone that matters to them,” he said.

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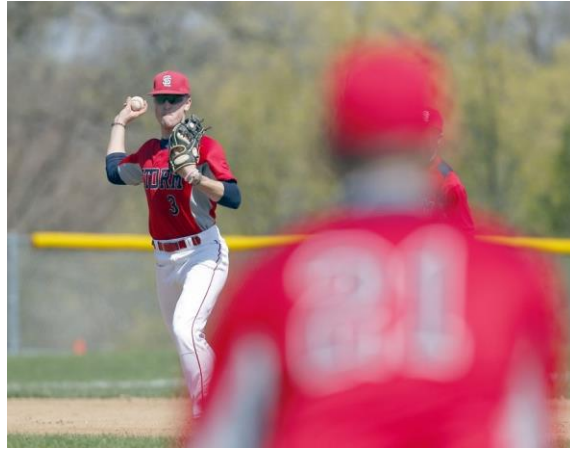
Thank you to the dozens of volunteers from the community who welcomed our visitors at the buildings, including Elgin and Larkin High School NHS students, Mr. Castillo's EHS Class and Coach Nikolas Morado and his LHS Baseball team!

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Baseball: Zagorski, South Elgin stymie Bartlett

By: Allen Oshinski



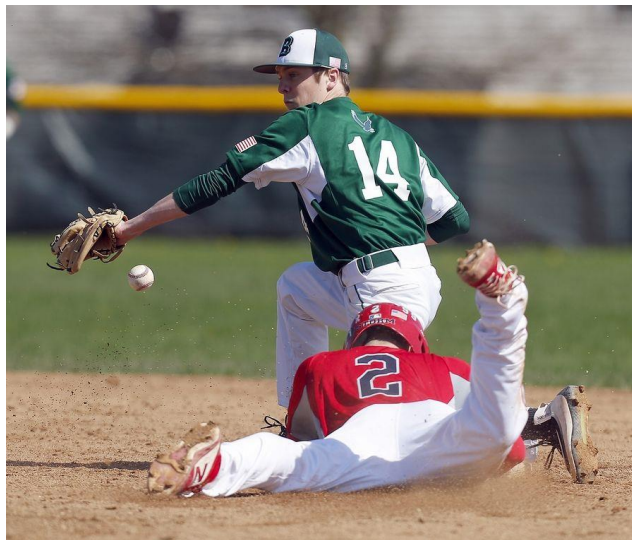
South Elgin's Garrett Wano turns to throw out a runner at first base Saturday during the Storm's win over Bartlett at South Elgin.



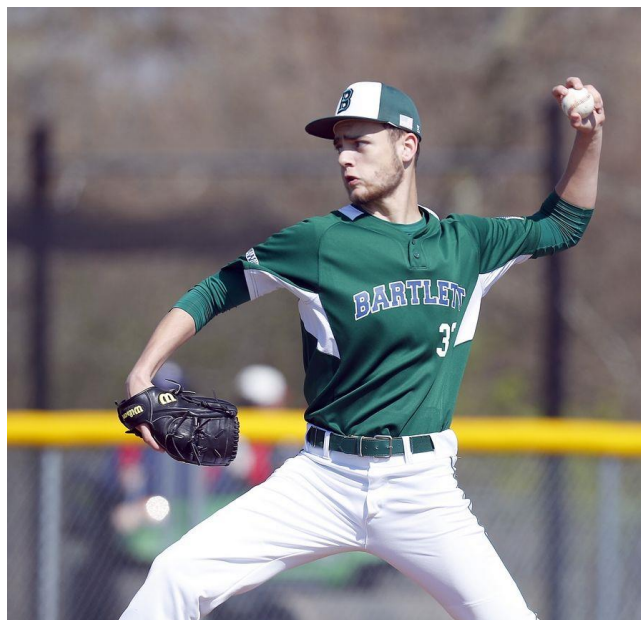
Bartlett's Ryan Nelson, 20, lays down a bunt Saturday during Bartlett at South Elgin baseball.



South Elgin's Logan Romasanta, 13, tries to get out of the way of a pitch as he is hit Saturday during Bartlett at South Elgin baseball.



Bartlett's Matt Lewandowski, 14, can't get a handle on a throw as South Elgin's Patrick Keaty slides safely into second base.



Bartlett's Nathan Gargano, 33, delivers a pitch Saturday during Bartlett at South Elgin baseball.

Robbie Zagorski held down Bartlett for 6 innings, and South Elgin's bats finally came alive late as the Storm downed the visiting Hawks, 7-0, in Upstate Eight action on Saturday.

Garrett Wano had 2 hits and drove in 3 runs and leadoff man Austin Doty scored twice for South Elgin (17-3).

Zagorski no-hit the Hawks for 5 innings until Michael Vaca led off the sixth with a clean single up the middle for the Hawks' first and only hit of the game. Zagorski walked 4 and struck out 6 in 6 innings.

"I knew that my offense and my defense would pull through eventually," he said. "After the first inning we were solid. They made every play."

Bartlett starter Nate Gargano nearly matched him. After allowing Doty's single leading off the game, he didn't allow another hit until the fifth.

"As young as he is, he kept us in the game," said Bartlett coach Devin Rosen. "He changed speeds, located very well. He did a good job."

But South Elgin finally broke through in that fifth inning. After a one-out walk to Doty, Pat Keaty and Wano followed with singles to bring in the first run.

The Storm then broke the game open with a 6-run sixth. Wano's 2-run single was the big hit. Keaty, Logan Romasanta and Anthony Nablono added run-scoring grounders.

"We were all hitting the ball hard, it's just a question of getting it into the holes," said Wano. "I just started seeing the ball get deeper and hit it that way. I was trying to hit the ball the other way in order to get some runs in."

Besides Vaca's single, the Hawks drew 2 leadoff walks and 2 more with 1 out but couldn't get a run across.

On South Elgin's prom day, the Storm stayed focused and overcame some early adversity to pull out the win.

"Anytime you play your rival, anything goes," said South Elgin coach Jim Kating. "Their pitcher did a real good job. We had some opportunities early that we didn't capitalize on. Robbie didn't have his best stuff, but he gutted through and got us 6 quality innings."

Keating took over on the mound in the seventh and closed it out for South Elgin.

Bartlett dropped to 8-9 on the season.

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Long time coming

Geneva wins first Kane County Meet since 1945; South Elgin relay breaks 1985 mark

By: Rick Armstrong



South Elgin's Davion Cherwin runs in the 400-meter relay during the Kane County Meet.



West Aurora's Moshe Rogers finishes off his long jump.

The wayback machine got a workout Friday night at the 101st Kane County Meet.

Geneva won its first outright team title since 1945 and South Elgin's 400-meter relay team of Royce Robinson, Matt Jacobson, Jacob Todd and Davion Cherwin won their race in 42.49 seconds, breaking a meet record that had stood since 1985.

Burlington Central senior Connor Wagner picked up three wins, taking both hurdles races and running a leg of the Rockets' winning 1,600 relay, while West Aurora jumper Moshe Rogers and Geneva thrower Jacob Uhlmann were double winners.

"It's been awhile," Geneva coach Gale Gross said.

His team had three wins — Andrew Olenek defended his 100-meter title in 11.19 seconds — and scored 124 points to Batavia's 121, ending the Bulldogs' winning streak at four.

"We tied Kaneland for the title in 2012," Gross said. "And we had a coin flip to see who would take home the trophy while the other one waited for a duplicate.

"Kaneland's coach at the time, Eric Baron, offered to let us take it, saying, 'Because they haven't won it since World War II.'"

Placing an emphasis on double scoring in as many events as possible was a key to the win, according to Gross.

The South Elgin sprint group keeps improving, having won the 400 relay the previous week at Waubonsie Valley in 42.64.

Three members of the relay were on the team last year, qualifying for state but coming up short of reaching the finals.

"This shows us what we can do," Todd said.

South Elgin assistant Jalen Griffin, who oversees the sprinters, thinks the relay is ready to take the next step.

"The hardest part is accepting you didn't make it to finals the first day of state," he said. "The easiest part is learning to overcome that and push through it. These guys have shown they're one of the teams to beat."

They ended up beating the record set 34 years ago by West Aurora's Kendrick Cross, Ian Isaacs, Ken Page and Brad Page, who ran the 400 relay in 42.54.

“We’ve got to keep pushing,” Griffin said.

That’s what Wagner has done for Burlington Central since last year, when he qualified for state in a relay and 300 hurdles but fell after hitting the fifth hurdle in failing to advance. The 1,600 relay finished second in Class 2A.

On Friday, Wagner won the 110 high hurdles in 14.91 seconds, the 300s in 38.99 and ran the leadoff leg of the winning 1,600 relay that included Zac Schmidt, Tommy Zettl and Adam Kries.

“I got (personal records) in both hurdles races, so I’m pretty happy,” Wagner said. “I was just hoping to PR by a little more, but it’s kind of hard because it’s so cold.”

Uhlmann won the shot put with a throw of 52-5, edging senior teammate Frank Martin by a half-inch. Uhlmann won the discus with a throw of 145-8.

Rogers led the Blackhawks to a third-place finish in the meet with 80 points, winning the long jump in 21-10.5 and the triple jump in 45-1. He’s a two-time state qualifier in the triple jump.

“I’m just chasing that 22-1, the state qualifying mark, in the long jump,” Rogers said.

“I didn’t long jump as much last year. It’s not that I’m rusty, but I just haven’t had as much practice in it.”

Rogers didn’t reach the finals in the triple jump either time downstate.

“I’m excited about my chances, but this is it,” he said. “I’ve got to do it.”