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U-46 Board reviews 2020 capital projects list

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 is planning 36 capital projects in 2020 at a cost of \$41.3 million according to a presentation to the Board of Education on Monday, Oct. 7.

The projects are largely expected to take place next summer and will be primarily funded through the operations and maintenance fund along with \$4 million coming from the fire prevention, life and safety fund.

Jeff King, deputy superintendent of operations, said it was "a tentative list of next summer's projects that we've

started in the design phase for."

The largest project is a renovation and expansion of a wing at Elgin's Larkin High School, which includes adding science labs for the career pathways, which is expected to cost \$7 million. Work on the project is expected to begin earlier than most of the projects.

"Just as a heads up, more than likely we'll be coming back on that project because we're thinking that's more like a 13 to 16 week project," King said. "So, we're going to have to close off sections of the building after

spring break and bring mobiles into the back of the building to accommodate classrooms."

Two other projects are expected to start earlier based on aging chillers, both absorber replacements at Elgin High School costing \$3.1 million and at South Elgin High School costing \$2.7 million. Sheila Downs, director of plant operations, said the district hopes to have that work completed over the winter in preparation for the warmer weather in spring.

There were 11 total projects with an estimated cost at or above \$1 million including interior work at the central building costing \$5.5 million, renovation of Elgin High School's Memorial Field costing \$3.8 million as well as a domestic water project costing \$1.3 million, work on steam boilers, unit ventilators and air chilled coolers at Elgin's Harriet Gifford Elementary School costing \$2.9 million, parking lot work at South Elgin's Kenyon Woods Middle School costing \$1.6 million, work for South Elgin High School's academy costing \$1.5 million, parking lot and vault work at Elgin's Abbott Middle School costing \$1 million and window replacements at Elgin's Channing Elementary School

costing \$1 million.

Board member Melissa Owens asked if this was a "more extensive" list compared to last year to which King said: "In actuality, we spent nearly the same amount last year. We were right around \$40-plus million."

Sue Kerr, the board's president, asked if any other projects will take longer than the summer break and Downs said the Memorial Field project could possibly take longer and the district is considering "moving up the timeline."

Kerr also asked if there was enough staff to oversee the projects.

"I can confidently say that we can manage these projects," Downs said. "Our work load was very similar this past summer, and our team got it done."

Downs also said they are preparing to go out to bid earlier on projects compared to past years. She said the district has a goal to have 90 percent of the projects bid before winter break with a few more completed in the first couple of months of 2020.

"My intention is that unless there's something unforeseen that we will not be sending anything after April," Downs said.

Executive director sought to lead U-46 foundation

By Seth Hancock

School District U-46 is planning to hire a full-time executive director for the district's education foundation.

Members of the foundation's board presented a strategic plan update and made the request for the full-time employee at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, Sept. 23.

The compensation for the executive director is 100 percent paid for by U-46 in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 with the cost shifting gradually to 100 percent paid for by the foundation by 2025-2026. U-46 will also fund additional supports for accounting and clerical work as well as data management and accounting systems eventually leading to a 50-50 split with the foundation through 2028-2029.

Bud Wilson, president of the foundation board, said the foundation has been operating with one part-time staff member and the executive director is "a position that we are anxious to fill."

Max McGee, president of the foundation's consultancy group, said the he knows "during these tight times, financial times, sometimes the last thing board of education's want to hear is about adding more staff," but "all your schools will soar" with this "investment."

The current board has shown no concern over adding more staff despite consistent enrollment declines. The same evening, the board unanimously approved of this year's budget which included an additional 84 full-time employees despite a projected loss of 950 students.

U-46 has added 576 new staff members since 2016 while enrollment has declined by over 2,000 students, since Fiscal Year 2012 enrollment has dropped 5.6 percent (2,293 fewer students) but spending has increased 29.8 percent (\$128.1 million) which is over \$80 million faster than the rate of inflation according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator and current projections expect a 9 percent decline in enrollment but a 14 percent increase in spending by 2022-2023.

U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said that the "administration intends to move forward" with the hiring of the executive director with no board vote planned. No board members offered any hesitation on hiring another full-time employee.

The only discussion came from board member Veronica Noland who asked that the employee be measured to make sure they are meeting their goals. Sanders said the district will have discussions with the foundation to determine metrics.

The foundation raises funds to allocate to things such as scholarships to U-46 students and teacher grants, and it has raised \$760,000 between 2006 and 2019 according to the presentation. A goal for the executive director is to raise between \$500,000 and \$700,000 annually by 2029 and quadrupling the size of the foundation within the next five years.

The foundation hopes to create an alumni association according to Wilson who said: "Alumni are where the bucks are."

One of the goals of the foundation, according to the presentation, is to "build consensus and support from stakeholders by conducting community engagement sessions and an on-line survey."

Recent surveys and focus groups, which had over 1,100 participants, showed that 85 percent of respondents were "satisfied with schools," this while U-46's academic results have consistently remained flat or declining and lag behind the state according to the Illinois State Board of Education's annual report card. Over half of respondents have donated to schools and consider the foundation's programs important.

However, some areas of concern from the survey, according to McGee, are that 76 percent of parents did not know about the foundation and there was little knowledge of how the foundation decides to spend funds.

McGee said participants were supportive of the foundation spending funds on arts as well as social, emotional and behavioral health programs.

The foundation's board does include two U-46 board members, Sue Kerr and Melissa Owens.

Noland said that foundation board members are expected to either donate or raise funds for the foundation but clarified that school board members on the foundation board "are not required to be raising funds or to be donating funds." McGee said that was correct and "we view the board members as liaisons."



Quelling a blaze

Firefighter Explorers Dylan Portillo, Molly Tomzik and Jordan Monneyhun worked to put out a fire in the unprotected room display on Saturday, Oct. 12 during the Streamwood Fire Department's open house. For story and more photos see page 8. (Examiner photo by Juli Schatz)

Press Clippings 10/16/19

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Teacher among top marathon finishers

Metea Valley coach, a Bartlett grad, ends race 18th among women

By: Suzanne Baker



Metea Valley High School teacher Alyssa Schneider, 26, of Bartlett, finished in 18th place in the women's division of Sunday's race.

Alyssa Schneider's personal best time Sunday put the Metea Valley High School math teacher in the top 20 of female runners in Sunday's Chicago Marathon.

Schneider was the 18th woman to cross the finish line — 219th overall — with a time of 2 hours, 35 minutes, 31 seconds. The first-place female winner was Brigid Kosgei, of Kenya, who broke world marathon record by 81 seconds with a time of 2:14:04.

"I was very happy with the race," Schneider, of Bartlett, said in an email. "It was a big personal best for me, around 3.5 minutes faster than my previous best."

Her previous best time of 2:39:11 in the 2018 Chicago Marathon not only slotted her among the elite group at the front of this year's race but qualified her to compete in the U.S. Olympic Team marathon trials Feb. 29 in Atlanta.

Schneider, who serves as an assistant girls cross country and track coach at the Aurora high school, found the final stretch in the race in which runners turn back toward Lake Michigan very demanding.

"The last two to three miles were definitely the most challenging," said Schneider, who was a runner at **Bartlett High School** and the University of Illinois.

"In the middle of the race it was all about staying controlled and patient, and I felt pretty good until the last few miles when it really started to hurt," she said. "But with only a few miles to go I was able to manage the pain and keep pushing to the end."

Schneider ran the marathon with teammates on the Second City Track Club. One of them, Kristen Heckert, of Bolingbrook, finished 24th and will join Schneider at the Olympic trials in Atlanta.

School District U46

Officials tout the short and long of positive behavior

Students earn rewards, maybe some lifetime skills

By: Rafael Guerrero

Lucia Martinez's kindergarten class at Channing Elementary School spent the first minutes of Tuesday's school day learning about facial expressions. Martinez held up a large picture of two children. What did the faces say to them: Were they happy, surprised, angry?

"When I'm surprised or interested, what happens to my eyes?" Martinez said to her Elgin students. "When I'm angry, what happens to my eyes, to my eyebrows?"

The card she held up showed one girl with a surprised face and another girl smiling. "When we're trying to figure out how people are feeling, we need to look at their faces," she said. "Their faces are telling everything."

A weekly block of time — typically 15 to 30 minutes every Tuesday — is devoted to a schoolwide effort to reinforce positive behavior and interactions so behavior can be improved, disciplinary referrals reduced and school culture enhanced. It's part of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports system, known as PBIS, that was launched in District U46 schools a decade ago and now is being used at every school.

"We are teaching them these skills not just for school, but how to go about in life," Channing Principal Josefina Melendez said.

Each grade level tackles the Tuesday lessons differently, Melendez said. The younger grades may do more interactive lessons, like identifying facial expressions, she said. Older students might have discussions on particular topics.

Martinez talked to her students Tuesday about how important it is to know how someone is feeling and to think about the ways you interact with them

For example, she asked, what would the students do if they saw her crying at her desk. "I'm going to help you out," student Jeremiah Maldonado said.

"Do you think (that's) going to help me out?" she said. "Yes!" was the collective reply.

Like other schools pursuing a PBIS curriculum, Channing offers incentives by rewarding students who demonstrate positive behavior, like opening doors for people or walking safely and quietly down hallways. "Paws" tickets are handed out by Channing staff and can be entered into weekly raffles or classroom-specific prizes.

The Elgin school recently reached "platinum" level in its PBIS approach from the Midwest PBIS Network, an organization that provides training and technical assistance

to schools using the behavior system. They're one of 10 schools to have earned the status, but it was a first for Channing.

"The staff didn't know about it until a recent staff meeting, but it had them very excited," Melendez said. "It shows how our students are growing outside of academics."

Schools that earn platinum status must demonstrate PBIS is a "universal" concept in the building and that it happens at individual, small group and schoolwide levels, she said.

In one of the larger PBIS efforts conducted last year, Channing staff decided to see if a points system for positive behavior could reduce the number of lunch and recess disciplinary referrals.

It worked, and the students were rewarded with a "popcorn day," said Martinez, who is the school's lead PBIS coach.

Martinez's class is working toward earning movie and popcorn time later this year, she said. The better the behavior they exhibit during lunch and recess, the quicker they will reach their points goal.

"They're motivated to do better, to make better decisions of their behavior," Martinez said.

SPORTS

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Girls volleyball: Bartlett beats South Elgin to tighten UEC race

By: Craig Brueske

After watching his team drop the opening set to South Elgin, Bartlett girls volleyball coach Bob Schwantz offered some words of wisdom to the Hawks' players.

"I just said, 'Girls, it's the best two out of three -- you've got to forget it happened,'" said Schwantz.

Bartlett (18-8, 6-2) did exactly that, rolling to a 25-16 win in the second set before pulling out a 25-21 victory in the decisive third set, handing the host Storm (20-7, 7-1) its first Upstate Eight Conference loss.

"It felt like they beat us a lot on the tip in the first game," said Schwantz. "We were able to adjust to that. My libero (Kirsten Munar) was scooping those up."

In the second set, the Hawks received superb performances from sophomore Maddie Hankins (16 kills, 16 digs, 2 aces) and freshman Bria Lomax (11 kills, 7 blocks).

"I think just having a lot of energy and bringing each other up when we were down got us to work together more," said Hankins, who added 6 kills in the third set.

Bartlett used an 11-0 run to take a commanding 14-3 lead in the second set, thanks in part to a 10-point service run from Bella Diaz (10 kills, 11 digs).

The third set featured 7 ties, the last coming at 18-18 before a Diaz kill put the Hawks in the lead for good at 19-18.

Moments later, Lomax added a kill to give Bartlett a 22-20 lead and Diaz followed suit with a kill of her own to make it 23-20.

After a South Elgin hitting error extended the margin to 24-20, the Storm fought off 1 match point on a kill from freshman Alyssa Worden before another kill from Diaz sealed the decision for the Hawks.

"This is a huge win for us because they were 7-0 (in conference)," said Hankins. "Beating them brings us together."

Senior setter Dakota Johnson recorded 31 assists while Munar added 20 digs as the Hawks recorded one of their biggest wins of the season while spoiling South Elgin's Senior Night.

"We got contributions from everyone," said Schwantz. "I'm super proud of them. It's huge. We're now 6-2 in conference. They're (Storm) now 7-1 and if they lose to Glenbard East next week while we beat Elgin, you never know -- it could be a big, old cluster at the top. We might all be sharing conference."

Seniors Angie Negrón (13 kills, 22 digs) and Allison Cunniffe (31 assists, 20 digs) paced South Elgin, supported by junior Brooke Elders (7 kills) and sophomore libero Maggie McGough (20 digs).

"Bartlett played really hard tonight," said Storm coach Joni Plach. "They were not making errors and they did not let the ball hit the ground. They were definitely a better team than us tonight."

"It was a good match. If we win next week, we're at least tied for conference (title). There is still light at the end of the tunnel."

Village considering new BEDA program request

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees is expected to vote on a \$25,000 Bartlett Economic Development Assistance (BEDA) application at its Tuesday, Oct. 15 meeting.

The BEDA program was created in the 2018-2019 budget as an economic incentive offering tax dollars to new or existing businesses. This year's \$250,000 program is now down to \$200,000 after a \$50,000 BEDA approval, the maximum grant a business can receive, to Manny Rafidia for his renovation of the Streets of Bartlett.

The applicants are Brett Gaylord and Jim Leo who own the Still Bar and Grill in the Main Street Plaza, and the item was discussed at the committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1. They have owned the restaurant for five years.

The applicants made a request for \$50,000 but staff initially recommended \$15,000 which was bumped to \$20,000 after the owners added more work to their project. After board discussion, a \$25,000 subsidy is expected to be voted on.

A memo from Tony Fradin, economic development coordinator, stated that the applicants initially submitted planned work costing \$52,535 to "expand the restaurant into the adjacent space and to make improvements to the entire restaurant and bar and further upgrades to the property. They would like to provide an area for occasional live entertainment and larger events than they can currently handle."

Since August when that plan was submitted, an additional \$20,000 of work was submitted "for mill work, tables, chairs and additional equipment," according to Fradin. Staff has also recommended up to \$10,000 in additional code-related work to be done.

With the submitted plans, a \$20,000 subsidy represents 27.6 percent of the project costs which Fradin said is "more in line with the three prior restaurant related projects" that have received the funds since the program's inception.

Trustee Michael Camerer asked how

many seats would be added with the work and Leo said an additional 20 seats with tables and up to 10 more with a bar extension.

Leo added that the big reason for the update is for a more modern façade. He said a new building was built next to his which "it just doesn't fit in anymore."

"We want to refresh the whole front of the building and make this a destination when people drive by and say 'oh, I want to stop in this place,'" Leo said.

Camerer asked about the current video gaming in the establishment and a separation requirement. Scott Skrycki, assistant village administrator, said state law only requires separation making just a rope lawful, and Leo said there will be "a short wall." Skrycki said the new gaming area, once the improvements are made, will be inspected to assure legality.

Trustee Kristina Gabrenya further inquired about gaming and where it will be located. Leo said "the gaming will be way in the back."

Village President Kevin Wallace made the suggestion to up the subsidy to \$25,000 noting this is an existing business while the board approved a \$50,000 subsidy to Rafidia who just recently purchased the Streets of Bartlett.

"When I was thinking about BEDA, it was more about supporting businesses that have been around here and really putting their blood, sweat and tears into really making it," Wallace said.

Camerer asked if it would need to go back to another committee since originally a \$15,000 recommendation was offered, but Skrycki said they could get through the process before the next meeting. Trustee Aaron Reinke noted that "the village wouldn't cut a check until after the improvements are actually made" and verified.

Trustee Raymond Deyne was supportive of the project.

"If he has the confidence to make that investment here in our village and have that be an attractive place where we can congregate, I think that we should support him in every manner that we possibly can," Deyne said.

Storm volleyball victories move them closer to title

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin volleyball team is closing in on the Upstate Eight Conference title after a pair of wins.

Against Glenbard South, the Storm battled through some mistakes to earn a 25-22, 28-26 win on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at South Elgin.

Angie Negron had a big night with 12 kills and 11 digs and she ended both sets with a kill.

"Angie's four years of varsity experience really paid off," said South Elgin coach Joni Plach. "She was able to maintain her composure and make some big plays for us at the right time."

Plach added: "Angie is the only returning player from last year. The other eight girls have no varsity experience in volleyball. All the girls are highly skilled, however their mental game tends to suffer in pressure situations."

Alyssa Worden (seven kills, 17 digs, three aces) started a 5-0 rally in Game 1 to break a 19-19 tie for a 24-19 lead, but Glenbard South tallied three straight points to make things interesting before Negron ended the set.

The Storm built a nine-point lead, 13-4, in Game 2 but was later locked in a 20-20 tie. Later, South Elgin trailed 26-25 when Negron scored the final three

points with a kill followed by an ace and then another kill.

Despite the win, Plach said overall it was "not one of the team's best games."

"We made a lot of unforced errors and did not control our side of the net," Plach said. "The girls did not play aggressive and were looking for teammates to make the plays. At this point of the season, every conference match is a very high-pressure game. We won the match and can learn a lot from the mistakes we made."

Plach added: "In key points of the game, we started to play better defense and communicate more."

Allison Cuniffe (23 assists, seven digs), Maggie McGough (nine digs), Emma Hunter (six digs), Brooke Elders (three kills), Loreal Wilson (three blocks) and Isabella Tusa (ace) contributed.

The Storm, which improved to 20-6 overall and 7-0 in the UEC, went on to defeat East Aurora 25-14, 25-17 on Thursday, Oct. 10 in Aurora. Worden (nine kills, 14 digs, ace), Negron (eight kills, 15 digs), Cuniffe (25 assists, five digs, ace), McGough (13 digs, ace), Alexis Sembdner (four digs, two blocks, ace), Hunter (seven digs) and Elders (four kills) led the effort.



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Police Reports

STREAMWOOD Thursday, Oct. 3

★ At 9:07 p.m. in the vicinity of Schaumburg and Barrington roads, following a traffic stop, Timothy A. Wilson, 56, of the 600 block of Philip Drive, Bartlett, was arrested for driving on a suspended license, expired registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. It was also determined that Wilson had an outstanding Kane County warrant. His car was towed and he was transported to the police department he later posted bond and was released with an unspecified court date.

Friday, Oct. 4
★ At 1:13 a.m. in the vicinity of McKool Avenue and Tinnerella, following a traffic stop, Rafael Rodriguez, 37, of the 800 block of Hayward Avenue, was arrested for driving on a suspended license and no tail lights. He was transported to the police department was later released on an I-Bond with an unspecified court date.

Monday, Oct. 7
★ At 6:03 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Garden Circle for a report of a domestic. Alecxis Ocampo, 18, of the same location, was arrested for an outstanding Kane County juvenile warrant. She was transported to the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center in St. Charles.

Wednesday, Oct. 9
★ At 7:29 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Garden Circle for a report of a noise complaint. Robert H. Puccio, 29, of the same location, was arrested and issued a local ordinance citation for nuisance noise with an unspecified court date.
★ At 6:48 p.m. police responded to Walmart, 850 S. Barrington Road for a

report of retail theft. Ajeandra Montejano, 27, of the 300 block of Green Meadows Boulevard was arrested and issued a local ordinance citation with a court date of Nov. 5.

BARTLETT Sunday, Oct. 6

★ At 2:51 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Red Oak, a 17-year old male subject was arrested for driving while license suspended. and speeding. The subject was transported to the police department for processing and later posted bond and was released.

★ At 4:20 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Shawnee for a report of criminal damage to property. Complainant advised an unknown subject had thrown rocks into his yard from the train tracks, causing damage to complainant's shed.

★ At 6:05 p.m., police responded to the 700 block of Voyager for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer spoke with the parties involved and was able to restore peace.

Monday, Oct. 7
★ At 12:12 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Timber Ridge for a complaint regarding a company's failing to do a job and refusing to refund complainant's deposit.

★ At 5:25 p.m., police responded to the 30W200 block of Bellingham for a civil matter.

Tuesday, Oct. 8
★ At 1:41 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of West Army Trail for a possible shoplifting complaint.

★ At 8:16 p.m., in the vicinity of Illinois Route 59 and Apple Valley, Richard A. Greco, 55, of the 1000 block of Thousand Oaks, was arrested for DUI-drugs, disobeying a traffic control

device and improper lane usage. Greco was transported to the police department for processing and later released on an I-bond.

Wednesday, Oct. 9
★ At 2:03 p.m., in the vicinity of Schick and Harmony, a 16-year old male subject was issued a local adjudication citation for truancy.

★ At 2:34 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of South Western for a report unknown offender(s) harassing complainant via text messages. The officer attempted to contact the subject(s) with negative results, but did leave a text message advising that they cease all contact with complainant.
★ At 5:57 p.m., police responded to the

500 block of Deere Park for a report of criminal damage to property. Complainant advised unknown male subjects had been throwing rocks at her window as well as that of a neighbor. Police searched the area with negative results.

Thursday, Oct. 10
★ At 10:03 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of North Elroy for a report of a violation of an order of protection. The officer advised complainant there was no active order of protection for either party.
★ At 11:32 a.m., in the 700 block of Schick, two 15-year old male subjects were issued local ordinance citations for fighting.

Missed scoring chances help doom Sabres football

By Seth Hancock
The Streamwood football team battled but came up short in a 28-0 loss against Glenbard East in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Oct. 11 at Millennium Field.

The Sabres moved the ball effectively all night finishing with a 20-14 advantage on first downs, but Glenbard East was able to capitalize on big plays.

On several occasions, Streamwood marched deep into Glenbard East territory but did not score. Sean Thompson (27 carries, 129 yards) and Eliud Guerra (10 carries, 66 yards) led the Sabres offense which had 205 rushing yards but was outgained 328-208 for total yardage.

"I think in the first half, we had opportunities," said Streamwood coach Don Guindon.

The Sabres trailed 14-0 after one quarter and had a chance to cut the

deficit in half driving 10 yards away from the end zone late in the second quarter, but their second fumble of the game ended that drive with just under three minutes left in the half.

Glenbard East scored late in the first quarter with a 76-yard pass then took advantage of a Streamwood fumble to score shortly thereafter for the 14-0 lead. The visitors then added a touchdown in both the third and fourth quarters.

"We gave up two big plays on defense, and I think we were in the red zone three times and didn't come across," Guindon said of the first half. "Those four, five plays in the game, you change those and we're talking about being up 14-0 instead of being down 14-0."

The Sabres were eliminated from playoff eligibility with the loss as they fell to 2-5 overall and in the UEC.

Area history museum exhibit to feature local reformatory school

According to the St. Charles History Museum, its next temporary exhibit, The Good, the Bad, the Ugly: The Boys School of St. Charles, explores the history of the local reformatory school and its impact on those who attended it.

In 1902, the Illinois State Home for Delinquent Boys (today existing as the Illinois Youth Center) was established by John "Bet-a-Million" Gates, Samuel Allenton and Henry Weaver. The men believed that delinquent young men could be rehabilitated and reintegrated back into society in a home-like setting that focused on schooling, hard work and discipline.

While the school helped some boys find their way, others remained unchanged, choosing to continue a life of crime. One such example is the famous Midwest gangster Lester Gillis, also known as "Baby Face Nelson,"

who resided at the school during his teen years and went on to become Public Enemy No. 1 in October 1934. The exhibit will explore some of the most interesting stories from the school's 100-plus years of history.

"While the Boys School has an interesting reputation in St. Charles, it is important to note the School was based on the philosophy of rehabilitation and the teaching of life skills, not punishment," said Executive Director Alison Costanzo. "We look forward to sharing some of the fascinating stories of this historic facility."

The exhibit will be on display until the end of the year and will open with a special opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25. For more information, visit www.stcmuseum.org or contact the Museum at 630-584-6967 or info@stcmuseum.org.



The Boys School of St. Charles. (Courtesy photo)



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South Elgin's Alex Sano in pursuit of a ball in front of his own goal against Streamwood.



Alejandro Morales, left, of Streamwood being closely defended by South Elgin's Edwin Ayala.

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin soccer team was unable to overcome an early second half goal by Streamwood as the Storm fell 1-0 in Upstate Eight Conference play on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Millennium Field in Streamwood.

First-year Storm coach Jerzy Skowron said there was some nostalgia for him returning to Streamwood where he was an assistant coach before coming to South Elgin, but it was all soccer once his team got off the bus.

That showed throughout in a relatively evenly matched game with several opportunities from both sides, but Streamwood's goal less than three minutes into the second half proved to be the only goal of the contest.

Less than a minute later, Danny Quintana ripped a shot off the crossbar and the Storm had some other

chances to net an equalizer.

"It was a lot of back and forth," Skowron said. "That shot off the crossbar, that probably hurt Danny the most. He put a good, solid shot on frame."

Lucas Reutimann, Elias Hernandez, Nick Flores and Quintana all had multiple chances in the game, and goalie Christian Andrew made six saves. Like Quintana, Hernandez also had a shot clink when he hit the side post late in the first half.

Despite the loss, Skowron was pleased with the performance including from his defense which did not give up any cheap goals. The loss did snap an eight-game undefeated streak (7-0-1).

"For the first time in a long time, we made the other team earn their goal," Skowron said. "I'm proud of their effort today. It was a good game, and we just came up short."

South Elgin followed up by rallying for a 3-2 win

over Glenbard East in the UEC showcase at West Chicago on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Down 2-1 at halftime, Flores scored off an Angel Garcia-Resendiz assist and Jose Rangel off a Reutimann assist for the win while Ryan Doherty scored off a Flores assist in the first half. Keeper Zachary Juszko made five saves.

Skowron's squad had played eight games over the previous two weeks but has only one game in its final week before postseason. He said he's got some banged up players so getting healthy is the key as the Storm prepares for the Huntley Regional where No. 3 South Elgin opens with No. 14 Grant.

"We're obviously learning and getting better as we get closer to the postseason," Skowron said. "The top focus is just getting healthy. The schedule is slowing down a bit at the right time."

South Elgin is 11-7-4 overall, 4-2-2 in the UEC.



The Storm's Jose Rangel, left, and the Sabres' Jose Banuelos battle for position while attempting to deal with an elevated ball.



Streamwood's Jose Ibarra, left, and the Storm's Ryan Doherty rose above the turf as the pair attempted a header. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

Hawks end week with loss to West Chicago

By Seth Hancock

The Bartlett soccer team was unable to keep up with West Chicago as the Hawks fell 3-0 at the Up-state Eight Conference showcase on Saturday, Oct. 12 at West Chicago.

West Chicago, which improved to 7-0-1 in the UEC, clinched the conference title with the win. The host built a 2-0 lead by halftime.

The loss snapped a five-game undefeated streak (4-0-1) for the Hawks who enter the final week of the regular season with an 8-4-7 record, 4-2-2 in the UEC, and No. 11 Bartlett will prepare for No. 6 Glenbard West who will face off in the Conant Regional.

"I think we just need consistency," said Bartlett coach Vince Revak. "We've found a bit of an identity now, but we need to consistently step up as our best version for the rest of the season."

Bartlett was coming off a 4-1 victory over Fenton in UEC play on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Fenton.

Both Marco Zamora and Mauricio Vigil found the

net twice for the Hawks to earn the win. Vigil scored Bartlett's second and third goals of the first half with assists from Amine Medmoun and Zander Zamora for a 3-1 halftime lead.

"This was a good game for us," Revak said. "We were able to finish our major chances, and we looked dangerous offensively all game. We were able to play fast through the midfield and often took only one to two touches on the ball, which is when we look our best. We did let up a goal after a bad midfield turnover, but we did well to minimize their chances after that."

Marco Zamora's goals were both assisted by Sean Cox. Goalie Jeremy Taylor finished with three saves.

The win came after the

Hawks' second scoreless tie against South Elgin this season, but win or tie Bartlett has seen its teamwork grow during the five-game stretch according to Revak.

"We still love to tie for some reason, but a five-game streak is always a good thing," Revak said. "It's great for morale and momentum leading into regionals. We're finally seeing these boys clicking as a team, and we've had a number of players step up when called upon."



Bartlett keeper Jeremy Taylor making an initial save on a West Chicago shot, however, a rebound wound up in the net to give the Wildcats a 2-0 lead.



Nicolas Gomez of Bartlett rising above the crowd in front of his net to head off a centering pass against West Chicago.



The Hawks' Hernan Garcia cutting across the pitch while trying to control the ball near midfield against West Chicago. (Examiner photos by Bruce Leighty)

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Storm run over Raiders in 63-0 dominating win



The Raiders' Szkyren Pruitt dove to stop South Elgin's Shiking Marshall from a touchdown in the second quarter. (Examiner photos by Caroline Hollis)

By Seth Hancock

The South Elgin football team ran its way to an easy 63-0 victory over Glenbard South in Upstate Eight Conference play on Friday, Oct. 11 at South Elgin.

The Storm finished with a big advantage in total yards, 443-67, which included 352 rushing yards, and all nine touchdowns were via the run including seven in the first half for a 49-0 lead at the break.

Quarterback Ben Karpowicz (6 for-9, 91 yards) ran in a one-yard touchdown run to open the scoring and later added a second one-yard scoring run. He was one of three Storm players to find the end zone twice which included Marquis Gillespie II, runs of 85 and two yards, and Alex Noworol (game-high 95 rushing yards), two 15-yard TD runs.

"It's just easy," Karpowicz said. "All I have to do is get it in their hands, and those guys make plays out there for me. I just have to focus on getting it in the right people's hands, and they do all the rest."

The Storm also had touchdowns runs of eight yards from Corve King, 83 yards from Davion Cherwin and eight yards from Samuel Robles. Kicker Andrew Bucaro was 7-for-8 on extra point attempts, and Noworol had a two-point conversion run in the game.

Noworol added an interception for the Storm's defense which earned its sixth shutout of the season. South Elgin has now outscored opponents 378-7 this season.

The Storm are 7-0 overall and in the UEC and can clinch at least a share of the conference title with a win this week against rival Bartlett (6-1).

"Next week is going to be a big game for us, so hopefully we can go there and get some revenge from last year," said Karpowicz whose team lost to Bartlett last year at South Elgin.



The Storm's Kenneth Johnson III blocked the path for Glenbard South's quarterback Nick Plaso.



South Elgin's Marquis Gillespie II broke away from the pack for the Storm's first touchdown of the game.



South Elgin's Samuel Robles and Davion Cherwin celebrated Cherwin's touchdown..



Glenbard South's Tajuan McKinnie stopping the Storm's Corve King.