

## **Press Clippings 12/07/19**

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### **Two juveniles charged in shooting that injured Elgin teen**

**By: Madhu Krishnamurthy**

Two juveniles are facing felony charges in connection with a shooting Tuesday in Elgin in which a 14-year-old girl was injured.

Police responded to shots fired from a vehicle around 4 p.m. near the intersection of Washburn and Billings streets.

The girl, a student at Ellis Middle School in Elgin, was a passenger in a moving vehicle at the nearby intersection of Highland Avenue and State Street near Lowrie Elementary School.

She was not the intended target, and a man who was in the car with her was cooperating with police.

Investigators believe the shots were directed at a third vehicle nearby, police said.

The girl's injuries were serious, but she remains stable in the hospital with a full recovery expected, police said.

Police identified the suspected vehicle and began surveillance that led to the two juveniles' arrest.

They are being held at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center.

No additional suspects are being sought.

The investigation remains open as detectives from the Elgin police Special Investigations Group are exploring whether the shooting was gang-related.

"We are grateful that the victim has a positive recovery prognosis," Elgin Police Chief Ana Lalley said. "We appreciate the patience from our community as our officers and detectives worked tirelessly to apprehend the offenders. We will continue our investigation into the facts surrounding this incident and the public is encouraged to share any information that may assist."

Lowrie Elementary School students were kept indoors Wednesday as a safety precaution.

Extra counselors were sent to Lowrie and Ellis Middle School Wednesday.

Anyone with information should call Elgin police Sgt. Lesko at (847) 289-2528 or send an anonymous text to 847411 and include ElginPD in the beginning of the message.

## **SPORTS**

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### **McClure, Sinclair reach 1,000 points**

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Megan McClure, South Elgin basketball



Lexie Sinclair, Bartlett Basketball

Two area players both scored their 1,000th career point Friday night.

In South Elgin's 76-36 win over Larkin, Storm senior Megan McClure scored 18 points to pass the 1,000-point milestone.

Also Friday, Bartlett defeated West Chicago 58-24, and junior Lexie Sinclair reached 1,000 points by scoring 20.

## **Press Clippings 12/08/19**

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### **2 juveniles arrested in attack**

Suspects charged in drive-by shooting of 14-year-old girl, Elgin police say

**By: Gloria Casas**

Two juveniles have been charged with felonies in connection with the Tuesday shooting of a 14-year-old Elgin girl, authorities said.

The suspects are being held in the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center in St. Charles, and no information on their sex or ages, the towns in which they live or the charges filed are being released, the Elgin Police Department said in a new release on the arrests.

Elgin police were able to identify the vehicle used in the drive-by shooting, and surveillance of it led investigators to the juveniles, Lalley said in the release.

“We appreciate the patience from our community as our officers and detectives worked tirelessly to apprehend the offenders,” she said. “We will continue our investigation into the facts surrounding this incident, and the public is encouraged to share any information that may assist.”

The girl was a passenger in a car driving in the area of Washburn and Billings streets, near Lowrie Elementary School, on Elgin’s west side when someone in another vehicle fired at it, police said. She was hit at least once, and was reported Wednesday to be in critical but stable condition.

No updated information on her status has been released other than it appears she will will make a full recovery barring any complications, the chief said.

“We are grateful that the victim has a positive recovery prognosis,” Lalley said in the release.

The man driving the car in which the girl, a student at Ellis Middle School, was a passenger has not been identified but is cooperating with investigators, police said. The car was at the intersection of Highland Avenue and State Street, about two miles away from the shooting scene, when officers arrived, police said.

It is believed the attack was targeted but that the teen was not the intended victim, police said.

The case remains open although no other suspects are sought, Lalley said. Detectives are investigating whether the shooting was gang related, she said.

## SPORTS

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### East Aurora 'relentless' in rout of Elgin

Ocasio scores 18 points as Tomcats press their advantage with quick-reacting defense

By: Rick Armstrong



East Aurora's Tatiana Ocasio, right, who had a game-high 18 points, passes the ball against Elgin on Friday. (Jon Langham /Beacon-News )

For Tatiana Ocasio and East Aurora, the game plan was simple Friday night: full speed ahead.

"We're just trying to play our best," the senior guard said. "We were pushing the ball a lot. We really didn't get into our offensive sets until later in the game when we had the big lead. Before that we were throwing a lot of passes from one end of the court to the next.

"We knew from the opening jump, our quickness was going to be a factor."

Was it ever.

The Tomcats jumped out to an 18-0 lead and cruised to a 65-27 Upstate Eight Conference win over Elgin.

"That press was relentless at the beginning of the game," Elgin coach Nick Bumbales said. "We had some issues handling that. We couldn't connect offensively and weren't getting the ball over the half-court line very easily."

Ocasio led East Aurora (2-5, 2-0) with 18 points, connecting on a pair of 3-pointers in the first half and two more in the third quarter, against the Maroons (2-3, 0-2).

The Tomcats led 28-5 after one quarter, 45-13 at halftime and 65-24 after three quarters, taking their foot off the gas and going scoreless in the fourth with a running clock.

Senior guard Alasha Moore, who doesn't consider herself an offensive force, added 14 points for East Aurora.

Many of them came off drives to the basket on fast breaks or after making a steal.

"I really focus on defense," Moore said. "I like to lock up the main person on the other team and try to get our offense started off our defense."

"We had a rough patch in the tournament at Willowbrook to start our season, but the last two games we've come together. This game is a real confidence boost for us."

Aliyah T. Griffin added 11 points for the Tomcats, and Toni Slater and Alicia Griffin had eight each.

"That (Willowbrook) tournament was loaded with good competition," East Aurora coach Lee Clayborn said. "We had three games there that could have gone either way. Obviously the ball didn't bounce our way a lot."

"I thought the Griffin twins were making nice cuts to the basket. They do a real good job of finding each other and can make a real difference for us. It's hard to match their power. They rebound and do a lot of the dirty work."

Junior guard Darien Jackson and Krish Shah had five points each to lead the Maroons.

"After the first quarter our kids adjusted and played pretty well," Bumbales said. "They started going to the basket. We lost seven (players) from last year. We're not young, but we don't have a lot of playing experience. They're playing hard, and I see a lot of good things out there."

"Credit to East Aurora. They play the game hard and come at you. Their guards are tough."

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### **Tomcats take charge**

Hurston, Kelly lead late surge as East Aurora holds off Elgin

**By: Rick Armstrong**



Elgin's Xavier Bonds gets by the defense of East Aurora's Jashuan Thurston during an Upstate Eight Conference opener Friday. East Aurora won 73-66. (Jon Langham/Beacon-News )

Lean on me.

It was definitely crunch time Friday night for East Aurora, with Elgin cutting what had been a 17-point deficit to 53-51 with six minutes remaining.

And with standout sophomore guard Julian Acosta going to the bench at that juncture with his fourth foul, to whom would the Tomcats turn?

Not to worry.

There were plenty of candidates, but senior guard Jashaun Hurston and junior forward Jacques Kelly led the way — much like they had all game.

East Aurora finished with a 20-15 stretch to take a 73-66 victory over the Maroons in the Upstate Eight Conference opener for both teams.

“We’re trying to change the culture of our program,” Hurston said. “The key, basically, was maintaining a fast pace and not letting them slow it down.

“We needed to keep getting rebounds and pushing the ball. A couple of us have only played half a season.”

One of several players who transferred last year but weren’t eligible until the second semester following an IHSA ruling, Hurston said East Aurora is still coming together.

He made sure of it Friday, ending up with a game-high 24 points, including nine points in the final six minutes of the fourth quarter.

“He does an excellent job of flashing to the basket,” East Aurora coach Rick Robinson said of Hurston. “I keep telling him to square up to the basket when he does because he gets a nice look and does a good job of hitting those shots.”

Kelly, who scored 23 points, delivered seven points in the closing six minutes.

“I’m mainly a rebounder,” Kelly said. “We do run some stuff to me like lobs.”

The 6-foot-3 Kelly was strong on the boards with 10 rebounds, but he had his hands full with 6-5 junior Jeffery Lomax, who totaled 15 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots for Elgin.

Senior guard Xavier Bonds led the Maroons (3-3, 0-1) with 21 points. Darien Jackson added 11 points and Dion Rodgers had 10.

“We were right there,” Elgin first-year coach Todd Allen said. “It was a three-possession game late and I’m proud of the fight we showed. (East Aurora) is a very good team. They’re loaded with athletes.

“We just had too many turnovers and missed too many free throws.”

The coaches shared a similar lament on those issues.

Elgin was hampered by 21 turnovers, while East Aurora had 18. The Maroons missed eight free throws and the Tomcats missed seven.

Amarion Savage scored 15 points for East Aurora, while Acosta added nine points and four assists. Hurston had seven rebounds and four steals.

"We have to take better care of the ball," Robinson said. "On some of those 50-50 balls, we have to quit reaching and get the body down there to get it.

"And once we pull away, we need to keep going and keep the pressure going that we used to get the lead."

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## **St. Charles North stays hot, stymies South Elgin**

**By: Craig Brueske**

It took South Elgin's basketball team nearly 4 minutes to make its first basket Saturday night.

That turned out to be a sign of things to come, as St. Charles North held the Storm to just 9 made field goals during its 45-27 nonconference victory in St. Charles.

"People are having a hard time scoring points on us," said North Stars coach Tom Poulin, whose team improved to 6-1. "Defensively, I thought we were really good tonight."

St. Charles North, which has allowed an average of 43 points in its 6 victories, clamped down on the Storm (3-3) offense throughout, especially in the second quarter.

While forcing 9 turnovers, the North Stars outscored the Storm 12-5 in the second quarter while building a 19-9 halftime advantage.

Midway through the quarter, a crucial 2-minute stretch included a pair of steals and layups by senior guard Luke Scheffers (10 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists) and a steal and layup from junior guard Nick DeMarco (5 points).

"That could be due to the scouting we did, knowing a couple of their offensive sets," said Scheffers. "Making sure we're in the right positions. We were just focused on our defense."

"Any little stretch in a game like this where you can separate yourself changes things," said Poulin.

The Storm closed the deficit to 22-16 on Kendis Wiley's putback with 2:23 left in the third quarter.

However, the North Stars ended the quarter with an 8-3 run, extending their lead to 30-19 on 3-pointers from Christian Czerniak and Max Love (9 points) before outscoring South Elgin 15-8 in the final period.

"I still felt we were in the game in the third quarter but they hit their open threes," said Storm coach Brett Johnson. "The effort was there on the defensive end -- we just didn't get stops consistently enough."

Bradley-bound center Connor Linke added 8 points, 10 rebounds and 4 blocked shots for the North Stars.

Lane McVicar led South Elgin with 9 points.

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