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GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bartlett falls to Elk Grove

BY JOHN LEUSCH

Sarah Jurek scored 15 points and Kayla Hare added 13 Saturday as the Bartlett girls basketball team defeated Elk Grove 47-41 in nonconference action.

Dani Kleeman added 11 points for the Hawks (4-6).

Schaumburg 58, South Elgin 34: Teagan Pompa had 8 points and Mackie Kelleher 6 for South Elgin, which lost its first game of the season after starting 6-0.

ACC 51, Neuqua Valley 30: In the first game of the Marian Catholic Holiday Classic, Taylor Harazin had 21 points and Delani Kosner added 9 to lead Aurora Central Catholic.

ACC 34, Joliet Catholic 11: In their second game of the day, the Chargers (7-3) got 8 points each from Alex Johnston and Taylor Harazin to earn the win.

St. Edward 66, West Chicago 42: In nonconference action, Maddie Spagnola had 19 points and Madison Knott 12 to lead the Green Wave (6-3) to their fourth straight win. Yso Sto. Domingo and Hailey Niehaus added 8 points each for St. Edward.

Rosary 33, Resurrection 31: In the GCAC Lauren Smith had 12 points and Mary Kate Bakala added 9 to lead the Royals (6-2) to the win.

Harvest Christian 37, Luther North 36: Jenn Kasper had 13 points as the Lions (6-3, 3-0) bounced back from a Friday night loss to Marist at the Windy City Showdown with this Northeastern Athletic Conference win. Isamar Garcia added 8 points for Harvest and Alyssa Iverson had 7.

Christian Liberty 25, Westminster Christian 24: The Warriors came up a point short despite 8 points from Jaks Kelty, 11 rebounds from Emily Lamp, and Elise VanNoord's 6 points and 5 rebounds.

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BOYS BASKETBALL: Rams stun S. Elgin in overtime

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI

Those watching as South Elgin's boys basketball team hosted Glenbard East Saturday had no inkling that they were in for a wild finish. Not when the Storm took a 58-40 lead

early in the fourth quarter. It looked as if South Elgin would basically run out the clock and chalk up the victory.

But the Rams had other ideas.

Their lethal combination of suffocating full-court pressure and white-hot 3-point shooting quickly turned a would-be blowout into a tight game, which they won in overtime.

James Peterkin made 1 of 2 free throws with no time left in overtime to secure Glenbard's 74-73 win in their Upstate Eight Valley opener in South Elgin.

Alijah Nelson hit four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and another in overtime to finish with 27 points for Glenbard East (5-2, 1-0).

Vincent Miskiewicz scored 25 points for South Elgin (5-1, 0-1).

Noah Rohr was fouled shooting a 3-pointer and made all 3 foul shots to put the Storm ahead 58-40. Nelson answered with a 3-pointer. That's when all heck broke loose. The Rams' pressure led to steals on 5 straight possessions. Those turnovers resulted in four 3-pointers and a layup, making it 58-47 in a span of 1:25.

Nelson made 2 of the 3s and Kordante Davis made the other 2 as well as the 2-pointer.

South Elgin led 67-64, but Nelson's 3-pointer tied it with 24 seconds left. Jace Warrick's shot rimmed out for South Elgin, sending it to overtime.

Nelson converted a 4-point play to put the Rams ahead 73-69. The Storm fought back to tie it again. With time running out, Peterkin rebounded a missed shot. As he was about to put it back in, he was fouled by Miskiewicz as the buzzer sounded.

His first shot rimmed out, but the second went through, touching off a wild celebration on the Glenbard Eastside.

"We've experienced being up and then letting up," said Nelson. "So in this game, when we got down, we told each other that we're just going to keep fighting. The whole team kept fighting, even the bench. When we did that, shots started becoming open and the defense locked up, so that allowed us to get the lead."

The Rams tried unsuccessfully to pressure the Storm in the first half. Trailing big in the fourth quarter, they had little choice but to try again, with better results.

"In the first half, they played awfully, awfully well," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller. "We tried pressuring them, we couldn't, they had open shots. In the second half, we had to pull back a little bit. In the fourth quarter, we had to go back to it a little bit with nothing to lose. We were able to fortunately cause some turnovers and create some extra opportunities for us."

"We put ourselves in a position to win the game early," said South Elgin coach Brett Johnson. "I felt like we were the better team tonight, but Glenbard East did what they had to do to win the game. I tell my kids, don't put the game in the hands of anyone but

yourselves, and we put that game in the hands of somebody else tonight by not keeping the lead and letting decisions affect how we played the game."

Davis finished with 14 points for Glenbard East, as did Kenny Adams.

Rohr had 19 points and 7 rebounds for South Elgin. Miskiewicz also had 8 rebounds and 3 blocks. Warrick and David Binion finished with 11 points each for the Storm.