

Press Clippings 4/14/2018

NOTE: There were no U-46 related news stories in the April 14, 2018 newspapers.

SPORTS

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Softball: South Elgin surprises Geneva

DAILY HERALD REPORT

South Elgin's softball team made it a clean sweep of its Upstate Eight Conference games this week, downing Geneva 12-5 on Friday.

Earlier in the week, the resurgent Storm also beat St. Charles North and St. Charles East.

In Friday's victory, winning pitcher Geneva Pollman had a 2-run home run and Julianna Battaglia 3 hits with a double, home run and 4 RBI to lead the South Elgin (6-5, 3-0) offense. McKenna Eicholz added 2 hits and 3 RBI, Casey Brennan had 2 hits with a double, Sami Koss 2 hits with a double and 2 RBI and Kaylie Humes added a double.

Katie Keller had 2 doubles for Geneva (7-2, 3-1) while Katie Geary added a double, Sydney Erdmann 2 hits and Alyssa Kramer a triple.

St. Charles East 14, East Aurora 0: Elliott Sanders had 3 hits with 2 doubles and an RBI, Alena Macri 2 doubles and 2 RBI and Lauren Luna 2 doubles and an RBI to lead the Saints (9-2, 3-1) to this Upstate Eight win. Brooke Byas (2B, 2 RBI) and winning pitcher Kristen Sbarra (3B, 2 RBI) also contributed.

Glenbard East 16, Larkin 2: Liz Bowman drove in both runs for Larkin (1-6, 1-2) in its UEC loss.

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Baseball: Bartlett knocks off Batavia; Harvest rolls

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Matt Ande allowed just 1 hit and 1 earned run over six innings Friday as Bartlett downed Batavia 4-3 in Upstate Eight Conference baseball action.

Joey Tomazin (2 hits, RBI) and Andrew Fehr (RBI) led the offense for the Hawks (2-5, 1-0).

Andrew Fehr picked up the save for Bartlett.

Carter Gette had the only hit for Batavia (6-3, 3-1). Blake Carlson drove in a run for the Bulldogs and Jack Meyers was the losing pitcher.

Harvest Christian 12, South Beloit 0: Dylan Lockwood (3 hits, 2B, 2 RBI) and Brock Wilken (2 hits, 2B, 3 RBI) led the Lions to this Northeastern Athletic Conference win. Joey Pepper added 2 RBI for Harvest and Gilbert Duran picked up the win on the mound, going 4 innings and allowing 2 hits with 8 strikeouts and 2 walks. Game 2 of the scheduled doubleheader was called due to the weather with Harvest (7-3, 4-1) leading 7-1 after two innings.

Aurora Christian 10, Dixon 3: Trey Madsen had 4 hits and 2 RBI as the Eagles (9-1) picked up a nonconference win. Sam Tickel (2 hits), Clark Turek (2 hits, Zach Zavasnik (2 hits, 2B, RBI) and Hunter Thompson (2 RBI) also contributed for AC. Jake Kuntzendorf was the winning pitcher, allowing 4 hits with 6 strikeouts and 2 walks.

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Weather doesn't let Larkin, Geneva finish

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

The first pitch -- thrown in a cold, steady rain, of course -- came 10 days after the originally scheduled contest was canceled, six days after the makeup was bagged and four days after the teams were forced to nix the twice-rescheduled game.

The fourth time wasn't exactly the charm either.

Played in 45-degree weather with intermittent rain that began during warmups, Larkin led the 8-5 with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning when the umpires suspended the game due to poor visibility from thick overcast and diminishing light.

"It's just Illinois baseball, I guess," Vikings third baseman Nick Black said.

"It's been a bit rough for us against Geneva. It's like the baseball gods don't want us to play," Larkin starting pitcher Cy Kerber said. "We'll get it in, we'll get it in."

Larkin (5-3, 2-1) and Geneva (2-6-1, 0-2-1) will pick up where they left off when they reconvene. The teams are slated to play Game 2 of the series next Friday at Geneva. The finale is set for April 27.

"We're going to be chasing these games into July, I think," Larkin coach Matt Esterino said.

The game was competitive. Larkin jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first inning when junior Max Anderson laced a two-out double on an 0-2 pitch from Geneva senior right-hander Tyler Venditti to the left-center field fence.

"Just went away with it," said Anderson, who went 2-for-2 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI. "It was nice to get that after going 0 for 2 (Thursday)."

Geneva got a run back on a first-inning passed ball. Sean Baumgartner gave the Vikings their only lead in the second. The senior's one-out single scored Black and Luke Fisher to put his team ahead 3-2.

Larkin bounced back with a 4-run fourth inning. Anderson scored from third base on the first of 2 throwing errors in the inning by the Geneva catcher to forge a 3-3 tie. Senior Kyle Mounivong capped the rally by scoring on a passed ball for a 6-3 lead.

Anderson's fifth-inning double drove in Kerber to make it 7-3. Anderson later scored on another passed ball. In fact, 8 of the game's 13 combined runs resulted from wild pitches or passed balls.

"It was a really tough day to pitch," said Kerber, normally Larkin's starting catcher. "I mean, the fastball was it. They did a good job of putting in new baseballs, but curveball, slider, that was kind of iffy just gripping the baseball."