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– Daily Herald –

Ice storm leaves nearly 100,000 without power, closes schools

Feb. 23, 2023 By Jake Griffin

Wednesday's ice storm has left nearly 100,000 ComEd customers without power and caused several suburban schools to cancel classes today.

ComEd is reporting the outages mainly in the northern suburbs, which bore the brunt of Wednesday's storm.

In a statement on the company's outage map site, ComEd officials said "we expect 80% of outages in your region to be restored by Thursday evening and the majority of our remaining outages restored by Saturday evening."

Elgin Area U-46 officials reported the outages caused them to cancel classes today at 10 schools.

South Elgin High School, Canton Middle School, Kenyon Middle School and Illinois Park Early Learning Center are all closed today. Seven elementary schools in the district -- Clinton, Huff, Lords Park, Ridge Circle, Sunnydale and Willard -- also canceled classes.

All schools in Kane County's Central Unit District 301 have also canceled classes today, according to the district's website.

Kane County transportation officials were also reporting numerous road closures due to downed power lines and toppled trees.

Multiple municipalities were also reporting traffic signal issues at a variety of intersections.

Temperatures today will vary throughout the suburbs, with cooler temperatures to the north highs likely to reach the lower 50s in some southern suburbs.

Friday, expect a slight cool down with a chance of light snow in the evening.

The weekend will see a return of warmer air, with temperatures into the mid-40s on Saturday and then the mid-50s on Sunday.

Rain returns to the area Sunday night into Monday, according to forecasts from the National Weather Service office in Romeoville.

– NBC 5 Chicago –

School Closures: Several Chicago-Area Schools Closed Due to Power Outage From Storm

Feb. 23, 2023 By Francie Swidler and NBC 5 Staff

Many Chicago suburbs are still feeling the lingering effects of a powerful and icy winter storm Wednesday that left downed trees, ice-covered power lines, slick, slippery roads and thousands of power outages in its path.

According to the ComEd outage map, as of 7:45 a.m., 86,154 customers remain without power. Earlier Thursday, that number was over 90,000.

In McHenry County, where an ice storm warning remained in effect through 6 a.m. Thursday, more than 27,000 residents currently remain without power, with more than 6,000 of those residents in Crystal Lake alone.

In Cook County, more than 11,000 customers are currently impacted, with the majority of outages reported in Streamwood, Hanover Park and Elgin. In Lake County, more than 7,000 residents are currently without power.

In Kane County, more than 13,000 customers remain without power. More than 2,000 of those customers are in South Elgin, ComEd says, where thousands are also impacted by internet outages, and several schools were forced to close as a result.

"Due to a power outage caused by the weather conditions, the following schools will be closed today, Feb. 23," a Thursday message sent to parents from School District U-46 read. "South Elgin High School, Canton Middle School, Kenyon Woods Middle School, Clinton, Huff, Lords Park, Ridge Circle, Sunnydale and Willard elementary schools, as well as Illinois Park Early Learning Center."

Based on the history of similar storms of this size, we expect 80% of outages in your region to be restored by Thursday evening (2/23/23)," a storm message on ComEd's website reads, "and the majority of our remaining outages restored by Saturday evening (2/25/23).

Across the area on roads and side streets, a handful of intersections remain dangerous as stop lights without power flicker on-and-off, NBC 5 traffic reports show.

"If outside, be alert for falling tree branches and downed power lines," a Wednesday evening tweet from the National Weather Service warned. "Do not touch downed power lines! If you will be out driving, use caution and be alert for downed tree branches and/or power lines blocking roadways."

Photos and video from Wednesday night in Lake Villa show a giant, fallen tree blocking a roadway as an ice-covered power line droops above.

According to officials, District 26 in Cary, and District 3 in Fox River Grove are also closed.

See the full list of closures here.

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- CBS News -

McHenry County-area schools close amid power outages, ice

Feb. 23, 2023

CHICAGO (CBS)-- As down trees, power outages and icy conditions cause issues Thursday morning in McHenry County some schools will be closed.

The following districts closed schools Thursday:

District No. 3 in Fox River Grove

District 26 in Cary

U-46 District including:

- South Elgin High School
- Canton and Kenyon Woods middle schools
- Clinton, Huff, Lords Park, Ridge Circle, Sunnydale, and Willard elementary schools
- Illinois Park Early Learning Center

All other <mark>U-46 schools</mark> will remain open Thursday.

- Daily Herald -

Mangrola, Bartlett stifle Batavia in regional semifinal

Feb. 22, 2023 By Jake Barelson - Shaw Local News Network

Shubh Mangrola has no problem sprawling all over the floor or providing any spark he can off the bench.

For the Bartlett senior guard, at this stage, any game could be his last. Mangrola and the Hawks delivered a spectacular fourth-quarter comeback to defeat Batavia 57-49 in the Class 4A Addison Trail regional semifinal on Wednesday.

The Hawks had 29 points to end the third quarter and nearly eclipsed it in the final eight minutes.

"I've just got to give it all on the court. I didn't want to regret anything," Mangrola said following his 12-point performance off the bench. "[In the future looking back] at least I can say I gave it my all." "One of the things we love about Shubh and really, Keegan Kunzer, who was a starter out there, [and] Will [Poulopoulos], they get after it," Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said. "Those seniors, they realize this is it, right? They wanted to play one more day, and so the seniors knew it. Kelton [McEwen] led the way; Nathan [Scearce] led the way on offense, but the whole thing was keyed by the way Shubh played."

Mangrola popped in six of his nine fourth-quarter points in just over four minutes, which included his game-tying layup with 3:58 left to even it at 39. Batavia senior Jack Ambrose went 1 for 2 at the free-throw line the ensuing possession, but the Hawks ripped off a 10-0 run that was fueled by Bartlett forcing three Bulldogs turnovers in the sequence to take a commanding 49-40 lead with 2:22 remaining.

Ambrose's layup snapped the cold streak 50 seconds later, but the Hawks went 6 for 8 the rest of the way at the line and also had a Ravi Banipal layup to cap off the comeback. They'll go for their first regional title since 2018 vs. top-seeded Benet Friday at 7 p.m.

The Redwings defeated Addison Trail in the first semifinal 74-30. Ewola Moukoulou had eight points, while Jack Burns, Patrick Walsh and Jason Garcia all had six points for Benet.

"The way [Mangrola] attacked [Batavia guard Nate Nazos] defensively, you saw what Nazos did in the first half [10 points]. He had an 8-0 or 10-0 run to create that separation. We had to close out, and Shubh almost the entire half was on him," Wolfsmith said. "Really, really struggled to get easy-clean looks, and that led to our guys getting defensive stops and forcing them to make tough shots. We turned it into offense at the other end with the transition."

Mangrola, evidently, knows "one way to play and that is: 'You-know-what to the wall.'"

"He had a monster game against East Aurora [in the regular season] where he did the same thing in the second half," Wolfsmith said. "He just went off. I think he finished

with 20 points that game. It was like [what transpired tonight]: Defend, get a steal, get a layup, get fouled, get a free throw [and] cause chaos."

McEwen finished with 18 points, while Scearce had 13 points to pace Bartlett (19-12).

Batavia (16-15), meanwhile, looked back fondly on a season that began 4-11 and ended with a 12-4 run.

"They're not going to be remembered in my book by a fourth quarter or the end of this game. [This is] a team that just came miles for the entire season," Bulldogs coach Jim Nazos said. "So no way is a half or a quarter going to dictate what I think of these seniors or this whole team, juniors, too, and everything that we have there."

The Bulldogs were paced by Ambrose's 11 points and eight rebounds, while Nazos scored 12 points and CJ Valente had eight points and five rebounds.

"Credit Bartlett. They played really well," Nazos said. "They did a lot of good things in the second half to make things difficult and hit shots. So, lot of credit goes to them. [This is] is a team where I really don't know what to say to in these moments. Just brokenhearted for them. They cared. They came to work. From where they were to where they came, that's what I'll remember."

– Chicago Tribune –

Basketball scores for Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

Feb. 22, 2023 By Aurora Beacon-News

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

CLASS 4A REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

ADDISON TRAIL

Bartlett 57, Batavia 49

Bartlett (20-12): Kelton McEwen 18 points. Nathan Scearce 15 points.

Benet 73, Addison Trail 30

STREAMWOOD

Dundee-Crown 64, South Elgin 58

St. Charles East 70, Streamwood 38

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CLASS 4A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS

HAMPSHIRE

Rockford Guilford 59, South Elgin 38

Compiled by Josh Krockey.

To read the full article, click <u>here</u>.

- Daily Herald -

Local Sports

Girls basketball

Thursday's sectional finals Games at 7 p.m.

Class 4A

At Highland Park

No. 1 Fremd vs. No. 3 Hersey

At New Trier

No. 1 Maine South vs. No. 3 Loyola

At Glenbard West

No. 1 Geneva vs. No. 3 Batavia

At Hampshire

No. 1 Barrington vs. No. 4 Rockford Guilford

At West Aurora

No. 1 Benet vs. No. 6 Waubonsie Valley

Class 3A

At Deerfield

No. 1 Carmel vs. No. 2 Deerfield

At Glenbard South

No. 1 Montini vs. No. 2 Providence

Boys basketball

Wednesday's regional semifinal scores

Class 4A

At Warren

No. 1 Libertyville 58, No. 16 Zion-Benton 29

No. 8 Warren 75,

No. 10 Mundelein 58

At Wheeling

No. 4 Fremd 66,

No. 13 Wheeling 40

No. 5 Barrington 64,

No. 12 Buffalo Grove 62

At Lake Zurich

No. 2 Stevenson 43,

No. 15 Highland Park 8

No. 7 Hersey 54,

No. 9 Lake Zurich 41

At Palatine

No. 3 Palatine 69,

No. 14 Grant 37

No. 6 Prospect 62,

No. 11 Waukegan 35

At Conant

No. 3 Glenbrook South 52,

No. 14 Hoffman Estates 38 No. 5 Evanston 48,

No. 9 Conant 34

At Rolling Meadows

No. 3 Rolling Meadows 53,

No. 13 Schaumburg 31 No. 6 Loyola 37,

No. 12 Maine South 17

At Addison Trail

No. 1 Benet 74,

No. 16 Addison Trail 30 No. 8 Bartlett 57,

No. 9 Batavia 49

At Willowbrook

No. 13 Willowbrook 66,

No. 4 Metea Valley 64 No. 5 Lake Park 53,

No. 12 Wheaton North 34

At West Chicago

No. 2 WW South 59,

No. 15 Glenbard East 25 No. 7 Naperville North 53,

No. 10 York 43

At Streamwood

No. 2 St. Charles East 70,

No. 9 Streamwood 38 No. 7 Dundee-Crown 64,

No. 3 South Elgin 58

At St. Charles North

No. 1 DeKalb 52,

No. 6 St. Charles North 46

No. 4 Hampshire 61,

No. 5 Larkin 49

At Downers Grove North

No. 4 Downers Grove North 71,

No. 13 Downers Grove South 41 No. 6 Proviso East 52,

No. 12 Morton 50

At East Aurora No. 4 Lincoln-Way East 71,

No. 13 East Aurora 42

No. 5 Neuqua Valley 56,

No. 12 Plainfield East 51

At Waubonsie Valley

No. 2 Bolingbrook 65,

No. 15 Lincoln-Way C. 55 (OT)

No. 8 Waubonsie Valley 54,

No. 10 Oswego 40

At Lockport

No. 3 Oswego East 85,

No. 14 Lincoln-Way W. 31 No. 11 West Aurora 57,

No. 7 Lockport 54 (2 OTs)

At Rockton Hononegah (ppd to Thursday)

No. 1 Huntley vs. No. 7 Harlem

No. 4 Rockford East vs. No. 6 McHenry

At Rockford Auburn (ppd to Thursday)

No. 2 Guilford vs.

No. 8 Jefferson

No. 3 Auburn vs. No. 5 Jacobs Class 3A

At Lake Forest

No. 1 Lake Forest 72,

No. 17 Senn 37

No. 8 Notre Dame 48,

No. 9 Antioch 35

At St. Patrick

No. 4 St. Patrick 77,

No. 13 Grayslake North 32

No. 12 Carmel 43,

No. 5 Fenton 39

At Lakes

No. 2 Grayslake Central 57,

No. 14 Northside 37

No. 6 Lakes 56,

No. 11 Vernon Hills 52

At Deerfield

No. 3 Deerfield 46, No. 15 Amundsen 32

No. 7 St. Viator 57,

No. 10 Ridgewood 55 (OT)

At Hinsdale South

No. 4 St. Laurence 73,

No. 13 Noble/Johnson 48 No. 5 Lindblom 75,

No. 12 Hinsdale South 69

At Nazareth

No. 3 Hyde Park 74,

No. 14 Noble/Corner 42 No. 9 Nazareth 54,

No. 6 Glenbard South 42

At Belvidere (ppd to Thurs.)

No. 1 Crystal Lake South vs.

No. 8 Belvidere

No. 4 Freeport vs. No. 6 Belvidere North

At Kaneland (ppd to Thurs.)

No. 2 Marmion vs. No. 8 Plano

No. 3 Kaneland vs. No. 6 Sycamore

At St. Francis (ppd to Thurs.)

No. 1 Burlington Central vs. No. 7 Cary-Grove

No. 4 St. Francis vs. No. 5 Wauconda

Class 2A

At Northridge Prep

No. 2 Northridge Prep 80,

No. 10 Cristo Rey St. Martin 23

No. 3 Wheaton Academy 69,

No. 6 Chicago Ac. 33

At Lisle

No. 7 Montini 45, No. 1 IC Catholic Prep 43

No. 4 Lisle 51, No. 5 Timothy Christian 50

At Genoa-Kingston (ppd to Thursday)

No. 1 Rockford Christian vs.

No. 9 Genoa-Kingston

No. 4 Aurora Christian vs.

No. 7 Sandwich

At Rockford Lutheran (ppd to Thursday)

No. 2 Rockford Lutheran vs.

No. 6 Marian No. 3 St. Edward vs.

No. 5 Johnsburg