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**Easy does it, Streamwood slugger Nick Weaver takes move to leadoff spot in stride. ‘I just keep playing and being me.’**

**April 10, 2023**

**By Paul Johnson - Aurora Beacon-News**



**Streamwood's Nick Weaver** (5) adjusts his catcher's mask during an Upstate Eight Conference game at Streamwood on Friday, May 20, 2022. (Brian O'Mahoney / The Beacon-News)

**Streamwood's Nick Weaver** doesn't have a problem getting on base.

The problem is teams were pitching around the slugger, and the senior catcher was happy to take his walks. The **Sabres**, however, wanted to see more power and extra-base hits.

The solution? Move Weaver to the leadoff spot.

"It ended up working out," said **Weaver**, who has a .700 on-base percentage through the **Sabres'** first 10 games this season. "I love it. I kind of like being put wherever."

“I don’t have to change my game. I just keep playing and being me.”



**Streamwood's Nick Weaver** (5) regains his focus during an at-bat against Bartlett in an Upstate Eight Conference game at Streamwood on Friday, May 20, 2022. (Brian O'Mahoney / The Beacon-News)

That's bad news for opponents.

As the weather heats up, **Weaver's** power swing has emerged. He hit his first homer of the season Saturday for **Streamwood**, a three-run blast as part of a 4-for-4 effort in a 13-1 victory over Glenbard North.

**Weaver** is hitting .621 (18-for-29) this season for **Streamwood** (8-2). He has 13 runs, 12 stolen bases, five doubles, a triple, a homer and 11 RBIs. He also hasn't struck out.

“I think I’m just settling in and catching my stride,” he said.

**Streamwood coach Dan Jennings** has seen Weaver catching fire.

“At the beginning of the year, you think he’s off to a slow start,” Jennings said. “He was getting base hits and driving in a guy here or there. We put him at leadoff because we’re sick of people walking him.

“He’s been off the charts. He’s on base all the time.”

**Weaver** had a huge junior season and was rewarded with an all-state nod. That recognition and a big summer with Canes Illinois, his travel team, have given him a boost.

“It shows that I belong here,” Weaver said. “It’s given me this leadership. It’s given me the

confidence to be the leader that **Streamwood** needs.”

**Weaver** is committed to play next season at Elgin Community College. Jennings pointed out how he’s still filling out his frame, bursting onto college coaches’ radars late in the process.

“I’m hoping he goes to ECC and does a great job,” Jennings said of Weaver. “But I think he can play at a Division I level.”

That would go a long way toward **Weaver’s** ultimate goal.

“My dream has been to play professional baseball,” **Weaver** said. “The goal is to transfer somewhere down south in the ACC or SEC. I can hang with those guys.

“Mentally, I’m there. It’s time to prove that.”



**Streamwood's Nick Weaver** (5) reacts at the plate against **Bartlett** during an Upstate Eight Conference game at Streamwood on Friday, May 20, 2022. (Brian O'Mahoney / The Beacon-News)

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# – Daily Herald –

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3. Downers Grove N. (8-1) Chiarelli tosses 4-hit shutout for Trojans
4. St. Charles East (5-1) Saints open DuKane with walk-off vs. Lake Park
5. Lake Park (8-2) Lancers earn weekend win over Neuqua
6. Schaumburg (8-1) Adams, Mazzacano providing spark for Saxons
7. Wheeling (10-3) Ban's delivers in pinch for Wildcats
8. Warren (9-2) 7-run fifth enough to top Stevenson
9. Mundelein (6-2) 15-hit attack carries Mustangs past McHenry
10. St. Viator (7-2) 4-run, 7th-inning rally tops Niles Notre Dame
11. Cary-Grove (9-2) Dorchie's gem knocks CLS from unbeaten ranks
12. Naperville N. (5-1) Huskies edge Neuqua in DVC debut
13. St. Charles N. (6-1) Estrada goes the distance against WW South
14. **Streamwood** (9-2) Weaver, Lara, Lunz providing offense for **Sabres**
15. Conant (8-3) Cougars hand Saxons first loss

16. Harvest Christian (10-1) Rodriguez, Rohlfing leading way for Lions
17. Naperville C. (7-3) Redhawks enjoy 4-0 week
18. Barrington (6-4) Soske hits HR, drives in 4 against Hoffman
19. Wheaton Ac. (9-2) Warriors edge Montini, crush R-B
20. Stevenson (8-5) Belbot belts 3-run HR to beat Buffalo Grove