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– Chicago Tribune –

U-46 board criteria for next superintendent: must prioritize student achievement and embrace diversity

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By Mike Danahey - The Courier-News

School District U-46's next superintendent will be "an experienced leader who has had successful experience in a diverse district, demonstrating relationship building and a track record of student achievement," a candidate profile says.

The portrait of the district's new leader was drafted by consultants from Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates based on interviews with board members, public surveys and community forums.

Specifically, they will be seeking candidates who foster a positive, professional climate; establish a culture of high expectations; recruit, employ and retain effective personnel; demonstrate a deep understanding of educational research, emerging best practices and implementing strategies; are transparent; understand and are sensitive to the needs of a diverse student population; effectively plan and manage the long-term financial health of U-46 and its schools; and are an effective manager of the district's day-to-day operations.

The profile criteria were presented to School Board members Monday night, who unanimously approved them and authorized the consultants to proceed in screening internal job applicants based on the skills being sought.

"The idea is this profile is used in the next steps in the search," consultant Peter Flynn told the board.

The only tweak made to the list was suggested by board President Sue Kerr, who requested language that emphasized the recruitment, employment and retention of effective and diverse personnel.

Consultant Karen Sullivan briefed the board on the online survey results, which contributed to the profile they drafted.

Of the 1,663 people who took the survey, 40.2% identified themselves as parents of U-46 students, 25.6% as U-46 teachers and 10.5% as support staff. There were also 140 students, 129 community members and 122 district administrators who responded to the questions. Sixty-seven people took the survey in Spanish.

The firm also held meetings and interviews where they asked everyone the same five questions to help construct the profile, consultant Kelvin Adams said. In all, 184 people were interviewed in 16 group sessions and nine one-on-one interviews with current and incoming board members.

Adams said several names were recommended as potential candidates for the superintendent's post during those meetings.

Screening interviews are being planned and from those, job finalists will be recommended for board interviews, Sullivan said.

Board member Melissa Owens lauded the consultants on their work.

"You did a really good job in embedding a lot of those key indicators that were coming out through the survey, especially where you address both the strength of the district in its diversity and yet the challenges in working in diversity and equity," Owens said.

If all goes as planned, the next superintendent could be named by May 26 and the job filled by July 1, which is the start of the new fiscal year.

Whomever is selected will replace Tony Sanders, who resigned earlier this year to become Illinois state superintendent of schools. Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Suzanne Johnson is serving as the interim superintendent.

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– Chicago Tribune – Elgin News Digest: Celebrate Día de los Niños at Elgin High School Saturday

April 25, 2023

By Mike Danahey - The Courier-News

Celebrate Día de los Niños at Elgin High School Saturday

School District U-46 will be celebrating Día de los Niños (Children's Day) from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29. at Elgin High School.

The public event will start with a light lunch followed by crafts, face painting, stories and other family activities for everyone, a district media post said. The first 200 families to arrive will receive a free book.

Activities will be offered in Spanish with English translation. Guests should use entrance seven.

For more information, call 847-888-5000 or email info@u-46.org.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

– Daily Herald – Schools join in annual Walk N' Roll April 28 in Roselle

April 25, 2023

Submitted by Lake Park High School District 108

In honor of Autism Acceptance Month, the Lake Park High School Transition Assistance Program (TAP) will celebrate the annual Walk N' Roll event with neighboring districts on Friday, April 28.

It will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Roselle Park District's Clauss Farm Recreation Area, 555 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Roselle.

With more than 400 people already registered, the event will welcome participants from TAP, Pathways, NDSEC TLC, WDSRA Rec & Roll, Downers Grove Transition 99, DuPage High School Transition 88, Elmhurst Unit District 205, Glenbard North Transition Program, Glenbard South Transition Program, Leyden BRIDGE Program, Leyden Transition Program, Lyons Township Transition Program, Ridgewood Life Skills Program, South Elgin High School Life Skills Program, and West Leyden Life Skills Program.

It will begin with arrival and registration from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and the walk from 11 a.m. to noon. It will be followed by a lunch and social hour at noon.

The entrance fee is \$1.00 per participant and will benefit the Autism Society.

After the walk, stay for a social hour with student-led activities.

The Kona Ice Truck, which is donating 20% of gross sales to the Autism Society, and Doctor Dogs will be at the event with a limited lunch menu.

– Examiner of Bartlett –

Series of expenditures approved by District U-46

(This article also appeared in the Examiner of Streamwood and South Elgin)

April 25, 2023

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** voted 6-0, **board member John Devereux** was absent, on \$3.8 million in expenditure items at its meeting on Monday, April 10.

Included was \$3.2 million (operations and maintenance and health life safety funds) with Bear Construction for the second phase of a renovation project to the Dream Academy and Central Schools Program (CSP).

The proposal states renovations include “painting walls, electrostatic painting of the lockers, and removal and replacement of the vinyl tile (VCT) in all of the main hallways” as well as new science labs and prep rooms, cafeterias, classrooms, library and work room.

With SchooLinks, the board approved \$371,474 (education fund) for a three-years agreement for a “comprehensive college and career planning tool that allows us to provide efficient services to our students and families,” the proposal states.

Costing \$144,000 (federal grants), the board approved of expenditures to help teachers attain bilingual and English as a second language endorsements through Northern Illinois University.

The installation of fiber cabling to the press box at **Streamwood High School’s Millennium Field** was approved at \$88,696 (operations and maintenance fund) with Low Voltage Solutions.

The proposal states it’s “to ensure equity among the four high school press boxes” with Millennium Field being “the only press box in the district without the capability to livestream athletic events from the stadium without additional equipment.”

Costing \$42,314 (education fund), the board renewed a contract with Frontline Education

“for substitute assignments and absence management” software.

The board also approved a high school science curriculum proposal on updated standards as well as \$11.1 million in itemized bills by 6-0 votes. The science curriculum includes no new resources.

The proposal stated that “the Illinois State Science Assessment is changing its format to align with the Framework for K12 Science Education and the Next Generation Science Standards.”

– Examiner of Bartlett –

Three scholarship finalists recognized by U-46 board

(This article also appeared in the Examiner of Streamwood and South Elgin)

April 25, 2023

By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** recognized three seniors for being named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program at its Monday, April 10 meeting.

The seniors include **Madeline Conter (Elgin High School)**, **Hannah Guerra (Bartlett High School)** and **Andrew Strama (South Elgin High School)**. They will find out later this spring if they will receive a scholarship.

“These students were recently named finalists in the prestigious 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program,” said **Suzanne Johnson, interim superintendent**. “Their selection keeps these students in the competition for approximately 7,500 scholarships that will be offered in spring 2023. And to qualify, the students took the 2021 Preliminary SAT (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Only the highest scoring entrants in each state advance to the finalist round.”

About \$28 million in scholarships are available, according to a district press release, and the initial screening begins junior year with students advancing by being in the top 1 percent nationally on the PSAT. Academic records, awards, community participation,

employment, honors and leadership are taken into account as they advance.

Strama said at the meeting that he has not finalized where he will attend college, but he plans to study particle physics.

“Some of my favorite memories in high school have come from quieter, more relaxed moments where I did nothing more than talk to my friends and slowly whittle away at work,” Strama said for the district release.

“Those moments will stick with me the most and I’m happy I was in the position to experience them.” Guerra said she will attend the University of Illinois-Chicago and will double major in English and physics with hopes of becoming a published author. She credited the opportunities for writers at **Bartlett**.

“It’s a big district, with big schools, and it therefore really has something for everyone,” Guerra said.

Conter will attend Northwestern University and study mechanical engineering with hopes to become an aerospace engineer. “A great aspect of **U-46** is the teachers' devotion to giving their students space to contribute their own ideas,” Conter said. “Creativity is encouraged by teachers in our district like my band teacher, and I really appreciate that.”

– Chicago Tribune –

Baseball, softball and girls soccer scores for Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

April 25, 2023

By From Staff Reports - Aurora Beacon-News

MONDAY’S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL

Aurora Central Catholic 4, Wheaton Academy 3

Aurora Christian 6, Westmont 1

Bartlett 15, Glenbard South 1 (5 innings)

Bartlett (10-10, 8-2 Upstate Eight): Josh Colaizzi 4 RBIs.

Burlington Central 3, Crystal Lake South 0

Burlington Central (10-8, 6-4 Fox Valley): Michael Person CG, 10 Ks.

Byron 15, Genoa-Kingston 0

Deerfield 11, Vernon Hills 1 (5 innings)

Deerfield (7-10, 2-3 Central Suburban North): Easton Newman 4 RBIs.

DeKalb 8, Waubonsie Valley 5

Waubonsie (5-13-1): Mason Ringenbach 4-for-4, HR.

Glenbard North 1, Batavia 0

Grayslake Central 12, Grayslake North 2

Hampshire 3, McHenry 2 (8 innings)

Hampshire (11-8, 5-5 Fox Valley): Cooper Jaworski GW single in bottom 8th.

Highland Park 6, Niles North 4

Highland Park (7-7, 1-2 Central Suburban North): Sam Wolfe 3 RBIs.

Hinckley-Big Rock 11, Hiawatha 1 (5 innings)

Hinckley-Big Rock (7-10, 7-1 Little Ten): Ben Hintzsche 2-for-3, 3 runs, 3 RBIs.

Huntley 12, Jacobs 2 (5 innings)

Larkin 4, Fenton 2

Larkin: Elijah Holst 2-for-4, 2 RBIs.

Libertyville 3, Lake Zurich 2 (9 innings)

Libertyville (10-8-2, 5-2 North Suburban): Cody Krawczyk GW single in bottom 9th.

Metea Valley 7, Neuqua Valley 0

Metea (9-9, 6-1 DuPage Valley): Drew Hopkins CG, 4 H.
Morris 3, Plano 0
Naperville Central 6, Naperville North 2
Naperville Central (11-7, 3-4 DuPage Valley): Colin Barczy 2-for-3, HR, 3 RBIs.
Nazareth 9, Benet 3
Oswego 7, Plainfield North 0
Oswego (12-8, 2-2 Southwest Prairie West): Eddie Scaccia 6 IP, 0 H, 14 Ks.
Oswego East 7, Minooka 6
Oswego East: Josh Polubinski 4-for-4, 2 runs, 3 RBIs.
St. Charles East 11, Wheaton Warrenville South 0 (5 innings)
St. Charles East (13-1, 8-0 DuKane): James Brennan 2-for-2, 4 RBIs.
St. Charles North 5, Geneva 1
St. Charles North: Jaden Harmon 2-for-2, 2 RBIs.
St. Laurence 3, Marmion 0
Stevenson 11, Lake Forest 1 (6 innings)
Stevenson (14-6, 4-2 North Suburban): Michael Belbot 2-for-3, 2 runs, 4 RBIs.
Streamwood 7, Glenbard East 6
Sycamore 17, Sandwich 0 (4 innings)
Warren 3, Mundelein 0
Yorkville 13, West Aurora 2 (5 innings)
Yorkville (8-8, 1-2 Southwest Prairie West): Nate Harris 3-for-3, HR, 4 runs, 3 RBIs.

GIRLS SOCCER

Dundee-Crown 1, Crystal Lake South 1
Elgin 3, Lake Park 0

Elgin (7-3-2): Emilia Rodriguez 2 goals.

Genoa-Kingston 6, Pecatonica 0

Kaneland 10, Rochelle 0

Kaneland (7-4, 3-0 Interstate Eight): Brigid Gannon 5 goals.

Libertyville 1, Lake Forest 0

Libertyville: Molly Koch goal.

Oswego 3, Waubonsie Valley 1

Stillman Valley 5, Hinckley-Big Rock 3

Wheaton North 1, Benet 0

Naperville North (10-4, 4-0 DuPage Valley): Charlotte Chelich 3-for-4, 3 runs, 3 RBIs.

Neuqua Valley 8, DeKalb 0

Neuqua (8-7, 3-2 DuPage Valley): Izzy Ernest CG, 12 Ks.

Oswego 11, Romeoville 2

Oswego (12-4): Rikka Ludvigson 3 RBIs.

Oswego East 17, Joliet Central 0 (3 innings)

Oswego East (10-6, 3-2 Southwest Prairie West): Emma Lenczewski HR, 3 runs, 4 RBIs.

Richmond-Burton 4, Grant 3

Rosary 6, St. Francis 0

Rosary: Marissa Capparelli CG, 16 Ks.

St. Charles North 2, St. Charles East 0

St. Charles North (10-1, 3-0 DuKane): Maddie Hernandez 2-run HR.

St. Edward 12, Aurora Christian 4

St. Edward: Kendall Pemberton 2-for-4, 2 runs, 3 RBIs.

Sandwich 11, Rochelle 0 (5 innings)

Sandwich (9-7, 3-5 Interstate Eight): Breanna Sexton 2-for-2, HR, 3 runs, 5 RBIs.

Yorkville 8, Plainfield East 0

Yorkville (16-1, 4-0 Southwest Prairie West): Madi Reeves perfect game, 16 Ks.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

GIRLS SOCCER

BODYARMOR SERIES

At Lyons Soccer Complex, LaGrange

Championships

Aurora Central Catholic 2, Trinity 0

ACC (4-4-2): Mary Bush goal, assist.

Metea Valley 1, Lincoln-Way Central 0

Metea (11-0-3): Lucy Burk goal.

Round Lake 2, **Streamwood** 0

Warren 3, Minooka 1

Warren (5-4-2): Addison Stanciak 2 goals.

Marist 4, Highland Park 1

Wilmington 3, St. Edward 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL

Antioch 13, Zion-Benton 9

Antioch (8-6-1): Dawson Gutke 4-for-5, 5 RBIs.

Bartlett 3, Wheeling 0 (4 innings)

Hampshire 14, Woodstock North 1 (5 innings)

Hampshire (10-8): Colin Miller 2-for-2, 3 RBIs.

Hersey 12, Dundee-Crown 7

Dundee-Crown: Matt Schuring 2-for-3, 2 RBIs.

Glenbard East 19, Metea Valley 11

Hope Academy 4, Aurora Christian 3

Lake Zurich 3, Schaumburg 2

Lake Zurich (9-4): Lucas Foley 2-for-3, 2 RBIs.

Mundelein 9, Fremd 8

Mundelein (8-5): Tyler Przespolewski 2-for-4, 3 RBIs.

Naperville North 8, Benet 7

Naperville North (8-4-2): Max Steele 3-run triple.

Neuqua Valley 3, Naperville Central 2 (8 innings)

Neuqua (9-6-1, 4-2 DuPage Valley): Andrew Gould GW single in top 8th.

Newark 9, Dwight 0

Newark (7-11): Joe Martin 2-for-3, 3 RBIs.

Northridge 13, Waukegan 2

Prairie Ridge 13, Deerfield 12

St. Charles East 17, Wheaton Warrenville South 6

St. Charles East (12-1, 7-0 DuKane): Clay Jensen 2-for-5, 3 runs, 3 RBIs.

St. Laurence 13, Marmion 1 (5 innings)

St. Charles North 15, Geneva 8

St. Charles North: Brad Lins 2-for-4, 3 RBIs.

Timothy Christian 3, Harvest Christian 2

Warren 14, Palatine 10

Yorkville Christian 12, Peoria Christian 0

GIRLS SOCCER

Aurora Central Catholic 2, West Aurora 2

ACC (3-4-2): K.K. Nash 2 goals.

West Aurora (4-8-2): Bella Vargas goal.

Batavia 2, Metea Valley 2

Batavia (5-2-3): Emma Stoodley goal. Natalie Warner goal.

Metea (10-0-3): Lily Senese goal. Lucy Burk goal.

Elgin 5, DeKalb 1

Elgin (6-3-2): Nayeli Villaruel 2 goals.

Genoa-Kingston 3, St. Edward 2

Genoa-Kingston (9-6): Samantha Wendt goal, 2 assists.

Glenbard East 2, Streamwood 0

Highland Park 0, Lake Forest 0

Lyons 4, Bartlett 0

Plano 3, Westmont 1

Richmond-Burton 7, Antioch 0

St. Charles North 2, Oswego East 0

St. Charles North (9-2-1): Laney Stark goal. Kayla Floyd goal.

Timothy Christian 5, IMSA 1

PROSPECT INVITATIONAL

Lake Zurich 1, Grayslake North 0

Lake Zurich (10-2-1): Lauren Bailey goal.

Normal U-High 1, South Elgin 0

Prospect 3, Lake Zurich 0

SOFTBALL

Aurora Central Catholic 18-17, Rockford Lutheran 0-3 (Game 1, 3 innings; Game 2, 5 innings)

Barrington 12, Kaneland 1

Dundee-Crown 16, Streamwood 1 (4 innings)

Dundee-Crown (10-6): McKayla Anderson 2-for-2, 2 HRs, 3 runs, 4 RBIs.

Hampshire 15, Woodstock 0 (3 innings)

Lake Forest 16, Fenton 8

Lake Forest (4-8): Arianna Ranallo 4-for-5, 3 runs, 4 RBIs.

Maine East 19, Round Lake 2 (3 innings)

Naperville Central 15-8, Willowbrook 2-11 (Game 1, 5 innings)

Naperville Central (7-10): Shea Meech 2 HRs.

Neuqua Valley 15, Minooka 0 (5 innings)

Neuqua (7-7): Izzy Ernest 2-for-2, 2 runs, 5 RBIs.

Newark 14, Winnebago 1 (5 innings)

Schaumburg 13, Geneva 5

Wauconda 13-11, Cary-Grove 1-4 (Game 1, 6 innings)

Game 1 Wauconda: Lia Taglia 4-for-4, 3 runs.

Game 2 Wauconda (12-7): Bryn Lucht 2-for-5, HR, 2 runs, 3 RBIs.

Yorkville 5, Bradley-Bourbonnais 4

Yorkville (15-1): Sara Ebner 2 HRs.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL

Burlington Central 9, Crystal Lake Central 5

Glenbard East 6, Streamwood 3
Glenbard South 2, Bartlett 1
Grayslake Central 2, Antioch 1
Grayslake North 8, Grant 2
Highland Park 6, Niles West 2
Hinckley-Big Rock 18, Leland 2 (4 innings)
Huntley 3, Jacobs 1
Indian Creek 15, Hiawatha 2 (5 innings)
Kaneland 14, Plano 2 (5 innings)
Larkin 3, Fenton 2 (8 innings)
Libertyville 13, Vernon Hills 1 (5 innings)
McHenry 12, Hampshire 2 (5 innings)
Metea Valley 9, Waubonsie Valley 8
Minooka 7, Oswego 6 (9 innings)
Neuqua Valley 7, Naperville Central 6
New Trier 11, Stevenson 1 (6 innings)
Northridge 13, Round Lake 2 (5 innings)
Ottawa 6, Sandwich 3
Riverside-Brookfield 11, St. Edward 1 (5 innings)
Wauconda 12, Lakes 2 (5 innings)

Compiled by Josh Krockey.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

– Chicago Tribune –

Rick Armstrong's Aurora, Elgin, Naperville softball rankings and player of the week

April 25, 2023

By Rick Armstrong - Aurora Beacon-News

Top 10

With records through Monday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. Yorkville 15-1 (1)

Miami of Ohio recruit [Madi Reeves](#) pitches perfect game in 8-0 win over Plainfield East.

2. St. Charles North 9-1 (2)

Freshman shortstop [Ginger Ritter](#) hits homer, tallies three RBIs in win over Lake Park.

3. Benet 13-2 (4)

[Marikate Ritterbusch](#) and [Hannah Baer](#) hit home runs in rout of Fenwick.

4. Newark 18-1 (5)

Norsemen suffer first loss to Morris, then bounce back against Sterling Newman.

5. Oswego 12-4 (3)

[Rikka Ludvigson](#) drives in three runs during conference win over Romeoville.

6. Oswego East 10-6 (8)

[Emma Lenczewski](#) hits homer, drives in four runs against Joliet Central.

7. St. Charles East 8-7-1 (6)

Saints drop pitchers' duel to crosstown rival North Stars.

8. Naperville North 10-4 (9)

[Kristina Donaldson](#) delivers with four RBIs for win over Waubonsie Valley.

9. South Elgin 10-4-1 (7)

[Storm](#) stopped by [Larkin](#) for first Upstate Eight Conference loss.

10. Bartlett 12-3 (NR)

[Olivia Liguori](#) hits 11th homer for walk-off 5-4 win over Glenbard South.

Player of the week

Senior shortstop [Sarah Ebner](#) hits two home runs for Yorkville in a 5-4 win over

Bradley-Bourbonnais. Green Bay recruit also totals five hits in wins over Plainfield East and Oswego East.

– Examiner of Streamwood –

Sabres baseball rally topples Glenbard South

April 26, 2023

By Seth Hancock

The **Streamwood baseball team** rallied from three runs down in the final two frames to earn a key Upstate Eight Conference win, 5-4 against Glenbard South on Tuesday, April 18 at Streamwood.

The **Sabres** improved to 13-3 overall and 6-1 in the UEC and handed Glenbard South its first conference loss when Chris Lara capped the win with a walk off RBI single.

“It was a huge win because Glenbard South is always a tough opponent,” said **Streamwood coach Dan Jennings**. “They were sitting on top of the conference and to get the first game of two was a huge confidence boost going into Game 2. We have been playing well, but the biggest difference this year is our depth and our team’s ability to really perform in their roles to help grind out some wins.”

Streamwood was outhit 10-7 in the game, and its offense was silent after first innings hits by Nick Weaver and Joey Lunz, whose RBI put them up 1-0. Trailing 4-1 in the bottom of the sixth, Dylan Love had a two-strike, two-out RBI single to start the rally, and Frank Sanchez hit a two-run double in the seventh prior to Lara’s walk off hit.

Antonio Alanis added a double in the effort. Carter Blanchard (1.2 innings, three hits, three strikeouts) got the win in relief of Austin Paskewic (5.1 innings, four runs, seven hits, five walks, six strikeouts).

“I thought we struggled offensively because their pitcher really kept us off balance,” Jennings said. “Loved our fight to stay in it and pull out a win. Austin Paskewic and Carter Blanchard pitched well enough to keep us in it as well.”

The **Sabres** were coming off a 4-1 week which started with a pair of home wins, a 4-2 UEC victory over **Larkin** on Monday, April 10 and a 12-2 non conference win over Proviso West on Tuesday, April 11.

Lunz (2-for-2, double, two RBI) led against **Larkin** and Miguel Rodriguez got the win. Weaver (3-for-5, home run, RBI), Love (2-for-3, triple, RBI), Lunz (2-for-3, two RBI) and

Alanis (three RBI) led against Proviso West with Riley Nosek the winner.

Lunz (6-for-7, double, home run, five RBI), Weaver (5-for-7, double, two triples, RBI), Alanis (4-for-6, double, triple, three RBI) and Lara (3-for-5, triple, five RBI) led in an UEC series sweep of **Elgin**, a 23-4 win at **Elgin** on Wednesday, April 12 and 10-4 at Judson University on Friday, April 14.

Streamwood's loss came in a 10-6 setback in a UEC game at **Bartlett** on Thursday, April 13

– Daily Herald –

Fox softball notes: Cary-Grove's Olson reaches 500 milestone

April 26, 2023

By John Radtke

Not many coaches hang around long enough anymore to accomplish what Tammy Olson did earlier this week.

Olson, now in her 30th season at Cary-Grove and the dean of Fox Valley Conference softball coaches, watched with joy and satisfaction on Monday when her Trojans beat Dundee-Crown, handing their coach her 500th career win.

"I am thrilled to get there," Olson said. "I know the girls are too. It was a very competitive game against Dundee-Crown, who we lost to 3-2 earlier in the season. We have had some suspended games that may or may not have made the process longer. Time will tell."

While the 2003 Trojans have struggled a bit in terms of wins, the program is respected for being one of the most competitive in the area every year.

Under the guidance of Olson and her longtime assistant and husband, Mark, C-G has nine 20-win seasons (and four with 19 Ws), has won four regionals and one sectional.

Olson, who took over the program in 1993, kind of remembers her first win.

"I know it was a DH vs. Grayslake in 1994," said Olson, who is retiring this year. "We won both games, 17-6 and 10-6. There were 12 girls on the roster and I can see each of their faces as I look at the roster. I now see their kids in classes, run into them around town and some of their parents still come and watch games from time to time."

"All the seasons have a special memory in some way or another. The game has changed throughout the years. Teams have moved in and out of the Fox Valley. Back in 2001 Kelli Gallas threw all but two games that season. I still remember playing Lake Zurich. I believe the game went 20 innings and we won 1-0. Yes, she threw the whole game."

Olson remembers a specific graduation Saturday.

"In 2011 C-G hosted the regional finals for both softball and baseball at home after graduation. We had red, white and blue bunting on both fields and our conference flags flying. We ended up beating Grant 2-1 that day in a thriller of a game. Lindsay Efflandt pitched. That team was special.

"One player (from that team) is now my JV coach, Amy Clemment. Another is the head coach at CL South (Sara Markelonis), who coached several years at C-G as our JV coach. Jamie Deering is now a college coach. We were 30-2 that year losing to DeKalb in the sectional finals. The year before we actually finished stronger losing to Elk Grove in the super-sectional game. But that regional final, with so many people between the baseball game, and the softball game, and the school and the how the fields were decorated. The place was electric."

Larkin update:

The **Royals** have suddenly made a statement that they'd like to be included in the Upstate Eight title chase.

With a 3-2 win over conference front-runner **South Elgin** on Monday, **Larkin** crept to within a game of first place, just one game off in the loss column to **South Elgin, Bartlett, West Chicago** and **Glenbard East**.

"Our girls played their hearts out (Monday)," said **Larkin coach Anne Vogt**, whose team took a 9-5 overall and 5-2 record into Thursday's UEC game at Elgin. "It was such a great game."

Both teams were strong in the pitcher's circle Monday, but **Larkin's Olivia Salazar** allowed just 3 hits in earning the win.

Larkin pulled away for the win with 3 runs in the fourth inning. **Julissa Aguinaga** singled to score a run and **Angelica Gonzalez** singled in 2 runs.

Aguinaga went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead **Larkin**.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Neubert belted her first homer of the season against Fenton, while Baylei Johnson added another HR and now has 10 on the season. She is hitting .647 with 10 HRs, 6 doubles and 20 RBI.

Bartlett update:

The Hawks are 8-2 over their last 10 games and have won 6 straight. At 14-3 overall, their 8-1 mark stands atop the UEC.

One highlight of the streak was a 5-4 win over Glenbard South on a walk off home run from Olivia Ligouri.

Bartlett has outscored its opponents 196-96 this year and has 41 stolen bases in 44 attempts.

Offensive leaders for the Hawks have been senior Addie Koth (.564, 13 HRs, 55 RBI, 30 runs), Ligouri (.577, 13 HRs, 40 RBI, 26 runs), Grace Wilkens (.517, 34 runs), Lauren Ligouri (.473, 28 runs), Christina Stankus (.468, 22 runs) and Julia Wilkens (.360, 15 runs).

Stankus is 9-3 on the mound with 64 Ks in 71 innings.

The Hawks will take on South Elgin on Monday at The Ballpark in Rosemont.

South Elgin update:

The Storm (11-4-1, 6-1) had a streak going before their loss to Larkin on Monday that included wins over Huntley, Bartlett, Fenton, Elgin, and Glenbard East with the only loss 6-5 to state power Lockport.

Offensive leaders have been Anna Kiel (.618, 8 doubles, 2 HRs, 16 runs, 11 RBI), Madison Hunt (.483, 5 doubles, 13 RBI), Cece Bell (.472, 6 RBI), Mia Speidel (.444, 6 RBI, 10 runs) and Hannah Harms (.417, 5 doubles, two triples, 4 HRs, 16 runs).

On the mound, Bell is 6-1 with a 1.73 ERA and 47 Ks.

Streamwood update:

"We had a big win against Elgin High School and helped bring the team back together and remind these girls why they play the sport," said Sabres coach Nicolle Giliana of her team's 11-4 triumph over the Maroons.

"We had great pitching by Sophie Saflarski, a sophomore, who kept the game moving. Our catcher, Hailey Dworak, made great throws to not only second but third base as well.

Offensively we had great base running, and a couple of big hits by **Kailey Pawlikowski**. Defensively, we had great plays by our third baseman, **Ashley Harrison**.

"**Sabre** softball has gone through its ups and downs over the past years. We are trying to establish a team that can come together. We started our season with many of our girls never playing softball and from then to now, we have seen improvement on the field. We are taking each win and loss as a learning experience and becoming better players each time."

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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Softball: South Elgin's Bell no-hits West Chicago

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South Elgin's Madison Hunt lays down a bunt during a softball game at Pioneer Park against West Chicago. Paul Valade | Staff Photographer



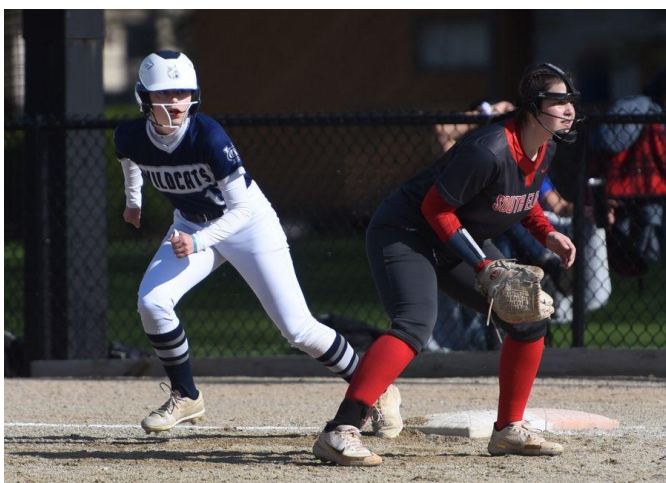
West Chicago's Abigail Del Preto, left, waits for the ball as **South Elgin's Ariana Lopez** starts her slide into second base during Wednesday's softball game at Pioneer Park in West Chicago. Lopez was called safe on the play. Paul Valade | Staff Photographer



South Elgin softball coach Brad Reynard gives a low-five to **Ava McDaniel** (6) after her two-run homer against West Chicago during Wednesday's softball game at Pioneer Park in West Chicago. Paul Valade | Staff Photographer



South Elgin's Anna Kiel connects with the ball but is thrown out at first base during Wednesday's softball game against West Chicago at Pioneer Park in West Chicago. Paul Valade | Staff Photographer



West Chicago's Kayliana Koeune, left, keeps an eye on the ball around ***South Elgin's Anna Kiel*** during Wednesday's softball game at Pioneer Park in West Chicago. Paul Valade | Staff Photographer



South Elgin's Ava McDaniel (6) is greeted by teammates at home plate after hitting a home run against West Chicago during Wednesday's softball game at Pioneer Park in West Chicago. Paul Valade | Staff Photographer



South Elgin pitcher Cecelia Bell throws to a West Chicago batter during

Wednesday's softball game at Pioneer Park in West Chicago. Paul Valade | Staff Photographer



*West Chicago's Elizabeth Wingstedt, right, slides safely back to first base on a pickoff attempt during Wednesday's softball game against **South Elgin** at Pioneer Park in West Chicago. Paul Valade | Staff Photographer*

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Was it or wasn't it?

Even **South Elgin softball coach Brad Reynard** didn't know for a while. He was sure that **Storm pitcher CeCe Bell** was lights out Wednesday. But did she throw a no-hitter?

The home score book confirmed that she had. Ava McDaniel's second-inning home run provided all the offense she needed and the **Storm** tacked on 2 runs late in beating West Chicago, 4-0, at Pioneer Park.

The play in question was, presumably, Summer Silks' grounder that took a surprising hop on third baseman Adriana Jimenez, allowing Silks to reach safely. West Chicago scored the play on an error, and preserved **Bell's** first career no-hitter.

She allowed only 3 other baserunners, including a walk, while striking out 10.

"I felt like I had a good warmup," said **Bell**. "My spins were working today. I just focused on attacking the zone early in the count, staying ahead in the count, and trusting my **catcher Chloe (Ricard)** back there calling pitches. It felt like I had good energy throughout

the game."

Wildcats starter Jasmyn Trigueros wasn't bad herself. She allowed just 5 other hits, all singles, besides McDaniel's blast to left.

After a scoreless first, **Bell** started the second by getting hit by a pitch. One out later, McDaniel hit a high drive that cleared the fence in left, scoring courtesy runner Isabella Florio ahead of her.

Bell made it stand up, striking out the side in the third inning and retiring 10 in a row at one point.

The **Storm** (12-4, 6-1) took advantage of some fortunate hops to tack on two more runs in the seventh. Ricard reached when her grounder took a brutal hop on the Wildcats second baseman.

Joslyn Miranda followed with a bunt that rolled into no man's land in the middle of the defense. Both runners scored when Anna Kiel hit a worm-burner that didn't come up for the second baseman as expected.

Bell then finished off the gem in the bottom half, but not without some tense moments. After two quick outs, she got a third strike past Carly Clemens, but it got through to the backstop, allowing Clemens to reach. A dropped foul popup kept the next at-bat alive, but **Bell** got the strikeout on the next pitch.

"**CeCe's** been our No. 1 starter for two years now," said **Reynard**. "I don't want to say she's made a tremendous jump, but she just refined her game from junior year to senior year. You could tell. She just has that presence on the mound. She's our true leader. We've been in every game when she's been on the mound for us, and what else could you want from your No. 1?"

Keeghan Gallagher's first-inning walk, 2 errors, and the dropped third strike accounted for all of West Chicago's baserunners.