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– Kane County Connects – National Honors for Kane County School District Music Programs

May 11, 2023

Algonquin, Batavia and Elgin Public School Districts have been named a 2023 Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.

2023 Best Communities for Music Education Districts

Congratulations to the 830 school districts that are among the Best Communities in the nation for music education. The award program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education. The 78 schools that were winners for the 2023 Supportmusic Merit Awards Schools are also available for viewing.

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– The Daily Herald –

Fox softball notes: St. Charles North's road to a repeat goes through home field

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By John Radtke

The IHSA will release pairings for the Class 3A and 4A softball postseason later this week, but with seeds now established one thing is clear, and that is if defending 4A state champion St. Charles North can avoid a regional upset, the North Stars won't have to leave home on their quest for another appearance in the state finals.

SCN (16-2), which currently holds a 2-game lead in the DuKane Conference race, will host a 4A sectional and supersectional.

The North Stars are the No. 1 seed in the 17-team sectional complex, followed by Lake Park, **South Elgin** and Fremd. Lake Park, **South Elgin**, No. 6 seed Conant and No. 10 Glenbard West are the regional hosts, with postseason play beginning the week of May 22.

How tough does the SCN sectional appear to be? No. 7 seed **Bartlett** is 19-4, and the top nine seeds all currently have winning records. Throw in No. 10 Glenbard West (11-12) as well as No. 12 Schaumburg, No. 13 Elk Grove and No. 14 Rolling Meadows from the tough Mid-Suburban League and it's easy to see there won't be any easy wins.

The SCN sectional winner takes on the Whitney Young sectional winner in the SCN super. Chicago Lane is the top seed at Young.

The other 4A sectional with Fox area teams will be hosted by Rockton Hononegah. Barrington (23-4) and Huntley (20-6), both regional hosts, are the top two seeds in sub-sectional A. Hampshire (8-11), a regional host, is the No. 4 seed in sub-sectional B.

The Hononegah sectional champ advances to the Barrington supersectional to play the Warren sectional winner. Buffalo Grove is the No. 1 seed at Warren.

Class 3A:

Kaneland hosts a supersectional in Class 3A that will feature the Belvidere North sectional winner vs. the winner from a sectional host that's still to be determined.

Crystal Lake South (10-13, No. 6 seed) and Burlington Central (8-17, No. 7) are regional hosts of sub-sectional A, where Harvard (9-8) is the No. 1 seed and Kaneland (9-13) is No. 4. Sterling (19-6) is the No. 1 seed in sub-sectional B.

Cary-Grove is a regional host of the TBA sectional, where Antioch (21-1) is the clear top seed, when seeds are released.

Class 1A/2A:

No. 10 seed Harvest Christian (1-8) opens Class 1A regional play on Monday at No. 6 Pecatonica (2-20), while in Class 2A, No. 7 St. Edward (5-12) plays host to No. 8 Rosary (5-14) at the Elgin Sports Complex in a regional opener on Monday as a part of the Johnsbury regional. On Wednesday, No. 3 Aurora Central Catholic (16-9) faces No. 6 Johnsbury (6-11), with the St. Edward-Rosary winner taking on No. 2 Sandwich (12-11) on Tuesday.

Recent highlights:

South Elgin's Cece Bell fired a no hitter vs. West Chicago and a perfect game vs. Fenton as the Storm (17-4-1, 12-1) maintained a one-game lead over Bartlett in the Upstate Eight. The Storm got a complete game on the mound from Anna Kiel in a 21-6 win over Bartlett at Rosemont Stadium. She also went 4-for-5 at the plate with 3 doubles, a home run and 4 RBI.

"It was a great experience playing our rivals at such a cool venue," said Storm coach Brad Reynard.

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