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### **Softball: Larkin's bats on the attack against Elgin**

**By: Dave Hess**

**Date: April 25, 2024**

**Larkin's** offensive onslaught was too for **Elgin** on Thursday as the Royals cruised to a 15-0 win in four innings in Upstate Eight Conference action at Larkin.

"We were ready to play," said coach Anne Vogt. "There is a little sizzle off the rivalry with Elgin but it is still in existence. We really hit the ball well."

The Royals (10-9, 7-3) seized control with 3 runs in the first and 7 in the second. Kenya Ventura launched a long 3-run homer in the first inning.

"I got a fastball to hit," said Ventura. "I knew it was gone. We wanted to get off to a good start."

Larkin put the game away with a 7-run second.

With 13 hitters coming to the plate, the big hits for the hosts came on a 3-run homer by Brynn Kerber and a solo shot from winning pitcher MacKenzie Wemken, her first of the season.

"This is always an important game against our rival (Elgin)," said Kerber. "We were ready to play. I got a fastball to hit and got all of it."

Wemken was outstanding in the circle. In four innings of work, Wemken struck out 6 without allowing a walk. The visiting Maroons managed only 2 singles, 1 each from Monica Martinez and Abigail Mutolo.

"I was really focused," said Wemken. "I was hitting my spots."

Leadoff hitter Yesenia Escobar set the table for the Royals' prolific offense.

Escobar, who was on base all 4 times she was at the plate, was 3-for 3 with 3 RBI and 3 runs scored.

"Yusenia does a great job as a leadoff hitter," said Vogt. "She does a great job of making contact and getting on base."

The Royals collected 10 hits, coaxed 9 walks and stole 5 bases.

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### **Softball: West Chicago's web gems stymie Bartlett**

**By: Bill Esbrook**

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West Chicago's Summer Silks laughs as she runs to the dugout after throwing out Bartlett's Emma Engels from right field for the third out of the second inning in a softball game in West Chicago on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

The West Chicago defense was simply spectacular Thursday. They were so good, they almost made it look easy.

At least six times, Wildcats fielders robbed visiting Bartlett of what looked to be certain base hits.

That, and the booming bat of junior Summer Silks, was the difference in a 5-1 West Chicago Upstate Eight win.

The victory enabled the Wildcats to solidify their second place position in conference behind South Elgin. They're now 7-1 in the league, and 11-2 overall.

"I love defense," said West Chicago third baseman Haylee Majer, who made a couple of outstanding plays at the hot corner. "It's my favorite part of the game."

Even Hawks coach Jim Wolfsmith took notice.

“They defended today,” said Wolfsmith about the Wildcats.

“I thought we did a good job of hitting. We had a bunch of balls that we squared up on, but Jazzy (West Chicago shortstop Jasmyn Trigueros) made a couple of plays and Majer made a couple of plays.

“Then their pitcher (Scout Gallagher) took care of the rest.”

In the top of the first, West Chicago left fielder Ellie Wingstedt made a great running catch to keep Bartlett off the board.

Then in the bottom of the frame, Silks came up with the bags loaded and cleared the bases with a line drive double to the left field fence.

“I kind of just went up to the plate with my pitch selection set,” said Silks of the clutch base knock. “I was going to watch the first one and try to nail the second one.”

“She (Bartlett pitcher Christina Stankus) threw a perfect pitch, but I just happened to make contact with it.”

Silks, in addition to solid hitting, also made the defensive play of the game.

In the top of the second from her right field position, she raced in to field a line drive grounder that got past the infield, and was able to throw the Bartlett runner out at first.

“I’ve tried to do that three other times this season, and I haven’t been successful,” said Silks. “So when I finally got to execute it, it was a highlight.”

West Chicago plated two more in the bottom of the fourth to go ahead 5-0, as Trigueros and Majer each stroked run-scoring singles.

Bartlett got on the board in the top of the fifth, when a drive down the right field line by Lauren Ligouri drove teammate Suzie Piaskowski home from second.

The Hawks threatened again in the seventh, but back-to-back defensive gems from Trigueros closed out the game.

Gallagher scattered four hits and struck out seven to earn the win.

After the victory, West Chicago first-year coach Mary Kate Dieter said that it’s the experience and determination of her players that is driving the Wildcats’ hot start to the

season.

“I’m coming to a house that I haven’t necessarily built,” said Dieter, “and it’s the kids who have put in the work.

“Stepping back and watching the way they analyze the game and give each other feedback, it (shows) that they know the game well. We have a lot of talent, and we have a lot of returning kids who have played together a long time.”

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### **High school scores for April 25**

**Date: April 25, 2024**



Hampshire’s Julia Vonic(left) and Batavia’s Abby Wirth compete in the 100-meter hurdles during the 2024 Kane County Girls Track and Field meet at St. Charles East on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

#### **Baseball**

Addison Trail 9, Hinsdale South 8  
Aurora Central Catholic 4, IC Catholic Prep 3  
Burlington Central 7, Jacobs 5  
Chicago Christian 8, Marian Central 7  
Chicago Hope Academy 3, Wheaton Academy 0  
De La Salle 9, St. Francis 2  
Downers Grove North 15, Glenbard West 14 (8 Inn.)  
Downers Grove South 11, Leyden 1 (6 Inn.)  
Hampshire 7, Cary-Grove 4  
Harvest Christian 10, Alden Hebron 0 (5 Inn.)  
Huntley 9, Crystal Lake South 3  
Lake Park 20, St. Viator 8  
Lakes 7, Lake Forest 1  
Metea Valley 6, Neuqua Valley 2  
Montini 11, Marmion Academy 1 (5 Inn.)

Naperville North 6, Naperville Central 5  
Niles West 9, Vernon Hills 2  
Oswego 6, West Aurora 2.  
Prairie Ridge 12, Dundee-Crown 6  
Ridgewood 3, Westmont 1  
South Beloit 11, Schaumburg Christian 0 (5 Inn.)  
St. Edward 12, Northridge Prep 2  
**Streamwood 6, South Elgin 5** (8 Inn.)  
Sycamore 6, Kaneland 0.  
Waubonsie Valley 3, DeKalb 2  
Westminster Christian 24, Christian Liberty 9 (4 Inn.)  
Willowbrook 22, Proviso East 0 (4 Inn.)

#### Softball

Antioch 2, Lakes 0  
Batavia 12, Willowbrook 9  
Coal City 18, Lisle 0 (4 Inn.)  
Conant 6, Addison Trail 0  
Crystal Lake Central 7, Dundee-Crown 5  
Fremd 12, Rolling Meadows, 0 (5 Inn.)  
Gelnbard East 10, Aurora East 0 (4 Inn.)  
Hampshire 7, Prairie Ridge 6  
Huntley 15, Jacobs 2 (5 Inn.)  
IC Catholic Prep 14, DePaul College Prep 8  
**Larkin 15, Elgin 0** (4 Inn.)  
Leyden 9, Lyons 3  
Maine South 11, New Trier 1 (5 Inn.)  
McHenry 10, Cary-Grove 6  
Metea Valley 14, Naperville North 3 (5 Inn.)  
Neuqua Valley 5, Waubonsie Valley 4  
Niles West 24, Maine East 0 (4 Inn.)  
Ridgewood 19, Westmont 4 (4 Inn.)  
**South Elgin 14, Streamwood 0** (4 Inn.)  
St. Viator 14, Libertyville 3 (6 Inn.)  
Vernon Hills 8, Niles North 7  
Wauconda 15, Round Lake 0 (4 Inn.)  
West Chicago 5, **Bartlett 1**  
Whitney Young 10, York 4

#### Girls soccer

## Naperville North Invite

### Quarterfinals

Benet 1, Lyons 0

Fremd 0, York 0

Hinsdale Central 0, Barrington 0 (HC wins in PKs 3-2)

New Trier 4, Waubonsie Valley 0

St. Charles East 1, Naperville North 0

### Consolation pool

Fremd 0, York 0

Geneva 1, Loyola 0

St. Charles North 5, Oswego 2

### Others

Lakes 1, Grayslake Central 0

Libertyville 1, Lake Zurich 0

Lisle 3, Streator 1

Cary-Grove 6, Hampshire 0

Huntley 2, Crystal Lake South 0

Kaneland 7, Ottawa 0

**South Elgin** 2, Glenbard South 1

Stevenson 1, Lake Forest 0

Walther Christian Academy 3, Harvest Christian 1

Warren 3, Mundelein 1

Wheaton Academy 0, Holland Hall (OK) 0 (WA wins in PKs 5-4)

Wheaton North 4, Quincy 2

Wheaton Warrenville South 5, Lake Park 0

## Boys track

### Richmond-Burton Invite

1. McHenry 124.83, 2. Richmond-Burton 119, 3. Crystal Lake South 87.5, 4. Marengo 45.25, 5. Johnsburg 42, 6. Genoa-Kingston 36.08, 7. Marian 31.33

### Rolling Meadows Mustang Invite

1. Highland Park 93, 2. Fremd 90, 3. St. Charles North 89, 4. Huntley 82, 5. Rolling Meadows 65, 6. Maine South 54, 7. Buffalo Grove 40, 7. Warren 40, 9. Conant 5

### Sandburg Pete Struck Invite

1. Downers Grove North 69, 2. Hinsdale Central 62, 3. Minooka 48, 4. Palos Hills Stagg 39, 5. Crete-Monee 38, 5. Thornton Fractional 38, 7. Thornwood 31, 8. Joliet Central 30, 8. Sandburg 30, 10. Joliet West 27, 11. Andrew 26, 12. Tinley Park 18, 13. Thornton 14, 14. Marist 10, 14. St. Laurence 10, 16. Brother Rice 9, 17. Hillcrest 8, 18. Mather 6, 19. Jones 5, 20. Shepard 4, 21. Thornridge 1

### West Chicago Wildcat Open

1. Wheaton Academy 144, 2. West Chicago 110, 3. Lisle 82, 4. **Elgin** 80, 5. Elmwood

Park 71, 6. **Streamwood** 60, 7. Aurora Christian 2

#### Girls track

##### Kane County Invite

1. Geneva 107, 2. Batavia 99, 3. St. Charles North 90, 4. Hampshire 88, 5. West Aurora 66, 6. Rosary 47, 7. Burlington Central 41, 8. St. Charles East 40, 9. **South Elgin** 29, 10. Kaneland 27, 11. Aurora Central Catholic 25, 12. **Streamwood** 18, 13. Dundee-Crown 13, 14. Aurora East 11

##### Lake County Invite

1. Lake Zurich 143, 2. Warren 62, 3. Carmel 55.5, 4. Lakes 55, 5. Grant 54, 6. Lake Forest 52, 7. Grayslake Central 51, 8. Stevenson 46, 9. Vernon Hills 43.5, 10. Libertyville 28.5, 11. Zion-Benton 26, 12. Highland Park 23.5, 13. Mundelein 17.5, 14. Grayslake North 12, 15. North Chicago 10, 15. Round Lake 10, 17. Wauconda 7, 18. Deerfield 5.5

##### Richmond-Burton Invite

1. McHenry 138.25, 2. Johnsburg 73.25, 3. Crystal Lake South 69, 4. Genoa-Kingston 52.5, 5. Marengo 47.75, 6. Belvidere 47.5, 7. Richmond-Burton 39, 8. Marian 16.75

##### West Chicago Wildcat Spring Invite

1. West Chicago 134, 2. Lisle 119.5, 3. Wheaton Academy 116, 4. **Elgin** 67, 5. Elmwood Park 47, 6. **Streamwood** 38, 7. Aurora Christian 30.5

#### Upcoming

Friday, Apr 26

##### Baseball

Antioch at Grayslake North, 4:45 p.m.

Aurora Christian at Bishop McNamara, 4:30 p.m.

Barrington at Wheeling, 4:45 p.m.

Batavia at Geneva, 4:30 p.m.

Chicago Hope Academy at Wheaton Academy, 4:30 p.m.

Conant at Buffalo Grove, 4:45 p.m.

Crossroads at Schaumburg Christian, 7 p.m.

Crystal Lake Central at Lakes, 4:45 p.m.

East Aurora at Glenbard East, 4:30 p.m.

**Elgin** at **Bartlett**, 4:30 p.m.

Fremd at Elk Grove, 4:45 p.m.

Glenbard West at Hinsdale South, 4:30 p.m.

Harvard at Westminster Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Harvest Christian at Jacobs, 4:30 p.m.

Hoffman Estates at Hersey, 4:45 p.m.

Lake Park at Glenbard North, 4:30 p.m.

Lake Zurich at Deerfield, 4:45 p.m.

New Trier at Libertyville, 4:45 p.m.

Oswego at Naperville Central, 4:30 p.m.  
Palatine at Prospect, 4:45 p.m.  
Round Lake at Grayslake Central, 4:30 p.m.  
Schaumburg at Rolling Meadows, 4:45 p.m.  
**South Elgin** at **Larkin**, 4:30 p.m.  
St. Charles North at St. Charles East, 6 p.m.  
**Streamwood** at Glenbard South, 4:30 p.m.  
Vernon Hills at Stevenson, 4:45 p.m.  
Wauconda at Grant, 4:30 p.m.  
West Chicago at Fenton, 4:30 p.m.  
Wheaton North at Wheaton Warrenville South, 4:30 p.m.  
Yorkville Christian at Kaneland, 6 p.m.

#### Softball

Barrington at Prospect, 4:45 p.m.  
Bolingbrook at Waubonsie Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
Buffalo Grove at Hoffman Estates, 4:45 p.m.  
Conant at Wheeling, 4:45 p.m.  
**Elgin** at Elmwood Park, 10 a.m.  
Geneva at St. Charles North, 4:30 p.m.  
Glenbard North at Batavia, 4:30 p.m.  
Glenbard West at Downers Grove North, 4:30 p.m.  
Grant at Dundee-Crown, 4:30 p.m.  
Grayslake North at Carmel, 4:45 p.m.  
Hinsdale South at Leyden, 4:30 p.m.  
IDW Speer Academy at Fenton, 4:30 p.m.  
Jacobs at Woodstock North, 4:30 p.m.  
Lake Park at Wheaton North, 4:30 p.m.  
Lake Zurich at Hersey, 4:45 p.m.  
Lincoln Way Central at Benet, 4:30 p.m.  
Mundelein, Palatine, Wauconda at Rolling Meadows Invite, 4:30 p.m.  
Schaumburg at Stevenson Invite, 4:45 p.m.  
Vernon Hills at Taft, 4:45 p.m.  
Wheaton Warrenville South at St. Charles East, 4:30 p.m.  
Willowbrook at Proviso East, 4:45 p.m.  
Wilmington at Westmont, 4:30 p.m.  
York at Hinsdale Central, 4:45 p.m.

#### Girls soccer

Barrington, Benet, Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, Geneva, Hinsdale  
Central, Neuqua Valley, St. Charles East, St. Charles North, Waubonsie Valley, York at



Naperville North Invite, TBA  
Batavia at Bettendorf (IA) Tournament, TBA  
Carmel at IA Tournament, TBD  
Elk Grove at Buffalo Grove, 6 p.m.  
Libertyville at Waukegan, 4:45 p.m.  
Mundelein at Glenbrook South, 5 p.m.  
Prospect at Hersey, 6:45 p.m.  
Rolling Meadows at Wheeling, 5 p.m.  
St. Viator at Iowa Invite, TBA  
**Streamwood** at West Chicago, 6:30 p.m.  
Westminster Christian at Marengo, 4:30 p.m.  
Wheaton Academy at Bentonville West (AR), 5 p.m.  
Wheaton North at Moline Tournament of Champions, TBA

#### Girls track

Addison Trail, Fenton, Glenbard East, Hinsdale South, Maine West, St. Viator,  
Willowbrook at Elk Grove Invite, 4:30 p.m.  
Antioch at Woodstock Invite, 4 p.m.  
Aurora Central Catholic, Burlington Central, Geneva, Hampshire, Kaneland, Rosary,  
**South Elgin**, St. Charles East, **Streamwood**, St. Charles North, West Aurora at  
Batavia Kane County Invite, 5 p.m.  
Barrington, **Bartlett**, Buffalo Grove, Elgin Academy, Fremd, Hoffman Estates, Lake  
Park at Conant Invite, 4:30 p.m.  
Benet, Downers Grove North, Neuqua Valley, Wauibonsie Valley at Glenbard North  
Weber Invite, 4:30 p.m.  
Cary-Grove at Badger Invite, 4 p.m.  
Downers Grove South, Glenbard South, Glenbard West, Hinsdale Central, Huntley,  
Metea Valley, Naperville Central, Naperville North, Prospect, Schaumburg, Wheaton  
North at Wheaton Warrenville South Tiger Invitational, 4:30 p.m.  
Elgin Academy at Sycamore, 4:30 p.m.  
IC Catholic Prep, St. Francis, Timothy Christian, Westmont at Chicago Christian Jim  
Kwasteniet Classic, 4:30 p.m.  
Jacobs at Woodstock North, 4 p.m.  
Rolling Meadows at Glenbard North Invite, 4:30 p.m.

#### Boys volleyball

Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, Glenbard South, Glenbard West,  
Hinsdale Central, Lake Park, Naperville North, St. Charles East, St. Francis, West  
Aurora at Lincoln Way East Invite, 5 p.m.  
Hoffman Estates, Prospect, Leyden at Libertyville Invite, 5 p.m.  
Lakes at Stevenson Triangular, 5 p.m.

**Larkin** at Glenbard North, 5:30 p.m.  
Round Lake at Waukegan Invite, 8:30 a.m.  
St. Viator at Wheeling Quad, 5 p.m.

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