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- Daily Herald - Scoreboard

Wednesday, Jan 24

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Boys basketball

Batavia 69, St. Charles North 38

Crystal Lake South 73, Burlington Central 49

Elgin Academy 59, Francis Parker 56

Ottawa 47, Marmion Academy 39

Proviso East 66, Willowbrook 56

Rockford Luthern 81, Lisle 57

St. Charles East 64, Naperville Central 58

St. Edward 67, Wheaton Academy 59

Girls basketball

Batavia 29, Wheaton North 37

Burlington Central 51, Crystal Lake South 15

Cary-Grove 60, Dundee Crown 37

Grayslake Central 57, Antioch 36

Hinsdale Central 57, Proviso West 37

Huntley 53, Hampshire 23

Kaneland 54, Wheaton Academy 29

Lake Zurich 57, Zion-Benton 8

Libertyville 57, Lake Forest 27

Maine South 52, York 17

Morton 65, Westmont 41

Mundelein 49, Waukegan 14

Prairie Ridge 43, Jacobs 28

Riverside-Brookfield 54, Willowbrook 48

Round Lake 41, North Chicago 12

St. Charles North 43, Wheaton Warrenville South 33

St. Viator 53, Joliet Catholic 32

Wauconda 51, Lakes 32
West Chicago 49, **Larkin** 44
Yorkville 53, West Aurora 42
Boys bowling
I-8 Conference Tournament
Sycamore 6724, Kaneland 6459, Rochelle
6428, LaSalle-Peru 6202, Ottawa 5851
Girls gymnastics
DuKane conference meet
Lake Park 143.400, Wheaton Coop
142.925, St Charles Co-Op 139.725, Geneva 139.000, Batavia 128.025, Glenbard North 120.725
Others
Glenbard East 123.000, U-46 82.850

Upcoming
Thursday, Jan 25
Boys basketball
Aurora Central Catholic at Mooseheart, 6p.m.
Buffalo Grove at Elk Grove, 7 p.m.
Chesterton Academy at Harvest Christian, 7 p.m.
Christian Heritage at Christian Liberty, 7:30 p.m.
Conant at Hoffman Estates, 7 p.m.
Downers Grove South at Hinsdale South, 7 p.m.
East Aurora at Glenbard South, 7 p.m.
Fremd at Barrington, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Park at Geneva, 7 p.m.
Palatine at Schaumburg, 7 p.m.
Rolling Meadows at Hersey, 7 p.m.
St. Charles East at Wheaton North, 7 p.m.
West Aurora at Yorkville, 6:30 p.m.
Wheaton Warrenville South at Glenbard North, 7 p.m.
Wheeling at Prospect, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball
Aurora Central Catholic at Rockford Christian, 7 p.m.
Bartlett at **Elgin**, 7 p.m.
Christian Heritage at Christian Liberty, 6p.m.
DePaul College Prep at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Glenbard East at West Chicago, 7 p.m.
Glenbard South at East Aurora, 6:30 p.m.

Harvest Christian at Oour Lady of the Sacred Heart, 7 p.m.

Hoffman Estates at Fremd, 7:15 p.m.

Larkin at Fenton, 7 p.m.

Metea Valley at Waubonsie Valley, 7 p.m.

Naperville Central at Neuqua Valley, 7p.m.

Prospect at St. Viator , 7 p.m.

Rosary at Montini, 6:30 p.m.

- Chicago Tribune -

After studying LaMelo Ball, Amadea Montijo reaches 1,000 career points for Bartlett. ‘I know how he does it.’

By: Paul Johnson

Jan 24, 2024



Senior guard Amadea Montijo, who became the 11th player to score over 1,000 career points for Bartlett, is shown in practice for the Hawks on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024.

Bartlett's Amadea Montijo said she never thought she would be in a position to score 1,000 career points.

But after getting only seven points on the varsity as a freshman, Montijo turned it on the past three seasons, becoming the 11th player to reach that milestone for the Hawks.

Being on the same list as former McDonald's All-American Lindsay Schrader and current Marquette star Kenzie Hare also is not lost on the senior guard.

“Being able to score 1,000 points, that’s big,” Montijo said. “It’s mind-blowing. I really don’t know

what to say. I know Kenzie. I was a freshman when she was on varsity.

“Being on that list with her is big because she’s doing so well at Marquette. Lindsay was an All-American here. It’s a great honor to be on the same list with her.”

Bartlett coach Tanner Gardon used the milestone to impress upon his team where he wants the program to go.

He wants to bring back the success of girls basketball at **Bartlett**, and Montijo’s achievement opened a door for that discussion.

“It’s a rich tradition here,” Gardon said. “We’re kind of in the stage where we’re trying to bring that back. I told her (Tuesday), ‘Don’t take that for granted because you’re part of history here and you’re in the company of really good basketball players.’

“The girls understand it, and she understands it too.”

When Gardon took over the program three seasons ago, one of the first things he noticed was Montijo’s physical gifts.



Bartlett’s Amadea Montijo, left, drives against Benet’s Margaret Temple during the Tip-Off Tournament in Lisle on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

“She’s crazy athletic, so that jumps out,” Gardon said. “She’s our primary ballhandler. I think she makes us faster. I think she makes us more athletic. She’ll get rebounds. She jumps higher than anybody on the floor.

“She’s a really, really good athlete. She’s kind of our motor. When we get playing fast, for the most part it’s her getting downhill. That’s when we’re successful.”

While the athleticism has always been there, Montijo had to refine and improve her overall game around it. She said she started watching various professional players to see how they accomplished that.

“I study certain players and how they move — like LaMelo Ball, the way he passes,” Montijo said. “I’ve gotten a lot more assists. I studied the way he passes, and I know how he does it now. He tries to get to a spot and he already knows what’s going on.

“If I see a chance for myself to score, though, of course I’m going to take it. That’s my first option.”

It’s also part of what sophomore guard Courtney Bridgeforth sees when watching Montijo play.

“I really like how aggressive she is when she drives toward the basket,” Bridgeforth said. “And I think she’s a great player to learn about confidence.

“Good shooters keep shooting, which is what she does. That helps us win.”



Bartlett's Amadea Montijo, right, drives to the net against Benet's Kelly Getz during the Tip-Off Tournament in Lisle on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

The scoring is nice, but Gardon knows that improving her all-around game led to Montijo’s commitment to Rock Valley.

“That’s what they want,” Gardon said. “They can find people who can score, but they want people who are overall solid basketball players. I think she’s growing into that with her playmaking ability and passing and vision, understanding the game.

“I think every year she just gets better and better, and it shows when you earn something like (1,000 points).”

Montijo said she's thankful for how her **Bartlett** career has played out. She also has her eyes toward the future.

"I'm really ready to take it to the next level," Montijo said. "I'm really grateful."

- Chicago Tribune -

Basketball and local scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

By: Staff Reports

Jan 24, 2024



St. Laurence's Bradley Stratton (o) tries to control the ball while driving the lane against Mount Carmel during a Catholic League crossover game in Burbank on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024.

Results and highlights of high schools and local colleges from the Southland and Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County coverage areas.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Batavia 59, Wheaton North 37

Batavia (21-5, 9-1 DuKane): Brooke Carlson 30 points; reached 2,000 career points.

Burlington Central 51, Crystal Lake South 15

Dwight 44, Somonauk 26

Somonauk: Haley McCoy 14 points.

Grayslake Central 57, Antioch 36

Antioch (15-7, 7-2 Northern Lake County): Heidi Rathmann 15 points.

Huntley 53, Hampshire 23
Iroquois West 41, Beecher 38
Kaneland 54, Wheaton Academy 29
Kaneland (17-8): Lexi Schueler 17 points. Emily Kunzer 9 points. Kendra Brown 9 points.
Lake Zurich 57, Zion-Benton 8
Libertyville 57, Lake Forest 27
Libertyville (21-4, 9-2 North Suburban): Kate Rule 13 points. Lily Fisher 12 points.
Marengo 56, Plano 27
Mundelein 49, Waukegan 14
Mundelein (14-11, 4-5 North Suburban): Rylan Foster 20 points. Casey Vyverman 11 points.
Round Lake 41, North Chicago 12
Round Lake (7-14, 2-7 Northern Lake County): Judy Cerroblanco 16 points. Brianna Arteaga 10 points.
St. Charles North 43, Wheaton Warrenville South 33
St. Viator 53, Joliet Catholic 32
Simeon 54, Morgan Park 36
Wauconda 51, Lakes 32
Wauconda (14-5, 8-1 Northern Lake County): Ella Franck 12 points. Helen Macey 10 points, 7 rebounds, 4 steals. Grace Parker 10 points.
Lakes (10-12, 6-5): Madison Twarling 13 points.
West Chicago 49, **Larkin** 44
Yorkville 53, West Aurora 42
Yorkville (17-8, 9-2 Southwest Prairie West): Brooke Spychalski 17 points, 3 steals. Lainey Gussman 12 points. Aliesha Peterson 9 points, 8 rebounds.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ag. Science 51, Woodlawn 45
Ag. Science (12-8, 7-1 Public White-South): C.T. Taylor 14 points. Tim O'Brien 10 points.
Andrew 48, Lincoln-Way West 45
Andrew (14-7, 4-0 SWSC Red): Athan Berchos 14 points, 6 assists. James Gallagher 12 points, 8 rebounds.
Lincoln-Way West (11-12, 1-3): Wyatt Carlson 18 points.
Bartlett 77, East Aurora 57
Bartlett (12-11, 8-4 Upstate Eight): Nathan Searce 36 points.
Benet 67, Joliet Catholic 30
JCA (7-12, 1-8 ESCC): Jayden Armstrong 17 points.
Bradley-Bourbonnais 65, Homewood-Flossmoor 61

H-F (19-2): Bryce Heard 19 points. Jayden Taylor 16 points. Carson Brownfield 11 points.
Bishop McNamara 75, Chicago Christian 48
Brother Rice 59, Wheaton St. Francis 52
Brother Rice (20-3): Caden Workman 20 points.
Buffalo Grove 47, Vernon Hills 40
Cary-Grove 66, Dundee-Crown 49
Christ the King 54, Aurora Christian 50
De La Salle 79, St. Francis de Sales 64
De La Salle (13-8): Richard Lindsey 20 points. Tavariyuan Williams 16 points. Bryant Hedrick 14 points.
Deerfield 48, Niles West 46
Eisenhower 77, Argo 55
Eisenhower (16-6, 6-1 SSC Red): Cameron Ellis 28 points. A.J. Abrams 25 points.
Argo (6-16, 1-7): Kassam Saleh 17 points. Jayvon King 16 points.
Evergreen Park 66, T.F. North 57
Evergreen (16-7, 7-2 SSC Red): Billy Buchanan 17 points. Nolan Sexton 13 points. Lonnie Mosley 10 points.
Fenwick 57, Aurora Central Catholic 36
Grant 59, North Chicago 51
Grayslake Central 50, Grayslake North 41
Grayslake Central (13-7, 6-2 Northern Lake County): Xavi Granville 19 points.
Grayslake North (6-16, 2-6): Jayden Hunt 20 points.
Hillcrest 47, Lemont 44
Hillcrest (12-9, 6-2 SSC Blue): Jovi Ratliff 16 points.
Huntley 55, Hampshire 47
Jacobs 64, Prairie Ridge 45
Joliet West 80, Oswego East 68
Lake Forest 53, Libertyville 32
Lake Forest (16-5, 7-1 North Suburban): Tommie Aberle 17 points. Hudson Scroggins 16 points.
Lake Zurich 70, Zion-Benton 43
Lakes 63, Antioch 50
Lakes (8-14, 5-3 Northern Lake County): Jimmy Kania 20 points. Thomas Mercure 16 points.
Antioch (9-13, 6-2): Carter Webb 19 points.
Leo 60, Providence-St. Mel 27
Lincoln-Way Central 44, Lockport 31
Marian Catholic 52, St. Patrick 46
Marian (13-7, 6-2 ESCC): Jonah Weathers 21 points. James Bullock 9 points.
Marist 71, St. Viator 54
Marist (17-4, 6-2 ESCC): Darshan Thomas 23 points. Stephen Brown 17 points. Marquis Vance 12

points. Adoni Vassilakis 11 points.
Marmion 61, St. Rita 34
Metea Valley 44, Geneva 41
Metea (16-7): Will Ashford 16 points. Tre Watkins 9 points; GW basket.
Morgan Park 85, Corliss 26
Morris 68, Newark 46
Mount Carmel 63, St. Laurence 50
Niles Notre Dame 44, Carmel 38
Oak Forest 67, Bremen 36
Oak Lawn 46, T.F. South 38
Oak Lawn (13-6, 6-1 SSC Red): Corey Lee 17 points. Donte Montgomery 12 points.
Rich Township 62, Crete-Monee 56 (OT)
Richards 58, Shepard 47
Richards (10-12, 2-5 SSC Red): Travon Gourdine 14 points. Raeshon Edwards 10 points.
Stevenson 70, Warren 67 (OT)
Stevenson (15-6, 5-3 North Suburban): Jack Dabbs 31 points. Aidan Bardic 15 points. Rocco Pagliocca 12 points.
Warren (20-4, 6-2): Jaxson Davis 32 points. Braylon Walker 13 points. Javerion Banks 10 points.
Sandburg 82, Stagg 78 (OT)
Sandburg (11-10): David Vargas 21 points. Paulius Mizeras 18 points. Ryan Tomczak 17 points. Yanal Swaiss 14 points.
Stagg (13-9): David Ortiz 22 points, 5 rebounds. Connor Williams 13 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists.
South Elgin 63, Glenbard East 58
Thornton 69, Bloom 52
Tinley Park 56, Reavis 44
Wauconda 65, Round Lake 25
Wauconda (13-8, 7-1 Northern Lake County): Cayden Mudd 13 points. Alex Ortega 12 points. Austin Carlsen 10 points. Braeden Carlsen 10 points.
Waukegan 76, Mundelein 62
Waukegan (13-9, 3-5 North Suburban): Simereon Carter 22 points. Carter Newsome 17 points.
Brandon Phillips 14 points.
West Chicago 50, Larkin 37
Yorkville 56, Joliet Central 51
Yorkville (12-8, 5-4 Southwest Prairie West): Jason Jakstys 12 points. Bryce Salek 10 points.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Argo 38, Eisenhower 33
Argo: Alizza Quinones 12 points. Morgan Murphy 11 points.
Bolingbrook 56, Sandburg 24
Downers Grove South 50, Naperville North 41

Glenbard East 67, **South Elgin** 34
Hampshire 59, Crystal Lake South 22
Hampshire (14-9, 9-1 Fox Valley): Avery Cartee 11 points.
Homewood-Flossmoor 56, Lincoln-Way East 47
Joliet West 65, Oswego East 44
Lakes 45, Grant 33
Lakes (9-11, 5-4 Northern Lake County): Madison Twardling 19 points.
Marian Catholic 54, Marist 42
Marian (21-6, 6-2 ESCC): Alainna Poisson 14 points. Taylor Bolton 9 points.
Marist (9-19, 4-4 ESCC): Lily Porter 10 points, 10 rebounds. Caroline Finn 10 points.
Oswego East (11-10, 9-2 Southwest Prairie West): Maggie Lewandowski 14 points. Aubrey Lamberti 13 points.
Oak Lawn 43, T.F. South 34
Oak Lawn (12-11, 6-1 SSC Red): Maeve Hassett 21 points. Danielle Dempsey 11 points, 12 rebounds, 5 assists.
Reavis 57, Tinley Park 42
Shepard 40, Richards 27
Shepard (11-8, 5-2 SSC Red): Emma Greene 11 points.
Richards (8-11, 5-2): Mercedes Santiago 13 points.
Stagg 52, Andrew 30
Stagg (15-9, 2-3 SWSC Red): Abbey Hobart 16 points. Ameli Sanchez 16 points.
Streamwood 56, **Elgin** 42
Streamwood (10-11, 4-8 Upstate Eight): Brianna Coffey 23 points. Jamia Gatlin 16 points.
Elgin (8-17, 3-9): Izzie Castro 17 points. Mahitha Ratakonda 10 points.
T.F. North 50, Evergreen Park 13
Waubonsie Valley 65, Aurora Central Catholic 50
Yorkville 60, Joliet Central 16
Yorkville (16-8, 8-2 Southwest Prairie West): Brooke Spsychalski 15 points. Lainey Gussman 10 points.

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