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Green's 3 TDs on 5 carries help South Elgin roll by Bartlett

By: Allen Oshinski

Jordan Green put in a pretty good night's work, rushing for 169 yards and 3 touchdowns. And he did it all on just 5 carries.

On a night when South Elgin's offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage, the Storm racked up 455 yards on the ground in downing Bartlett, 53-7.

Ari Kravis was the Storm's workhorse, piling up 142 yards and a pair of scores.

Mason Montgomery added a pair of scores as the Storm remained unbeaten on the year and in the Upstate Eight Conference at 8-0.

On a night when a light but persistent rain hampered the passing game, the Storm was content to take what the defense gave in the running game. Kravis repeatedly ran off tackle for 10- to 20-yard gains.

"We were able to establish the line of scrimmage, and once we figured out one formation and a couple of series of plays that we felt like we had some angles on, that ended up becoming a big thing for us," said Storm coach Dragan Teonic. "We handled it well."

Green scored on runs of 55, 22 and 71 yards. Kravis found the end zone after runs of 21 and 3 yards. Montgomery caught a scoring pass from Nathan Downey -- the Storm's only completion of the night -- and returned a kickoff 75 yards for another score. Lucas Noworol also ran for a score for South Elgin.

The Storm beat their archrivals to the south for the third straight year.

"It's just a whole different atmosphere," Green said of the rivalry game. "It's like everyone's on a whole different level."

Those on a different level included the O-line.

"The line today, they did a fantastic job," said Green. "That's the only reason I was able to do what I did today."

Kravis agreed.

"Once we got that ball, automatically we were gone," he said. "Open field -- you get 10 yards before anyone even touches you. It was amazing what our linemen did tonight."

Green's second TD put **South Elgin** up 20-0 on the first play of the second quarter. The **Storm** led 33-0 at the half and 47-0 after 3 periods.

Bartlett finally got on the scoreboard when Dontain Williams burst through the middle and broke several tackles on the way to a 52-yard scoring run.

Any euphoria was short-lived, however, as Montgomery took the ensuing kickoff back the other way.

Bartlett's only other scoring chance ended when Montgomery picked off a pass at the 3-yard line and returned it 68 yards. That set up Green's second touchdown.

Williams finished with 80 yards on the ground.

South Elgin won its 23rd in a row in the UEC and 18 straight at home.

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High school football scores for the Southland and the Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County areas

By: Staff Reports



Bremen quarterback Adan Gaytan (7) makes a call at the line of scrimmage against Oak Forest during a South Suburban Blue game on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022. (John Smierciak / Daily Southtown)

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East Aurora 52, West Chicago 24

Larkin 18, Elgin 0

South Elgin 53, Bartlett 7

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Prospect's Jacob Parisi gains yardage on a punt return against Hersey on Friday night. The Knights won 24-23, clinching the Mid-Suburban East championship. Mark Welsh | Staff Photographer

Team Week 8 result

1. Neuqua Valley (8-0) beat DeKalb 34-13
2. Maine South (7-1) beat Evanston 31-23
3. Warren (7-1) beat Libertyville 35-0

4. Batavia (8-0) beat St. Charles East 42-0
5. Cary-Grove (8-0) beat Burlington Central 48-7
6. Glenbard West (7-1) beat Lyons Twp. 35-3
7. Wheaton North (7-1) beat Geneva 27-0
8. Hersey (7-1) lost to Prospect 24-23
9. Hinsdale Central (7-1) beat Proviso West 58-0
10. York (7-1) beat Willowbrook 14-10
11. Prospect (7-1) beat Hersey 24-23
12. South Elgin (8-0) beat Bartlett 41-0
13. Buffalo Grove (7-1) beat Wheeling 35-7
14. Hoffman Estates (7-1) beat Schaumburg 49-20
15. Wauconda (8-0) beat Grayslake North 62-30
16. Glenbard North (6-2) beat St. Charles North 28-16
17. Willowbrook (5-3) lost to York 14-10
18. Naperville North (5-3) beat Waubonsie Valley 28-19
19. Libertyville (5-3) lost to Warren 35-0
20. Naperville Central (5-3) beat Metea Valley 43-14

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Larkin blanks rival Elgin, becomes playoff eligible

By: Dave Hess



Larkin's Jalen Miller (9) has his jersey pulled by Elgin's Nick West (34) during the annual crosstown rival game at Memorial Field Friday October 14, 2022 in Elgin. *Brian Hill | Staff Photographer*

Stifling defense and just enough offense.

Those ingredients produced an 18-0 win for **Larkin** over intracity rival **Elgin** in Upstate Eight Conference action at Memorial Stadium Friday night.

The game was played in a steady drizzle.

With the win **Larkin** becomes playoff eligible with a 5-3 record while the **Maroons'** playoff chances are over with a 3-5 mark.

"We feel good about getting into the playoffs for the second straight year," said **Larkin** coach Grant Dietz. "We make sure we get into the playoffs with a sixth win next week."

In the second half, **Elgin** mounted 2 drives inside the 10 but was unable to put any points on the scoreboard.

With 3:33 left in the third quarter, **Elgin** moved to the 8-yard line but Terrell Arrington's pass was incomplete.

The **Royals** maintained the shutout with 33 seconds left as Jalen Miller stripped the ball from the **Elgin** ball carrier and Damani Cannon recovered at the 5 yard line.

"Our defense really came up big in the second half," said Dietz. "We played tit for tat with them in the first half and we executed better in the second half."

Jalen Miller provided the offensive fireworks for the winners.

Miller, who had a 19-yard touchdown run in the first half, gave the **Royals** a 2-touchdown lead with an 80-yard run with 9:43 remaining.

"The blocking was unbelievable," said Miller. "I had a huge hole to run through. We executed better in the second half and it is nice to beat our rivals for a second straight year and be playoff eligible."

Miller's cohort in the backfield Chevelle Clements had a 22-yard run in the second half and a key block on Miller's 80-yard TD scamper.

"I just want to help the team win," said Clements. "It is nice to beat **Elgin** again and be playoff eligible."

Set up by a 72-yard run by Kevin Malone, the **Royals** scored on a 6-yard pass from Tizirian Johnson Williams to Erick Myrick with 3:31 left in the third quarter.

A 95-yard punt return for a touchdown by Myrick was wiped out by penalty with 10:05 left in the game.

Missing starting quarterback James Syrek with a broken foot, **Elgin** coach Anthony Mason was pleased with the effort of Arrington.

"TA battled and played well," said Mason. "We just couldn't finish tonight. Missed opportunities has been the story of our season. We are disappointed we are out of the playoff picture. We want to finish on a high note at Glenbard South next week."

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Hungry heart: Jalen Miller scores 2 TDs, forces fumble at end as Larkin tops Elgin for Town Jug. 'If I'm not eating, I know he's going to eat.'

By: Paul Johnson



Larkin's Jalen Miller (9) wraps up Elgin's Terrell Arrington (2) in the third quarter of an Upstate Eight Conference game at Memorial Stadium in Elgin on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

If senior running back Chevelle Clements isn't on, **Larkin** coach Grant Dietz knows that junior running back Jalen Miller will pick up the slack that night. And vice versa.

In the annual crosstown rivalry game against **Elgin**, it was Miller's time to shine.

And that was just fine with Clements.

"I'm never jealous of my brother," he said. "If I'm not eating, I know he's going to eat."



Larkin's Chevelle Clements (6) finds running room against Elgin during an Upstate Eight Conference game at Memorial Stadium in Elgin on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Miller feasted Friday night, scoring touchdowns of 14 and 80 yards and forcing a fumble on **Elgin**'s final offensive play to ice the **Royals**' 18-0 Upstate Eight Conference victory.

Larkin (5-3, 5-3) retained the Town Jug and also became playoff eligible for the second straight season.

“It felt great for us to come out and win, especially the Jug game,” Miller said. “It’s very big in **Elgin**.”

Although Miller is only a junior, he’s emerged as a team captain and one of the catalysts for the Royals.

“He’s a heck of a team leader,” Dietz said. “On the practice field, he has the intangibles that we look for. He works hard in the weight room.

“We expect bigger things out of him moving forward and even preparing for next year.”



Larkin offensive lineman Angel Gonzalez (64) points before the snap against Elgin during an Upstate Eight Conference game at Memorial Stadium in Elgin on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Larkin turned the ball over three times in the first half against **Elgin** (3-5, 3-5), but still held a 6-0 lead thanks to Miller. His 14-yard TD run in the second quarter was the difference.

“It was a good run for me,” Miller said. “The offensive line did their part. We’ve been working all week to execute this game plan.”

Larkin turned the ball over again to start the third quarter, but the defense forced the **Maroons** into a three-and-out.

On the ensuing drive, the **Royals** extended the lead to 12-0 as Tizairian Johnson-Williams hit Erick Myrick for a 6-yard TD pass on fourth-and-goal with 3:31 left in the quarter.

Early in the fourth, the **Royals** forced an **Elgin** punt. Myrick took the ball 95 yards for an apparent TD, only for it to be called back due to a penalty.

Two plays later, however, Miller broke free on an 80-yard TD run to put the game away.



Larkin's Erick Myrick (18) and Jalen Miller (9) celebrate Myrick's touchdown in the third quarter against Elgin during an Upstate Eight Conference game at Memorial Stadium in Elgin on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

"I was," Miller said of being stopped. "I ran to the right side and it didn't work. Great blocks on the left side and I found my way, saw daylight.

"I fed off the punt return. It was called back, but I fed off my brother's energy and I took it to the house."

Clements didn't find the end zone Friday, but that didn't bother him.

"That long touchdown, I knew I had to execute a block for him," Clements said of Miller. "I saw daylight, so I had to execute that block and he was going to take it to the house, and he did."

Elgin tried to score on its final drive, even with the outcome all but decided, but Miller helped preserve the shutout. He forced a fumble that was recovered by Damani Cannon.

"It felt great to see them score zero points," Miller said.



Elgin's Terrell Arrington (2) runs through Larkin's defense for a first down in the second quarter of an Upstate Eight Conference game at Memorial Stadium in Elgin on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Despite forcing four turnovers, the **Maroons** could not score and saw their hopes of making the playoffs dashed.

“We couldn’t finish,” **Elgin** coach Anthony Mason said. “It’s been a struggle for us all season — finishing. Our defense made great plays. We just couldn’t finish offensively and some plays on defense as well.”

Larkin, meanwhile, has a chance to win six games for the first time since 2002. The **Royals** end the regular season next week against West Chicago (1-7, 1-7).

“We’re one game better than last year with a bigger squad,” Dietz said. “Things are looking up.

“If we can get one game better each year, that’s a huge step in the right direction coming from where we were.”

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Patrick Z. McGavin’s Aurora, Elgin and Naperville boys soccer rankings and player of the week for Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022

By: Patrick McGavin



West Aurora's Matthew Lopez-Martinez (22) tries to control the ball against Romeoville during a Southwest Prairie Conference game in Aurora on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

With records through Sunday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. Naperville Central 19-3-1 (1)

Redwings ready after earning top seed at the Class 3A Bolingbrook Sectional.

2. Elgin 16-0-3 (2)

Maroons are overwhelming favorite as top seed of Class 3A Hampshire Sectional.

3. Naperville North 14-3-4 (3)

Huskies seek revenge and rematch as the second seed at Bolingbrook.

4. St. Charles East 16-3-3 (4)

Saints, second seed of sectional they host, pursue defending state champion York.

5. Benet 12-4-1 (5)

A third seed at Class 3A Hinsdale Central, Redwings look to make deep run.

6. West Aurora 13-3-5 (6)

Potential showdown? Fifth seed Blackhawks vs. fourth seed East Aurora for regional title.

7. Oswego East 9-6-4 (7)

Sixth-seeded Wolves would play Plainfield North or Oswego in regional final.

8. Genoa-Kingston 18-4 (10)

Cogs play Westminster Christian in Class 1A Wheaton Academy Sectional semifinal.

9. Larkin 13-8 (9)

As a sixth seed, Royals are the dark horse candidate at Class 3A Hampshire.

10. Geneva 8-3-8 (8)

Fifth-seeded at Class 3A St. Charles East, Vikings are positioned to win regional title.

Player of the Week

Senior midfielder Matthew Lopez-Martinez scored three goals and added an assist as West Aurora scored 10 goals in two victories.

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Scouting Week 8 Fox football games

By: Mike Miazga



Geneva's Dylan Pratt tries to bring down Batavia's AJ Sanders during the Bulldogs' 35-0 win last week. Batavia looks to improve to 8-0 on Friday when it hosts St. Charles East while the Vikings will try to become playoff eligible when they play at Wheaton North. Sean King / for Shaw Media

Fox Valley Playoff Synapse In the playoffs: **South Elgin** (7-0), Cary-Grove (7-0), Batavia (7-0)

Playoff eligible with 5 wins: Hampshire (5-2), Aurora Christian (5-2)

Need 1 win to become eligible: Jacobs (4-3), Crystal Lake South (4-3), **Bartlett** (4-3), **Larkin** (4-3), Geneva (4-3), Marmion (4-3), St. Charles North (4-3)

Need to win out to become eligible: St. Edward (3-4), **Elgin** (3-4), Kaneland (3-4), West Aurora (3-4)

Out: Aurora Central Catholic (1-6), Dundee-Crown (0-7), Huntley (2-5), Burlington Central (2-5), St. Charles East (2-5), **Streamwood** (1-6)

St. Charles East (2-5, 1-4) at Batavia (7-0, 5-0) When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Batavia High School

Outlook: Senior night at Batavia. A win here by the Bulldogs guarantees a home playoff game. Highlights from last week's 35-0 win over Geneva include Batavia extending its series winning streak to 11 games in a row, while holding Geneva without a point in the last five meetings. Senior Jalen Buckley ran for 191 yards and scored 4 touchdowns (3 rushing and 1 receiving). Junior linebacker Jack Sadowsky had 11 tackles. Batavia's defense allowed no first downs in the second half and six for the game. Batavia piled up 249 rushing yards and had 23 first downs. Batavia leads the DuKane by a game over Wheaton North, which plays Geneva Friday. A Batavia win and a North loss would sew up the conference title for the Bulldogs. "St. Charles

East is a really proud program that in the past has been one that has given us some trouble," Bulldogs offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Sean Anderson said. "We know they will come into the game Friday ready to battle us. As a team, we need to continue to play lights-out defense and take care of the football. On offense, we want to maintain drives and grind out first downs." Anderson noted Batavia is running about 50-50 run-pass, which with a 7-0 record, is working for the team. Also clicking for the Bulldogs is their defense, which is limiting teams to around 50 rushing yards per game. "We close the season with both St. Charles schools," Anderson said. "We know they are going to give us everything they have. As a team, our first goal is to close out the regular season undefeated and win a conference title."

South Elgin (7-0, 6-0) at **Bartlett** (4-3, 4-3) When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: **Bartlett High School**

Outlook: Rivalry week as **Bartlett** coach Matt Erlenbaugh calls it. "The ability to control the emotion of the night while executing under pressure will be key," he said. Junior corner Jalen Davis had an interception against Glenbard East, while senior inside linebacker Gabriel Bemont leads the Hawks in defensive points earned. Erlenbaugh noted **Bartlett** has seven different players with more than 50 yards rushing, plus the team has enjoyed a sharp uptick in tackles for loss this year. "This is a critical time for the Bartlett program," he said. "Playoff eligibility and playoff seeding will both be determined in these final two weeks." **Bartlett** needs a win to become playoff eligible and two to be guaranteed a 10th game. "Whenever we play **Bartlett**, I feel you can throw the records out the window and you better be ready to strap it up," **South Elgin** coach Dragan Teonic said. "The game is always physical and nasty and the epitome of high school football. We have to be able to handle the ball better than they do because the game is at their place and we don't have the luxury of playing on a great surface." Teonic has been thrilled with the efforts of Dominic Cianciarulo up front and Alex Rios on the defensive side of the ball. "Dominic has been steady for us the past two seasons and his a big reason we have rushed for more than 200 yards in 13 straight games," he said. "Alex has been fun to watch grow and improve through his work ethic. He's been a consistent player for us on defense. I am so proud of these two young men."

Larkin (4-3, 4-3) at **Elgin** (3-4, 3-4) When: Friday, 5 p.m.

Where: Memorial Field, Elgin

Outlook: The stakes are high in this annual much-looked-forward-to city matchup. Larkin needs one win to become playoff eligible, while Elgin has to win out to earn that moniker. Plus, there is the bragging rights factor. "This school is playing well," Elgin coach Anthony Mason said of Larkin. "They have been together for three years and it is coming together for them. I have known most of these guys since seventh grade and have seen them grow into good football players. In order to be successful against them we have to execute on all sides of the football. They have been playing well and they fly to the ball. How we block offensively, tackle the ball the first time on defense and take advantage on special teams will be key for our success. The team with their best four quarters will be successful." Adam Lambaz has been a huge plus for Mason on the line. "He's becoming a great lineman for us," the coach said. "He is driving people out of the play and requiring double teams on the line of scrimmage on defense. He has made big plays and we are looking for him to have a big game Friday." Clem McCullough has 15 total touchdowns for Elgin. "We need these two," said Mason of the final two games. "We let some games get away from us and can make it all up with two victories in these last two weeks." Larkin coach Grant Dietz is well aware of McCullough's potential impact. "To be successful against Elgin we have to be aware of him at all times," he said. "They have other really good players too and are soundly coached. He is a dynamic player that you have to account for wherever he lines up on offense, defense and special teams. They scheme up to his strengths and we will have to be ready. With rivalries, records are thrown out the window. This game is big on both sides. We will have to approach it the same way -- prepare the best we can. Know where McCullough is and get them before they get going, be ready for anything tricky, run to the ball and gang tackle on defense. Offensively, we have to execute the offense, minimize mental mistakes and play hard for all four quarters. In the final two weeks of the season there is a lot to play for that we haven't played for in awhile. Each game means something. The big rivalry with Elgin for the jug, plus playoff implications and both want to play spoiler against each other."

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