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Elgin News Digest: U-46 to celebrate 50 years of bilingual education Oct. 29

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By Mike Danahey

School District U-46 will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Multilingual & Multicultural Department and its bilingual education program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Tefft Middle School, 1100 Shirley Ave., Streamwood.

The program took five years to create and officially started in 1972. Over the decades it has grown to more than 11,000 students, district officials said.

A video on the history's program was put together by the Elgin History Museum and can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuxH3UA3W5c.

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

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Undefeated York, South Elgin headline playoff field

Oct. 23, 2022

By Dick Quagliano

The royal season for York continued Saturday.

After waiting nearly 48 hours after their win over Oak Park on Thursday, the Dukes know where they will begin their playoff journey. York, who won the West Suburban Silver for the first time since 2006, will be part of the field of 256 teams which was announced by the Illinois High School Association Saturday night.

York, which had just its second unbeaten season in school history, will be one of four 9-0 teams in the 8A field. The Dukes are seeded second and will host 31st-seeded Oswego East in the opening round next weekend.

The IHSA will announce game dates and times on Monday.

"We are playing really well, and the kids are playing hard," York coach Mike Fitzgerald said. "It has been a collective effort from a lot of people. We have a great coaching staff and great parents and obviously great players who have bought in to what we are trying to do here. We are all pushing in the same direction. We have been consistent in our approach, and we are starting to reap the benefits of that."

Nine of the 32-team 8A hail from DuPage and Fox Valley. Here is a closer look:

Class 8A:

South Elgin (9-0) has gone unbeaten in the Upstate Eight its last 24 games. The Storm were awarded a four-seed and will host 29th-seeded Belleville East,

"There is nowhere to hide in 8A," **South Elgin** coach Dragan Teonic said. "Everybody has a pedigree and there's very few teams that don't. You have your typical powerhouse teams that show up every year. At the end of the day, you have to play football."

Glenbard West (8-1) is making its 15 consecutive playoff appearance. The Hilltoppers knocked Hinsdale Central out of the playoffs on Saturday. Now Glenbard West, which has a five-seed, will host defending 8A champion and 28th-seed Lockport.

Neuqua Valley (7-2) won the DuPage Valley Conference but dropped a pair of games along the way. And in the competitive 8A field it pushed Neuqua to a 17th seed. They will play at 16th-seeded Lane.

Huntley (8-1) is back in the playoffs after a one-year absence. New head coach Michael Naymola takes his Fox Valley co-champion Red Raiders and their nine-seed to host 24th-seeded Andrew.

Glenbard East (8-1) has won its last seven. The Rams claimed a 10-seed and will host 23rd-seeded Minooka.

Naperville North (7-2) has won its last three and heads into the playoffs with some momentum. The Huskies have a 15th-seed and play 18th-seeded Marist, which was an 8A semifinalist last year.

Naperville Central (6-3) is coming off a loss to crosstown rival Naperville North on Thursday. The Redhawks, who have a 19th-seed, hope the extra day to prepare will help as they meet No. 14 Lyons.

Downers Grove South (6-3) won the West Suburban Gold and the Mustangs are making their third consecutive playoff appearance. The Mustangs picked up the 26th-seed and will sprint over to Palatine to play at the seventh-seeded Pirates.

Class 7A:

St. Charles North (8-1) heads into the playoffs with all the momentum they could need. The North Stars have won eight in a row and won the DuKane Conference with a 32-31 win over Batavia on Friday. They earned a four-seed and will host 29th-seeded Maine West.

"It is great to be rewarded for our season," St. Charles North coach Rob Pomczak said. "It sets us for a nice run. We can't look past anybody. You would like to think that the DuKane conference prepares you for the rigors. If you are fortunate enough to get into the playoffs it prepares you for that atmosphere and that level of play."

Wheaton North (8-1) looks to defend its 7A title when the sixth-seeded Falcons play host to 27th-seeded Willowbrook (5-4). The Warriors picked up their fifth win in the final week of the season and were able to qualify for their sixth consecutive season.

Jacobs (8-1) finished in a three-way tie for the Fox Valley title. The Eagles picked up a 9th-seed and will be hosting 24th-seeded Brother Rice.

Downers Grove North (6-3) is back in the playoffs after a one-year absence. The Trojans lost to Lyons Saturday and were pushed down to the 17th-seed. They will play at 16th-seeded Lincoln Park.

Batavia (6-3) had its five-game losing streak broken with the 1-point loss to St. Charles North. Batavia fell to the 18th-seed and will play at 15th-seeded Rockford Guilford.

Geneva (6-3) is making back-to-back playoff appearances. The Vikings, who are seeded 21st, will play at last year's 7A state runner-up and 12th-seeded St. Rita.

Larkin (6-3) has won its last five games to qualify for the playoffs for the second year in a row. The Royals, who are seeded 22nd, will travel to Lake Zurich to play the 11th-seeded and North Suburban Conference champion Bears.

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

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By From Staff Reports

Here are the first-round pairings by the Illinois High School Association for the Southland and the Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County areas.

Class 7A

(32) Buffalo Grove 4-5 vs. (1) Mount Carmel (9-0)

Getting the Caravan in the first round is like putting ketchup on a hot dog. It's not advised.

(24) Brother Rice 5-4 vs. (9) Jacobs 8-1

Flip your favorite coin. Crusaders play tough schedule, but Golden Eagles have been just that — golden.

(29) Maine West 5-4 vs. (4) St. Charles North 8-1

Will Vaske, Ethan Plumb, Drew Surges. The North Stars are loaded and ready to shine.

(28) Reavis 5-4 vs. (5) Prospect 8-1

Rams have been plagued by injuries all season, so getting in is a bigger accomplishment than for most.

(21) Geneva 6-3 vs. (12) St. Rita 7-2

Vikings are loaded with emerging stars, but Mustangs want to keep coach Todd Kuska's final season going.

(31) Argo 5-4 vs. (2) Hersey 9-0

It's mission accomplished for Argonauts in making it into the playoffs for first time since 2013.

(18) Batavia 6-3 vs. (15) Rockford Guilford 7-2

It's hard to get a handle on these Bulldogs. They've played great competition. Could best be yet to come?

(26) Libertyville 5-4 vs. (7) Yorkville 8-1

Wildcats, who have struggled to score against winning teams, face Foxes defense that allowed just 79 points.

(22) Larkin 6-3 vs. (11) Lake Zurich 8-1

A five-game winning streak by **Royals** is nothing to sneeze at, but dominant Bears defense could be the tissue.

Class 8A

(32) Conant 5-4 vs. (1) Lincoln-Way East 9-0

The gold standard of the biggest class, Griffins have high expectations for Thanksgiving weekend.

(17) Neuqua Valley 7-2 vs. (16) Lane 7-2

Forget the seeds. With star Mark Mennecke or Ryan Mohler at QB, the Wildcats should roll.

(25) Stevenson 6-3 vs. (8) Warren 8-1

Blue Devils won conference matchup 36-16, but Patriots have allowed just 14 points in five wins since.

(24) Andrew 6-3 vs. (9) Huntley 8-1

Yowza. Thunderbolts beat defending 8A state champ Lockport 28-27 in double OT to close regular season.

(29) Belleville East 5-4 vs. (4) **South Elgin** 9-0

Even an injury at quarterback could not stop Storm from a perfect regular season. Good vibes here.

(28) Lockport 5-4 vs. (5) Glenbard West 8-1

Porters have been on a roller-coaster ride of a season and get another tough ticket with Hitters.

(21) Homewood-Flossmoor 6-3 vs. (12) Glenbrook South 8-1

Big rivalry wins over Sandburg and Lincoln-Way West have Vikings thinking big about the first round.

(31) Oswego East 5-4 vs. (2) York 9-0

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Boys soccer: Jacobs upsets Streamwood to win regional title

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By Dave Hess

What a difference seven weeks makes.

On Sept. 3, **Streamwood** defeated Jacobs 2-0 in the Barrington Invitational.

The No. 10-seeded Golden Eagles got revenge for that early-season loss.

In the title game of the 3A Jacobs regional Saturday afternoon, the Golden Eagles knocked off the **Sabres** 3-0. It was the first regional crown for the Eagles since 2019.

The Golden Eagles (9-8-4) play **Larkin** Wednesday at the Hampshire sectional at 6:30 p.m. **The Royals** defeated Huntley 3-1.

Streamwood, the No. 2 seed, ends the season at 10-8-4.

"We are much more healthier now," said Jacobs coach Colin Brice. "We have played well the last six or seven games. Our work rate today was very good. We have an identity now. Our defense was excellent. They have so weapons."

It was a game of missed opportunities for the **Sabres**.

Streamwood outshot Jacobs 10-7 and was unable to convert on 15 corner kicks.

"We worked on corner kicks for an hour and half yesterday," said **Streamwood** coach Matt Polovin. "We didn't bring our 'A' game. I hate losing but our kids gave great effort. We have a young corps. Hopefully this loss is motivation for us."

With the game scoreless for 32 minutes, the Golden Eagles got on the scoreboard with a goal by Elsworth McIntosh with 8 minutes remaining in the half. Jacobs led 1-0 at halftime.

The Golden Eagles scored 2 insurance goals in the second half -- one by Owen Armstrong on a direct kick with 31:42 left in the game. McIntosh scored on a breakaway at the 1:25 mark for Jacobs' third goal.

"The difference between now and the earlier loss was our defense and we played with the lead," said McIntosh. "It was a great win."

Jacobs goalie Adam Farias was incredible in the net with 10 saves. "They had so many chances and so many weapons," said Farias. "On the corner kicks I just had to maneuver my body with all the bodies in front of me."

Streamwood goalie Jason Ramirez made 5 saves

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Boys soccer: Larkin avenges Huntley loss to claim regional

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By Joe Stevenson



Patrick Kunzer for Shaw Local Larkin's Adrian Diaz sprints away after scoring a first-half goal against Huntley in boys soccer regional action at South Elgin on Saturday.

Larkin felt good about its fast start, its two-goal lead and its overall first-half performance against Huntley Saturday at the Class 3A South Elgin Boys Soccer Regional championship.

But the Royals were far from comfortable.

Larkin coach Michael Huizar quickly reminded his team what happened on Saturday, Sept. 3.

"Earlier in the season we were winning (against Huntley) 2-0 in the first half and we lost that game 3-2," Huizar said. "So coming into halftime 2-0 was a bit concerning and I made sure to make that point. I'm sure they did too."

He was right.

"I still felt good," Red Raiders coach Matt Lewandowski said. "That two-goal lead is the most dangerous lead in soccer. We couldn't work it in our favor, unfortunately."

Huntley tried. Forward Talon Sargent finally got the Raiders on the scoreboard midway through the second half, cutting the advantage to one.

But **Royals** forward Joel Gutierrez got an assist from Adrian Diaz with 10 minutes remaining to give **Larkin** a 3-1 victory Saturday afternoon and its first regional title in nine years.

Larkin (15-8), who will play Jacobs on Wednesday at the Hampshire sectional, jumped in front in the seventh minute of the game when Diaz and Gutierrez teamed up twice in the span of 36 seconds. Gutierrez passed to Diaz both times in about 10 yards out in front of the left post, and both times he sent his shot inside the right post.

"We always play with each other," Gutierrez said. "We play club with Elgin Pumas, that's the same play we do. I saw him open and played on him and he finished it. The second one, the same thing. It was a rebound and I got it and saw him open and knew he would finish it."

Lewandowski loudly urged his team to pick things up midway through the first half, and it did. The Raiders (14-8-2) produced better chances and carried some of that into the second half.

Eventually, Sargent tapped in a bouncing ball behind goalkeeper Adrian Andrade to make it 2-1.

"We started to get momentum throughout the game, we just didn't get enough," Lewandowski said. "We score that one (at 2-1), we have the energy. We score another one, they have no energy."

"We have a great squad of guys here with a lot of talent. Any time any of these guys can turn it on and make something happen."

Still, Huntley was left to lament the costly slow start.

"They were just the better team today. We played a lot better in the second half than first half," Raiders midfielder Zach Heitkemper said. "Just two mistakes and they capitalized on them. (Getting it 2-1) gave us motivation. We played a lot better. We were pressing a lot better. Then they got that goal from No. 21.

"We had chances to score, it just wasn't our day. Next year we're going to have a better team than this year. I think they'll make it back to supersectionals, like we did last year."

The **Royals** were thrilled to end their stretch without a regional title.

"It has been a while," Gutierrez said. "Last year we got defeated by Dundee-Crown and it felt horrible. We didn't want to repeat that. We were motivating each other to win this one."

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By Joe Stevenson

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Glenbard East blanks Bartlett, enters playoffs on a roll

Oct. 22, 2022

By Jared Birchfield

Glenbard East's defense dominated Friday as the Rams closed out the regular season with a 41-0 win over Upstate Eight Conference rival **Bartlett**.

The **Hawks** were held to a total of 30 yards and garnered only two first downs. Glenbard East forced three fumbles and had a pick-six.

Although the Rams only rolled up 154 yards on offense, they benefited from good field position throughout the night. Seven of the team's nine drives started on **Bartlett's** side of the field.

Playoff bound Glenbard East notched its fifth shutout of the year.

"Our defense has been pretty good all year. We've only given up a total of 42 points all year, 28 by our first unit defense," said Rams coach John Walters. "When they are able to drastically shorten field, it makes it a little bit easier on our offense."

First-year **Bartlett** coach Milan Vuckovich was also impressed with the Rams' defensive unit.

"Their defensive line was awesome. That's the best defensive line I have seen," he said. "From where you saw them week one on film to where we saw them in person, that's going to be a team that's going to compete in the 8A playoffs."

The loss knocked the **Hawks** (4-5, 4-5) out of contention for a playoff berth.

The Bartlett Senior Night festivities were dampened by an injury to punter Emilio Duenez. The junior was hurt colliding with a Glenbard East defender after a punt early in the first quarter. He left the game in an ambulance after paramedics attended to him for 15 minutes.

"It hurts when you see your guy go down," Vuckovich said. "But I think the kids rallied together and they fought for him."

Glenbard East (8-1, 8-1) scored its first points before the offensive unit got on the gridiron. On the second play of the game, the Rams' Raul Garcia picked off a Giovanni Nguyen pass returned it 30 yards for a touchdown.

The Rams, who score an average of 30 points a game, made it 13-0 with 6:14 left in the first quarter on Matthew Larson's 12-yard run.

Glenbard East widened its lead to 20-0 at the 8:50 mark of the second quarter on Anthony Heidkamp's 2-yard scamper.

The Rams' next two TDs, both scored by Dimitir Hirtz, were set up by **Bartlett** turnovers. Glenbard East recovered the ball on the Hawks' 27-yard line. Hirtz finished the drive with a 13-yard run. After the next fumble, the Rams started on the Hawks' 1-yard line. The senior's 1-yard plunge put his team up 34-0 with 4:08 left to play in the half.

Glenbard East ended its scoring on 26-yard TD strike from Dillion William to Yassin Nabil.