

## **Press Clippings 10/7/2021**

**---ABC-7 Eyewitness News---**

### **Elgin U-46 dual language program helps students build pathways to successful careers**

**Note: This segment aired on Oct. 1.**

**<https://abc7chicago.com/elgin-schools-u-46-school-district-dual-language-program-bilingualism/11044845/>**

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### **Cross country: Harvest Christian wins truncated Elgin City Championship**

**By Allen Oshinski, Daily Herald Correspondent**

Despite being billed as the Elgin City Cross-Country championship, Wednesday's meet hosted by Harvest Christian lacked any school with Elgin in its name.

After **Elgin** and Elgin Academy opted out the meet amounted to a triangular between the host Lions, Larkin, and a small squad from St. Edward.

With such a small field, the boys and girls ran together, and the Lions ended up winning both team titles.

Led by Daniel Winkelman, the Lions' boys won the title with 16 points.

Winkelman, with a time of 16.33, finished nearly a full minute in front of his closest challenger, teammate David Peterson. Fellow Lions J.J. Gronnam and Sam Rozier finished third and fourth. Larkin's top finisher, Andy Salazar, finished in fifth place.

"Last week I raced hard, and this week I wanted to pace some of the boys to good times," said Winkelman. "They kind of fell off pretty quickly, so I just kind of cruised it. At this point I'm just starting to prepare for state, looking ahead, getting healthy and taking some time off."

**Larkin's** Heather Durrant was similarly strong in the girls' race, finishing in 19:35, a half-minute ahead of Harvest's Eva Camp. Hannah Durrant, Heather's twin sister, finished fourth for the Royals. But Harvest eked out the team title, 25 points to 30, thanks to second, third, and fifth-place finishes by Camp, Emma Leslie, and Caitlyn Terrien.

**Larkin's** Jinni Gimenez and St. Edward's Sophia Scheider finished just outside the top 5 on the undulating course through Harvest's wooded campus.

"For today, I was just trying to survive the course and all the hills and downhills," said Heather Durrant. "I tried pushing myself more downhill because the uphill was too much. I was too tired to go uphill."

The team title was a pleasant surprise for the Lions' girls, who have been brought along slowly this year by coach Steven Bland.

"We've been developing them all year, and we haven't really pushed the whole pack hard until today," Bland said. "We said, 'Go out and race,' like we were gunning for time. We knew that Larkin was fairly strong, and so we benchmarked against them to say, 'Look, let's run hard and let's try to compete, and let's race.' And so they all ran really well. Some girls, like our number three girl, Caitlyn Terrien, was like, wow, she cut loose today."

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## **Boys soccer: Elgin, South Elgin draw – this time**

**By Chris Walker, Daily Herald Correspondent**

Elgin and South Elgin battled to a scoreless draw during Wednesday's Upstate Eight boys soccer match, but the next time they meet someone will have to win.

While the Maroons and Storm finished deadlocked at 0-0, someone will have to move on during their upcoming Oct. 19 game at Elgin since a berth in the Class 3A regional championship game will be on the line.

"We played good overall, we just needed to put the ball in the net," Elgin senior Alan Sanchez said. "Unfortunately, we didn't come through, but we have them in the playoffs. We're going to work in practice and hope that we get the win in the playoffs."

South Elgin (5-6-5, 3-2-2) appeared to have scored the potential game-winner with 4:51 remaining off a free kick, but Zac Meyer was ruled offsides.

Elgin (8-2-5, 3-1-2), which had the better of the chances in the second half, answered with a couple solid opportunities over the final five minutes in response, including a shot from sophomore Eduardo Nava that sailed wide left.

"The last couple of minutes we had some chances but we didn't put them through," Sanchez said. "We'll work on finishing at practice and hopefully we can finish in our next games."

The Storm celebrated Senior Night by recognizing their seniors and while they didn't come away victorious, they did earn their first shutout of the season while blanking the Maroons for the first time in a month (2-0 loss to Glenbard East on Sept. 7).

"I didn't have much to say to them other than this was the first shutout for these guys and it's been a goal of theirs for a long time," Storm coach Jerzy Skowron said. "To shut out a team

like Elgin with the record they've got right now and (being) fourth in the sectional. I'm taking nothing away from Elgin but I felt like we were the better team today and a little bit more dangerous than maybe they even expected."

South Elgin believes it has been improving each time out and results like this one reaffirm such growth.

"I think we're a really underrated team," South Elgin senior Rocco Marzullo said. "We lost a lot of great players (from last year) so it's taken some time but we've gotten better every single game, and we have a tough schedule. I think if we can shut out a team like (Elgin), I think we're going to be ready for the postseason."

Senior Brandon McKee believes the Storm can go on a roll.

"I hope we don't stop and we keep on playing together," he said. "It's sad to have this last game, but hopefully we'll have opportunities to keep playing in the future."