

Press Clippings - 12/07/2023

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

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Batavia's Jax Abalos (23) looks for an opening against St. Charles North's Auggie Hoffman (20) during a DuKane Conference game in St. Charles on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023. (Mark Black/The Beacon-News)

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

SATURDAY'S EVENT

LOCAL COLLEGES

FOOTBALL

NCAA DIVISION III SEMIFINAL

North Central College (13-0) at Wartburg (Iowa) (13-0), 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Batavia 59, St. Charles North 45

Burlington Central 60, Dundee-Crown 50

Cary-Grove 35, Hampshire 31

Dixon 57, Plano 44

Jacobs 48, Huntley 46

Lake Forest 60, Waukegan 55

Lake Forest (5-3, 1-0 North Suburban): Tommie Aberle 18 points. Hudson Scroggins 14 points.

Lincoln-Way West 62, Addison Trail 55

Lincoln-Way West (4-4): Eli Bach 27 points. Max Gabriel 12 points. Daniel Reniguntala 11 points.

Mundelein 54, Zion-Benton 41

Mundelein (3-4, 1-0 North Suburban): Derek Bishop 23 points. Evan Salvador 23 points.

Stevenson 72, Lake Zurich 64 (OT)

Stevenson (4-2, 1-0 North Suburban): Aidan Bardic 22 points. Atticus Richmond 18 points. Jack Dabbs 13 points.

Warren 76, Libertyville 41

Warren (7-1, 1-0 North Suburban): Jaxson Davis 23 points. Immanuel Brown 17 points. Javerion Banks 15 points.

Wheaton North 39, St. Charles East 30

Willowbrook 60, Naperville Central 42

Wilmot Union (Wis.) 48, Grayslake North 30

Grayslake North (2-4): Jayden Hunt 16 points.

Yorkville 55, Oswego 42

Yorkville (3-3, 1-2 Southwest Prairie West): Jason Jakstys 16 points. Jory Boley 15 points.

Zion-Benton 40, Mundelein 38

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Benet 65, St. Viator 40

Highland Park 39, Vernon Hills 35

Highland Park (5-3, 3-0 Central Suburban North): McKenzie Reitmayer 17 points. Kourtnie Halperin 13 points.

Vernon Hills (3-6, 1-2): Keira Thomas 15 points.

Kaneland 42, Ottawa 32

Kaneland (6-2, 1-0 Interstate Eight): Kendra Brown 12 points. Sam Kerry 11 points.

Marian Catholic 39, Nazareth 36

Marian (6-2, 2-0 ESCC): Madison Davis 17 points. Beat reigning Class 3A state champions.

Marengo 48, Plano 34

Plano (7-4): Josie Larson 15 points, 7 rebounds.

Morgan Park 53, Dyett 45

Stevenson 30, Lake Zurich 27

LOCAL COLLEGES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Aurora 86, Milwaukee Engineering (Wis.) 78

Aurora (6-3, 3-0 NACC): Michael Osborne 23 points, 5 rebounds.

Carthage (Wis.) 95, North Central College 75

North Central College (3-5, 2-1 CCIW): Ethan Helwig 20 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists.
Indiana South Bend 82, Trinity Christian 68
Kalamazoo (Mich.) 89, Lake Forest College 81
Lake Forest College (3-6): Alex Forowycz 27 points.
St. Xavier 81, Viterbo (Wis.) 69
St. Xavier (3-5): Cedric Johnson 29 points. Sando Hill 20 points, 5 steals.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Milwaukee Engineering (Wis.) 52, Aurora 44
North Central College 53, Carthage (Wis.) 46
North Central College (4-5, 1-2 CCIW): Jocelyn Trotter 17 points, 5 rebounds.
St. Francis 79, Aquinas (Mich.) 75
St. Francis (6-4): Alona Blackwell 27 points, 6 rebounds.
Wisconsin Platteville 87, Lake Forest College 50

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ag. Science 75, Corliss 27
Ag. Science (3-3, 1-0 Public White-South): Jacob Tyrcha 12 points.
Andrew 46, Naperville North 43
Andrew (6-1): Grantas Sakenis 22 points, 17 rebounds. Athan Berchos 15 points, 5 assists.
Beecher 64, Illinois Lutheran 34
Beecher (7-0, 3-0 River Valley): Adyn McGinley 16 points, 8 assists. Jack Hayhurst 14 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals.
Benet 69, Joliet Catholic 49
Benet (7-0, 3-0 ESCC): Gene Heidkamp becomes school's all-time leader in coaching wins with 368.
JCA (3-2, 0-2): James Pilapil 16 points. Jayden Armstrong 12 points. Drew Willis 10 points.
Brother Rice 56, IC Catholic 36
Brother Rice (7-0, 2-0 CCL Blue): Marcos Gonazalez 23 points. Cale Cosme 10 points.
Crete-Monee 65, Lincoln-Way West 50
Lincoln-Way West (3-4): Eli Bach 28 points. Max Gabriel 12 points.
De La Salle 63, Wheaton St. Francis 43
Earlville 64, Newark 40
East Aurora 61, **Elgin** 45
Eisenhower 60, Hillcrest 55
Eisenhower (5-3, 1-1 SSC Red): Ayipey Salinas 16 points. Cam Ellis 16 points. A.J. Abrams 13 points.
Elgin Academy 49, U-High 47
Fenton 63, **Bartlett** 41
Fenwick 38, Marmion 22
Marmion (3-4, 0-2 CCL White): Evan Stumm 12 points, 6 rebounds.

Glenbard East 75, **Streamwood** 47
Glenbrook North 65, Antioch 36
Antioch (1-5): Carter Webb 19 points.
Grayslake Central 52, Vernon Hills 45
Grayslake Central (4-2): Xavi Granville 23 points. Jayden Hall 15 points.
Vernon Hills (4-3): Daniel Odhiambo 12 points, 10 rebounds. Dylan Chung 12 points.
Harvest Christian 68, Mooseheart 50
Hinckley-Big Rock 59, LaMoille-Ohio 38
Hinckley-Big Rock (4-3, 1-0 Little Ten): Martin Ledbetter 20 points, 14 rebounds, 7 blocks.
Indian Creek 57, IMSA 51
Kankakee 88, Thornridge 41
Lake Forest Academy 67, Parker 50
Lake Park 53, Geneva 36
Lemont 69, Richards 45
Lemont (5-2, 2-0 SSC Blue): Ryan Runaas 18 points. Zane Schneider 13 points.
Marist 56, St. Viator 43
Marist (7-2, 2-0 ESCC): Stephen Brown 13 points. Darshan Thomas 13 points. Adoni Vassilakis 12 points.
Morgan Park 68, Harlan 35
Morgan Park (3-3, 1-0 Public White-South): Josh Kelly 12 points. R.J. Mack 12 points.
Mount Carmel 58, Providence 44
Naperville North 41, Conant 30
Naperville North (4-2): Bryce Welch 9 points.
Neuqua Valley 70, Lincoln-Way Central 54
Niles Notre Dame 45, Carmel 39
Niles West 56, Lakes 50
Lakes (1-7): Thomas Mercure 22 points. Jimmy Kania 13 points.
Oak Forest 71, Evergreen Park 70
Oak Forest (4-2, 2-0 SSC Blue): Amari Brownlee-Davis 28 points. Deshawn Nolan 18 points. Jesean Shannon 12 points.
Evergreen (5-1, 1-1 SSC Red): Tre Dowdell 20 points. Keshawn Vaval 19 points.
Oak Lawn 73, Bremen 48
Oak Lawn (7-0, 2-0 SSC Red): Donte Montgomery 22 points.
Plano 47, Sandwich 40
Plano (3-3, 1-0 Kishwaukee River): Isaiah Martinez 15 points. A.J. Johnson 12 points. Davione Stamps 12 points.
Sandwich (1-4, 0-1): Dom Rome 13 points. Drew Sullivan 12 points. Chance Lange 11 points.
St. Edward 59, Chicago Christian 38
St. Laurence 65, Leo 41
St. Patrick 58, Marian Catholic 57 (OT)
Marian (4-2, 1-1 ESCC): James Bullock 16 points, 6 rebounds. Tyler Jolly 14 points, 5 rebounds. Jonah

Weathers 12 points.

Schaumburg Christian 59, Westminster Christian 58

South Elgin 59, **Larkin** 49

T.F. South 68, Argo 58

T.F. South (3-3, 2-0 SSC Blue): Jaylen Taylor 14 points.

Argo (1-7, 0-2 SSC Red): Darron Greer Jr. 20 points.

Tinley Park 89, Shepard 42

Waubonsie Valley 53, Harlem 39

West Aurora 69, Oswego East 51

York 59, Lockport 36

Lockport (3-4): Anthony Kosi 17 points, 5 rebounds.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Batavia 55, St. Charles North 38

Batavia (7-1): Brooke Carlson 21 points. Hallie Crane 12 points.

St. Charles North (6-1): Reagan Sipla 16 points.

Bolingbrook 68, Sandburg 29

Burlington Central 49, Dundee-Crown 33

Burlington Central (4-3, 3-0 Fox Valley): Audrey LaFleur 15 points. Emersyn Fry 14 points.

Elgin 39, East Aurora 29

Elgin (6-2): Izzie Castro 13 points. Aamiyah Dixon 11 points.

Evergreen Park 46, Oak Forest 25

Geneva 53, Lake Park 28

Geneva (5-3, 2-0 DuKane): Leah Palmer 31 points.

Glenbard East 46, **Streamwood** 30

Grayslake Central 54, Grant 28

Grayslake Central (6-4, 2-0 Northern Lake County): Madison Hoffmann 16 points, 7 rebounds.

Hampshire 57, Cary-Grove 55

Hampshire (3-4, 1-1 Fox Valley): Ashley Herzing 17 points.

Homewood-Flossmoor 48, Lincoln-Way East 42

Lakes 39, Round Lake 30

Lakes (4-4, 1-1 Northern Lake County): Madison Twarling 16 points. Kaylee Anderson 8 points, 10 rebounds.

Larkin 51, **South Elgin** 47

Libertyville 57, Warren 29

Lincoln-Way Central 33, Lincoln-Way West 21

Lincoln-Way Central (7-0, 1-0 SWSC Red): Gracen Gehrke 12 points. Lina Panos 11 points, 12 rebounds.

Mundelein 62, Zion-Benton 37

Mundelein (8-2, 2-1 North Suburban): Rylan Foster 17 points.

Oak Lawn 45, Bremen 35

Oak Lawn (3-4, 1-1 SSC Red): Danielle Dempsey 17 points, 9 rebounds, 4 steals. Maeve Hassett 11

points, 7 rebounds.

Oswego East 44, West Aurora 43

Oswego East (5-4, 3-0 Southwest Prairie West): Aubrey Lamberti 11 points, 7 rebounds; GW 3-pointer with :11 seconds remaining. Maggie Lewandowski 20 points, 5 assists, 4 rebounds.

Providence 55, Fenwick 38

Providence (4-4, 1-2 GCAC Red): Eilish Raines 17 points, 5 rebounds. Molly Knight 14 points, 6 steals, 5 rebounds.

Richards 50, Lemont 38

Richards (3-4, 2-0 SSC Red): Iyanah Crosby 17 points. Kailey Moore 14 points.

Lemont (4-3, 1-1 SSC Blue): Reyna 13 points.

St. Charles East 49, Wheaton North 32

St. Edward 50, Wheaton Academy 41

St. Edward (3-5, 1-0 Chicagoland Christian): Savannah Lynch 25 points, 7 rebounds.

Stagg 48, Andrew 33

T.F. North 49, Reavis 32

T.F. South 59, Argo 15

Thornridge 64, Juarez 16

Thornton 31, Kankakee 25

Wauconda 69, Grayslake North 21

Wauconda (4-2, 2-0 Northern Lake County): Grace Parker 12 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals. Ella Franck 10 points.

Yorkville 70, Oswego 53

Yorkville (6-2, 3-0 Southwest Prairie West): Brooke Spsychalski 18 points. Lainey Gussman 15 points, 12 rebounds. Kenzie Sweeney 13 points, 4 steals.

LOCAL COLLEGES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Black Hawk Moline 86, Elgin 78

Kennedy King 80, Joliet 73

Lake County 75, DuPage 66

Moraine Valley 80, Olive-Harvey 76

Marian (Ind.) 76, St. Francis 65

South Suburban 101, Prairie State 75

South Suburban (8-0): Jemel Jones 48 points, 10 rebounds, 4 steals.

Waubonsee 82, Kishwaukee 72

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

DuPage 45, Lake County 43

Elgin 69, Wright 66

Governors State 76, Indianapolis 67

Governors State (6-2): Tabettha Jones 21 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists.

Kishwaukee 74, Waubonsee 72
Prairie State 72, South Suburban 66
Triton 65, Moraine Valley 58
Wisconsin Parkside 72, Lewis 60
Lewis (5-3): Taylor Gugliuzza 20 points, 6 rebounds.

NEWS AND NOTES

St. Xavier's Mike Feminis was named coach of the year for NAIA Region II by the American Football Coaches Association.

- Daily Herald -

Fox boys basketball notes: Klemm enjoying transition to St. Charles East head coach

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Brad Monkemeyer has helped St. Charles East get off to a solid start in Rob Klemm's first season as the head coach. (Sandy Bressner/sbressner@shawmedia.com)

Through the first couple weeks of the basketball season, St. Charles East's Rob Klemm is learning about his team -- and how to be a varsity head coach for the first time.

"I think it was Bob Knight who said the difference in being the head coach as opposed to the assistant is that you go from making suggestions to making decisions," said Klemm, who took over for longtime Saints coach Patrick Woods last summer. "I wouldn't say it has been the most difficult, but I think that has been the biggest adjustment overall, not just in games, either, but with the program as a whole." The Saints have split their first 6 games, finishing 2-2 in their own RJ Thanksgiving Tournament, capped by a 72-71 overtime victory over Plainfield East.

"There is something we can take away and learn from each game, and that's what we're trying to do -- get better every day in order to reach our goals," said Klemm. It's important to have these close games to learn how to win. We're able to learn a lot as coaches, too, to make sure that we're putting the players in the best spots to be successful in those situations."

Senior Jake Vrankovich and junior Marco Klebosits earned all-tournament honors.

"Brad (Monkemeyer) had some huge moments in there, too, with his 4-point play against Plainfield East," said Klemm. "Andrew Wolfsmith has been an offensive spark off the bench, and Cooper Jensen brings a ton of energy as well. Sam Tisch has been a solid all-around player for us, and Jake Greenspan has been great as our floor leader."

South Elgin update:

There was a method to **South Elgin** coach Philip Church adding a team like Lake Park to the schedule this season.

Despite his team's 47-39 loss to the Lancers last weekend, Church felt like it was exactly what his players needed.

"When we were looking for noncons, I wanted to find as many teams as possible that played in sectionals last year," said Church. "It's important for young players to develop the mental toughness and discipline those programs play with throughout an entire game. We've gone toe-to-toe with everyone but those five or six forced shots or sloppy passes per game are the difference right now."

Junior guard Shailen Shukti hit four 3-pointers against the Lancers.

Last week, Derek Clark and Ethan Zagore scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, in **South Elgin's** Upstate Eight opening 58-54 victory over Glenbard South. Connor Hodges and KJ Brooks chipped in with 9 points apiece.

"Rotations are starting to iron out," said Church. "Our feeder organization is in the infancy of its rebirth, and that is critical to getting players coming to the school who have played the style of basketball we do at the high school level. This will help smooth out the valleys in our roller coaster starts."

"We are trying to find the finishers on the team -- who we can trust to make the right decision and understand possession basketball."

Crystal Lake South update:

Crystal Lake South raised its record to 6-1 with Monday's 84-50 victory over Harvest Christian.

Last weekend, the Gators (2-0 in Fox Valley Conference) edged nemesis Burlington Central on junior guard AJ Demirov's layup with 39 seconds remaining.

"It was important win mainly because it was at home against a quality program that has dominated the conference the past few years," said Gators coach Matt LePage.

"So far, we've played physical, and our depth has been solid with a 9-man rotation. Demirov is our lone returning starter -- he has done a nice job leading our new group both as a scorer and distributor."

Burlington Central update:

Burlington Central began the week with a 3-2 record, 1-1 in FVC play, following a second-place finish in

Sycamore's Thanksgiving tourney. The Rockets then beat Dundee-Crown on Wednesday night for coach Brett Porto's 300th win.

"We defend very well for being so young," said Porto, who lost 6-9 Daily Herald All-Area Captain center Drew Scharnowski to graduation. "We will be able to keep ourselves in a lot of games playing that type of defense.

"Jake Johnson and Caden West did start last year, but they are in different roles now and still adjusting. We have three freshmen playing with us and all have seen a lot of minutes so far this season, which will only help down the road."

Porto took last weekend's 2-point loss to CLS as a positive.

"I was very pleased with how we played at South," said the coach. "We started out down 12-0, were 7 of 15 from the free-throw line, and played without our best defender (Patrick Shell), but we had multiple chances to win. I thought it was a step in the right direction for this group."

Aurora Christian update:

Aurora Christian is off to a 6-1 start, thanks to the play of sophomore point guard Marshawn Cocroft (19 ppg), senior guard/forward Cam Morel (15.4 ppg), and sophomore guard Jacob Baumann (10.9 ppg).

"Our team has been playing really well defensively and has shot the ball extremely well," said Eagles coach Dan Beebe.

Through 7 games, the Eagles average 66 points.