

Press Clippings - 12/14/2023

- Chicago Tribune - Paul Johnson's Aurora-Elgin area girls basketball rankings and player of the week

By: Paul Johnson

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Waubonsie Valley's Danyella Mporokoso (31) shoots a 3-pointer against Benet during the Class 4A West Aurora Sectional championship game on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023. (Jon Cunningham/The Beacon-News)

Batavia, Waubonsie Valley, St. Charles North and St. Charles East head up the rankings, while St. Edward's Savannah Lynch is the player of the week.

Top 10

With records through Wednesday and previous rankings in parenthesis

1. Batavia 9-1 (1)

Coach Kevin Jensen picks up career win No. 200 in a 49-29 win over Naperville North.

2. Waubonsie Valley 10-1 (2)

Danyella Mporokoso is averaging 20.9 points and 6.4 rebounds for the Warriors.

3. St. Charles North 9-1 (3)

Reagan Sipla scores 1,000th career point in a win over Wheaton Warrenville South.

4. St. Charles East 9-1 (4)

Saints have nine straight wins heading into Friday's crosstown game at St. Charles North.

5. Aurora Central Catholic 10-2 (5)

Sofia Corral wins game MVP honors after 62-55 win over Sherrard at Tornado Classic.

6. Geneva 6-3 (6)

Leah Palmer puts up 31 points, 12 rebounds in 55-45 DuKane Conference win over Lake Park.

7. Kaneland 8-2 (7)

Kendra Brown scores 20 points in an Interstate Eight Conference win over LaSalle-Peru.

8. Yorkville 7-3 (8)

9. Burlington Central 5-4 (9)

Emma Payton scores 23 points in a 62-12 Fox Valley Conference win over McHenry.

10. **Elgin** 6-4 (10)

Izzie Castro, who scores 26 points, ties program record with eight 3-pointers vs. **Streamwood**.

Player of the Week

Freshman guard Savannah Lynch scored 65 points in past three games for St. Edward, including a 25-point effort in 50-41 win over Wheaton Academy.

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

By: From Staff Reports

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Andrew's Omar Tlaib (11) drives to the basket against Tinley Park during a nonconference game in Tinley Park on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023. (Troy Stolt/Daily Southtown)

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

FRIDAY'S EVENT
LOCAL COLLEGES
FOOTBALL

STAGG BOWL

NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP

At Salem, Va.

North Central College (14-0) vs. Cortland (N.Y.) (13-1), 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Andrew 64, Tinley Park 46

Antioch 52, Grayslake Central 48 (OT)

Antioch (3-5, 3-0 Northern Lake County): Marshall Gehrke 20 points. Carter Webb 17 points.

Grayslake Central (5-3, 2-1): Xavi Granville 16 points. Jayden Hall 15 points.

Bradley-Bourbonnais 73, Sandburg 58

Sandburg (4-5): David Vargas 16 points. Yanal Swaiss 15 points.

Burlington Central 51, Prairie Ridge 43

Eisenhower 92, Catalyst-Maria 35

Eisenhower (8-3): Ayipey Salinas 16 points. Micah Calvin 15 points.

Grant 65, Grayslake North 48

Grayslake North (2-6, 0-3 Northern Lake County): Jayden Hunt 20 points. Uros Mitrovic 20 points.

Hinckley-Big Rock 60, Ashton-Franklin Center 34

Hinckley-Big Rock (7-4): Martin Ledbetter 12 points, 12 rebounds, 7 blocks. Landon Roop 11 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists.

McHenry 61, Dundee-Crown 38

Plano 61, Marengo 32

Plano (5-5): Davione Stamps 13 points. A.J. Johnson 10 points.

Sandwich 57, Harvard 39

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Carmel 54, St. Viator 31

Morgan Park 68, Kelly 31

Mother McAuley 51, Marist 38

Nazareth 51, Benet 33

Newark 56, Somonauk 16

Richards 37, De La Salle 32

Richards (5-4): Iyanah Crosby 16 points.

De La Salle (4-7): Kamryn Porter 16 points.

St. Charles East 43, West Aurora 36

Vernon Hills 61, Niles North 44

Vernon Hills (4-8, 2-2 Central Suburban North): Keira Thomas 17 points. Elyse Davis 12 points.

Yorkville Christian 68, College Prep of America 25

MARIAN CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

Bloom 40, St. Laurence 38

Lincoln-Way East 36, Providence 24

Providence (7-5): Molly Knight 14 points.

Marian Catholic 52, Fenwick 35

Marian (8-3): Alainna Poisson 16 points. Madison Davis 15 points.

Rich Township 53, Hillcrest 23

OAK LAWN HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Lockport 55, Oak Lawn 46

Lockport (6-6): Laura Arstikaitis 23 points. Lucy Hynes 10 points.

Sandburg 61, Riverside-Brookfield 34

Sandburg (6-6): Noor Ali 14 points. Zoe Trunk 13 points.

Thornwood 58, Lindblom 40

Romeoville 46, T.F. South 33

WRESTLING

Sandwich 42, Streator 39

LOCAL COLLEGES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bethel (Ind.) 93, Governors State 80

Governors State (5-7): Lashaun Gist 15 points.

Wisconsin Platteville 80, North Central College 65

North Central College (3-7): Nick Smoldt 22 points.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bethel (Ind.) 66, Judson 45

Governors State 80, Olivet Nazarene 75

Governors State (9-2, 5-0 CCAC): Tabettha Jones 12 points, 6 rebounds. Gaetana Davis 12 points, 6 rebounds.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ag. Science 67, Fenger 43

Ag. Science (5-3, 3-0 Public White-South): C.T. Taylor 17 points. Bryce Tillis 12 points.

Andrew 67, Stagg 65

Andrew (8-1, 3-0 SWSC Red): Athan Berchos 23 points. Danny Laird 16 points. Kaleb Simms 14 points.

Stagg (7-2, 1-1): Connor Williams 14 points. Mufid Hijaz 14 points.

Bartlett 58, **Elgin** 44

Beecher 71, St. Anne 36

Beecher (10-0, 6-0 River Valley): Zack Johnson 23 points. Jack Hayhurst 18 points. Adyn McGinley 11 points, 5 assists, 3 steals.

Benet 61, St. Patrick 39

Benet (9-0, 5-0 ESCC): Gabe Sularski 14 points.

Bolingbrook 66, Lincoln-Way East 58

Lincoln-Way East (5-3, 1-2 SWSC Blue): Karson Thomas 18 points. B.J. Powell 15 points. Brenden Sanders 12 points.

Brother Rice 56, Montini 43

Brother Rice (10-0, 3-0 CCL Blue): Xavier Fitch 18 points. Caden Workman 12 points.

Carmel 42, Evanston 39

Carver 48, Morgan Park 42

Morgan Park (4-4, 2-1 Public White-South): Jacque Lewis 29 points.

Clifton Central 45, Illinois Lutheran 35

Illinois Lutheran: Jaden Wall 15 points.

De La Salle 79, Marmion 60

De La Salle (7-1, 4-1 CCL Blue): Charles Barnes 17 points. Richard Lindsey 16 points. Morgan Travis 13 points.

Marmion (4-6, 1-2 CCL White): Matthew Stewart 20 points. Evan Stumm 17 points.

Deerfield 35, Vernon Hills 24

Earlville 53, IMSA 32

Evergreen Park 84, Addison Trail 74

Evergreen (6-2): Lonnie Mosley 27 points. Tre Dowdell 25 points. Keshaun Vaval 11 points.

Fenton 67, **Larkin** 47

Fenwick 55, St. Laurence 51

St. Laurence (4-5, 2-1 CCL White): Zerrick Johnson 15 points. Bradley Stratton 14 points. Josh Pickett 11 points.

Glenbard North 52, St. Charles East 38

Glenbard South 53, East Aurora 34

Harvest Christian 61, Westlake Christian 51

Hinsdale South 79, Richards 47

Homewood-Flossmoor 81, Lockport 45

H-F (9-1, 3-0 SWSC Blue): Bryce Heard 21 points, 9 rebounds. Gianni Cobb 17 points, 5 steals.

Lockport (3-6, 0-2): Anthony Kosi 17 points.

Indian Creek 57, Ottawa Marquette 53

Indian Creek (8-3): Jeffrey Probst 24 points. Logan Schrader 18 points.

Joliet Catholic 61, Nazareth 55

JCA (4-4, 1-3 ESCC): James Pilapil 16 points. Jayden Armstrong 13 points.

Kaneland 58, LaSalle-Peru 52 (OT)

Kaneland (7-1, 3-0 Interstate Eight): Troyer Carslon 23 points. Freddy Hassan 22 points.

Lincoln-Way West 57, Lincoln-Way Central 49

Marian Catholic 51, St. Viator 40

Marian (6-3, 3-1 ESCC): James Bullock 18 points, 11 rebounds. Jonah Weathers 13 points, 8 rebounds.

Marist 57, Niles Notre Dame 43

Marist (8-1, 3-1 ESCC): Adoni Vassilakis 14 points. Darshan Thomas 12 points.

Mount Carmel 76, IC Catholic 45

Neuqua Valley 74, Yorkville Christian 46

Niles North 67, Lake Forest 57

Lake Forest (6-3): Dominic Mordini 15 points. Hudson Scroggins 12 points.

Oswego East 60, Oswego 38

Plainfield North 60, Yorkville 54

Yorkville (3-5, 1-4 Southwest Prairie West): Jason Jakstys 15 points.

Plano 48, Ottawa 45 (OT)

Plano (4-5): Isaiah Martinez 17 points, 5 rebounds. A.J. Johnson 13 points.

Providence 60, St. Rita 41

Putnam County 63, Somonauk 47

Somonauk (4-4): Carson Bahrey 24 points. Brock Sexton 12 points.

Riverside-Brookfield 62, Crete-Monee 44

St. Ignatius 60, Aurora Central Catholic 15

Warren 85, Mundelein 47

Warren (9-1, 3-0 North Suburban): Immanuel Brown 15 points. Alex Daniels 14 points. Javerion Banks 12 points.

West Aurora 50, Minooka 29

Wheaton St. Francis 53, Leo 46 (OT)

Leo (1-6, 0-4 CCL Blue): Marlo Moore 13 points.

York 57, Libertyville 53

Libertyville (3-6): Liam Hanson 14 points. Jacob Bahrani 12 points.

LAKES TOURNAMENT

Fremd 82, Lakes 49

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Andrew 41, Bradley-Bourbonnais 30
Andrew (7-4, 1-2 SWSC Red): Phia Ryan 13 points. Mak Adams 10 points.
Antioch 44, Grayslake North 27
Argo 53, Thornridge 41
Argo (2-7): Alizza Quinones 20 points.
Aurora Central Catholic 57, Resurrection 47
Bartlett 70, **Elgin** 31
Bartlett (5-6, 3-2 Upstate Eight): Amadea Montijo 22 points.
Elgin (6-4, 2-3): Izzie Castro 15 points.
Bloom 54, Evergreen Park 29
Bolingbrook 74, Lockport 37
Lockport (5-6, 0-2 SWSC Blue): Lucy Hynes 14 points.
Dundee-Crown 47, McHenry 22
Dundee-Crown (2-7, 2-3 Fox Valley): Monica Sierzputowski 18 points.
Grace Christian 62, Chicago Christian 58
Kaneland 59, Stillman Valley 57
Kaneland (8-2): Lexi Schueler 18 points. Sam Kerry 17 points.
Lakes 48, North Chicago 11
Lakes (5-5, 2-2 Northern Lake County): Janae Pullen 11 points.
Larkin 65, Fenton 26
Lincoln-Way East 59, Lincoln-Way West 43
Manteno 46, Beecher 27
Morton (Ind.) 67, T.F. North 51
Mother McAuley 54, Fenwick 19
McAuley (7-4, 3-0 GCAC Red): Taji Alexa 11 points.
Oswego East 58, Oswego 40
Oswego East (7-4, 5-0 Southwest Prairie West): Desiree Merritt 15 points. Aubrey Lamberti 13 points.
Maggie Lewandowski 13 points.
Prairie Ridge 44, Burlington Central 33
South Elgin 56, **Streamwood** 41
Warren 45, Mundelein 36
Warren (6-4, 3-2 North Suburban): Nari Powers 17 points. Mariah Phelps 16 points.
Wauconda 52, Grant 48
Wauconda (6-2, 4-0 Northern Lake County): Alexia Manalo 15 points. Emma Wisniewski 11 points, 7 rebounds.
Grant (6-6, 2-3): Alyssa Sandquist 20 points. Nevada Holm 11 points.
Yorkville 62, Plainfield North 57
Yorkville (7-3, 4-1 Southwest Prairie West): Brooke Spychalski 22 points. Aliesha Peterson 12 points.
Madi Spychalski 11 points, 11 rebounds.

Wheaton Academy 50, Rosary 41

LAKE ZURICH EXAM JAMM

Carmel 41, Rolling Meadows 37

Carmel (6-4): Ashley Schlabowske 27 points.

Hampshire 68, Vernon Hills 36

Hampshire (5-5): Ashley Herzing 19 points. Mikala Amegasse 13 points. Chloe Van Horn 12 points.

Vernon Hills (3-8): Keira Thomas 10 points.

Libertyville 60, York 34

Libertyville (9-3): Kate Rule 18 points. Madison Sears 14 points. Rachel Rule 11 points.

St. Charles North 39, Lincoln-Way Central 30

St. Charles North (9-1): Reagan Sipla 19 points. Laney Stark 13 points, school-record 10 steals.

Lincoln-Way Central (9-1): Lina Panos 14 points.

Prospect 56, Lake Zurich 45

LOCAL COLLEGES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

St. Xavier 77, Goshen (Ind.) 67

St. Xavier (5-5): Cedric Johnson 30 points, 11 rebounds, 5 assists.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Knox 96, Aurora 80

Aurora (7-2): Macy Kocen 21 points, 6 assists. Gabrielle Wolff 14 points, 10 assists, 7 rebounds.

NEWS AND NOTES

St. Xavier wide receiver Justin Pringle was named NAIA All-American by the American Football Coaches Association. ... St. Xavier's Cedric Johnson was chosen player of the week in men's basketball by the CCAC