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South Elgin shakes off slow start, blows out East Aurora

By: Allen Oshinski

Things didn't exactly go according to plan for South Elgin on the opening two drives Friday.

The Storm fumbled on their first possession and East Aurora recovered. On the Tomcats' second play from scrimmage, Ralph Clark cut across the field and raced 59 yards for a score, putting East Aurora ahead 6-0.

After that, though, Storm coach Dragan Teonic couldn't have scripted it much better. The Storm reeled off 49 unanswered points before halftime. With the clock running throughout the second half, South Elgin cruised to a 52-20 Upstate Eight win in South Elgin.

At 5-0, South Elgin became playoff eligible for the sixth straight year.

Jake Sullivan threw 2 touchdown passes to Kyle Steinhofer and ran for 2 more scores as the Storm celebrated Homecoming with its 18th straight home win.

Steinhofer also ran for a score, as did Jordan Green and Ari Kravis. Steinhofer added a 27-yard field goal and the Storm blocked a Tomcat punt out of the end zone for a safety.

To complete his all-around day, Steinhofer kicked 5 extra points and added an interception on defense for good measure.

"We started to establish a little bit of run, a little bit of pass, and we were able to move the ball," Teonic said. "They gave us a cool look on defense that we haven't seen all year. That was

something we had to work against, so that was good. I thought our first-team defense did a pretty good job for the most part. It was a good football game. We got better in a lot of ways."

Sullivan completed 6 of 10 passes for 112 yards before getting the second half off. All the completions went to Steinhofer. Sullivan was also the **Storm's** leading rusher with 90 yards on only 9 carries. Mason Montgomery racked up 81 yards and Green added 50 for the **Storm**.

South Elgin held the visitors to just 86 yards in the first half, with most of that coming on Clark's run.

East Aurora started the second half the same way as the first, with a Clark touchdown run. He finished with an even 100 yards on the ground.

After Clark's first touchdown, the **Storm** answered immediately, moving 71 yards in 8 plays. Sullivan completed a 35-yarder to Steinhofer to move into Tomcats territory, then found his favorite receiver again for the score.

South Elgin got scoring runs from Kravis and Green and a safety before the end of the first quarter. The **Storm** scored 4 more times in the second, with Sullivan and Steinhofer accounting for all the scores. Sullivan scored on runs of 4 and 32 yards. Steinhofer scored from 3 yards out on a reverse and caught a 1-yard pass from Sullivan.

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

By: From Staff Reports



Lincoln-Way West's Jacob Steffek (26) breaks through Stagg's defense for a touchdown on a kickoff return during a SouthWest Suburban Red game in Palos Hills on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022. (Steve Johnston / Daily Southtown)

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

WEEK 5

SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN RED

Andrew 14, Lincoln-Way Central 7

Andrew (3-2, 1-0): Mike Barberi GW 5-yard TD run with 5:46 remaining in 4th quarter.
Andrew Skarzynski 1-yard TD run.

Lincoln-Way Central (2-3, 1-1): Michael Kuehl TD pass to Colin Mowry.

Lincoln-Way West 36, Stagg 0

UPSTATE EIGHT

Elgin 48, West Chicago 20

Glenbard East 42, **Streamwood** 8

Glenbard South 47, Bartlett 6

South Elgin 52, East Aurora 20

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS SOCCER

Burlington Central 3, Genoa-Kingston 2

Burlington Central (4-5-1): Daniel Nava goal, assist.

Genoa-Kingston (10-3): Junior Leon, Diego Espinosa goals.

Deerfield 6, Maine West 1

Deerfield (5-7-1, 1-2-1 Central Suburban North): Matthew Seed, Justin Blumenthal, Ryder Coleman goals.

Dundee-Crown 2, Crystal Lake South 1 (OT)

Elmwood Park 5, St. Edward 2

Geneva 2, Huntley 1

Geneva (6-1-7): Liam O'Donoghue, Colin Hasty goals.

Libertyville 2, Mundelein 2

Lincoln-Way East 4, Andrew o

Lincoln-Way East (4-6-2): Nic Porada 2 goals.

Lincoln-Way West 1, Homewood-Flossmoor o

Lincoln-Way West (5-3-2): James Benefield goal. Rylan Decker shutout.

Lockport 2, Lincoln-Way Central 1

Lockport (10-2-1): Sean Flannery 2 goals.

Lincoln-Way Central (8-4): Eddie Rafacz goal.

Oak Forest 1, Lemont 0

Oak Forest (7-2-2, 3-1-1 SSC Blue): Ian Plancarte goal. Alex Stacy assist.

Oak Lawn 5, T.F. United 1

Oak Lawn (12-1-1): Dylan Walsh 3 goals.

T.F. United (5-6-2): Giovanni Melgoza goal.

Oswego 2, Minooka 1

Oswego East 2, Plainfield North 1

Plano 3, Earlville 1

Plano (10-6-1): Christ Keleba 3 goals.

Round Lake 4, Grayslake Central 1

St. Ignatius 2, Marmion 0

Sandburg 2, Stagg 1

Shepard 4, Bremen 0

Shepard: Damyan Villanueva 2 goals.

Stevenson 3, Zion-Benton 3

Streamwood 3, Waubonsie Valley 0

Warren 3, Waukegan 0

Warren (7-3-1, 2-2-1): Tyler Hughes, Tommy DeSanto, Miguel Garcia goals.

York 4, Neuqua Valley 0

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Brown's record night sends Glenbard South past Bartlett

By: Craig Brueske



Bartlett's Dontain Williams moves upfield against Glenbard South Friday in Bartlett. *Brian Hill | Staff Photographer*

A relative newcomer to football, Jalen Brown is quickly becoming a household name at Glenbard South.

The senior tailback rushed for a career-best and school-record 286 yards on 21 carries and scored 4 touchdowns to lead the Raiders (5-0, 5-0) to a 47-6 Upstate Eight Conference victory over host **Bartlett** (3-2, 3-2) Friday night.

After a pair of false-start penalties pushed the Raiders in poor field position on their opening possession, Brown came to the rescue, taking a handoff from quarterback Michael Champagne and racing 90 yards for a touchdown.

He also added the 2-point conversion run, as the Raiders grabbed an early 8-0 lead.

"It was electrifying," Brown said of his 90-yard burst.

Following a fumble recovery by sophomore linebacker Neil Jaber, Brown delivered with a 47-yard touchdown run that upped the Raiders' lead to 15-0 early in the second quarter.

Champagne's 37-yard TD run made it 21-0 before the Hawks got on the board when Giovanni Nguyen tossed a 15-yard TD pass to Jalen Davis with 47 seconds left in the first half.

Just 20 seconds later, the Raiders added their fourth touchdown of the opening half -- a 16-yard pass from Champagne to Gabe Danguilan -- following Champagne's 33-yard completion to junior receiver Cam Williams (6 catches, 98 yards).

The Raiders began the second half with a 5-play, 64-yard drive, capped by Brown's 9-yard touchdown run that made it 34-6.

Running behind an offensive line featuring Edwin Tchapda, Brock Zellinger, Wyatt Perach and Daniel Langner, Brown fueled the drive with 4 carries for 58 yards.

The Raiders put the game out of reach with a pair of 4th-quarter scores -- Brown's 15-yard run for his 4th TD, and T.J. Herlien's 1-yard TD run with 6 minutes remaining.

Brown accounted for 302 of the Raiders' 559 total yards of offense.

"Jalen is a different beast," said Raiders coach Ryan Crissey. "It's only his second season playing football. He sees the field incredibly well. He's got so many natural talents and gifts. He was very patient tonight and let his blockers do their jobs.

"The offensive line played incredibly, and he let his athleticism take over."

"It starts with the offensive line," said Brown. "Without them, none of this would be possible."

The Raiders won the turnover battle, 4-1, but were whistled for 12 penalties (105 yards).

"That is uncharacteristic of us," said Crissey.

Dontain Williams (16 carries, 66 yards) and Jacob Carradine (5 catches, 56 yards) paced the Hawks' attack.

"They've got guys on their team that like I played with in college," said Bartlett coach Milan Vuckovich, who played at Western Illinois. "Even at the coin toss, when I saw (number) 23 (Brown), I was like, 'that's a grown man.' (Number) 8 (Williams), too. Those are big-time football players."

Glenbard South now awaits Friday's home date with fellow unbeaten South Elgin.

"We'll clean up a few things and it should be a great game next week," said Crissey.

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Cross country: Twentieth annual Flyin' Hawk Invite brings the noise

By: Kyle Leverone

High school cross country meets are organized chaos.

You've got people driving around in John Deere carts, and supporters are running beside the actual runners -- sometimes, you don't really know who's a fan and who's a runner, although the faster one is usually the one in the race.

Each school pitches a tent somewhere by the course, making it look, to the untrained eye, like they're tailgating for a concert. And the cowbells -- so many and so loud.

It would seem like it takes a lot to lock in. But apparently all it takes is a little bit of music.

Crystal Lake South senior Isabella Gonzalez (17:36.1), was running to Kendrick Lamar Saturday morning, and that was beneficial enough to take first in the varsity girls race of the 20th annual Flyin' Hawk cross country invitational at **Bartlett High School**.

"I listen to music, and I blast it," Gonzalez said. "I just get focused."

Even with the music up, she still loves the chaos and the noise and the cheering.

"That helps a ton," she said. "My coach was screaming and shouting at me, and that's where I separated. And it helps a lot just seeing like parents on the team and then my parents and stuff."

Fourth-place finisher, Jacobs senior Natalia Maciorowski (18:13.6), on the other hand, uses the quiet part of the course to lock in.

"I kind of tune into my senses," she said. "'This is what I smell. This is what I see. This is what I feel.' [I do it] to ground myself."

Cross country and running has actually been an important part of her life, as she said it's helped with confidence. Saturday morning was no different, as she hit a personal best with this 3-mile course.

All that being said, cross country is a team sport, and the support from peers keeps everyone together.

"I use my teammates in the race," Maciorowski said. "I used [Bailey Schwartz] as a visual. People use me as a visual, we all kind of help each other, and then the teammates that aren't running and racing, they're cheering you on. There's always someone there for you. So there's never a moment where you feel like you're alone."

Gonzalez helped Crystal Lake South win the girls race with 33 points. Jacobs (50) took second, Waubonsie Valley (118) third, St. Charles North scored 126 for fourth and Larkin 138 for fifth out of 15 teams.

Schwartz took second individually in 18:00.3 Other top 10 runners included Larkin's Heather Durrant in third, Crystal Lake South's Abby Machesky fifth, St. Charles North's Norah Dorrance sixth, then Lily Baibak (Waubonsie Valley), Colette Bacidore (Crystal Lake South), Ashley Gaba (Maine East) and Olivia Pinta (Crystal Lake South).

Boys race:

On the boys side of the invitational, Dekalb senior Riley Newport finished ahead of the pack with a 15:11.1 on the overcast day in Bartlett.

When dealing with the pandemonium of a meet, he just locks into his own world, and it's hard not to be when no one's in front of you.

"You kind of just gotta focus on your racing and focus on the rhythm of your running and just kind of always look ahead," he said. "Don't look to the side. Just kind of focus on yourself and keep looking forward."

Batavia senior Quintin Lowe (15:23.5), the runner-up of the boys race, echoed a similar sentiment saying that once the gun goes off, he is able to blur everything out and just lock in and just focus on the race.

So, to each their own. Whether they listened to the noise or they zoned it out and whether they listened to music or they listened to themselves, these athletes at the Bartlett Flyin' Hawk Invitational knew what they're doing.

- The rest of the boys top 10 started with third-place finisher Vijay Krishnamoorthi (Conant) in 15:31.8, then Andrew Beyer (Jacobs), Jacob Barraza (DeKalb), Aidan DeMuth (Jacobs), Zach

Self (Waubonsie Valley), Alec Melendez (Jacobs), Ryan Kries (Burlington Central) and 10th-place finisher David Bednarek Batavia of Batavia.

Jacobs won the 19-team meet with 48 points followed by Conant (72), Batavia (79), Waubonsie Valley (96) and DeKalb (127).

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Patrick Z. McGavin's Aurora, Elgin and Naperville boys soccer rankings and player of the week for Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022

By: Patrick Z McGavin



Genoa-Kingston's Jorge Leon, left, and Harvest Christian's Enrique Serrano fight for control of the ball during a Class 1A regional semifinal game on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Top 10

With records through Sunday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. Naperville Central 12-3 (2)

Senior midfielder [Sean O'Reilly](#) orchestrates win over Naperville North.

2. Naperville North 8-3-1 (1)

Sophomore forward [Noah Radeke](#) is heir to strong family tradition for Huskies.

3. **Elgin** 10-0-3 (3)

Versatile senior [Julian Orozco](#) keys defense with nine shutouts, only four goals allowed.

4. Benet 9-3-0 (4)

Freshman forward [Mateo Picha](#) scores first career varsity goal for Redwings.

5. East Aurora 9-3-2 (10)

Savvy junior midfielder Cristian Ibarra is a vital scoring threat for Tomcats.

6. St. Charles East 11-2-1 (5)

Disruptive senior defender Connor Brown helps Saints rack up five shutouts.

7. West Aurora 9-3-4 (6)

Sophomore defensive midfielder [Pacifique Ndayishimiye](#) is a jack-of-all-trades.

8. Geneva 6-1-7 (9)

Senior goalkeeper Matt Towler is fast, fluid and active defending box for Vikings.

9. St. Charles North 7-3-3 (7)

Two-way threat [Casey Kriz](#) is a sophomore standout for North Stars.

10. Oswego East 6-4-2 (8)

Josh Lopez scores dramatic goal in 80th minute for upset win over Plainfield North.

Player of the Week

Senior forward [Jorge Leon](#) totaled eight goals and an assist in four games as Genoa-Kingston went 3-1.

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Football / Top 20



York's Chris Danko tries to break away from Lyons' Jack Campbell during the Dukes' 27-14 win Saturday in Elmhurst. York improved to 5-0 and will play undefeated Glenbard West Friday in a matchup of the No. 1 and 2 teams in the Daily Herald Top 20. *Tony Gadomski/for Shaw Local*

Football

Team Week 5 result/Week 6 opponent

1. Glenbard West 5-0 Beat Addison Trail 48-14; at York
2. York 5-0 Beat Lyons 27-14; at Glenbard West
3. Hersey 5-0 Beat Prospect 41-34; hosts Rolling Meadows
4. Neuqua Valley 4-1 Beat Naperville C. 14-7; hosts Metea V.

5. South Elgin 5-0 Beat East Aurora 52-20; at Glenbard South
6. Prospect 4-1 Lost to Hersey 41-34; at Elk Grove
7. Wheaton North 4-1 Beat Lake Park 28-7; hosts Glenbard N.
8. Warren 4-1 Lost to Lake Zurich 23-14; at Mundelein
9. Maine South 3-2 Beat Glenbrook N. 43-0; at Glenbrook S.
10. Batavia 3-2 Beat Glenbard North 35-6; hosts WW South
11. Naperville North 4-1 Beat DeKalb 38-21; vs. Naperville Central
12. Palatine 4-1 Beat Fremd 31-7; at Conant
13. St. Charles North 4-1 Beat Geneva 35-20; at Lake Park
14. Downers Grove North 4-1 Beat Proviso West 49-0; hosts Hinsdale C.
15. Jacobs 4-1 Lost to Huntley 37-20; at Burlington C.
16. Naperville Central 3-2 Lost to Neuqua V. 14-7; vs. Naperville N.
17. Glenbard South 5-0 Beat Bartlett 47-6; at South Elgin
18. St. Francis 5-0 Beat Champaign C. 69-14; vs. Aurora Christian
19. Elk Grove 5-0 Beat Buffalo Grove 28-14; hosts Prospect
20. Geneva 4-1 Lost to St. Charles N. 35-20; at St. Charles E.

Others to watch: Wauconda 5-0, IC Catholic Prep 4-1, Cary-Grove 3-2, Hinsdale Central 3-2,
Conant 4-1