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Dundee-Crown topples Streamwood in OT

BY DAVE HESS

Dundee-Crown saved its best for last.

Struggling throughout most of its 2017-18 opener, the Chargers outscored Streamwood 6-2 in overtime to escape with a 40-36 win in action at the Dundee-Crown girls basketball Thanksgiving Tournament in Carpentersville Friday.

"We certainly were not happy with the way we play for the first 3 and a half quarters," said D-C coach Sarah Miller. "But, we kept fighting and got through some adversity and found a way to win. Credit Streamwood they played very well and really attacked us the whole night. We will learn from this and get ready to play 2 games on Saturday."

With the game tied at 34 after regulation time, Streamwood struck first in the overtime when Mandy Mien scored on a driving layup with 3:13 left in the extra session to give the Sabres a 36-34 advantage.

Those would be the only points the Sabres would score in the OT as the Chargers would tally the final 6.

The D-C points came on baskets by Gianine Boado and Payton Schmidt and 2 free throws by Kendall Kieltyka.

"Our young kids came through when needed," said Miller. "They came through in the clutch."

Senior Kennedy White paced D-C with 12 points including a pair of 3's while Schmidt joined White in double digits with 10.

Andrea Bracey was the lone Sabre in double figures with 13.

"It was a one-possession game," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "I was very proud of the kids and the effort."

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South Elgin falls to Homewood-Flossmoor

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI

Dan Mandernack is just looking for positives at this point.

The South Elgin girls basketball coach found a few, despite an ugly final score. The bad news: Homewood-Flossmoor used its relentless full-court pressure to build a 43-8 halftime lead and went on to defeat the Storm 59-21 in the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving tournament Friday night.

But there was some good news.

The Storm hung in there despite facing their second straight state-caliber team in the tournament, following an opening loss to Rockton Hononegah.

"Great body language, the girls are being great teammates, being coachable," said Mandernack. We come right back in the morning, so I jokingly said, "Tomorrow, we play a "normal" team. Crystal Lake South, they're a lot like us. They're going to be good, their coach does a good job, but kind of get back to some normalcy.

"We'll battle through. It's a long season, there's going to be ups and downs, and how are we going to handle this situation. Are we going to hang our heads, are we going to pout, are they going to be uncoachable? And they've been fantastic."

The Storm return to action quickly, facing the Gators in a 10 a.m. game Saturday.

The Vikings led 21-2 after one quarter. Their defense was so stifling that the Storm struggled at times to even inbound the ball. The Vikings forced 31 first-half turnovers, while rolling to a 35-point halftime lead, never easing up on the pressure defense.

Offensively, Aireal Dickson scored 22 points in less than 3 quarters. She was the only player on either team to reach double figures.

Megan McClure and Miah Galvin led South Elgin with 5 points apiece.

But the Storm won't settle for moral victories forever.

"We had a record-breaking season last year, won conference, and we're really excited about this year," said Mandernack. "Against two teams like that, we're going to learn, we're going to get better. But now, it's not just about learning, it's about correcting the mistakes, because now we're seeing the mistakes over and over again."

McClure added 6 rebounds for the Storm, who were outrebounded 24-13.

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Elgin Chamber hosts Thanksgiving Luncheon

SUBMITTED BY ELGIN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Thanksgiving is an ideal occasion to join together to give thanks. One of the longstanding traditions in the community is the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at Elgin Community College, Building E, 1700 Spartan Drive.

It will begin with networking and live music from 11:30 a.m. to noon followed by a buffet luncheon. Cost is \$25 per person.

Table centerpieces will be provided by **Elgin Area School District U-46 art students**. The invocation will be delivered by Mike Murschel of Caring Farewells Funeral Designers.

The day's program will be emceed by Elgin Area Chamber board chair Jaci Kator of AT&T and president Carol Gieske. The luncheon will also feature a brief video about the value of Elgin's nonprofit community and its volunteers

Six volunteers, who were nominated by local nonprofit agencies, will be recognized for their achievements by the group's Enhancing Elgin committee.

They are: Tom Brockner, nominated by Kiwanis Club of Elgin; Terry Dunning, nominated by Elgin Noon Rotary Club; Karen Fox, nominated by Gail Borden Public Library; Sylvia Hiple, nominated by Community Crisis Center; K. Eric Larson, nominated by Downtown Neighborhood Association; and Karen Schock, nominated by Elgin Symphony Orchestra.

Local service clubs and nonprofit organizations also will be recognized at this non-denominational luncheon as they provide critical programs and services to the community.

The luncheon is sponsored by Northwestern Medicine.

For reservations, visit elginchamber.com.

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Elgin Thanksgiving luncheon fetes volunteers

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Cellist Sara Sitzer of Chamber Music on the Fox will perform at the luncheon, which will feature table centerpieces made by School District U46 art students.

The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 21, at Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Building E. It is sponsored by Northwestern Medicine. Tickets are available in advance for \$25 at www.ElginChamber.com.

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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW: Larkin's Anthony Lynch looking for breakout season

BY PAUL JOHNSON



Larkin's Anthony Lynch, left, averaged 15.8 points, 4.8 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.3 steals last season. (Jon Langham/Courier-News)

After transferring from South Elgin, Anthony Lynch arrived last season at Larkin having to get acclimated to a new system on the fly.

He didn't play with the team during the summer, but the 6-foot-3 combo guard still managed to average 15.8 points, 4.8 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.3 steals in helping the Royals reach a Class 4A sectional final.

Colleges, of course, began to take notice. After a full summer with Larkin and his AAU team, Lynch is putting that choice on the back burner as a senior.

"I think I'm going to bet on myself," Lynch said. "I have confidence in myself. I feel like my game got better over the summer, so why not?"

A hidden gem in the recruiting game, Lynch has only one Division I offer, from American University. A wide array of skills has him poised to make a big name for himself this season.

Larkin coach Deryn Carter plans to put the ball in the versatile guard's hands and let him make plays.

"Worst-case scenario, he's going to have what he already has," Carter said of Lynch's college pursuits. "I think he's betting on himself. He's also betting on the team.

"He thinks that as long as we're successful as a group, he's going to get the lion's share of that credit. That stuff will come for him as long as we're successful, and he's going to be a big part of that."

Carter points to Lynch's familiarity with the program and his overall growth as reasons to expect a spike in production.

"He's a little older, so he has a little more maturity, physically and mentally," Carter said. "He didn't have a summer with us last year. He had a summer with us this year, and he was high level in June.

"We expect to see that, and we've seen that since practice started. We're excited to see him get on the floor in more of a comfort zone."

Lynch, who's a natural point guard, will team with Kindrel Morris as each can run the offense and get to the basket. Add in 6-foot-10 senior Jalen Shaw in the post and junior sharpshooter Pierre Black on the perimeter and the Royals are going to be diverse offensively.

Larkin took the scenic route to the sectional final last year. Christian Negrón, now at Loyola, was lost with a season-ending injury just before practice started. Lynch transferred in after two varsity seasons at South Elgin.

A rugged schedule left the Royals just over .500 (15-14) come postseason, but they still were within two wins of advancing to state.

This season's quest gets started this week. The Royals take on Hollywood, Fla., power McArthur on Tuesday in Rockford. The Royals then face both defending 4A state champion Young and Rockford East on Friday.

"I tell them all the time, if you want to be high level, you have to be high level in those games," Carter said.

Lynch and the Royals are ready for the challenge.

"I'm excited," Lynch said. "We have a lot of returners back. We're going to try to use our maturity and play together. The way we compete is on a whole other level. We like playing the best teams."

Paul Johnson is a freelance reporter for The Courier-News.

Top 5 Teams

1. Larkin (19-15): A pair of senior Division I prospects, guard Anthony Lynch and 6-foot-10 center Jalen Shaw, return to lead the Royals. Larkin reached a sectional championship game last season, and much of that firepower returns.

2. St. Charles East (18-9): Justin Hardy, the Upstate Eight River Player of the Year, and four other key contributors return from a team looking to erase the memory of last season's early playoff exit.

3. Jacobs (30-2): The Cam Krutwig era is over at Jacobs, but expectations remain high. Sharpshooting senior guard Ryan Phillips, the Golden Eagles' second-leading scorer, and guards Nik Balkcom and Kameron Mack lead the returnees.

4. Burlington Central (26-4): The Rockets won a conference title last season and return 12 players from that team. Senior guard Zach Schutta, who already has scored more than 1,000 career points, leads the way.

5. Bartlett (18-12): The Hawks reached the regional championship game as a young team last season. Nearly all of that production returns, led by top scorer Ben Tompson and junior Austin Gates, and that has created high expectations.

Top 15 Players

(in alphabetical order)

Gabe Bergeron, Dundee-Crown, senior, center; Keenon Cole, Streamwood, junior, forward; AJ Franklin, St. Edward, senior, forward; Austin Gates, Bartlett, junior, guard; Justin Hardy, St. Charles East, senior, forward; Michael Kalusa, Burlington Central, senior, guard; Kyle King, St. Charles North, senior, center; Anthony Lynch, Larkin, senior, guard; Brendon Martin, Streamwood, senior, forward; Jack Orndahl, Dundee-Crown, senior, guard; Ryan Phillips, Jacobs, senior, guard; Zach Schutta, Burlington Central, senior, guard; Jalen Shaw, Larkin, senior, center; Ben Tompson, Bartlett, senior, guard; Ben Versluys, Westminster Christian, senior, forward.

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ECC seeks candidates for board of trustees

SUBMITTED BY ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The [Elgin](#) Community College Board of Trustees has announced a vacancy due to the resignation of Trustee Angela J. Holmes. Under Illinois law, the board will appoint a trustee to fill the vacant seat from Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 until the next consolidated election on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Candidates must be a citizen of the United States, age 18 years old or older, and a resident in Community College District 509 for at least one year immediately preceding the appointment. District 509 is comprised of **Elgin Area School District U-46**, Algonquin-based Community Unit District 300, Burlington Central Unit District 301 and St. Charles Unit District 303.

Those interested in being considered for appointment to the board should send an up-to-date resume, list of references and a letter explaining why they wish to serve as a trustee electronically to boardoftrustees@elgin.edu or dkerruish@elgin.edu. Hard copies should be mailed to: Board of Trustees, Building B, Room B235.04, Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123.

All submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017.

Candidates may be invited to ECC for interviews on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017. The board intends to fill the position at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017.

For more information, contact David Sam, JD, PhD, LL.M., president of Elgin Community College, or Diane Kerruish, board recorder, at 847-214-7374.