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### **Officials: Student threat at school unfounded**

Police presence increased at Streamwood high after writing in boy's bathroom

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO

A student threat against Streamwood High School posted in a boys' restroom was determined to be unfounded but prompted extra police presence at the school Friday, officials said.

The threat at the school, which is part of School District U46, was discovered Thursday in the stall of a restroom on the third floor, Principal Michele Chapman said in a letter sent Friday to parents. Staff was notified of the message by another student, she said.

Streamwood Deputy Police Chief Daryl Syre said no arrests had been made as of Friday.

Although no evidence supporting the threat was found, police presence was stepped up at the school Friday as a precaution, Syre said. Some parents and guardians chose to excuse their children early as a result of the threat and the police presence Friday, he said.

The incident Thursday occurred one day after a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., left 17 people dead.

"Unfortunately, this is probably occurring in municipalities across the country (this week) because I know we're not the only ones," Syre said.

Since Wednesday, threats against schools and higher education institutions and corresponding investigations have been reported elsewhere in the state, including Indiana, Washington and Florida, according to news outlets.

"The safety of our students and staff is our top priority," Chapman said in her letter. "Please remind your student that safety is also everyone's responsibility. Please remember that if you see something, say something. We appreciate that a student did just that yesterday.

"Please note that students who make safety and security threats could face disciplinary action. Such threats disrupt the learning process and siphon resources from our school and community."

## SPORTS SECTION

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### **Geneva hits 13 3s in rout of Elgin**

BY KEVIN MCGAVIN

Mitch Mascari figured he had the green light.

The Geneva junior guard was well beyond the 3-point arc during the Vikings' Upstate Eight River boys basketball game against Elgin Friday night.

Mascari simply let fly from downtown midway through the third quarter.

The ball found nothing but net as the conversion marked the sixth 3-pointer of the game for Mascari in the Vikings' 73-54 victory in Geneva.

"I just saw how much space I had and shot it," said Mascari, who finished with a team-high 20 points. "Luckily, it went in."

The Vikings (17-10, 7-4) lit up the Maroons' defense with 13 3-pointers in dominating the game from start to finish.

Geneva scored 17 of the first 20 points of the game as Elgin, which finished its regular season at 10-17 overall and 2-10 in the league, secured its only lead on the first of four Trey Yarber 3-pointers two possessions into the game.

The most telling indicator of a distinctive Geneva advantage came on the glass as the Vikings corralled the first 8 missed shots of the game.

"I noticed that, too," Mascari said of the Vikings' adroitness around the rim. "It seemed like every time we got an offensive rebound, they kicked it out for a wide-open three. Even Jack (Hood) had one."

Hood scored 10 of his 15 points in the opening quarter and also finished the game with three 3-pointers.

"Being senior night, we started making shots," said Hood. "The next thing you knew it was a big lead. We're definitely a good perimeter shooting team."

Geneva made more than half of its shots from the floor (16-for-31) in the first half in building a 43-26 lead at the intermission.

Elgin did not score a conventional field goal until Dan Toolsie, who led all players with 21 points, scored on a driving layup three minutes into the second quarter.

Elgin never came closer than 12 points -- two-thirds through the second -- after Geneva more than trumped the Maroons' three first-quarter 3-pointers with 25 points.

The carnage only worsened when Geneva scored on three straight trips to open the third quarter.

The Vikings were 9-for-11 with four 3-pointers in scoring another 23 points in the third.

"It was a big win overall," Hood said.

Nate Santos' 12 points off the bench paced the reserves for Geneva; the Vikings' Josh Preston had 9 points off the bench, and starting guard Jack McDonald augmented his ball-handling duties with 7 points.

Toolsie fought to the end as Elgin outscored Geneva 17-7 in the fourth to make the final far more palatable.

"I don't know why I played harder at the end," Toolsie said. "We were down so much. It didn't feel right in my head."

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## **St. Charles North hands Larkin 1<sup>st</sup> River loss**

BY JOHN LEMON

St. Charles North couldn't do anything to stop Larkin from winning the Upstate Eight River crown Friday night, but the North Stars did have a say in whether it would be an undefeated championship or not.

Thanks to 17 points and 7 rebounds from Zach Ludwig, Kyle King scoring 14 points despite constant foul trouble, Brendan Dal Degan's 11 points and a stellar effort from their bench, the North Stars denied the Royals an undefeated Upstate Eight River season with a 71-57 victory in Elgin.

That certainly was one goal for St. Charles North (15-10, 8-3), and another was avenging a 51-50 loss to Larkin in the first meeting that the Royals' Anthony Lynch won with a layup in the final seconds.

"We've been thinking of that (loss) all week," Ludwig said. "We felt the last one slipped away and we didn't want that to happen again. We put a lot of hard work into this and we really wanted to get this one. We feel like we're the best team in the conference. We wanted to prove it."

Ludwig didn't get any argument from Royals coach Deryn Carter, even though the Royals have already clinched the title.

With both teams in the St. Charles North regional in two weeks, there's a chance they could meet a third time.

"There's no question right now they are the better team," Carter said. "We have two weeks and a couple games to get better and try to beat them in the regional title if we get there."

On Friday, Larkin (18-8, 10-1) took its only lead early, scoring the first four points. After Cade Callaghan drove baseline, scored and was fouled to put the North Stars ahead 9-7, they never trailed again.

They did it even though King, their leading scorer, spent much more time on the bench than the court. He picked up his second foul with 3:49 left in the first quarter, his third with 7:05 remaining in the second quarter, and his fourth with 4:46 left in the third.

King didn't re-enter the game until 3:13 remained in the game. He was very effective in his limited time on the court -- just over 11 minutes total -- with his 14 points coming on 5-of-6 shooting.

And the North Stars got a lift from their bench, especially Luke Scheffers (8 points) and Tyler Nubin (6 points, 5 rebounds).

"Everyone stepped up big," Ludwig said. "The whole bench gave us good minutes. Coaches said we wanted to send a statement win and I think that's exactly what it does."

Ludwig knocked down a jumper to put the North Stars up 16-9 after the first quarter, and DalDegan drilled a last-second 3-pointer to send the North Stars to halftime ahead 31-22. The Royals hurt themselves by hitting just 4 of 14 free throws in the first half; they finished 11-27.

"It's mental more than anything," Carter said. "It was horrendous tonight."

"As bad as we were from the free-throw line, we were worse defensively. That's as bad as we've played defensively. We got our butts kicked."

Larkin rallied from 9 points down in the first meeting to beat the North Stars. The Royals didn't get any closer than 6 in the second half on a 3 from Pierre Black that made it 46-40.

Two free throws from Ludwig, a spin move by Nubin against 6-foot-10 Jalen Shaw, a long jumper by Erik Larson and two more free throws from Scheffers stretched the margin to 55-42 with 5:13 remaining, and the game never got tight down the stretch.

"They are tired of playing really well and getting beat at the end," said North Stars coach Tom Poulin, whose team has lost heartbreakers to Larkin, Geneva and St. Charles East. "We're 5 points away from being undefeated in conference. We're as good as anybody."

Lynch led all scorers with 21 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Shaw added 18 points and 8 rebounds.

The Saints shot 51 percent (25 of 49) while Larkin made 21 of 51 shots (41.1 percent).

"We've been through some heat, some heartbreaking losses and we're still coming out and playing with the best teams around," Poulin said. "Our kids were ready to go tonight. We had to adjust and overcome. I really feel our bench stepped up, and we pulled away at the end instead of letting them hang around."

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## **West Aurora's win over South Elgin clinches UEC Valley**

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

The highflying West Aurora boys basketball team threw down 10 dunks in Friday's conference-clinching 65-47 home win over South Elgin.

"That's like a normal night," Blackhawks coach Brian Johnson said of six slams by 6-foot-3 senior guard Camron Donatlan and four by 6-5 senior forward Jared Crutcher. "It's crazy. It's crazy."

Piling up double-digit dunks is one thing. Four players cracking double-digit scoring is another.

West Aurora (19-4, 8-0) clinched its second straight Upstate Eight Valley title, thanks to balanced contributions from Donatlan -- who finished with a game-high 24 points, 7 rebounds and 4 steals -- Crutcher (13 points, 8 rebounds, 4 blocks), senior Ben Young (13 points) and senior Damian Virgen (11 points, 3 steals, 2 assists).

"Since I've been here I think this is the best team basketball we've ever played," said Young, who has played three varsity seasons alongside Virgen and Donatlan. "Everybody's getting touches ... that's how we're supposed to play. That's what we're supposed to do."

West Aurora jumped to a 21-10 lead, powered by Donatlan. Half the 12 first-quarter points scored by the reigning Class 3A state high jump champion came via dunks.

"It was fun with the atmosphere with all the Rowdies here," Donatlan said of the West Aurora student section. "It was just turning me up, them being here."

Undaunted, South Elgin (15-11, 4-5) got back in the game in the second quarter as the Storm outscored the Blackhawks 16-8. Juniors Drake Montgomery and Vince Miszkiewicz each scored twice and seniors Kyle Sy and Noah Rohr each drained 3-pointers to draw within 29-26 at halftime.

After the break, however, the Blackhawks reasserted themselves defensively. They held the Storm to 9 third-quarter points on 4-of-16 shooting and forced 6 of South Elgin's 22 turnovers.

"We were able to settle down on defense," Donatlan said. "We were letting them drive and kick too much so we just had to stop them."

"It was about toughness tonight," South Elgin coach Brett Johnson said. "We had it, but we couldn't put the ball in the basket when we had wide open looks in the third quarter. You can't win a game when you score only 9 points. I give them credit for making sure they found ways to stop us and make us feel uncomfortable with the ball and force us into tough situations."

West Aurora, ranked atop the Daily Herald's Top 20, took a 43-35 lead to the fourth quarter and outscored the Storm 22-12 over the final eight minutes to win its 11th straight.

"We're in a very good place right now," Donatlan said. "We have this thing rolling right now. I think we're in a pretty good position for state."

Montgomery led the Storm with 15 points, Miszkiewicz finished with 13 points and 14 rebounds and Rohr sank a pair of 3-pointers in an 11-point performance.