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SPORTS SECTION

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Softball: Larkin softball rolls over Streamwood SCN prevails over Batavia in River

BY JOHN LEMON

Softball postseason pairings came out this week, and there's no shortage of area teams to watch.

St. Charles East earned the No. 1 seed in the Fremd sectional, and Huntley nabbed a No. 1 seed of its subsectional.

"Looking at the other teams and what they have done, I felt we were deserving no doubt about," Saints coach Jarod Gutesha said. "We played a lot of tough teams this spring. We might have lost a few but you have that on your resume (playing top teams) you've earned it."

A year ago it was Geneva who earned a No. 1 seed at the Bolingbrook sectional. Unfortunately for the Vikings they never got to the sectional, getting upset by No. 9 Yorkville in the regional finals.

This season Geneva is seeded fifth in Oswego sectional, and the Vikings' first-round opponent is none other than the team that knocked them out last year, No. 12 Yorkville.

"We are happy with our seed," Geneva coach Greg Dierks said. "That's as good as we could hope for. Every regional in our sectional is loaded up. Round one games will be tough to win. Yorkville will be very challenging mentally and physically. They are a very good team that doesn't give up many runs. And we have to embrace the challenge of beating the team that ended our season last year."

St. Charles East also could run into a familiar foe in the sectional semifinals if No. 4 seed St. Charles North wins its regional.

The Saints swept the North Stars in conference play but that doesn't mean much in the postseason. Last year St. Charles East also was a No. 1 sectional seed only to be upset 11-2 by No. 5 St. Charles North in the sectional championship.

"It's a new year, it's a new team," Gutesha said.

Seeing Red: Huntley is in a similar position to last year when the Red Raiders and Barrington were the two No. 1 subsectional seeds in a sectional once again hosted by Huntley. Both teams advanced to the sectional championship game with Barrington winning 13-2.

Like the Saints, Mark Petryniec's Red Raiders are on their way to clinching a conference championship, which will be Huntley's third straight. The Red Raiders have only lost

once in the Fox Valley, three games better than Dundee-Crown and Crystal Lake South with four games to go.

"Nothing is taken for granted," Petryniec said. "We know we have a little bit of a target and we are going to get everyone's best. We have to play our best every single day."

Huntley is winning with freshmen Marley Reicher and Paige Berkmeier in its starting lineup, and another freshman -- Briana Bower -- coming in to close out games throwing 64 miles per hour. She threw three hitless innings against the Gators on Thursday.

"There's no freshmen on the team this time of year," Petryniec said. "Your experiences you are almost a sophomore. We've been doing this approach most of the year and she (Bower) did great. This (Crystal Lake South) is a big hitting lineup and you tell her just to trust her stuff and your best is hopefully better than their best."

Web gem: St. Charles East center fielder Maddie Candre took two hits away from St. Charles North in a 10-2 win Friday.

On the first, Candre dove to snare a ball in the right-center gap. Three innings later, Candre raced in and again fully extended to catch a sinking blooper.

"Right when it's hit I try to get the best read I can," Candre said. "Sometimes it's a last-minute dive. That last one I didn't know if I was close enough."

Candre certainly was encouraged by her team's play Friday.

"If we play like this every game I have no doubt we'll go to state," Candre said. "They (SCN) are a very good team."

Sparkplug: St. Charles North coach Tom Poulin did something for the first time this week when he called up freshman Anastasia Pappas.

The North Stars have had freshmen play before but never a mid-season call-up. Poulin said Pappas almost made the varsity to start the year. Instead she tore up JV softball.

In her first varsity game Monday Pappas had 2 hits. She was the winning pitcher in her next two games, striking out 8 against Elgin and 7 vs. Glenbard East, also getting a hit in each game. She capped the week Friday as the North Stars' leadoff hitter against St. Charles East, and she also pitched the final three innings.

"She is somebody we believe in and was doing very well at the JV level," Poulin said. "She has a very, very promising future. I felt it was a spark we needed this week. She's going to have a real nice four years."

Pappas has a similar build to former North Star standout Sabrina Rabin, who went on to Northwestern and rewrote several of the Wildcats records.

That's not the only thing that brings back memories of Rabin.

"She reminds me with her attitude and attention to detail and her love of the game," Poulin said. "She's all softball, she's all business."

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DAILY HERALD REPORT

Larkin's softball team pounded out 24 hits Saturday in a 19-7 Upstate Eight River win over Streamwood.

Kiara Villa (6 RBI), Gloria Stoltz (2 RBI) and Katie Turner (4 RBI) each had 4 hits for the Royals (6-17, 4-11) while Kathy Garcia (2B) and Liz Bowman (3 RBI) added 3 hits each.

Villa was the winning pitcher.

Hampshire 9, Sycamore 8: Miki Snider's sacrifice fly scored Katie Del Re, who had singled, in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift Hampshire (13-10) to a nonconference win. Morgan Haefling (3 hits, 2 triples, 3 RBI), Delaney Rummell (3 hits, 2B, RBI) and Shai-Ann Curie (2 hits, HR) led the Whip-Purs' offense.

Cary-Grove 2nd at Fenton: The Trojans defeated Lane Tech 12-8 and then lost to Ridgewood 5-3 in the championship game of the Fenton tournament. Against Lane, Kelly Johnson (3 hits, 3B, RBI), Katy Wierczorek (2 hits, 2B, 2 RBI), Emma Hill (2 hits, RBI), Lindsey Norberg (2 hits, 2B, 2 RBI), Alina Krembuszewski (2 hits, RBI) and Nicollette Richardi (2B, RBI) led the C-G offense. Against Ridgewood, Johnson and Anna Whitaker had 2 hits each for the Trojans (14-8).

Burlington Central 5, Chicago Christian 3: In the semifinals of the IC Catholic tournament, Julia Barnes (2 hits, 2B), Danielle Yurgil (2 hits, 2B, RBI) and Peyton Curits (2B, RBI) led the Rockets (15-5) to the win. Alisyn Catenacci allowed 6 hits with 9 strikeouts and 1 walk for the win in the circle. The championship game against Trinity was then rained out.

ACC 13, Hinsdale South 3: Also at the IC tournament, Isabel Gonzalez (2 hits, 4 RBI) and winning pitcher Izzy Hernandez (2 hits) each had home runs for Aurora Central (14-14). Alheli Velazquez (2 hits, 3B, 3 RBI), Ava Wilkins (2 hits, 2 RBI), Casey Feltes (3 hits, 2B) and Sammy Martinez (2 RBI) also contributed for the Chargers.

Huntley 12, Glenbrook North 2: Tiffany Giese allowed 6 hits with 7 strikeouts and 1 walk to run her record to 16-2 for the season in Huntley's nonconference win. She also had 2 hits with a double and 2 RBI. Also producing for the Red Raiders (23-5) were Quinn Walsh (2 hits, RBI), Autumn Kasal (2 hits, RBI), Teagan O'Rilley (2 hits, 3B, 2 RBI) and Grace Kutz (2 hits, HR, 2 RBI).

Montini 22, Rosary 10: Mikayal Cassidy (3 hits, 4 RBI), Riley McCue (grand slam) and Brooke Cappararelli each hit home runs for Rosary (6-6-1) in this nonconference loss. Also contributing for the Royals were Xandria Olsen (2 doubles), Peyton Dillon (3 hits, RBI) and Chloe Saltijeral (2 hits).

Fenton 12, St. Edward 11: At the Fenton tournament, Sarah Mendoza (3 hits, 2B, 3B, 3 RBI), Lindsey Mauritzen (2 hits), Ashley Miller (2 hits, 3B), Jessy Kramp (3 hits, 2 doubles, 3 RBI) and Hannah Dorley (3 hits, 2B, 2 RBI) led St. Edward.

Waukegan 13, St. Edward 8: In its second game at Fenton, Ashley Miller (2 hits), Jessy Kramp (2B, 3 RBI) and Mallory Rejman (2B, 2 RBI) paced St. Edward (10-14).

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Baseball: Streamwood shuts down Bartlett

BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

The Streamwood baseball team's 7-0 Saturday morning victory over Bartlett was just what the Sabres needed after a long week.

It was a result the visiting Hawks could have lived without.

Streamwood (11-16) took its lumps during the week from three of the top five teams in the upcoming Class 4A Bartlett sectional. The 15th-seeded Sabres dropped a 10-0 decision to No. 1 St. Charles North on Friday and fell 8-5 against No. 4 Batavia on Monday. In between, they lost 3 straight against No. 5 St. Charles East by a combined score of 26-5.

The Sabres had better luck against No. 17 Bartlett (9-15) on Senior Day. Senior Daniel Kuehl held the Hawks scoreless on 1 hit over 5 innings, and senior first baseman Mike Pawlikowski pulled a 3-run home run over the left field fence in the second inning to put the Sabres ahead 7-0 in the Upstate Eight crossover.

"It's been a while since we put a full game together," said Pawlikowski, responsible for 3 of Streamwood's 6 home runs this season. "I was just looking to hit the ball hard. He threw me a pitch down and in a little bit, right where I wanted it at the belt. Looked at it, saw it right there and just put a nice swing on it."

Pawlikowski turned on a first-pitch fastball.

"I felt that took the pressure off a little bit," Streamwood coach Ryan LaSota said of the blast, which keyed a 4-run inning. "That was big. We get that crooked number and it gave us a lot of energy on the bench. It's a lot more fun to play that way. And being able to get off the schneid and get a W was nice."

The Sabres' 7 hits included a first-inning double by No. 3 hitter AJ Reyna. The junior roped a double to left field, scoring Tyler Jones and Colin Caminitti for a 2-0 lead against Bartlett starting pitcher Max Lewis.

Seven runs was plenty for Kuehl (1-5). The right-hander issued 2 first-inning walks but escaped unscathed with the first of 7 strikeouts.

"I just had to settle in," Kuehl said. "I came out a little bit nervous because of Senior Night with a lot of people watching. The curveball wasn't working too well, but I knew my defense had my back. I just threw strikes, let them hit it and got out of the inning. I kept the same mindset the rest of the game."

Streamwood sophomore Tyler Jones danced around 3 walks and a hit to toss 2 scoreless relief innings.

Tyler Yang (2-for-3) managed the only hits for Bartlett, which was unable to dent the scoreboard despite drawing 6 walks. The Hawks have lost 3 of their last 4 games, including a UEC Valley series loss to West Aurora earlier in the week.

"Two things set the tone," Bartlett coach Devin Rosen said. "We had guys on base first inning and the opportunity to jump on top, which would have set things up in our favor but it didn't happen. Then in their half we didn't throw strikes, and defensively we failed also. That's a recipe for disaster, unfortunately."

Caminiti went 2-for-2 with 2 walks and Reyna finished 3-for-4 with 3 RBI for the Sabres.