

## **Press Clippings 11/28/2018**

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### **U46 students spend their party time feeding poor**

#### **Kids look forward to helping Feed My Starving Children**

**By: Rafael Guerrero**

A few weeks before Thanksgiving, sixth-grade students at Liberty Elementary School in Bartlett sacrificed their Halloween party to help those in need.

The students chose work with Feed My Starving Children, a nonprofit that packages and delivers food to developing countries. It's something sixth-grade students have volunteered to do for the last few years, principal Juanita Jimenez said.

"The sixth-grade classes have chosen to do this," Jimenez said. "They get to decide if they want to do this or not and every year they do."

It's one of many things students in School District U46 have taken on in the days leading up to Thanksgiving to help others, officials said. Some do small acts inside their schools while others pursue larger endeavors in the community.

Jimenez said the Liberty trip to a Feed My Starving Children location was a bold move when first introduced; they weren't sure the students would give up the tradition of wearing costumes and collecting candy in school. Now younger students look forward to the day when they can go, she said.

"We need to instill in them the idea that it is not just about you. The whole community piece is important," Jimenez said. "The school doesn't exist just by itself. We can help (the community) just like they can help us. We want to have those conversations about community."

Literacy work on activism is what prompted students and staff to look for a goodwill project and settle on the Feed My Starving Children mission, said Cyndi Aleman, a former Liberty sixth-grade teacher.

"Community service was one step in understanding more about activism," said Aleman, now an assistant principal at Hillcrest Elementary School in Elgin. "Sixth-grade students love to help so asking them if they wanted to volunteer instead of having a Halloween party was simple."

This year, about 60 students went on the food-packaging trip, Jimenez said.

Officials with the nonprofit said several schools visit and assist on a yearly basis.

“For us, it’s amazing, it’s such a huge blessing,” said Nina Sladek, site manager for the Feed My Starving Children location in Libertyville. “It’s important for us to be able to have the next generation participating in what food relief is going to look like.”

Liberty students and staff also collected food and supplies as part of Hanover Township’s collection drive, Jimenez said.

Other schools assist in goodwill efforts as well. On Monday, student-athletes at Streamwood High School helped feed dozens of military veterans at the Hanover Township Senior Center, U46 officials said.

And at Fox Meadow Elementary School in South Elgin, students collected loose change as part of its Change for Hunger campaign for the Food for Greater Elgin food pantry. They also decorated paper plates to go along with collecting money, officials said.



- Students from Liberty Elementary School in Bartlett assist in packing meals for Feed My Starving Children at one of its sites during the fall. The sixth-grade classrooms gave up their in-school Halloween parties to volunteer instead.

## **Teacher named Great Lakes Planetarium fellow**

**By: Michelle Mullins**

Peggy Hernandez, planetarium teacher at School District U46, has been named a Fellow of the Great Lakes Planetarium Association, a professional organization dedicated to supporting astronomy and space science education.

Hernandez joined the association in 2009, the first year she started teaching at the U46 planetarium. The district’s planetarium was built in [Elgin](#) in the 1960s as an addition to the 1909 Elgin Watch Factory observatory building.

Each school year, about 16,000 U46 students go on field trips to the planetarium to learn about stars and planets. Hernandez also makes presentations to scouting groups and members of the public.

The public can tour the facility from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3. A presentation on the Geminid meteor shower will be offered.



- Peggy Hernandez, planetarium teacher at School District U-46, has been named a Fellow of the Great Lakes Planetarium Association.

## **Up to 10 inches of snow reported**

### **U46 classes canceled, East Dundee Village Hall closed Monday**

#### **Staff report**

The blizzard that hit the Elgin area with anywhere from 7 to 10 inches of wet snow Sunday into Monday left schools closed, power lines and tree limbs downed, and more than one fender bent.

Elgin police said they responded to 30 accidents, 36 assists to motorists, 40 hazardous situations like downed wires and tree branches, and 18 stoplight malfunctions through late Monday morning, when the blowing snow finally ceased.

“The ice mixed with snow definitely offered significant challenges to motorists,” police Cmdr. Frank Trost said. “We always urge people to stay off the roads during winter storms if they can, though we know sometimes it cannot be avoided. It’s important to take it slow and be ready for additional time for travel.”

Elgin had its full fleet of 23 plows on the streets, which is typical for any snowstorm, city spokesperson Molly Center said.

But the blowing snow and slick roadways still had drivers getting stuck in snowdrifts or caught by the snow on the road — the majority of the calls handled by the Kane County sheriff's office, Lt. Pat Gengler said.

From 3 p.m. Sunday to 3 p.m. Monday, the KaneComm dispatch center handled almost 1,200 calls and 563 requests for service, significantly more than the 323 calls and 210 service requests that came in over the same time period a week earlier, Gengler said. Almost all were weather-related, such as vehicle problems, downed tree limbs or fallen power lines, he said.

Roads west of Randall Road, such as Route 47, were particularly hard hit by blowing and drifting snow, Gengler said. That most area schools canceled class Monday was a huge help by reducing the number of people and buses on the road, he said.

“We expect the roads to be slick because of the buildup of ice so people need to be careful,” he said.

Power is still out for several residents in the area. As of Tuesday afternoon, about 400 customers were without power in Elgin, down from about 2,300 Monday, ComEd officials said. Only a handful remained without electricity in Carpentersville and St. Charles as of Tuesday; more than 1,300 were out on Monday. Officials said the majority of customers should have their electricity restored by Wednesday.

“Even in general, we haven't seen a storm like this in a few years,” ComEd spokesman John Schoen said. “We were monitoring the storm during the weekend, we were making plans to staff up, have been working during the night and day and will stay on the job until it is restored.”

The 10-inch snowfall in Elgin (about 9 inches in St. Charles and 7 inches in Carpentersville), coupled with the strong wind, prompted school districts U46, 300, 301, 303 and 304 to cancel classes and before-school and after-school programs. Geneva School District 304 also canceled its Monday night school board meeting.

Also closed Monday was St. Edward Central Catholic High School, Elgin Math and Science Academy, Elgin Academy, Elgin Community College, East Dundee Village Hall and Kane County government buildings and courts.

Libraries did open Monday but later than usual. The Dundee and Randall Oaks libraries pushed the opening time back to 11 a.m., and Gail Borden Public Library opened at 1 p.m.



- Workers clear out snow Monday from the School District U-46 school bus depot. Sunday's blizzard forced the Elgin area district to cancel classes Monday

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## **U-46 pushes back on lawsuit over Elgin student's death**

**By: Harry Hitzeman**

Elgin Area School District U-46 lawyers argue the district has immunity from financial liability for a fifth-grade student at Highland Elementary who died in May 2017 after suffering a seizure during a game of tag.

But attorneys for the boy's parents contend district officials knew of the youth's conditions and it was reasonable to expect them to perform CPR or take other lifesaving measures instead of waiting seven minutes for paramedics to arrive.

The wrongful-death lawsuit was filed after the boy, 11, died on May 19, 2017; school district attorneys will argue next month that the lawsuit should be thrown out.

According to the suit, the boy was asthmatic, had a severe seizure disorder and carried an inhaler. He was playing a game of tag, also known as "statue," in an unsupervised classroom at the Elgin school, 190 N. Melrose Ave., when he started to shake, fell and hit his head, according to the suit.

School personnel, who knew of the boy's conditions, were called but failed to provide appropriate medical care, find or use the inhaler or perform CPR, the suit claims.

Michael Hernandez, an attorney for the district, argues the lawsuit should be thrown out because district employees have protection under the Governmental Employee Tort Immunity Act. Also, the plaintiffs have not shown the boy suffered seizures during tag before, which could qualify as "willful and wanton" conduct, which is an exception to the act, he argues.

"Absent such allegations, the plaintiffs cannot expect, and the law cannot require, defendants to be liable for failing to be clairvoyant," wrote Hernandez in a motion to dismiss the suit. "What happened to (the student) was upsetting to the Highland Elementary School community and the entire School District U46. However, plaintiff's claims against the defendants are insufficient and barred by the Tort Immunity Act."

Lawyers for the family contend the lawsuit centers on negligence during a "clear medical emergency" to help the ailing boy, and those claims are separate from what is protected in the immunity law.

"CPR and other basic actions in an emergency are not responses reserved only for medical professionals," William Gibbs, attorney for the plaintiff, wrote in favor of preserving the lawsuit. "It is reasonable to expect school personnel charged with providing a safe and effective learning environment, to perform CPR on a student who is unresponsive and not breathing."

The two sides are due in court on Dec. 4 to argue the matter before a judge.



- A fifth-grade boy died after suffering a seizure at Highland Elementary School in Elgin in 2017. His family has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against Elgin Area School District U-46.

## **SPORTS SECTION**

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### **Forward progress: Vincent Miskiewicz puts on 15 pounds of muscle, becomes 'big guy' for South Elgin**

**By: Paul Johnson**

South Elgin's Vincent Miskiewicz, one of the area's top inside threats, felt he lacked strength last season.

He still averaged gaudy numbers with 16.3 points, 12.3 rebounds, 3.7 blocked shots and 1.9 steals.

"I was getting pushed around a lot," Miskiewicz said. "In the offseason, I was like, 'I don't want to be pushed around anymore.' I wanted to be the big guy. I worked out a lot.

"I feel like it's paying off. I can feel it. I don't get pushed around that often. I can get to the spots that I need to go."

Miskiewicz put on 15 pounds of muscle in the offseason, and he has put up even bigger numbers in the first three games this season for the Storm (2-1).

The 6-foot-7 senior forward is averaging 21.3 points and 12.7 rebounds. He has recorded a pair of double-doubles, delivering several thunderous dunks in the process.

"He's improving," South Elgin coach Brett Johnson said of Miskiewicz. "He's a senior who needs to understand that he's a very important cog in our system, but he needs to do what he does well, which is to be aggressive at the rim, go rebound the ball and get putbacks.

"If he keeps doing that, he's going to get a double-double every night because it's an intensity and effort thing."

With an eye on playing in a college, Miskiewicz has been trying to improve his perimeter game. He spent much of the summer with his AAU team working on his outside shot.

Johnson also wants to help Miskiewicz develop that part of his game without giving up his strengths.



- South Elgin's Vincent Miskiewicz completes a dunk against West Aurora during a game on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018.

“Vince is very understanding of his position on the team,” Johnson said. “We’re going to try to help him get those opportunities, but when it comes down to crunch time, he has to go inside.

“He’s more than willing to do that because he knows that’s what is best for the team.”

Miskiewicz confirmed he is mindful of that pecking order, but if an open shot presents itself, he won’t be shy.

“I first listen to the coach,” Miskiewicz said. “If he wants me to pass the ball, I’ll listen. When I’m coming off a screen and I feel like I can make that shot, though, I’ll take it and make it. Or if I see a defender playing off of me, I’ll take it to the hole and finish.

“It depends on what the defense is giving me.”

Miskiewicz is one of two key returnees for the Storm. Senior point guard Drake Montgomery is off to a fast start as well, averaging 21 points and 5.0 assists.

With that experience back, along with senior guard Jace Warrick and freshmen additions Drew Cwik and Lane McVicar, expectations have risen for South Elgin.

Miskiewicz isn’t worried that many outside the program haven’t given the Storm any attention so far.

“We don’t really care about how much recognition we have,” Miskiewicz said. “We’re just showing it on the court.

“They can talk all they want, but we’ll come to play. We don’t care if we’re ranked or not. The ‘W’ is all that matters.”



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## **Elk Grove continues its hot start**

**By: Mike Garofola**

Two more victories from Elk Grove helped continue the Grens' flying start to the new season Wednesday morning on their home wrestling mats.

Coach Dan Vargas' team easily went past Streamwood in its opening dual, then needed an overtime decision from heavyweight Devaughn Tillman to win in thrilling fashion over Bartlett to go 2-0 on the day.

Mid-Suburban League rival Schaumburg won its two matches against Bartlett (48-31) and Streamwood to make it a clean sweep for the MSL against its Upstate Eight opponents in this annual season-opening quad at Elk Grove.

"Everyone has bought into the program -- wrestling for each other, and fighting as hard as they can for each point to help the team -- which we've seen already by winning so many of the close matches that last year we would have lost," said Vargas.

The Grens, at 4-1, are already halfway toward the eight wins they collected a year ago, which is not surprising to senior Griffin McEnroe, who is one of three returning sectional qualifiers.

"We all put a lot of work in during the offseason, but having a coach like (Vargas) is a big reason for the turnaround in the program because he's able to make it all fun, even when he's pushing us to work even harder," said McEnroe, who was 27-9 a year ago and a key figure in the Grens' lineup along with Matt McEnroe (21-14), Joey Gaskill (21-12) and Joe Szplit (12-12).

The Elk Grove-Bartlett match was a back-and-forth affair, with each side holding the lead at times.

The Hawks took control late after pins from Matt Tomaso (160) and Jacob Cwenar (195) to set up the late heroics from the aforementioned Tillman, who came back from a 2-0 deficit to Nathan Tomaso to win 3-2 in the third extra session.

The Grens beat Streamwood 41-24 to start their day, while Schaumburg was a 48-31 winner over Bartlett, despite a struggle or two along the way.

"We were happy to finally wrestle someone else besides ourselves," said Schaumburg coach Mike Levanti.

The affable Saxons head coach believes a fine group of seniors will lead the way for some talented newcomers on the roster, with the hope of changing their fortunes of late.

"We just could not seem to get over the hump in a number of crucial situations last year, witnessed by us losing three of four in the blood round of sectionals thus ending with us getting just one downstate," he said.

Jack Lingle was the lone Saxon to reach the state tournament, but the senior who was 30-8 last season, may have plenty of company this time around if all goes well.

Hiroshi Avila, Jaylan Claudio, Grant Hansen, Tony LaRocco and Hadi Mashhadiaabolghasem all were sectional qualifiers, with LaRocco (30-11), Claudio (24-14) and the-then freshman (Hansen, 30-15) all falling one victory short of joining Lingle in Champaign.

Bartlett drew closer to Schaumburg after UEC champion Trent Johnson recorded the first of his two pins on the day at 182 pounds, but it wasn't enough for the Hawks in the end.

"Despite the two losses, it was a pretty good day for us. We just have to try to fill all of the holes in our starting lineup, and continue to work on the little things such as third or fourth moves that at the end of the year will be the difference of advancing to state, or going home for the year," said Hawks head coach John Glorioso.

Glorioso liked what he saw on the day from Johnson (31-10) as well as Paul Kearns (126) and Jack Oliver (113), both of whom won over 22 matches a year ago.

"It's great to finally get started. Now the guys know where they stand, so we go forward from here," added Glorioso, whose club travels to Buffalo Grove on Saturday to meet Andrew, Niles North and the host Bison.

Streamwood was overwhelmed by Schaumburg in its second contest, but the two losses on this opening day didn't dampen the spirit of longtime head coach Bill Peach.

"We are so young and inexperienced, so much so that two weeks of practice for the several first-time wrestlers isn't quite enough to get these guys ready for the season," began Peach.

"Guys like Sirrion Dixon (170) are brand new to the sport, but he showed a lot in his first match (which he won) so that's what we'll build on, just like the rest of the other guys who have been working hard, and are always coming to practice and lifting sessions."

The Sabres are at West Chicago Friday, while Schaumburg competes at the New Trier quad along with Dakota, and Class 3A state power Oak Park-River Forest, as well as the host Trevians on Saturday.

## **South Elgin continues torrid pace, runs by Hampshire**

**By: Craig Brueske**

Through its first 3 games of the season, South Elgin's basketball team has shown a propensity for fast-paced, end-to-end action.

The Storm improved to 2-1 on the young campaign with an 82-74 victory over Hampshire (0-3) in Friday's third round of the 60th annual Ron Johnson Thanksgiving Tournament at St. Charles East.

Senior 6-foot-7 forward/center Vince Miskiewicz turned in a double-double with 24 points and 13 rebounds to lead the way for the Storm, which also received a 17-point outing from senior guard Drake Montgomery.

"All three of our games have been fast-paced," said Storm coach Brett Johnson. "We've given up 224 points in three games which isn't ideal but we're finding ways to score and create other problems for teams.

"This group of guys wants to run -- they want to push the tempo because it's a little more fun."

Miskiewicz, an athletic big man, scored 13 first-half points which included 7 free throws, as South Elgin turned a 23-22 deficit into a 39-33 halftime advantage.

"We love to play get the rebound and run -- find the outlet man and push it," said Miskiewicz.

The Storm also outscored the Whip-Purs 24-15 at the free-throw line while winning rebounding battle, 41-35.

"That's a goal of ours -- to outshoot teams from the free-throw line," said Miskiewicz. "Coach (Johnson) wants us to make more free throws than they attempt. If we do that every game and win the rebound battle, we'll more than likely win."

South Elgin finished with more free throws (24) than Hampshire attempts (23).

Miskiewicz displayed his penchant for fast breaks, closing out the first quarter with a left-handed windmill dunk before finishing an ally-oop inbounds pass from Montgomery with a 2-handed jam to extend the lead to 64-60 with 6 minutes remaining.

"He couldn't buy a bucket the other night (in a loss to St. Charles East)," said Johnson. "He took a lot of tough shots. Today was a little better. He's a senior who understands he's a very important cog in our system.

"He needs to do what he does well which is aggressiveness at the rim, rebound the ball and get putbacks. If he keeps doing that, he's going to get a double-double every night because it's an intensity-effort thing."

Senior Jace Warrick added 16 points, including three 3-pointers, for the Storm while freshman Lane McVicar came off the bench to score 9 points.

Junior guard Collin Woods paced Hampshire with 20 points, while junior Jackson Millison added 13 points and 9 rebounds. Freshman Kenyan Davis finished with 10 points for the Whip-Purs, who trailed 78-73 with 1:38 remaining.

"It was that second quarter," said Hampshire coach Ben Whitehouse, whose team was outscored 23-12 in the period. "They made a couple big 3s where we didn't execute defensively.

"It was a highly competitive game. That's why we're here. We're playing against high-quality competition the likes our program has never gone against."

## **Proviso East hands St. Charles East its 1st loss**

**By: Craig Brueske**

The positives may have outweighed the negatives during St. Charles East's third-round matchup with Proviso East in the Saints' 60th annual Ron Johnson Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

The Saints (2-1) did suffer their first loss of the young season, dropping a 67-63 decision to the Pirates (2-1), as they were unable to overcome 24 turnovers -- 16 of them coming in the second half, including 11 4th-quarter giveaways.

Despite the setback, St. Charles East advanced to Saturday's 7 p.m. championship against Willowbrook (3-0).

St. Charles East, Proviso East and South Elgin all finished divisional play with 2-1 records but the Saints won the next tiebreaker for least points allowed (176) in 3 games.

"We're going to grow -- and we're playing for the championship tomorrow," said Saints senior forward Cody Mitchell, who finished with 14 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

St. Charles East got off to promising start, grabbing a 21-12 first-quarter lead thanks in part to Mitchell's 7 points and 3-pointers from Nate Ortiz and Mark Musial.

The Saints maintained an 8-point lead at 25-17 on a pair of Ortiz free throws with 5:07 left in the second quarter but the Pirates clawed their way back to within 28-26 at the half.

The third quarter featured 7 lead changes and 4 ties -- the last coming at 47-all heading into the final 8 minutes.

Proviso took the lead for good at 49-47 on a pair of free throws from Michael Osborne (19 points) and teammate Terrence Thomas' steal and layup on the Saints' next possession made it 51-47.

Thomas capped the 7-0 run with another free throw as the Pirates led 54-47 with 5:52 remaining.

Proviso's lead grew to 64-55 following a 3-point play by Timaryon Shorts with 1:34 left.

"Whenever you're playing the host team in a tournament, you've got to make them feel a little uncomfortable on both ends of the court," said Pirates coach Donnie Boyce. "In the first quarter, they really did a great job of setting the tempo and from that point on, we amped up our pressure a bit.

"We want to wear you down for four quarters."

The Saints dug deep down the stretch, going on an 8-0 run that included a pair of 3-pointers by Ortiz (23 points, 6 rebounds) sandwiched around Chase Monkemeyer's putback to cut the deficit to 64-63 with 33 seconds remaining.

"I liked the way we bounced back at the end," said Mitchell. "You love to see that in a young team."

Mitchell also fueled the Saints' huge 34-16 rebounding edge.

"A lot of it was the height differential but some of it was grit," said Mitchell, who came within 3 rebounds of the Pirates' team total. "It's one of the reasons why we came back there at the end and got it that close."

Monkemeyer and Luke Matheny chipped in with 10 and 7 points, respectively, for the Saints.

"There's not enough timeouts in the world to stop 24 turnovers," said Saints coach Patrick Woods. "We've got to be better with the ball and we'll get better.

"We'll be tested again tomorrow."

# **Elgin nips Elk Grove for Hess' first win**

**By: Dick Quagliano**

On Tuesday, Elgin scored just 20 points in its loss to Wheaton Warrenville South at the 31st annual Chuck Mitchell Fenton High School Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament in Bensenville.

On Friday, Elgin ripped off 22 points -- in the fourth quarter. The final 2 points came on a layup by Cameron Muller with 4 seconds left as the Maroons toppled Elk Grove 58-57.

It was the first win for Elgin head coach and Hersey graduate Dave Hess, after taking over the Elgin job this season.

"It is always nice to get the first win," Hess said. "I was hoping to get it earlier. But the boys played hard."

With the Maroons (1-2) trailing 57-56, Hess called timeout. He drew up a play for Muller that worked to perfection.

Xavier Bonds dribbled down the left side and Muller slid off a screen to pick a up a perfect pass from Bonds. Muller then laid the ball into the hoop.

"It was great call by coach," said Muller, who finished with 7 points. "It was a great screen by my teammates and a great pass by Xavier Bonds. I just finished the game. It was just like anything. We are hungry. We need these wins."

Hess said that his team came together down the stretch.

"It is a new system and new coach," Hess said. "There are a lot of guys that are new here to varsity basketball. We are still gelling at all places. Game experience gives you something to offer them."

Elgin appeared to come up way short in the experience department in the first quarter when the Maroons turned the ball over 9 times. Elk Grove (1-2) took full advantage of the miscues and took a 17-7 lead.

It was 19-9 when Elgin turned thing around thanks to the play of Bonds. The junior came off the bench and gave the Maroons some instant energy.

"We have been just staying focused in practice," Bonds said. "I always want to give my team energy. That is one of my roles."

Bonds sparked the Maroons to close out the half on a 16-2 run, scoring the final 10 points to get a 25-23 lead at the break.

Elk Grove responded in the second half by getting its two big men, 6-foot-7 Ryne Singsank and 6-4 Tim Varga, involved. The duo powered the Grens back in front to lead 49-44 with 4:57 to play.

It was Elk Grove's turn to have trouble with taking care of the ball. The Grens turned it over on 3 consecutive possessions as the Maroons pulled ahead 52-51 with 2:40 to play.

After a tie and three lead changes, Elgin took the lead on a 3-pointer by Trey Yarber with 1:38 to play to pull ahead 56-54. Elk Grove charged right back and took a 57-56 lead on a 3 of its own by Riley Rathman with 1 minute to play.

After a turnover by Elgin, Elk Grove had a chance to salt the game away. But the Grens turned the ball over themselves, giving the Maroons the chance they needed to win.

"We took some bad shots and turned the ball over," Elk Grove coach Nick Oraham said. "We let teams hang around and eventually they are going to make you pay and Elgin made us pay."

Rathman led Elk Grove with 22 points. Singsank had 12 points and 9 rebounds, Varga had 10 points and 10 rebounds while Michael Achanzar chipped in 9 points.

Bonds came off the bench to lead Elgin with 16 points. Yarber had 13 points with three 3-pointers while Jeffrey Lomax had 8 points.

## **Larkin splits at Rockford**

**By: Allen Oshinski**

For Larkin's boys' basketball team, it's all about getting better as a team right now.

The Royals learned some good, if difficult lessons at the hands of Rockford East in the District 205 Tipoff Tournament in Rockford.

The E-Rabs raced out to a 27-8 lead, withstood a Larkin rally in the middle periods, then pulled away again for a 76-49 victory.

"We're going to leave a better basketball team," said Larkin coach Deryn Carter. "We know the quality of their team and we're still trying to find out ours. We're young, we're learning, so it's good. It was a good learning experience for our guys."

Marcus Green scored 10 of his team-high 12 points in the second quarter for Larkin. Pierre Black added 11 and Victor Perez 9 with 7 rebounds.

The big, athletic E-Rabs wasted no time taking control. Larkin led only once, at 1-0 after East was assessed a technical foul for hanging on the rim during warmups and Perez made the foul shot. The E-Rabs proceeded to score 14 of the next 16 points.

A 9-0 run put East up 36-15 midway through the second quarter, but Larkin closed the half on a 12-2 run to make it 38-27 at halftime.

The Royals pulled as close as 45-35 on a layup by Jashon Johnson-Neals, but that was as close as they got. The E-Rabs used runs of 12-0 and 9-0 to open a 66-40 lead early in the final period.

East outrebounded the Royals, 42-22, and forced 20 turnovers. Sincere Parker scored 22 points to lead the E-Rabs while Chris Burrell added 15.

It was the Royals' second game of the day in the uniquely formatted tournament with games at all 4 District 205 schools and an unbalanced schedule featuring teams from as far away as Florida and California. In the earlier game, the Royals beat Freeport, 72-61.

## **Putbacks help Bartlett beat Streamwood**

**By: Allen Oshinski**



- Streamwood's Vivian Sumoski goes to the hoop during varsity girls basketball at Bartlett Tuesday night.
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- Streamwood's Riya Patel passes the ball during varsity girls basketball at Bartlett Tuesday night.
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- Bartlett's Justina Hernandez looks to the hoop against Streamwood during varsity girls basketball at Bartlett Tuesday night.
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- Bartlett's Teagan Noesen, right, and Streamwood's Mandy Mien battle for a rebound during varsity girls basketball at Bartlett Tuesday night.



- Bartlett's Shelly Banks looks to the hoop after getting past Streamwood's Mandy Mien during varsity girls basketball at Bartlett Tuesday night.



- Bartlett's Savannah Standefer goes to the hoop against Streamwood during varsity girls basketball at Bartlett Tuesday night.
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- Bartlett's Savannah Standefer, left, and Shelly Banks, right, guard against Streamwood's Mandy Mien, center, passing during varsity girls basketball at Bartlett Tuesday night.
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- Bartlett's Alexis Sinclair, left, moves past Streamwood's Colleen Veguilla during varsity girls basketball at Bartlett Tuesday night.

Bartlett's girls' basketball team didn't shoot the ball particularly well Tuesday night but it didn't matter because the Hawks seemed to come up with every rebound.

Taking advantage of their prowess on the offensive glass and some hot outside shooting, the Hawks downed visiting Streamwood, 65-61, in the Upstate Eight opener for both teams.

The overall totals showed the Hawks with only a 38-37 edge on the boards, but they seemed to be able to play keep-away when it mattered. On one possession, the Hawks came up with 6 offensive rebounds.

The Hawks also made 12 shots from 3-point range. Mackenzie Hare made five 3-pointers on the way to her game-high 21 points. Alexis Sinclair made 3 from beyond the arc in the first quarter and finished with 19.

Justina Hernandez added 8 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 blocks for Bartlett.

Riya Patel finished with 17 points and 9 rebounds for Streamwood (1-4, 0-1). Mandy Mien had 18 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists. Colleen Veguilla added 9 points.

One thing both teams struggled with was free throws. In fact, each team shot better from 3-point range than from the line. They combined to shoot 20 for 58 (34 percent) from beyond the arc, but only 6 for 21 (27 percent) from 15 feet.

Bartlett grabbed an early 10-3 lead, but the Sabres used a 10-0 run to take the lead. A 3-pointer by Patel put Streamwood ahead for the first time, the first of 6 lead changes in the first 2-plus quarters.

The Sabres led 32-29, but Bartlett scored 4 quick points at the end of the half to take the lead. A breakaway layup by Sinclair and Savannah Standefer's putback of her own missed free throw put the Hawks back on top.

"We obviously did not rebound very well, especially in a few possessions when they got multiple, multiple opportunities," said Streamwood coach George Rosner. "I thought rebounding was a real key today. And then at the end of the first half we made some key mistakes. We let them get 4 points when we should have gotten 2 out of that and that was a 6-point turnaround at the half. But I thought when we got down at the beginning, we came all the way back, and that's a great sign."

Bartlett took the lead for good with a 13-2 run early in the second half, capped by 3-pointers by Hare and Hernandez.