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U46 may add alternative classrooms

Program would help elementary, middle school students with behavioral, emotional problems

By Rafael Guerrero

A \$1 million proposal that would create a short-term alternative education program for elementary and middle school students, similar to the one available to high schoolers, is being considered by School District U46.

District officials told the school board this past week the plan would be to have three classrooms at Kimball Middle School beginning next year for K-8 students who need an alternate form of education. The board is expected to vote on the idea later this month.

Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Suzanne Johnson said while high school students have many resources available to them, including the Dream Academy alternative school, there is less available those in the elementary and middle schools who have behavioral, social or emotional problems.

“What has become clear to us is we are still lacking in developing that ability to support transition programming for students and supporting families here,” Johnson said.

The district first began researching an in-district program more than a year ago, she said. U46 has historically outsourced alternative instruction to other community organizations, such as the Streamwood Behavioral Healthcare System facility, when a younger student needs a different teaching approach.

In 2017-18, 86 students were placed in nondistrict alternative programs.

Under this proposal, one class would be for students in grades K-2, a second for 3rd-through 5th graders and the third for students in grades 6-8, Johnson said. There would be no more than 30 students total in all three classes and they would remain a maximum of 40 days before being returned to their home schools or other sites, she said.

The classrooms would have teachers, teacher assistants, social workers and behavioral specialists and would be overseen by a program director.

Most of the three-year, \$1 million contract with Catapult Learning would go toward hiring and training staff and doing family outreach, Johnson said.

The new system would give the district greater access to and oversight of its students, she said. U46’s additional services, like dual language, English language learners and others, can be more easily incorporated with an in-district program, she said.

“We just keep finding ways to meet their needs so we do reach every student,” said board member Donna Smith, who spoke favorably of the proposal.

Students are more likely to be successful by receiving instruction in a school setting, Johnson said.

“We felt that if we’re able to house them in a location like Kimball ... we really would be able to set this up as its own area within the school. It would allow for a separate entrance, a separate exit, separate office space,” she said.

Student success would be measured by monitoring attendance, academic progress and coping skills and observing if a student is a threat to others or to themselves, the proposal said.

Four U46 students among National Merit Scholar semifinalists

By: Rafael Guerrero



Asiyah Arastu, of Elgin High School; and Shreya Boyapati, Urja Patel, and Garima Shah, all of Bartlett High School, are National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

Four District U46 high school seniors have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

They are Asiyah Arastu, who attends Elgin High School; and Shreya Boyapati, Urja Pate, and Garima Shah, Bartlett High School, according to a U46 news release.

Semifinalists are chosen based on their 2018 PSAT test scores and are among the top 1% nationwide from a pool of 1.5 million high school juniors who took the test.

About 16,000 students were selected nationally, and a percentage will go on to be selected as finalists, making them eligible for about 7,600 National Merit Scholarships valued at more than \$31 million that will be awarded in 2020.

Semifinalists must have an outstanding academic record through high school, receive endorsements and recommendations from a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm their PSAT assessment in order to be selected as a finalist.

They also must submit a scholarship application including information about their academic record, school and community activity participation, demonstrate leadership abilities, employment history, and a list of honors and awards received.

About 90% of the National Merit Scholar semifinalists will become finalists, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corp. Half of the finalists will win scholarship, with scholarships, which will be announced next spring.

SPORTS

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Football South Elgin 47, Elgin 0

Striking Shiking

Marshall stars as South Elgin lights up night with win over Elgin

By: Paul Johnson



South Elgin's Shiking Marshall had a 77-yard TD run and a 82-yard TD on a kick return along with two interceptions Friday.



Marshall (19) and Tony DeRosa (18) deflect a pass intended for Elgin's Xavier Bonds in the second quarter.

South Elgin celebrated its first night game Friday.

Shiking Marshall barely gave the huge crowd time to get settled into their seats.

The senior defensive back took the opening kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown, setting the tone for a 47-0 Upstate Eight win over Elgin. He later added a 77-yard TD run and a pair of interceptions.

“It’s a big responsibility for me,” Marshall said of starring in all three phases of the game. “So whenever I get in, I just try to get my shine on.”

Marshall said his coaches felt things were set up well for a TD on special teams against Elgin (0-3, 0-3).

South Elgin (3-0, 3-0) did one better. In addition to Marshall’s kickoff return, Davion Cherwin had a 32-yard TD on a punt return in the third quarter.

“I just followed my blockers, and I knew that they were not going to be selfish and they’d block for me,” Marshall said. “I just had to hit the hole hard, middle-wedge call, busted it outside, and it was on.”

South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic has been impressed by Marshall’s growth as a senior.

“He’s a special player,” Teonic said. “The thing that has made Shiking different than in years past was he lifted weights in the offseason, much better than in years past.

“His summer was good for us. His practice habits have been very, very good. Now he’s a senior. He’s more invested and serious. His teammates trust him and he’s playing well.”

Sophomore quarterback Ben Karpowicz added a pair of touchdowns in the first half on a 1-yard run and a 29-yard pass to Calin Gurau. Vince Clinite added a 7-yard TD run for a 27-0 halftime lead. Cherwin’s punt return made it 33-0.

Marshall brought on the running clock in dramatic fashion with 9:12 left in the fourth quarter courtesy of a 77-yard TD run. Backup quarterback Eron Mahmudi added a 1-yard TD run.

Elgin moved the ball well, but stubbed its toe too many times.

The Maroons, who passed for 259 yards, committed 20 penalties for 107 yards. They threw four interceptions and didn’t capitalize on four trips to the red zone. Xavier Bonds had five catches for 129 yards.

“We thought we had a better shot,” Elgin coach Anthony Mason said. “We thought we needed to play clean, to play smart and more physical than we were. We didn’t do those three things.

“We have to see if we can shift this thing around. It’s getting close, but close isn’t good enough.”

South Elgin has now outscored its opponents 169-0 heading into next week’s game against Streamwood.

And Marshall is impressed with how the Storm have done it.

“I feel like we’re playing as a team,” he said. “Nobody is selfish at all. We’re all fighting for each other at the end of the day, and that’s how we get the job done.”

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East Aurora denies Larkin its 1st victory

By: Eric Bridges

Lessons often take many different shapes, even in a loss. East Aurora defeated host Larkin 22-21 for its first Upstate Eight Conference win Friday while keeping the Royals winless on the season.

"This week there was a change in mentality with some of our players," Larkin coach Matt Gehrig said. "Some guys are starting to mature and understand the preparation and intensity that it takes to play a football game. I really feel like we're starting to improve. Our players played really hard tonight and I really want to build off of this. Obviously, you never want to come up short, but we're going to focus on all of the positives going into next week."

The Royals took an early lead when the Tomcats' first drive stalled and the punt snap sailed over the punter's head and was recovered by the Royals' Treyvon Smith at the Tomcats' 5-yard line. Smith scored from three yards out two plays later to give the Royals a 7-0 lead.

The Tomcats (1-2, 1-2) scored on their next possession on a 63-yard, 12-play drive capped by a 16-yard touchdown strike by quarterback Orlando Garcia to Kimani Williams, and scored a 2-point conversion even though the point after snap was bad.

East Aurora struck again late in the second quarter after a 46-yard punt return by Williams brought the ball to the Royals' 33-yard line, and on the first play from scrimmage, Garcia found Williams again for the score to put the Tomcats up 14-7 with 1:26 remaining in the half.

However, Larkin tied the game with a second remaining in the half. Facing a second down and 20 yards to go after a holding penalty, sophomore quarterback Dontrell Maxie took off around the left end and wasn't tackled until he reached the Tomcats' 7-yard line with under 30 seconds left in the half. Maxie's toss to Kione Williams-Sowers one play later tied the game at 14-14 at halftime.

The Royals (0-3, 0-3) took the lead on their first possession of the third quarter. Facing 3rd-and-11, Maxie rolled slightly to his left and heaved a dart downfield to Steven Skeate who hauled in the 48-yard touchdown pass to put the Royals up 21-14.

"We had called a comeback route," Skeate said. "But when I saw the coverage, I came back and told him (Maxie) I'm going to do a comeback and then go and he put it on the money and we scored. We're going to have more effort and energy in practice so we can play harder next week. We're going to bring a lot of energy for homecoming next week. We're going to have a big crowd and feed off of that energy and hopefully we can come away with a win."

The Tomcats clinched the victory with 9:56 left in the game when Caleb Turner scored from three yards out on a 10-play, 48-yard drive.

After the tough loss, Gehrig sent a very positive and encouraging message to his team.

"Confidence and work ethic are really the two most important things we're trying to build on," Gehrig said. "We want them to understand that their work ethic and mental focus is what's going to give them confidence when they're on the field in those pivotal moments with the game on the line. I'm really proud of the effort of our guys tonight. They really left it all out on the field. I'm really proud to see that improvement and that growth. We're looking to take the next step with week in practice with a little more polished effort next week. It's about building the culture and about the kids believing that what we ask them to do is indeed important and leads to the success of our team."

Streamwood celebrates 2OT win over Fenton

By: Dave Oberhelman

To see Streamwood's players celebrate on Millennium Field, then sprint to their locker room to continue that celebration, it looked like a playoff win.

The Sabres' 28-21 Upstate Eight Conference victory over visiting Fenton in double overtime was maybe prelude to that, one of their veteran leaders hoped.

"We haven't won two games in a row since 2011," said senior offensive guard Josh Leathers. "This is the first time, we're making history. (Streamwood's) 2011 is a team that made the playoffs, so we're hoping that's what we're going to do."

With Streamwood (2-1, 2-1) leading 28-21 on Davidas Petreikis' 4-yard run and Angel Acosta's kick, Fenton (2-1, 2-1) began its second overtime possession. On second down the Bison appeared to have scored on a Nick Benn touchdown pass, but a penalty brought it back.

Another pass feel incomplete. The next play also was a pass, a rollout right. Streamwood cornerback Jakobe Strong's full-extension diving interception set off Streamwood's celebration.

"I'm not going to lie, I was worried right before that happened," Leathers said. "I was thinking, Oh man, the offense is going to have to go back in. And then I saw that and I just didn't know what to think. I'm like, it's done, we're finally there."

Taking a toss from quarterback Andrew Phan and sweeping left from his right wingback spot, Petreikis scored on his second carry of the game. Streamwood -- which threw the ball just once, late in the second quarter trying to cut Fenton's 14-7 halftime lead -- otherwise rode the legs of Phan, tailback Sirrion Dixon and wingback Buddy Martinez.

Dixon ran for 117 yards on 24 carries while Martinez ran for 132 yards on 21 carries. His 6-yard touchdown run tied the score 7-7 early in the second quarter and his 18-yarder made it 14-14 with 6:11 left in the fourth quarter.

"At halftime we're down a touchdown, you just look at them, you say, you guys have committed yourself November through August and all that off-season stuff, this is what it comes down to. We work this stuff in the summer, the 10-yard stuff in overtime. It shows," said Streamwood coach Don Guindon.

Fenton's Andre Bess ran 29 times for 160 yards. His 35-yard touchdown run opened the scoring, and he scored the Bison's touchdown in the first overtime on a 4-yard run.

Twice, however, Fenton drove deep into Streamwood territory without scoring. A first-quarter possession went 80 yards; a 51-yard third-quarter drive stalled at the Sabres' 8-yard line, like the other.

"Let's not take anything away from (Streamwood), they played their butts off and they play hard, they did a great job. That was that. And we had two red-zone possessions that we didn't capitalize on, and that was the difference in the football game," said Fenton coach Matthew Lynch. "That's really what it comes down to. When you're building a program and you're teaching them how to win, those are the things in tight ballgames that you cannot afford to let happen, and we allowed that to happen tonight."

Bartlett breezes past Glenbard South

By: Orrin Schwarz

Nothing like bouncing back from a tough loss with a victory over a good conference opponent.

Bartlett scored the first 21 points of the football game Friday night in Glen Ellyn and ran away to a 49-14 Upstate Eight Conference victory against Glenbard South.

It was a great way to forget about last week's 24-21 loss at Glenbard East.

"It was a devastating loss last week," Bartlett junior quarterback Michael Priami said. "This team is good, but we needed this big win."

Priami threw four touchdown passes to three receivers -- two to Mathew Young and one each to Hayden Angell and Alec Palella -- on 22-of-33 passing for 248 yards.

"I was spreading the ball around to everyone," Priami said. "I mean, they all wanted the ball, but I had to spread the ball around. I had to share the rock."

Tyler Rivelli and Jordan Snyder combined for 145 yards rushing for Bartlett.

"When you've got that many weapons at each spot, you're able to do that," Bartlett coach Matt Erlenbaugh said. "Good to see that."

The key touchdown might have come at the end of the first half. Glenbard South scored its first touchdown with 1:20 left in the second quarter when Yazan Blan outleaped a Bartlett defender in the corner of the end zone for a 23-yard reception. The pass from Nick Plaso came on fourth and 10.

But the Hawks (2-1, 2-1) grabbed the momentum right back, deflating the Raiders (2-1, 2-1) at halftime. Bartlett marched 55 yards in 9 plays, scoring on the final play of the half when Nick Kantzavelos took a reverse 2 yards untouched into the end zone.

Bartlett led 28-7 at halftime.

Still, Glenbard South opened the third quarter by going 75 yards in four plays, ending in a 36-yard Cade Hardtke TD reception.

"The biggest thing is the resolve with these kids. They didn't quit," Raiders coach Ryan Crissey said. "We were able to do some things offensively that we struggled to Weeks 1 and 2. So there's always definite bright spots. Some of our run plays and putting in some of our newer plays that we'll use later in the season were effective. So definitely things to look forward to, but got to commend (Erlenbaugh) and Bartlett. It was a good, old-fashioned butt-whipping on the O-line and D-line."

"It was good to see us clicking on all phases," Erlenbaugh added. "We really go things rolling tonight. I was proud of the guys."

Priami felt he left room for improvement.

"I still can do a lot better," Priami said, thinking ahead to a Week 4 game against Elgin. "I feel like. I missed some throws, missed some reads. But next week. For sure next week."

South Elgin strikes fast to win 1st home night game

By: Jerry Fitzpatrick



South Elgin's Corve King runs the ball against Elgin during varsity football at South Elgin Friday night.



South Elgin's Calin Gurau, right, celebrates his first-quarter touchdown against Elgin with teammate Samuel Robles at South Elgin Friday night.



South Elgin's Davion Cherwin runs the ball against Elgin Friday.



Alexander West carries the ball for Elgin.



Elgin's quarterback Giovani Griffin looks for an option during varsity football at South Elgin Friday night.



Elgin's Alexander West returns a kickoff during varsity football at South Elgin Friday night.



South Elgin's Shiking Marshall returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown against Elgin's during varsity football at South Elgin Friday night.



Elgin's Alexander West returns a kickoff during varsity football at South Elgin Friday night.



Elgin's Xavier Bonds runs the ball during varsity football at South Elgin Friday night.

It didn't take long for senior Shiking Marshall and the South Elgin football team to send an already energized crowd into a frenzy in a 47-0 home win over Elgin Friday.

Playing under Friday night lights on campus for the first time in the school's 15-year history, Marshall lined up deep to receive the kick, flanked by fellow speedsters Marcus Gillespie and Davion Cherwin.

The ball landed in Marshall's hands and he took it 82 yards to the house by following his middle wedge blockers.

"We knew that we're explosive up the middle," Marshall said. "All three dudes in the back are very explosive so whoever gets the ball, we hit the middle and it's on."

Marshall was on in all three phases of the game.

Playing cornerback, he foiled two Elgin drives with interceptions at the goal line to help the Storm (3-0, 3-0) win the turnover battle 3-1.

Playing slot back, he took a fourth-quarter reverse handoff from sophomore quarterback Ben Karpowicz and raced 77 yards to make it a 39-0 game. Drew Bucaro's extra point initiated a running clock with 9:12 remaining.

"He's a special player," South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic said of Marshall. "The thing that's made Shiking different this year than other years is, one, he did lift weights in the off-season and did a great job with that, much better than in years past. His summer was good for us, and his practice habits have been very, very good. I think when you put those three things together you end up with a real good football player."

Elgin (0-3, 0-3) played much better than the final score makes it appear. The Maroons actually outgained the Storm in the first half 237 total yards to 218, however, they could not conclude drives with points.

Elgin's first drive ended on downs at the South Elgin 13-yard line.

Their second drive was quashed by Marshall's interception at the goal line.

Their third drive reached the 2-yard line, courtesy of a 32-yard completion from 6-foot-4 junior quarterback Jeffrey Lomax to senior Xavier Bonds. However, a false start penalty -- one of 16 flags against the Maroons -- pushed them back. A fumbled shotgun snap and two negative rushing plays moved them further back before a bad snap led to a failed field goal attempt.

"We just couldn't finish," Elgin coach Anthony Mason said. "We couldn't finish, and our motto this year is 'Finish Now. No other way.' That's what we've been focusing on. That's what we're going to continue to focus on and we'll see if we can shift this thing around. It's getting closer but not close enough."

South Elgin finished four of five first-half drives with touchdowns to take a 27-0 lead. Calin Gurau hauled in a 34-yard pass from Karpowicz and Bucaro's extra point made it 14-0.

Two-way player Vince Clinite capped an 11-play, 75-yard drive with a 7-yard run to extend the lead to 20-0 with 2:32 left in the second quarter.

After the South Elgin defense forced a punt, Karpowicz connected with senior Corve King on a crossing pattern that King turned into a 53-yard gain to the Elgin 1-yard line. Karpowicz ran the ball in on the next play to give the Storm a 27-0 halftime cushion.

"Huge deal going into halftime up four (touchdowns) instead of three," Teonic said. "I thought that was the difference."

Cherwin returned a third-quarter punt 32 yards for a 33-0 lead.

Bonds led Elgin with 3 catches for 81 yards. Lomax threw for 46 yards and rushed for 33 on 10 carries. Junior quarterback Giovoni Griffin completed 14 of 20 attempts for 192 yards. However, it wasn't enough to breach the end zone against the Storm.

"You've got to give it to them -- South Elgin is a physical team," Bonds said. "They go hard every play. My team, we just have to step it up. Day by day we're going to keep fighting. This loss hurt but we're going to keep fighting."