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### **Elgin Kiwanis selling poinsettias for coats**

Submitted by: David Davin



Order a poinsettia for the holidays from the Elgin Kiwanis Club. The fundraiser will benefit The Salvation Army's "Coat Closet" program.

The Elgin Kiwanis Club is selling holiday poinsettias to raise funds for The Salvation Army's "Coat Closet" program.

The Coat Closet provides winter coats to needy students with recommendations from Elgin Area School District U-46 administrators. The Closet is administered by The Salvation Army Elgin Corps.

You can still order your poinsettias to support this holiday cause by visiting [elgin.kiwanisone.org](http://elgin.kiwanisone.org).

Prices range from \$15 to \$25. There are three different dates available so you can pick them up on the day that works for you; indicate which day you choose. These make great gifts for employees, family and clients!

The Elgin Kiwanis Club meets at noon Tuesdays at The Grumpy Goat Tavern, 875 Sports Way, Elgin, at the Highlands golf course.

On Dec. 3, join them for lunch and an interesting presentation on "Juvenile Justice Jeopardy." On Dec. 10, there will be a presentation on the 2020 Census. On Dec. 17, the speaker will be Tony Lucenko from the Elgin Development Group. There will be no meeting Dec. 24.

For details on the club meetings, call Karen Maki at (847) 695-7589 or visit [elgin.kiwanisone.org](http://elgin.kiwanisone.org).

## Fans are the winners at Windy City Bulls home opener

By: Eric Scott



As part of the Windy City Bulls season home-opener Nov. 9, fans celebrate Hispanic Heritage Night and Dia de los Muertos with pregame and postgame fun.



In honor of Hispanic Heritage Night and Dia de los Muertos, fans were treated to face painting at the Nov. 9 home opener.

They went to a basketball game and a party broke out.

Well before the first slam dunk and well after the final horn, thousands filling seats at Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates to cheer on the Windy City Bulls, presented by BMO Harris Bank, enjoyed a night of nonstop fan-interactive experiences.

On Saturday night, Nov. 9, the season home-opener for the official NBA G League affiliate of the Chicago Bulls featured end-to-end activities for fans of all ages.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Night and Dia de los Muertos, fans streaming into the arena were presented with a Sugar Skull bobblehead doll, a promotional giveaway from BMO Harris Bank.

As the Cielito Lindo Family mariachi band played on the main concourse, children took part in building a Dia de los Muertos mosaic out of Legos. The Dia de los Muertos theme was also featured at a face-painting table and at a colorful altar filled with artwork, candles, photos and historical information about the celebration.

"I love this; it's such a fun experience for our whole family," said 12-year-old Jazmin from Oswego as she stood with her freshly painted face at the Fun Zone -- a fun and games area where younger kids climbed, jumped and bounced all over an air-filled, fun house.

Pregame ceremonies included kids high-fiving players as they came onto the court and standing with players during the playing of "God Bless America" and the national anthem.

As the game began, the raucous crowd cheered the players who wore special "Los Torros" Hispanic Heritage Night black uniforms to battle the Wisconsin Herd.

Throughout the game, furry mascot Gus T. Bull and his T-shirt tossing crew worked the crowd and gave away red Windy City Bulls shirts.

Activities included appearances by the Lake Villa Timberwolves Cheerleading Club and a halftime performance by young dancers with Dance Force Studios. And, a 3-point shooting contest ended with a surprise on-court proposal for the participant Meghan Hujar from her boyfriend Frankie Lavere. (She said yes.)

During the game, the team honored one of its biggest supporters who recently passed away.

Ron Raglin, Assistant Superintendent for Elgin Area School District U-46, was remembered with a special patch on players' jerseys, which were later auctioned off as part of a fundraising effort. A check was presented to Raglin's family members and U-46 colleagues, who accepted the gift to benefit the U-46 educational foundation.

The Windy City Bulls stormed back in a wild second half, but the Herd managed to eke out a 111-102 win. But the fun wasn't over for those still on hand.

Home team players stayed on the court to sign autographs for eager fans coming down from the stands. Fans remained on the court after the autograph session to play "Launch a Ball," tossing numbered balls in a line of buckets for a chance to win prizes.

More than a half-hour after the game, happy fans were still in the arena enjoying the whole experience.

Just another fun-filled night with the [Windy City Bulls](#).

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### **SPORTS**

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## **South Elgin continues strong start, tops Crystal Lake South**

**By: John Lemon**

The alarm clocks went off early for South Elgin Saturday.

Returning to the Dundee-Crown Thanksgiving tournament a little over 12 hours after an emotional win over St. Viator, the Storm got off to a hot start on their way to a 39-31 victory over Crystal Lake South.

The win keeps South Elgin (3-0) undefeated heading into its tournament finale Tuesday against host Dundee-Crown.

Senior Megan McClure led the Storm with 20 points, moving within 29 of 1,000 in her career.

"We fought really hard last night and to come back early in the morning, we were able to keep up that same energy and start off strong," McClure said. "We're still kind of pumped up from the win last night. We're still excited and that overpowered if we are sleepy or not. We used that energy to keep this going."

McClure was one of four players -- along with Aryanna Williams, Madison Waichunas and Ella Winterhalder -- to hit a 3-pointer in the opening quarter as the Storm built a 16-2 lead.

Crystal Lake South (1-2) looked to be in deep trouble at that point. But the Gators outscored the Storm 12-8 in the second quarter and 29-23 over the final three quarters.

While the early hole was too much to dig out of, Gators coach Mark Mucha liked the way his team responded.

"Defensively we didn't communicate well which led to a lot of those open 3s," Mucha said. "We talked much better in the second quarter and second half. And South Elgin is intense, they are strong kids, their pressure bothered us."

"Not an ideal way to start but give our kids credit for clawing back. They stayed positive and worked hard all the way to the end of the fourth."

Brooke Kuffel helped the Gators get back in the game with a basket and two free throws in the second quarter, and Maddie Scharrenberg came off the bench to score 5 points to cut the Storm's lead to 24-14 at halftime.

McClure hit another 3 in the third quarter, one of her five in the game, and those long-range shots opened up several backdoor cuts. South Elgin pushed its lead back to 37-22 in the fourth quarter before the Gators closed the game on a 9-2 run.

"Coach always says once you start making 3s they are going to jump the passes so if you fake it the back door is right there," McClure said. "I'm really thankful Caroline (Croft) was able to see that back door a couple times and Ella (Winterhalder) had a pass too."

Despite starting five guards, the Storm battled to a 26-26 draw on the boards. McClure topped South Elgin with 9 rebounds and Williams grabbed 6. Kuffel pulled down 8 for the Gators.

Scharrenberg paced the Gators with 7 points and Allison Schoen scored 6.

The Storm will try to complete a perfect tournament against Dundee-Crown.

"Tuesday should be a lot of fun," Storm coach Dan Mandernack said. "These are experiences that helped us last year win the regional title. To get a win today coming off an emotional grind last night speaks volumes for the girls."