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Through Margaret Palmer's "Bring a Book to Life" project, elementary school students in Elgin Area School District U-46 read a book in class then attended a field trip to Larkin High School to watch the book "brought to life" by Larkin Visual and Performing Arts Academy dance students.

A grant from the U-46 Educational Foundation, funded by generous donations, supplies Palmer's students with costumes and props and books for the elementary students, impacting nearly 2,000

total students.

According to Palmer, co-director of Larkin's Visual and Performing Arts Dance Academy along with Kelli Myhre-Bahwell, there is communication through movement, and this breaks down language or learning barriers.

The foundation is committed to providing all U-46 students with opportunities that would be outside the realm of the district's budget.

This support provides:

- Grants to teachers and staff with innovative ideas for their classroom or school.
- Scholarships for

college-bound U-46 students.

- Funding for enriching academic and fine arts-based programs.

To contribute to this endeavor, use the secure form at www.u-46.org/foundation or mail donations to: U-46 Educational Foundation, 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin, IL 60120.

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Larkin Visual and Performing Arts Academy dance students participate in the "Bring a Book to Life" project, introducing U-46 elementary school students to the arts.

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Streamwood honors Rosner by naming gym after him

By Allen Oshinski, Daily Herald Correspondent



Streamwood girls' basketball coach George Rosner coaches his team under the new sign saying "Welcome To Rosner Arena" after its unveiling before a game against West Chicago Tuesday in Streamwood. He is retiring at the end of the season, his 41st with the Sabres. *John Starks | Staff Photographer*

The gymnasium at Streamwood High School will henceforth be known as George Rosner Arena. The school renamed it Tuesday after the man who spent so much time patrolling the sidelines there.

And he had no idea it was happening.

A sign above the scoreboard identifying the gym as George Rosner Arena was unveiled in a ceremony before the Sabres' game with West Chicago. Rosner's family, friends and former players filled the seats behind the scorer's table. A collection of memorabilia from his coaching career greeted fans in the lobby. Apparently, the only one not in on it was Rosner himself.

"They got me on this," the longtime Sabres' girls coach admitted. "My wife asked me for some things and I thought about the alumni game that I have in January. I thought, 'Oh, yeah, it'll be good for the alumni.' I didn't know it was all coming here."

Rosner has announced his retirement after 41 years of varsity coaching. His 460 career victories entering the season puts him 37th on the IHSA's all-time list.

Rosner, a longtime Palatine resident who coached five years at Palatine High School, was nearly at a loss for words at the unexpected honor.

"It's beyond words," he said. "I didn't expect it. I don't deserve these things. But it was an eventful night, seeing people coming from everywhere. I could not believe -- every time I turned around there was someone there. There were girls from my grade school teams back in the 70s."

Longtime basketball announcer Brenda Lawrence told Rosner, "You have inspired hundreds of student-athletes to succeed on and off the court. Your dedication and commitment to Streamwood High is unparalleled."

As an added bonus, Rosner picked up career win number 461, the Sabres' first of the year, when Streamwood held off a late West Chicago rally for a 35-30 victory.

The Sabres led 31-21 early in the fourth quarter. The Wildcats scored 9 straight to get within a point with under 3 minutes left but didn't score again. Sayuri Ishikawa clinched it for the Sabres with 4 late free throws.

Jamia Gatlin had 14 points and 12 rebounds for Streamwood (1-4) while Ishikawa finished with 11.

Abby Del Preto scored 10 points for West Chicago before fouling out.

“He's not just like a coach, he's more like our best friend in school, out of school, and all that,” said Ishikawa. “He always looks out for us. If we have a test together he's always texting us, making sure we're good, sending pictures of his grandkids and stuff like that. In school, he's always making sure our grades are straight and everything.”

Rosner called his best friend before the game to tell him that he was getting ready to coach his “last first game.” The friend assured Rosner that he was going to play poker three hours away, only to turn up at the game and join in the festivities.

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Streamwood High School renames gym for retiring coach
George Rosner
Reported by John Garcia

<https://abc7chicago.com/streamwood-high-school-girls-basketball-george-rosner-arena/11287542/>

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The crowd. The noise. The atmosphere. Geneva’s Mick
Lawrence loves it. ‘It just gets you going.’ His 17 points, 6
assists stymie Bartlett
By Paul Johnson for the Aurora Beacon-News

Geneva guard Mick Lawrence got in a few games of varsity experience as a sophomore during the shortened spring season, but he played in front of minimal crowds.

Now, the student sections, the fans and the crowds are back, with Lawrence running the point for the Vikings. And he’s clearly in his element.

“The crowd helps a lot, the adrenaline, playing at home,” Lawrence said. “The more they’re involved, the more adrenaline I get. It just gets you going — gives you all the confidence you need.”

The 5-foot-11 Lawrence led the way Tuesday night for the Vikings in a 57-51 nonconference victory over **Bartlett**. He scored 17 points and dished out six assists, often feeding off that crowd.



Geneva 's Michael Lawrence (2) passes away from **Bartlett's Kelton McEwen** (2) and Conrad Luczynski (54) during a nonconference game in Geneva on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2021. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Lawrence was a big reason Geneva (4-1) shot 11 of 22 from 3-point range. He finished 3-for-3, but most of his assists also came on threes.

“He enjoys playing, gym rat,” Geneva coach Scott Hennig said of Lawrence. “He got his feet wet last season. I know he’s only a junior, but I feel like he has half a year of experience.

“He’s shooting the ball a lot better. He’s got really good vision.”

Hennig said Lawrence struggled last week with his shot, so he was happy to get back on track.

“It’s nice to get back in the groove,” Lawrence said. “Getting in the gym, getting those shots up, and finally it’s coming back.”

Bartlett (3-2) took a 34-33 lead early in the third quarter on Conrad Luczynski’s layup, but Lawrence sparked a run. He hit a 3-pointer, followed by threes from Jimmy Rasmussen and Tyler Tuisl and a layup from Max Jensen, giving the Vikings a 44-34 lead.

Bartlett hung around, however.

Nathan Scarce and Jacob Magnano hit back-to-back 3-pointers and Luczynski put in a baby hook to give the Hawks a 49-48 lead with 3:15 left.

A few turnovers and a 3-pointer from Chris Suger returned the lead to Geneva, though, and the Vikings went 6 of 6 on free throws down the stretch to ice the win.



Bartlett's Marty McCarthy (1) snags a rebound in front of Geneva's Jimmy Rasmussen (11), Christopher Suger (15) and Ryan Huskey (12) during a nonconference game in Geneva on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2021. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

"I thought in the first half we really struggled to guard the three," Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said. "The second half we did a much better job getting to them, hands up.

"We did a nice job until (Suger's three). It was a nice little down screen. We knew it was coming. We got pinned down with a good screen, couldn't get out to the shooter."

Luczynski continued his hot start to the season. The 7-foot-2 senior center scored 18 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked three shots.

Lawrence said he had to account for Luczynski on every offensive possession.

"Every time you go in the lane, you can't just go in for a layup," Lawrence said. "You have to dish it out or do something crafty.

"You have to know what you're doing before you go into the lane. You can't just be reckless going in. You have to be smart about it."



Bartlett's Conrad Luczynski (54) defends against Geneva in the first half of a nonconference game in Geneva on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2021. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Preparation for Luczynski came from film work and defensive concepts, according to Hennig.

“He’s the tallest player we’ll see all season,” Hennig said. “We try to simulate that in practice, but there’s no 7-foot-2 kid at Geneva, unfortunately.”

For Bartlett, Scarce shot 5 of 7 from 3-point range for his 15 points. Jensen scored 14 points for Geneva.

Lawrence is encouraged by Geneva’s strong start to the season, but he doesn’t want to get ahead of himself.

“I feel like we have a lot of momentum right now, but we can’t get comfortable,” Lawrence said. “We have a lot of good teams in our conference.”