

Press Clippings for 12/12/2022

– Daily Herald –

Prospect routs 16-team field

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By Mike Garofola

Prospect continued to flex its collective tournament wrestling muscle with a dominating performance at the 62nd Mudge-McMorrow Invitational Saturday afternoon inside Jean Walker Fieldhouse in Mt. Prospect.

The Knights crushed an impressive 16-team field when it scored 253 overall points with five individual titles and nine top three medals to outscore runner-up Joliet Catholic Academy (186.5) and third place Libertyville with 158.5 points.

"We have just about everyone back, and healthy, so there's no reason why we cannot compete with anyone in the state," said Knights senior Will Baysingar, who smashed his rivals at 132.

Elijah Garza gave the Knights the perfect start with his 106-pound championship, followed by Lennon Steinkuhler (138), Damien Puma (152) and Connor Munn (160).

Libertyville's Austin Gomez won at 182 while his teammate Owen McGrory claimed his title at 220.

"I'm lucky to have great teammates in the room, which helped me win my first tournament of my career," said the affable McCrory, who outlasted Casey Bending of Fremd, 7-5.

Sophomore Evan Gosz, No. 3 in the state at 126 pounds, showed why he enjoys his lofty status after his marvelous three-match effort to win his second major of the season.

Anthony Alanis (113) and Aaron Cramer (195), the dynamic duo from Grayslake Central, who

both were 2A state runners-up last season, gave the Rams their two titles on Saturday.

Alanis would decision Jason Hampton from Joliet Catholic Academy, 5-2, while Cramer, who recently committed to wrestle next season at SIU-Edwardsville, won a tough contest with Prospect freshman Jaxson Penovich, 4-3.

"In the end, it was my fitness that was the difference, despite the fact that I am getting over a respiratory infection," said Cramer, who went 47-2 a year ago.

At Hoffman Estates:

Over at the Mickey Marchese Memorial Tournament at host Hoffman Estates, it was Mundelein who would lift the championship trophy by a wide margin over runner-up Lane Tech.

The duo of Bryce Durlacher (120) and Benji Albavera (126) would lead the Mustangs with their individual titles to help their club collect 190 points, 51 more than Lane Tech (149), Machesny Park Harlem (135) and fourth place **South Elgin** (129.5).

Durlacher (40-4), who was fifth a year ago at the state tournament, beat James Zavala (Lane) 7-4 to run his record to 14-1, while his teammate Albavera registered an early pin to win his title.

"The experience of placing at the state tournament a year ago has given me the confidence (knowing) I can compete with the best in my weight class this season," said Durlacher, who hopes to follow in the footsteps of his older brother Dane, who wrestled at Illinois, and is currently a Mundelein assistant.

South Elgin senior Nico Clinite (145, 13-2) won his second straight championship here with a fall at 3:39, while his teammate, freshman Demetrios Carrera (14-1), won at 106.

Senior Josh Ellery (11-3) would treat the home crowd to a win at 195 with a pin, with No. 4

seed Skip Rozanski winning at 170.

Wheeling junior Patrick Tinsley (12-5), a 2A state qualifier a year ago, was the 132-pound champ.

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– Daily Herald –

Girls gymnastics: Carmel, Arends take titles at Conant

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By Bill McLean

Ten minutes before the start of Carmel Catholic's vault rotation at Saturday's Conant girls gymnastics invite, Corsairs coach Sarah Mikrut Doyle went to work -- as an on-the-spot athletic trainer.

Doyle unsnarled gobs of tape from a pair of her Corsairs' ankles and legs. She then wrapped fresh tape around and around and around the same body parts.

"No idea, but it's probably a lot," Doyle said of the number of miles of tape she has applied to her gymnasts during a decorated coaching career.

"She does such a good job," Carmel freshman Alyssah Arends said of Doyle, the medical professional. "I'm not hurt; taping my ankles before vault helped me gain confidence."

The tale of the taped-up Corsairs on Saturday: secure, steady, sturdy, splendid.

Again.

Doyle's dandy athletes topped the 12-team field with a score of 143.425 points. Lake Park silvered (139.5), followed by Warren (139.2), Lincoln-Way co-op (136.05) and Lake Zurich

(134.4).

Carmel junior Sarah Arends (Alyssah's sis) paced the champs, capturing the all-around title (37.575) and garnering gold on the uneven bars (9.3) and balance beam (9.4).

"Our team's warmup session this morning was not good, not good at all," recalled Sarah Arends, who underwent ankle surgery in late March. "We struggled. But we regrouped, and a lot of that had to do with our coach getting us together and telling us to have faith over fear."

Warren senior Amanda Hamann -- a Carmel varsity gymnast as a freshman and still a big Doyle fan -- has talent and strength and speed, plus a Yurchenko-layout vault in her repertoire. No wonder she dashed, pounced, flew and landed her way to a first-place 9.725 in the sport's quickest event.

"I'm hoping to perform a layout full at our next invite (Jan. 4)," said Hamann, who tied for fourth place on vault at last winter's state meet and hopes to make the University of Iowa women's gymnastics team as a walk-on next winter.

"The vault doesn't scare me," the Blue Devil added. "Beam? That gets me jittery, a little."

Junior three-sport athlete Haylie Hinckley, of Wheaton's co-op squad, displayed steely resolve during her field-topping 9.55 floor exercise. She added a leap ahead of her first tumbling pass and described her music as "mysterious, dark and fun" afterward.

Hamann edged Hinckley 37.225-37.2 for runner-up honors in the all-around. Lake Park juniors Julia Bartnik (37) and Cali Keefe (35.950) finished 4-5.

"Julia," Lake Park coach Jake Luketin said, "is such a mentally strong kid. An injury forced her to miss her entire freshman season, and then she put in the work -- the hard work -- to make sure she was ready for her sophomore season."

Bartnik qualified for state on beam last winter, executing a first-place 9.225 routine atop the

unforgiving log at the LP sectional.

"If there's weakness in any of Julia's routines, she works to eliminate it," Luketin said.

Wheaton co-op finished sixth (132.25), followed by Conant (124.55), Schaumburg (123.975), **Bartlett U46** co-op (123.625), Geneva (122), Prospect (120.9) and Hoffman Estates (118.4).

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– Daily Herald –

Dixon helps Geneva get back on track with win over St. Charles North

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By Jake Bartelson - Shaw Local News Network

"He didn't play at all last year [on varsity], so this offseason, he made a goal," Geneva senior guard Mick Lawrence said of Dixon following Geneva's 61-45 victory over St. Charles North on Saturday.

Dixon finished with 17 points and four rebounds, as the Vikings got back on the winning track three days after a loss to Wheaton Warrenville South that was within a pair of possessions deep in the fourth quarter.

"He really wanted to play some more," Lawrence said of Dixon. "He really put in that work. He came out [this season], worked on his shot [and] really got bigger. He's been playing with way more confidence."

Lawrence saw Dixon beginning to emerge during a 58-55 loss to **Bartlett** on Nov. 29.

"He started to get in his own groove," Lawrence said. "He started getting aggressive ... so [it's] been kind of carrying on ever since then and being way more aggressive."

Geneva coach Scott Hennig echoed many of those exact sentiments.

"He's just a kid, who first of all, had a great offseason," Hennig said. "He got stronger. He got quicker. Put a lot of time in and it's starting to show on the court. Thought this was [his] best game so far. He's had some moments. He played really well over at **Bartlett**. I don't think he played terrible against Wheaton South. I thought he was a presence."

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– Elgin Courier News – BOYS BASKETBALL

License to drive

Giovenco's rise gives boost to emerging Elgin



Elgin's Micah Giovenco grabs a rebound against Streamwood on Friday night.
H. Rick Bamman/Beacon-News

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By Paul Johnson for Beacon-News

Senior forward Micah Giovenco has been working hard with new **Elgin coach Brett Johnson** ever since Johnson took on the job of trying to turn around his alma mater.

A main point of emphasis was improving Giovenco's ability to finish around the rim.

Lo and behold, with 44 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter Friday night, Giovenco received the perfect opportunity to put all of those lessons learned to good use.

"I couldn't find anyone open," Giovenco said. "I had to do something. I knew we were down one. I had to go get some.

"He was giving me the paint, so I went straight through."

The host **Maroons** trailed all game until Giovenco drove to the basket and finished off a layup, clinching a 45-42 Upstate Eight Conference win over **Streamwood**.

"It was one heck of a night," Giovenco said. "I'm proud of our team. We fought real hard."

Johnson lauded Giovenco's effort after the win.

"I'm so proud of Micah," Johnson said. "For the skills he started with and how much he's improved, he is the glue that holds us together on both ends.

"He is constantly trying to go get the ball. He has no quit in him, and it shows."

The **Maroons** (3-4, 1-2) were down throughout, but **Streamwood** (0-8, 0-3) still only held a 42-38 lead in the final minutes.

Maddox Hollian hit a 3-pointer with 1 minute, 32 seconds left to bring **Elgin** within 42-41. Then Giovenco put the Maroons ahead with his only basket of the quarter.

Hollian, who ended up with 14 points, sealed the win on a layup with 26 seconds left.

Streamwood coach Quentin Ruff, who was an assistant at **Elgin** the past two seasons, knows all about Giovenco.

"Micah is a great kid," Ruff said. "He went down and made a great play. He's a big body. He's not the greatest finisher, so he actually surprised me with the way he finished that basket."

Johnson is starting to see performances like this from Giovenco on a regular basis. He led all scorers with 17 points.

“For him to have another game in a row where he’s been productive, I’m excited for him,” Johnson said.

Johnson is also hoping to bring the **Maroons** back to prominence. They won only one conference game each of the past two seasons and are coming off a 4-23 record.

That’s what was waiting for Johnson when he took the job.

“They want to change what has been here before,” he said of his players. “The effort is there. The intensity and desire are there.

“They’re starting to get it. Wins will follow.”

Johnson put the onus on the players to initiate changing the culture, which Giovenco embraces.

“All these guys want it,” Giovenco said. “I know we all want it. We played like we wanted it and we showed it. I’m proud of our team.”

Terrell Young and Joshua Wilder each scored nine points to lead **Streamwood**.

“The big thing I told them in there is we haven’t gotten a chance to be in this position,” Ruff said. “The great thing about this is you just learn from it.

“We have to make sure we don’t make the same mistakes.”

Johnson arrived from **South Elgin** and made an immediate impression on the team. The results are starting to show.

“He’s a great guy — love him,” Giovenco said. “The coaches want it just as badly as us. You love to see that from a coach.”

The roots of that desire to win for Johnson started in Chesbrough Field House.

“It’s surreal to be here 20 years after I graduated, coaching in this gym,” Johnson said. “It’s really exciting to be here (to) try to change the culture and get basketball back to where it can be.”

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

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By From Staff Reports

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Andrew 51, Lockport 37

Andrew (4-3): Athan Berchos 11 points. Austin Kulig 10 points.

Bartlett 104, East Aurora 77

Beecher 72, Grant Park 43

Beecher (6-1, 3-0 River Valley): Aidyn McGinley 24 points, 7 assists, 6 rebounds. Zack Johnson 14 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists.

Benet 58, Nazareth 29

Bloom 75, Bishop Noll (Ind.) 41

Bloom (5-1): Raeshon Harris 12 points, 10 assists.

Bolingbrook 88, Lincoln-Way Central 53

Burlington Central 68, Prairie Ridge 55

Crystal Lake South 47, Jacobs 34

Dundee-Crown 53, Crystal Lake Central 35

Earlville 51, Indian Creek 25

Elgin Academy 67, Morgan Park Academy 30

Genoa-Kingston 62, Oregon 36

Genoa-Kingston (5-4, 1-0 Big Northern): Josh Bunting 16 points. Hayden Hodgson 13 points. Traven Atterberry 12 points.

Hinckley-Big Rock 49, Amboy 12

Hinckley-Big Rock (8-2): Martin Ledbetter 14 points.

Huntley 55, Hampshire 48

Kaneland 77, Marengo 40

Kaneland (7-1): Troyer Carlson 20 points.

Kankakee 79, Thornridge 27

Lakes 44, Antioch 41 (OT)

Lakes (5-4, 1-0 Northern Lake County): Brock Marino 11 points.

Antioch (3-6, 0-1): Marshall Gehrke 11 points.

Larkin 50, West Chicago 43

Lincoln-Way East 78, Bradley-Bourbonnais 46

Lincoln-Way East (6-1): B.J. Powell 17 points. George Bellevue 12 points. Josh Janowski 11 points.

Lincoln-Way West 69, Homewood-Flossmoor 67 (OT)

Lincoln-Way West (4-4): Tyler Gabriel 28 points. Eli Bach 17 points; GW basket as time expired. Jacob Bereza 17 points

H-F (4-3): Vincent Davis 14 points, 6 rebounds. Dominic Pangallo 16 points. Carson Brownfield 11 points, 7 assists, 6 rebounds.

Marian Catholic 73, Joliet Catholic 52

Marian (6-2, 3-1 ESCC): Quentin Jones 15 points. James Bullock 13 points, 5 assists. Zack Sharkey 10 points.

Marist 48, St. Viator 43

Marist (8-0, 3-0 ESCC): Kaden White 17 points. Mason Ross 10 points.

Marmion 64, De La Salle 47

Marmion (5-3, 1-2 CCL White): Jabe Haith 22 points, 8 assists, 7 rebounds. Collin Wainscott 21 points, 7 assists.

Metea Valley 60, Waubonsie Valley 54 (OT)

Mount Carmel 42, DePaul Prep 41

Mount Carmel (7-1, 2-0 CCL Blue): DeAndre Craig 19 points. Angelo Ciaravino 13 points.

Naperville North 74, DeKalb 71 (3 OT)

Naperville North (5-4, 1-1 DuPage Valley): Luke Williams 35 points. Bryce Welch 18 points.

Neuqua Valley 62, Naperville Central 59

Niles North 76, Deerfield 71

Notre Dame 51, Carmel 43

Oswego East 58, Oswego 53

Oswego East (8-1, 4-0 Southwest Prairie West): Ryan Johnson 18 points. Mekhi Lowery, Jehvion Starwood 12 points.

Oswego (2-7, 1-3): Max Niesman 20 points. Dasean Patton 10 points.

Ottawa 59, Plano 48

Peoria Notre Dame 63, Yorkville Christian 61

Yorkville Christian (2-6): David Douglas Jr. 33 points.

Providence 51, Providence-St. Mel 40

Providence (3-5, 1-2 CCL White): Zinn Amos 18 points. Seth Cheney 14 points, 5 steals.

Richards 57, Eisenhower 52

Richards (4-4, 1-3 SSC Red): Eddie Hrebic 17 points. Cameron King 12 points. Sam Cain 11 points.

Eisenhower (3-5, 0-3): A.J. Abrams 19 points.

Riverside-Brookfield 75, Chicago Christian 40

Rockford Christian Life 52, Mooseheart 51

St. Francis 33, Aurora Christian 30

St. Ignatius 48, Leo 42

Leo (3-2, 1-2 CCL Blue): Keeland Jordan 24 points, 10 rebounds, 4 blocks.

St. Laurence 74, Evergreen Park 42

St. Laurence (5-3): Zerrick Johnson 20 points. Jacob Rice 12 points. E.J. Mosley 11 points.

Evergreen (5-3): Alfredo Rivera, Billy Buchanan 12 points.

St. Rita 57, Brother Rice 51

St. Rita (4-3, 2-0 CCL Blue): Nojus Indrusaitis 19 points. Morez Johnson 16 points.

Brother Rice (8-1, 2-1): Ahmad Henderson 26 points.

Somonauk 65, Leland 27

Somonauk (3-5, 2-1 Little Ten): Carson Bahrey 21 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals.
Coleton Eade 14 points, 8 rebounds.

South Elgin 68, Glenbard East 42

Serena 67, Newark 41

Stagg 49, Sandburg 21

Stagg (6-2): Connor Williams 16 points. Domas Narcevicus 14 points.

Thornton 49, Rich Township 44

Thornton (3-3, 2-1 Southland): Vincent Rainey 16 points. Jordan Maple 11 points.

Thornwood 74, Crete-Monee 57

Vernon Hills 42, Highland Park 19

Vernon Hills (4-4, 1-1 Central Suburban North): Milan Raval 17 points.

West Aurora 77, Plainfield North 67

Yorkville 48, Minooka 30

Yorkville (7-1, 3-1 Southwest Prairie West): Jason Jakstys 12 points.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Argo 36, Reavis 33

Argo (5-2, 3-0 SSC Red): Apple Guerrero 15 points, 13 rebounds. Briana Leon 13 points.

Aurora Central Catholic 58, Elmwood Park 39

Bolingbrook 49, Lincoln-Way Central 39

Lincoln-Way Central (7-4): Gracen Gehrke 11 points, 5 rebounds. Gianna Amadio 9 points, 9 rebounds.

De La Salle 50, Rosary 44

De La Salle (5-4, 2-1 GCAC White): Kamryn Porter 26 points. Heaven Cusic 11 points.

Deerfield 75, Niles North 36

Deerfield (10-0, 4-0 Central Suburban North): Olivia Kerndt 19 points. Lexi Kerstein 17 points, 7 steals. Nikki Kerstein 14 points, 5 assists.

Homewood-Flossmoor 51, Lincoln-Way West 25

IC Catholic 60, St. Edward 30

Indian Creek 26, IMSA 21

Indian Creek (3-5, 2-0 Little Ten): Isabella Turner 17 points, 22 rebounds.

Lincoln-Way East 52, Bradley-Bourbonnais 32

Lincoln-Way East (5-2): Lana Kerley 16 points. Lilly Dockemeyer 13 points.

Lockport 47, Andrew 42

Lockport (3-6): Kaya Osinski 13 points. Alaina Peetz, Pat Tamasauskas 10 points.

Mother McAuley 56, Marist 53 (OT)

McAuley (8-1): Quinn Arundel, Morgan Feil 14 points.

Marist (6-5): Elise Ward 26 points.

Newark 70, Hiawatha 15

Oak Lawn 44, Evergreen Park 41

Oak Lawn (4-4, 2-1 SSC Red): Rose Savaglio 16 points, 4 steals. Teagan Krzystof 11 points. Danielle Dempsey 10 points, 11 rebounds.

Plano 51, Harvard 22

Plano (6-3): Makayla Walls 15 points. Ryssa Woodhouse 14 points. Josie Larson 11 points.

Richards 56, Eisenhower 19

Sandburg 47, Stagg 42

Sandburg (7-2): Juliana Paddock 14 points.

Streamwood 56, Elgin 55

Elgin (4-5, 0-4 Upstate Eight): Izzie Castro 24 points.

T.F. South 59, Hillcrest 42

West Chicago 47, Larkin 29

Yorkville 50, Minooka 46

Yorkville (4-4, 2-2 Southwest Prairie West): Alex Stewart 19 points. Kenzie Sweeney 12 points.

WRESTLING

Kaneland 51, **Bartlett** 20

Plainfield North 35, Oswego 25

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