

Press Clippings for January 26, 2023

– WGN Radio 720 –

Video: Your Hometown - Elgin

Jan. 23, 2022

By John Hansen and Breandan Rook

John Hansen visits Elgin, including a stop at **Century Oaks Elementary School** for their Boys and Girls Club of Elgin after school program. Listen this Thursday, January 26, for a full day of special features about Elgin.

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– Chicago Tribune –

Basketball scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

Jan. 25, 2023

By From Staff Reports - Aurora Beacon-News

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Antioch 45, Lakes 37

Antioch (11-10, 5-3 Northern Lake County): Kyle Glassman 12 points. Carter Webb 11 points.

Lakes (14-7, 6-2): Tyler Anderson 10 points.

Aurora Christian 58, Timothy Christian 30

Aurora Christian (16-7, 3-3 Metro Suburban Blue): Cam Morel 20 points.

Bartlett 74, East Aurora 66

Bartlett (15-8, 8-4 Upstate Eight): Nathan Searce 24 points. Shubh Mangrola 18 points, 4 steals, 3 assists.

Burlington Central 61, Dundee-Crown 45

Burlington Central (20-4, 10-1 Fox Valley): Andrew Scharnowski 34 points.

Carmel 43, Nazareth 42

Cary-Grove 56, Hampshire 54

DeKalb 64, Kaneland 63

Kaneland (20-5): Troyer Carlson 25 points. Gevon Grant 13 points. Johnny Spallasso 11 points. Earlville 55, IMSA 54

Geneva 59, St. Charles East 50

Grayslake Central 71, Grayslake North 53

Grayslake Central (20-3, 7-1 Northern Lake County): Jake Gibson 22 points. Dennis Estepp 17 points. Michael Monahan 12 points. Sam Cooper 11 points.

Harvest Christian 47, South Beloit 40

Huntley 52, Jacobs 40

Jacobs (12-11, 6-5 Fox Valley): Ben Jurzak 20 points. Jackson Martucci 10 points.

Lake Zurich 75, Zion-Benton 51

Larkin 66, West Chicago 44

Libertyville 57, Lake Forest 45

Libertyville (17-4, 7-1 North Suburban): Jack Huber, Aidyn Boone 16 points. Kaj Sorensen 12 points.

Lake Forest (13-9, 5-3): Asa Thomas 17 points, 6 rebounds.

Mundelein 74, Waukegan 71

Mundelein (10-12, 3-5 North Suburban): Derek Bishop 33 points. Emmanuel Willoughby 21 points.

Neuqua Valley 49, Maine East 46

North Chicago 77, Grant 75

Oswego 59, Joliet Central 56

Oswego East 69, Plainfield East 51

Parker 52, Elgin Academy 46

St. Ignatius 65, Marmion 59

Marmion (14-8, 3-5 CCL White): Collin Wainscott 20 points, 5 assists. Trevon Roots 15 points, 5 rebounds. Jabe Haith 10 points, 5 assists.

St. Edward 60, Aurora Central Catholic 48

South Elgin 60, Glenbard East 43

Stevenson 50, Warren 40 (OT)

Stevenson (16-4, 7-1 North Suburban): David Sulnius 15 points. Christian Uremovich 10 points, 7 rebounds. Jack Dabbs 9 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals.

Warren (12-11, 4-4): Adam Panek 14 points.

Wauconda 78, Round Lake 39

Wauconda (11-8, 4-3 Northern Lake County): Braeden Carlson 22 points, 10 rebounds. Cayden Mudd 18 points, 5 assists.

Round Lake: LaMarr Pierce 12 points.

West Aurora 70, Plainfield Central 40

Westlake Christian 65, Mooseheart 63

Yorkville 59, Plainfield South 39

Yorkville (19-4, 8-3 Southwest Prairie West): LeBaron Lee 19 points. Jory Boley 17 points.

Jackson Jakstys 11 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Aurora Central Catholic 54, Rosary 49

Downers Grove North 44, Naperville North 40

East Aurora 63, Bartlett 52

East Aurora (19-5): Mia Moore 30 points. Anastasia Bellamy 22 points.

Elgin 47, Streamwood 38

Elgin (8-18): Izzy Vidallo 14 points.

Glenbard West 65, Metea Valley 30

Harvest Christian 59, South Beloit 32

Highland Park 42, Niles West 40

Glenbard East 50, South Elgin 45

Kaneland 50, Plano 20

Kaneland (11-12, 7-4 Interstate Eight): Kendra Brown 29 points.

Lake Zurich 59, Zion-Benton 32

Larkin 45, West Chicago 44

LaSalle-Peru 43, Sandwich 40

Libertyville 53, Lake Forest 37

Libertyville (19-4, 9-1 North Suburban): Emily Fisher, Kate Rule 17 points.

Mundelein 50, Waukegan 34

Mundelein (10-15, 4-6 North Suburban): Rylan Foster 25 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals. Casey Vyverman 17 points, 4 assists.

Newark 49, Ottawa Marquette 45

Oswego 59, Joliet Central 56

Plainfield East 57, Oswego East 36

Oswego East (5-19, 4-8 Southwest Prairie West): Aubrey Lamberti 10 points.

Ridgewood 42, St. Edward 39

St. Charles North 68, St. Charles East 49

St. Charles North (20-4, 9-1 DuKane): Alyssa Hughes 30 points. Reagan Sipla, Katrina Stack 14 points.

Stevenson 57, Warren 48

Stevenson (18-8, 8-3 North Suburban): Nisha Musunuri 25 points. Emory Klatt 20 points.

Warren (10-12, 4-7): Mariah Phelps, Nari Powers 15 points.

Waubonsie Valley 68, Addison Trail 31

West Aurora 58, Plainfield Central 57

Winnebago 60, Genoa-Kingston 37

Genoa-Kingston (12-11, 2-5 Big Northern): Ally Poegel 12 points.

Yorkville 53, Plainfield South 28

Yorkville (14-10, 6-5 Southwest Prairie West): Ava Hendershott 11 points. Madi Spsychalski, Alex Stewart 10 points.

WRESTLING

Rochelle 60, Sandwich 15

Sandwich 57, LaSalle-Peru 21

LOCAL COLLEGES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Milwaukee Engineering (Wis.) 73, Aurora 69 OT)

Aurora (12-7, 7-5 NACC): Jevonn McCottry 17 points, 9 rebounds. Nolan Boffman 13 points. Justin Wilson 12 points.

Elgin 85, McHenry 67

Moraine Valley 87, Lake County 67

Waubonsee 86, Morton 71

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McHenry 81, Elgin 52

Morton 90, Waubonsee 47

Compiled by Josh Krockey.

– Chicago Tribune –

Super Shubh: Embracing sixth-man role, Shubh Mangrola gives Bartlett lift in comeback over East Aurora. 'He can light it up.'

Jan. 25, 2023

By Rick Armstrong - Aurora Beacon-News



Bartlett's Shubh Mangrola (11) drives against East Aurora's Ramarr Washington (12) during an Upstate Eight Conference game on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Call this one the name game.

Shubh Mangrola, a senior guard, comes off the bench for Bartlett. He came up big Tuesday night in a battle with East Aurora for third place in the Upstate Eight Conference.

In his role with the Hawks, Mangrola lives up to his given name from his parents, who emigrated to the United States from India. And he also has a pretty slick nickname, too.

That would be “Microwave,” borrowed from former Detroit Pistons guard Vinnie Johnson and given to Mangrola for his ability to heat up quickly and provide instant offense.

“Shubh is, without a doubt, one of the best sixth men in our conference,” Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said. “He can light it up.

“He’s super quick playing man-to-man or zone defense. When he’s playing his game and not thinking, just playing, it can be special.”



Bartlett's Shubh Mangrola (11) looks to pass around high-stepping Enrique Perez Jr. (10) during an Upstate Eight Conference game on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

It was Tuesday as the 5-foot-9 Mangrola scored 18 points to spark Bartlett's comeback from a 15-point deficit in the first half for a 74-66 victory.

Mangrola said his parents speak Gujarati, one of eight languages used in India.

“From what they tell me, my first name means ‘happy’ in Gujarati,” Mangrola said.

It was fitting this night for Bartlett (15-8, 8-4).

Mangrola's performance, which included four steals and three assists, was a lift as the **Hawks** trailed 37-22 after **East Aurora's Kenneth Cooley** completed a 3-point play with 2:46 left in the first half.



Bartlett's Keegan Kunzer (3) prepares to pass the ball to **Nathan Scearce (5)** for a basket against East Aurora during an Upstate Eight conference game on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

"I didn't like how we played man-to-man defense in the first quarter," Wolfsmith said. "We were giving up penetration and a lot of kick-out 3-pointers.

"When that happens, you have to change things up."

Wolfsmith switched to a zone and the **Hawks** pulled within 40-34 after two quarters, taking advantage of senior forward **Jabian Acosta** sitting the final 4:14 of the first half for the Tomcats (10-12, 8-4) due to foul trouble.

East Aurora still led 53-44 with 2:17 left in the third, but **Bartlett** began alternating zones and it took a toll, especially with Acosta back on the bench for most of the quarter with four fouls.

"Jabian has to learn to play without fouling," East Aurora coach **Rick Robinson** said. "Now, he's on the sideline coaching with me."



Bartlett's Kelton McEwen (2) passes the ball as East Aurora's Jaheim Wilkins (1) defends during an Upstate Eight Conference game on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

The **Hawks** had three straight steals in the final 2:06 of the third quarter and finished it with a 15-3 burst for a 59-56 lead.

“We came out and started throwing the ball away and not taking care of it,” Robinson said. “When you try to lob the ball over a zone, it’s trouble. That’s our game. We want you to try to lob the ball so we can go get it.”

Bartlett had won just once in its previous six games, but was missing junior guard **Nathan Searce** for three games with an ankle injury.

“We had leads in the fourth quarter in four of the games we lost,” Wolfsmith said.

Searce led **Bartlett** with 24 points and junior guard **Kelton McEwen** added 13.

“That stretch cost us a chance at the conference title,” Searce said. “We started slow (Tuesday night), but our defense turned it around.”



East Aurora's Jaheim Wilkins (1) and Kenneth Cooley (4) try to defend Bartlett's Shubh Mangrola (11), who scores on a layup after his second steal in a 45-second span during an Upstate Eight Conference game on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Jalen Bealer led East Aurora with 23 points but was scoreless in the fourth quarter. Cooley, a junior guard, added 17.

Mangrola said scoring 21 points off the bench during a Christmas holiday tournament game at Jacobs gave his confidence a boost.

He started a few games, but after struggling in that role, a talk with Wolfsmith helped him embrace the sixth-man role.

“He likes what I bring to the team off the bench in that role,” Mangrola said.

And it makes sense.

“He comes off the bench and gives them 18,” Robinson said. “He had one point the last time we played them. This time, he was the difference.”

– Daily Herald –

Lothery, Harvest Christian soaring to new heights

Jan. 26, 2023

By Craig Brueske

Harvest Christian Academy might be one of the smallest high schools in the area with an enrollment of 165 (according to the IHSA).

That hasn't stopped the Lions from possessing one of the area's top boys basketball records — now 19-5 after Tuesday's 47-40 showdown win over state-ranked South Beloit (16-5).

Coach Bryan Bradshaw's team, fresh off an impressive 69-47 road victory over Richmond-Burton last Saturday, also fields one of the area's top scorers in Ben Lothery.

Lothery, a 6-foot-1 senior guard who averages 21 points and 3.3 assists per game this season, continues to improve his all-around game, according to Bradshaw.

"Ben has grown as a scorer," said Bradshaw. "Early on in his career, he was a great three-point shooter. His knack for getting to his spot and in the paint has grown and made him more dangerous as an offensive threat."

How much of an offensive threat is Lothery?

In early December, Lothery poured in a career-high 38 points with seven 3-pointers during the Lions' 90-49 victory over Schaumburg Christian.

Last week, Lothery scored 22 points with five 3-pointers during the Lions' 49-41 overtime loss to Stillman Valley, then returned later that day and scored a team-high 28 points with six 3-pointers, and added 3 assists and 3 steals in Harvest Christian's 66-48 victory over North Boone.

"I always knew that Ben had a great eye for finding open spots and creating opportunities for him and others to score," said Bradshaw. "He has great knowledge of the game and can see plays develop before they happen."

While Lothery has thrived as the Lions' outside shooting threat, 6-4 junior forward Kaden Meeker has provided the team an inside presence.

Meeker scored 15 points with 8 rebounds against Richmond-Burton, and added a near carbon copy with 15 points and 7 boards in the Lions' 44-42 loss to Hinckley-Big Rock last Thursday — Harvest's first home loss (8-1).

Other contributors include seniors Dan Winkleman, Antonio Wilder, and junior JJ Gonnam.

Gonnam scored 14 points against Richmond-Burton, while Wilder added 11 points on 3-of-3 shooting from beyond the arc, and Winkleman had 9 points on three 3-pointers.

Harvest Christian owns a 5-0 mark in Northeastern Athletic Conference play.

“Our mindset is on finishing the remaining games strong and secure one of the top seeds in our sectional,” said Bradshaw. “We will try to be playing our best basketball when regionals roll around.”

South Elgin update:

Despite last Saturday's 75-45 non conference loss to Burlington Central, **South Elgin** remains in Upstate Eight Conference title contention with 3 regular-season weeks remaining.

The **Storm** (13-9) improved to 10-1 — tied with Fenton in the UEC — with last Friday's come-from-behind, 58-56 home triumph over **Larkin**.

First-year head coach Phil Church's team owns a 5-1 mark in conference games decided by 7 points or fewer, with the lone loss coming at the hands of the Bison (61-60) on Dec. 20.

The UEC co-leaders meet again on Feb. 7 in Bensenville.

“I think I've got the most seniors that people play, regardless of whether they played a lot last year,” said Church, who started an all-senior lineup with Sean Harvey, Mason Montgomery, Victor Sison, Jake Tiaokhiao, and Elias Cole Williams against **Larkin**.

“I think when you look at the scale of the conference right now, and we talk about probably the four purest players who are juniors. You've got two at Bartlett (Kelton McEwen and Nathan Scearce), there's one at Fenton who is hurt (Xavior Gonzalez), and (**Larkin's Jakob**) **Blakley**.

“Next year, this conference is going to be loaded, so we'll take the wins while we get them.”

Led by Cole Williams and 6-7 forward/center Harvey, **South Elgin** now finds itself as a team circled on opponents' schedules.

“I think it's a testament to guys who are under the radar and kind of have a chip on their shoulders,” said Church. “Now, they're learning to play when that bulls-eye is on their backs.”

Larkin update:

Larkin slipped to 9-14 overall following Saturday's 77-43 loss to DuKane Conference front-runner Wheaton Warrenville South (19-2).

One night earlier, the **Royals** let a 10-point, fourth-quarter lead slip away in their 2 point-loss to **South Elgin** despite a 28-point effort from junior guard Jakob Blakley.

Now, the defending Upstate Eight champions have set their attention to next month's postseason.

"We're out of the conference race now," said **Larkin coach Deryn Carter**, whose team is 6-5 in the UEC but 4 games in back of both Fenton and **South Elgin**.

"All we're trying to do is get ready for a regional championship. Hopefully, we're building up some scars and some calluses and we're ready to go come regional time."

First, the good news.

Elgin update:

Elgin (8-14, 1-10) has doubled its win total from a year ago (4-23) under the direction of first-year **Maroons head coach Brett Johnson**, and led by junior guard Maddox Hollian.

Now, the not-so-good news.

Weekend defeats at the hands of Kaneland (73-44) and Brooks (59-48) extended **Elgin's** losing streak to 8.

"I think it's a long process and hopefully come the end of the season and playoff time, we can continue to get better and learn from these losses," said Johnson.

The **Maroons** host **Bartlett** (14-8, 7-4) Friday night.

Scharnowski nears 1,000:

After scoring 34 points Tuesday in a 61-45 win over Dundee-Crown, Burlington Central senior Drew Scharnowski is 19 points away from 1,000.