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Huntley's quarterback Braylon Bower runs the ball during last week's win over Jacobs. The Red Raiders play Prairie Ridge on Friday with first place in the FVC on the line. (Patrick Kunzer/for Shaw Local)

East Aurora (2-1, 2-1) at Glenbard East (2-1, 2-1)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Last matchup: Glenbard East 42, East Aurora 0, last year

About the Tomcats: Keep an eye on multi-purpose threat Kenneth Cooley. You'll likely see his number called and hear his name on the PA system throughout the night. Cooley, who scored 3 touchdowns in a 28-0 win over Elgin 2 weeks ago, tallied 4 touchdowns in last weekend's 42-36 victory over Bartlett. Cooley scored touchdowns on his first 4 touches against the Hawks, totaling 259 all-purpose yards. "Our defensive staff, led by Pat Walker, is outstanding at preparing our young men defensively," said Rams coach John Walters. "We have some speed of our own to hopefully simulate what they have, so our guys can get used to that pace." Quarterback Amado Martinez is also capable of making things happen for the Tomcats.

About the Rams: Last week, Glenbard East jumped out to a 41-0 halftime lead on the way to its 47-6 triumph over West Chicago. Only a late 66-yard TD pass prevented the Rams from posting a shutout. Senior outside linebacker Aaron Dotson recorded a pick-6 for the Rams last week. Dotson is flanked by linebackers Augustus Winkler, Blake Salvino, and defensive back Eric McClain. Walters hopes his team can continue its solid all-around play from a week ago. "Our execution -- we were solid on both sides of the ball," said Walters. "The one thing coaches emphasize is executing in game situations. We were able to do that a high level last Friday night."

**Streamwood** (1-2, 1-2) at Glenbard South (3-0, 3-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Last matchup: Glenbard South 49, Streamwood 20, last year

About the Sabres: Interceptions from senior Oscar Villapando and sophomores Elijah Brown and Anthony Richards were instrumental in the Sabres' 20-12 victory over Elgin last weekend. "We definitely needed that win," said Streamwood coach Keith McMaster. "We've been close in all three games, but it felt good to finish that one against a solid opponent." Brown added a 52-yard punt return for a touchdown against Elgin. "Our special teams have been good this season returning the ball," said the coach. "We have a kickoff return for a TD (vs. Bartlett) and the punt return. Our punting has helped flip the field for us. We put a lot of time into our special teams and the kids have bought in with what we're teaching. A touchdown on special teams helps to reinforce their efforts. We'll take points any way we can get them." McMaster realizes the task at hand will be a tough one Friday night. "Glenbard South is an exceptional team," he said. "They are well coached and team execution is on point. They have some special players that put teams in tough situations. We need to stay disciplined in our gameplan, eliminate mistakes and do the little things -- block, tackle, pursuit."

About the Raiders: Loaded with talent, the Raiders are off to a 3-0 start and are averaging 49 points per game. Heading the top of the list is Notre Dame-bound receiver/defensive back/return man Cam Williams, who caught 7 passes for 189 yards and a pair of touchdowns while also rushing for a TD and making an interception during Glenbard South's 35-0 win over Larkin last weekend. The Raiders collected 6 interceptions against the Royals. Senior veteran Michael Champagne directs the Raiders' offense at quarterback.

**Elgin** (1-2, 1-1) at **Bartlett** (1-2, 1-2)

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Last matchup: **Elgin** 24, **Bartlett** 7, last year

About the Maroons: The Maroons look to make it two in a row over the Hawks in this Upstate Eight showdown. Junior quarterbacks Darin Ward and Nic Avina go up against a defense that played well in its first two games before getting hurt by big plays last week against East Aurora. Ward, who tossed a touchdown pass to Anthony Lucret, rushed for 123 yards on 10 carries and scored a touchdown in Elgin's 20-12 loss to Streamwood last weekend. Tailback Fabian Ramirez and wide receiver Jeremiah Hill also spark the Maroons' attack.

About the Hawks: Big plays crippled the Hawks in their wild 42-36 loss to East Aurora last weekend. Tomcats standout Kenneth Cooley scored on an 80-yard touchdown pass and 59-yard TD reception, while adding another of his 4 TDs on a kickoff return. Filip Szeszko leads the Hawks' offense, which generated 219 yards against the Tomcats. The winner of this game will improve to 2-2 with 5 games remaining. The loser will fall to 1-3, dimming state postseason hopes.

**South Elgin** (3-0, 3-0) at **Larkin** (1-2, 1-2)

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Last matchup: **South Elgin** 47, **Larkin** 12, last year

About the Storm: South Elgin visits Memorial Stadium as 1 of 2 unbeaten teams (along with Glenbard South) in the Upstate Eight Conference, having scored 153 points in 3 games. A week ago, the Storm piled up 50 points in the first quarter on the way to a 79-7 triumph over Fenton. Junior tight end/wide receiver Ishmael George has been a touchdown machine in the early going. He added TD receptions covering 1 and 42 yards against Fenton. "Obviously, he's a good athlete at receiver but he plays tight end for us as well," said Storm coach Dragan Teonic. "For the first year ever, we don't have to substitute, so as a defense, you must prepare for a whole bunch of different issues with a tight end versus receiver versus unbalanced (line), and you don't know what's coming because we don't have to roll in a guy from the sideline. He's got beautiful hands and he's a smooth runner. He doesn't look fast, but he is." South Elgin starts just 6 seniors. "We're just a young team with a couple sophomores up (on varsity)," added Teonic. "You can see the growth. You can see the potential."

About the Royals: **Larkin** played Glenbard South extremely tough last weekend, trailing just 14-0 at halftime before dropping a 35-0 decision. Teonic has a great deal of respect for the Royals, who are under the direction of first-year head coach Vincent Ray. "Larkin has two or three studs," said Teonic. "Jalen Miller is an unbelievable player. We've got our work cut out for us."

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