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Joe Lewnard/jlewnard@dailyherald.comProspect's Nicholas Carlucci carries the ball for a touchdown against Glenbrook South during Thursday's game in Mount Prospect.

Football

Team Week 4 result/Week 5 opponent

1. York 4-0 Beat OPRF 56-28; at Hinsdale Central
2. Hersey 4-0 Beat Vernon Hills 67-0; at Buffalo Grove
3. Batavia 3-1 Beat St. Charles N. 45-21; Wheaton N.
4. Lake Zurich 4-0 Beat Zion-Benton 31-7; Warren
5. Downers Grove North 4-0 Beat Proviso West 49-6; at Oak Park
6. Barrington 4-0 Beat New Trier 22-14; Fremd
7. Wheaton North 3-1 Beat St. Charles East 35-14; at Batavia
8. Maine South 3-1 Beat Fremd 24-7; at New Trier
9. Palatine 2-2 Beat Evanston 49-20; at Hoffman Estates
10. IC Catholic Prep 4-0 Beat Nazareth 36-34; Marist
11. **South Elgin** 4-0 Beat **Larkin** 36-0; at East Aurora
12. Geneva 4-0 Beat Lake Park 41-7; at Glenbard North
13. Naperville Central 3-1 Beat Waubonsie V. 27-0; at Neuqua Valley
14. Prospect 3-1 Beat Glenbrook S. 45-35; Rolling Meadows
15. Glenbard West 2-2 Beat Lyons 13-10; at Leyden
16. Cary-Grove 4-0 Beat Jacobs 27-14; Prairie Ridge

17. St. Charles North 2-2 Lost to Batavia 45-21; at WW South
18. Mundelein 4-0 Beat Waukegan 37-22; at Stevenson
19. Neuqua Valley 2-2 Beat Naperville North 17-7; Naperville C.
20. Huntley 3-1 Lost to Prairie Ridge 27-14; Hampshire

Others to watch: Antioch 4-0, Carmel 4-0, Naperville North 2-2, Glenbard South 4-0, Warren 2-2, Maine West 4-0, Montini 4-0, St. Francis 2-2, Buffalo Grove 3-1, Hoffman Estates 3-1

- Chicago Tribune- Senior goalie Adrian Mucha makes 9 saves in return from injury as Bartlett ties Streamwood. ‘I just had to play.’

**By: Paul Johnson
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Bartlett goalkeeper Adrian Mucha (0) kicks the ball into play against Streamwood during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman/The Beacon-News)

After spending a couple weeks on the shelf with a groin injury, senior goalkeeper Adrian Mucha was itching to get back into the lineup for **Bartlett**.

While he's still not 100%, there was no way he was missing Monday night's Upstate Eight Conference showdown against Streamwood.

“I did my normal warm-up routine and my groin felt better,” Mucha said. “Doing the kicks, I felt it but I always wanted to stay on the field. I’ve been watching these games.

“I feel bad just sitting on the bench. I just had to play (Monday).”

The Hawks are certainly glad he did. Mucha ended up making nine saves to keep **Bartlett** in the game, which wound up in a 0-0 tie.

Considering the Hawks (1-7-3, 0-1-1) entered the game with only one victory all season, it felt like a win, especially against a quality opponent in Streamwood (9-3-2, 1-0-1).

“He played outstanding,” **Bartlett** coach Anthony Glorioso said of Mucha. “It’s that weird energy you get from a huge save and kind of building off it.

“Seeing him out there after being hurt, it’s really nice to see. He makes a major difference — night and day.”

At the start of the day, Glorioso didn’t know if Mucha was going to be able to play. Glorioso was pleasantly surprised when he was informed that Mucha would give it a go.



Bartlett's Arav Patel (16) and Streamwood's Andy Mendoza (14) battle for the ball during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman/The Beacon-News)

“The captains came to me and said Adrian is ready to go and I’m like, ‘All right, let’s see it,’” Glorioso said.

“Big game and he was like, ‘You know, I think I can try it.’

“It was great to see him back between the pipes.”

Mucha and the Hawks had their hands full, however, with Streamwood junior AJ Sabanovic.

The star forward produced a handful of chances, including a header off a corner kick that Mucha saved in the first half. Sabanovic was a focus for the Hawks’ defense.

“I think he was getting frustrated from Adrian and some of our backs being on him,” Glorioso said. “He wanted a goal. He’s just been scoring a lot.”



Streamwood's Jose Pena, left, deflects the ball away from Bartlett's Will Ehlers (9) during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman/The Beacon-News)

Streamwood coach Matt Polovin said Sabanovic is an all-state player who was treated as such Monday.

“AJ was trying to work a little too hard, more than he normally does,” Polovin said. “He knows he’s going to get double teamed. He knows he’s going to get his ankles whacked.

“He’s a marked man. I think he just needs to take a deep breath every once in a while and just play his game. He’s a high-class player. He’ll learn.”

Bartlett has scored 10 goals all season but applied plenty of pressure offensively, particularly in the first half.

Six of the Hawks’ seven shots on goal were in the first half, with four coming from Santiago Reyes. They could not find the back of the net, though.



Bartlett's Jack Conner (6) takes a shot in the second half as Streamwood's Alejandro Alcala (4) defends during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Bartlett on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023. (H. Rick Bamman/The Beacon-News)

“It’s an improvement,” Mucha said. “We don’t usually take too many shots, but this was a really good game.”

Having Mucha in the net trickled through the rest of the lineup, leading to those chances.

“That goes back to the whole energy thing,” Glorioso said. “We always bring it with Streamwood. The kids know each other. They step up their game no matter what. They knew it was a big game. We had a lot of energy.

“I was proud to see effort and resilience from our guys.”

And now that Mucha is back in the mix, the Hawks are hoping they can build off Monday's momentum.

“**Elgin** (on) Wednesday will be even tougher,” Mucha said. “I have to get prepared for that.”