



Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond Knights running back Billy Fifer hurdles one of his own lineman at the beginning of his 94-yard touchdown run in the third quarter of the game Friday night at Cerro Gordo. Fifer and teammate Adam Day both had two rushing touchdowns in the game, and Day also caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Lance Mercer in the hard-fought overtime loss. Photo by Sally McCarthy

# Knights fall in overtime to the Cerro Gordo/Bement Broncos

By SALLY MCCARTHY  
For The Graphic-Clarion

It took an extra period of football to decide the victor in the game at Cerro Gordo last Friday night. In a hard fought, back-and-forth contest, the Broncos scored on their overtime possession, and the Knights' pass on fourth down of their series fell incomplete.

The Knights got on the scoreboard first on a six-yard run by Adam Day with 30 seconds left in the first quarter. The extra point kick by Aaron Likens was good, and the Knights led 7-0.

Cerro Gordo/Bement answered with a 28-yard touchdown run by Ethan Mann just two minutes into the second period. The kick was no good, so the Knights held on to a slim 7-6 lead.

Two minutes later, Adam Day scored his second rushing touchdown on a 51-yard run. After Likens' kick, the lead was 14-6 in favor of the Knights.

The Broncos turned the ball over on downs, but unfortunately the Knights gave up a fumble to give the ball back to the home team. The Broncos scored after a short drive with Mann carrying the ball one yard into the end zone. An extra point kick by Wes McDermith brought the Broncos back to within one point of the visitors, 14-13.

Each team had two series left in the half, Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond's first ended with another fumble, and Cerro Gordo-Bement turned the ball over on downs. The last series of the half for the Knights ended with a very nice punt by Hunter Day that put the Broncos at their own 19. A 6-yard gain was followed by a 75-yard touchdown pass from Mann to Matthew Guffey with just six seconds remaining in

the half. After a McDermith kick, Cerro Gordo-Bement took their first lead, 20-14 into the halftime.

The third quarter opened with a long drive by the home team that took the ball to the Knights' one-yard line. The defense held, and after a penalty for an ineligible man downfield that negated a touchdown, the Broncos fourth down pass was incomplete.

On the very next play, the Red, Black, and Gold's Billy Fifer broke through and out ran the defense for a 94-yard touchdown run. The kick was no good, but the game was knotted at 20 with 7:41 left in the third.

The Broncos scored on a 28-yard pass from Mann to Gage Barker-Taylor to go back on top, after the extra-point kick, 27-20, with 5:44 to go in the third.

The Knights scored twice in the fourth quarter. The first touchdown came on a 37-yard pass from Lance Mercer to Adam Day and then after Brady Borntreger recovered a Bronco fumble on the ensuing kickoff, Fifer scored his second touchdown of the game on a Three-yard run. After Likens' two extra-point kicks, the Knights were back on top 34-27.

Cerro Gordo-Bement tied the game again on a 5-yard run by Sam Dalton and a McDermith kick that came with 3:30 remaining in the game. Neither team could get anything going on their remaining drives, and the horn sounded with the scoreboard reading 34 all.

The Knights won the overtime coin toss and elected to go on defense first. Cerro Gordo-Bement's quarterback, Mann, connected with Barker-Taylor on the first play of their possession for a touchdown. McDermith's kick made the score

41-34 with the Knights getting their chance in overtime starting at the 10-yard line. They got the ball to the 3 on the first three plays, but Mercer's pass to Day on fourth down was oh so close, but fell incomplete. Despite the great effort throughout the game, the Knights came up just short and fell to 2-5 on the season.

They will finish the 2018 season with two home games. Conference-leading Argenta-Oreana Bombers come to Wilson Field this Friday followed by the Southeast Division leader, the Cumberland Pirates for the final game of the season. Game time for both is 7:00 p.m.

**Cerro Gordo/Bement 41, ALAH 34**  
**Friday, October 5**  
**At Cerro Gordo**

ALAH 7 7 6 14 0—34  
CGB 0 20 7 7 7—41

ALAH — Adam Day, 6-yard run. Aaron Likens kick. 30 seconds, first quarter

CGB — Ethan Mann, 28-yard run. Kick failed. 10:03, second quarter

ALAH — Adam Day, 51-yard run. Likens kick. 8:20, second

CGB — Mann, 1-yard run. Wes McDermith kick. 3:51, second

CGB — Matthew Guffey, 75-yard pass from Mann. McDermith kick. 0:06, second

ALAH — Billy Fifer, 94-yard run. Kick failed. 7:41 third quarter

CGB — Gage Taylor-Barker, 28-yard pass from Mann. McDermith kick. 5:44 third

ALAH — Day, 37-yard pass from Lance Mercer. Likens kick. 11:52 fourth quarter

ALAH — Billy Fifer,

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# ALAH volleyball wins LOVC NW Tourney title

By KENT A. STOCK  
Staff Writer

It was a very busy week of volleyball for the Knights with one title secured and a second just out of reach. It certainly showed that Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond can compete with some of the top teams in the area.

After defeating Decatur LSA in the quarterfinals and Blue Ridge in the semifinals of the Little Okaw Valley Conference Northwest Division tournament on Saturday, the Knights had to face tourney host and No. 1 seed Cerro Gordo for the title on Tuesday.

The Broncos were having a fantastic season and had defeated ALAH in regular season play. The Red, Black, and Gold would have to bring a better game on this night, and they did.

The first set was a close one, but the Knights held it together to edge Cerro Gordo 25-23. The second set belonged to the Orange and Blue who took the game 25-20.

This set up the deciding third game which ended up being a thriller. Arthur Lovington Atwood Ham-

mond seemingly had the upper hand throughout. The Knights had a 23-18 lead, but Cerro Gordo was not ready to quit by any means.

The Broncos roared back to tie the set at 24 apiece. That is when Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond dug down deep and scored the last two points to take the game 26-24, the match, and the LOVC NW tournament championship.

Taylor Powell led the team in kills with nine. Mackenzie Brown had six put-downs. Michaela Powell had two aces to lead the Knights. The defense was strong as well with Brown leading the way in blocks with five. Emma Harris and T. Powell had two stuffs each. Marissa Herschberger had a great night at the net with 20 assists.

The win put the Knights into the LOVC finals against LOVC Southeast Tournament champion Tri-County. Ever since, then Arthur Lovington, broke the Titans' five-year conference winning streak several years ago at 74 games, this rivalry has been fierce between the two teams. It is always a battle. Things did not look well

# Eighth grade girls find a way to defeat Monticello

By LYNN FARMER  
JHS Basketball Coach

The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond Lady Knights had a couple of wild games Thursday evening against Monticello. The seventh grade Knights dropped a 13-12 decision, while the eighth graders captured a

28-18 win.

In what proved to be a defensive battle, the 7th grade Knights battled back all night long to tie the game at 12-12 with just a little over a minute left to play. But Monticello hit a free throw late, and the young Knights missed a couple of

for the tournament hosts in the first game as Tri-County came out swinging. The Titans took the first set 25-15. Whatever head coach Emily Crossman said to the team before the second game worked.

The Knights came out and dominated most of the match before they let the visitors sneak back in at the last minute. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond held on to take the game 25-23.

The third game had Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond on cruise control building up a 16-9 lead. That is when the momentum in the game changed in a big way. Tri-County ran off a string of 11 unanswered points to take the lead. They then fought off the Knights to secure a 25-21 win, taking the match and the LOVC tournament first place trophy.

The Titans were 18-4 with the Knights resuming regular season play with a 17-7 mark.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond will celebrate Senior Night on Thursday, October 18, with a match against Okaw Valley.

# Mast leads AOC soccer to 7-0 victory over Grace

Sean Mast scored four goals, and Evan Oliver had six saves on defense as Arthur Okaw Christian defeated Grace Christian Academy of Kankakee 7-0 in a boys varsity soccer match on Tuesday, October 2, at Arthur Christian School.

The Conquering Riders

improved to 3-5-3 with the victory.

Ian Lowry, Jack Mudd, and Steven White each added a goal for AOC.

Lowry, Michael Miller, and Slater Trier had one assist each.

Miller finished with four goalkeeper saves.

## Moultrie County Courthouse News

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First Mid Bank and Trust N.A. granted Luella K. Hughes a release for a lot in G. Brosam's Addition.

First Mid Bank and Trust granted William G. Burich a release for a Lot in the Original Town, Sullivan.

Vanessa L. Horsman granted Vanessa L. Horsman, trustee of Vanessa L. Horsman Trust, a deed in trust for parcels in NW SE 2-12-5 and NW NE 2-12-5.

Peggy Jo Hargis granted Peggy Jo Hargis Revocable Trust, a quitclaim deed.

Kevin McReynolds granted Scott State Bank a mortgage for a parcel in 23-14-4.

JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. granted Adam M. Daily a release for a parcel in NE NW 2-13-6.

Scott State Bank granted Roger D. Betzler a release for Lot 9 in Block 2 of Meekers Addition.

Jesse William Carlock,

Brett Kenneth Carlock, and Kathy June Carlock Ozier granted Deanna June Carlock a quitclaim deed for a parcel in NW SE 31-13-5.

Barbara Ray Kullik, Gary McDaniel, Robert McDaniel, and Joyce Griffith Pitzel granted William R. Kaufman a warranty deed for three lots in Caldwell Addition.

Morton Community Bank granted David N. Kuff-

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## AREA TEAMS SPORTS SCHEDULES\*\*

### CROSS COUNTRY

**Saturday, October 13** – ALAH at Effingham St. Anthony Invite 9:00 am

### MARCHING BAND

**Saturday, October 13** - ALAH at Effingham Marching Band Competition

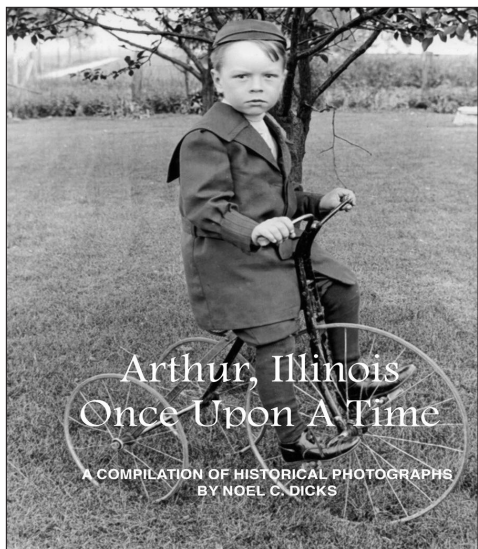
### JR. HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Thursday, October 11** – ALAH at Decatur LSA 6:00 pm  
**Monday, October 15** – ALAH at Arcola 6:00 pm  
**Tuesday, October 16** – Mattoon vs. ALAH at Lovington 6:15 pm

Schedules subject to change



**HALL OF FAME.** The late Mac Boyd, AHS 1961, was one of the recipients of the Hall of Fame Award at the 2018 AHS Alumni Banquet. His sister, Juanita Boyd Parrott, AHS 1956, spoke on behalf of Mac and accepted the award. Shown with the award are Denny Parrott, AHS '79, Mac's nephew; Juanita Parrott; and Steve Jurgens, vice president of the alumni association. The Hall of Fame Award honors Arthur High School graduates who have made a significant contribution to their Alona Mater, the Arthur community, their profession, our society, our nation, or our world.



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