

Knights girls finish second in their own tournament

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Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond girls' basketball team hosted the Knights Holiday Classic just prior to Christmas.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond swept through pool play with a 3-0 record which put them in the championship game against Sullivan.

The Redskins pummeled the Knights just a few weeks prior to this matchup, defeating ALAH by 29 points.

The Knights started tournament play, fittingly enough, against the "other" Knights, Blue Ridge/Deland-Weldon.

It was a tussle in the early-going with ALAH taking a 13-11 lead at the end of the first quarter of play.

The Knights gave themselves a little bit of breathing room in the second quarter and took a 25-16 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Neither team seemed to be able to get any traction on the offensive side of things the entire game.

Finally, it was ALAH outlasting Blue Ridge in the end for a 42-29 victory.

Scoring for ALAH were Mackenzi Bowles, 15 points; Alexa Miller 9; Marissa Herschberger 8; Marcy Petersheim 6; and Mallory Nichols and Nisa Asghar, 2.

The first game for the Knights on Friday was against Shelbyville, a team they had defeated earlier in the season.

The first eight minutes of play were very close with the Knights only being able to edge out to a four point lead at 10-6; however, the best was yet to come.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond exploded in the second quarter, scoring 26 points in an offensive barrage that left the Rams stunned. Arthur Lovington

Atwood Hammond took a 36-12 lead at the midway point and never looked back.

Shelbyville could never recover, and once the lead reached 30 points the new running clock rule came into effect.

The final score was ALAH 51, Shelbyville 20. It was a great defensive effort for the Knights as well in the game.

Scoring for the Knights in the game vs. the Rams were Herschberger, 15; Bowles, 10; A. Miller, 9; Emma Harris, 6; Petersheim, 4; Addi Tinkle, 3; and Asghar and Shaylie Miller, 2.

The final game in pool play was against rival Tuscola with the winning team advancing to the championship game.

The battle did not start off well for the Knights who fell behind the Warriors 12-5 at the end of the first quarter.

However, in the second quarter the red, black, and gold began to chip away into the

TCHS lead, whittling it down to three points, 19-16, at halftime.

The third quarter turned out to be the deciding one in the game.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond took control of the contest in this period and led 35-29 by the end of the period.

The teams fought it out in the fourth with the Warriors making several runs at the Knights, but the home team held them off.

The result was a 45-40 victory for Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond and a berth in the title game against Sullivan.

Scoring for ALAH vs. Tuscola: Herschberger, 20; A. Miller, 7; Harris and Bowles, 6; Petersheim, 4; Jolynn Barbee, 2.

The first quarter opened with Sullivan in control from the start. It did not help the Knights' cause when a foul was called at the buzzer on a three-point attempt by the visitors.

The Sullivan player made

all three shots, and the Redskins took a 17-7 lead at the end of one quarter.

The second quarter was a defensive struggle which went in favor of the Knights as they only allowed Sullivan four points in eight minutes of play.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond chipped into the Sullivan lead and trailed by only five at the half, 21-16.

The Redskins regained their composure and their shooting touch after the break, but the pesky Knights kept things close. The third quarter came to a close with Sullivan leading 37-26.

The final quarter was a real battle as Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond did all they could to break through into the Sullivan lead.

The Redskins fought just as hard to stave off the Knights. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond did finally get the game down to 44-37, but it was too lit-

tle too late.

Sullivan added one more free throw to make the final 45-37 which was a far cry from the 29-point defeat earlier in the month.

Scoring for the Knights vs. Sullivan were Herschberger, 17; Petersheim, 8; Bowles, 6; Barbee, Harris and A. Miller, 2 each.

Finals Night Scores
Knights Holiday Classic

Seventh place: Cumberland 32, Blue Ridge 27

Fifth place: Shelbyville 37, Chrisman 25

Third place: Tuscola 57, Windsor-Stew-Stras 41

Championship: Sullivan 45, ALAH 37

All-Tournament Team

Esther Miller of Sullivan, MVP; Marissa Herschberger, ALAH; Alexa Miller, ALAH; Emily White, Sullivan; Lexie Russo, Tuscola; Megan Schlechte, WSS; and Nikki Trussell, WSS.

Arthur Okaw Christian defeats Homeschool Association in first round of Holiday Classic

Arthur Okaw Christian defeated Christian Homeschool Association (Springfield) 61-42 in a Play-in Round game on Thursday, December 27, during the AOC Holiday Classic.

Lowry of the Conquering Riders led all scorers with 19 points. Trier and Mast also scored in double figures for AOC with 16 and 13 points respectively.

J. Fitch led Christian Homeschool Association with 18 points.

After ending the first quarter tied at 14-all, Arthur Okaw Christian pulled away in the second and third periods with 19 points in the second and 12 in the third.

The Riders' defense held Christian Homeschool Association to only 5 points in the third quarter.

Arthur Okaw Christian led

33-24 at the half and 45-29 after three periods.

Also scoring for AOC were Smith 5, Linville 4, and Oliver and Tiarks, 2 each. Binion, Burns, Lee, I. Miller, M. Miller, Otto, and Roughton played, but did not score.

Other scorers for Christian Homeschool Association were I. Fitch 8, Wetherington 7, Suess 6, B. Fox 2, and J. Fox 1. Brady, N. Fitch, Garner, Hanlon, Howard, Huffman, Lewis, and Senechal played but did not score.

Arthur Okaw Christian canned 10 three-point shots while Christian Homeschool made one.

The Conquering Riders improved to 7-4 overall with the win. They were scheduled to play the winner of the Tower Grove Christian (St. Louis) versus Calumet Christian (Indiana) on Friday, December 28, in a quarterfinal game of the Navy Bracket.

AOC 61,
Chris. Homeschool Assoc. 42
AOC Holiday Classic
Play-in Round
Thursday, December 27

AOC (61) Lowry 2-4-5-19, Trier 4-2-0-16, Mast 3-2-0-13, Smith 1-1-0-5, Linville 0-1-2-4, Oliver 0-0-2-2, Tiarks 0-1-0-2, Binion 0-0-0, Burns 0-0-0, Lee 0-0-0, I. Miller 0-0-0, M. Miller 0-0-0, Otto 0-0-0, Roughton 0-0-0; Totals 10-11-9-61.

CHA (42) J. Fitch 0-6-6-18, I. Fitch 0-3-2-8, Wetherington 1-2-0-7, Suess 0-0-6-6, B. Fox 0-1-0-2, J. Fox 0-0-1-1, Brady 0-0-0-0, N. Fitch 0-0-0-0, Garner 0-0-0-0, Hanlon 0-0-0-0, Howard 0-0-0-0, Huffman 0-0-0-0, Lewis 0-0-0-0, Senechal 0-0-0-0; Totals 1-12-15-42.

AOC 14 19 12 16—61
CHA 14 10 5 13—42

Three-point goals: AOC (10) Trier 4, Mast 3, Lowry 2, Smith; CHA (1) Wetherington.

ALAH boys open play in St. Theresa tournament

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It was a rough start for the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond boys' basketball team at the Decatur St. Theresa Holiday Tournament.

The Knights were overwhelmed by both Riverton in the opening contest and then by host Decatur St. Theresa.

Riverton Hawks were the top seed, and they wasted no time showing why in the Knights' opening game of the tourney.

Riverton scored almost at

will while the red, black, and gold struggled on the offensive end. Coach Brad McGill said that poor shooting by the Knights let the game get away quickly.

The final score was Riverton 62, Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 27.

Scoring for the Knights were Adam Day, 4; Adam Hinson 6; Austin Romine, 4; Austin Plank, 2; Jack Rollyson, 2; Will Nall, 2; Wyatt Romine, 4; Nikolas Miller, 2; and Jamison Rocke, 2.

Things did not get any easier the next night for ALAH as they took on tournament hosts, De-

catu St. Theresa. This game was much like the first as the Knights could not do much of anything on the offensive end.

The game ended with Decatur St. Theresa winning 67-20. There were no statistics at press time for this game.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond (0-9) was scheduled to finish the Decatur St. Theresa Holiday Tournament with a game against Mt. Pulaski on Thursday night followed by finals night on Friday against a team to be determined from the other pool.

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R. Miller a partial release for parcels in 11-14-7 and 12-14-7.

Elmer M. Miller and Loretta R. Miller granted Farm Credit Services a mortgage.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated and BankChampaign granted Kenneth R. Fernandes and Amie L. Ziegler-Fernandes satisfaction of mortgage for Lot 11 in Block 1 of Shaw's Addition, Newman (609 N. King Street, Newman).

Busey Bank granted Larry E. Morgan a release for Lot 5 in Block 2 of Gross Second Addition, Atwood (329 N. Iowa Street, Atwood).

BankIllinois granted Harry E. Foster and Marilyn M. Foster a release for a parcel in 35-16-7 (539 East County Road 1050 North, Tuscola).

Busey Bank granted Steven Thomas Reinhart a release for Lot 21 of Pheasant Pointe Subdivision, Villa Grove (1007 N. Fox Run, Villa Grove).

First Mid-Illinois Bank granted Mark E. Vogel and Tammy S. Vogel a release for Lot 16 of Southgate Subdivision, Tuscola (115-B Fina Drive, Tuscola).

Busey Bank granted Darrell P. Rowe assignment of Mortgage for Lots 2, 3, and 6 in Block 4 of Henson's First Addition, Villa Grove (605 East Elm Street, Villa Grove).

Wells Fargo Bank granted Chad P. Karnes and Katie Anne Karnes a release for Lot 23 in Block 19 of Timmons Subdivision, Tuscola (913 Timmons Drive, Tuscola).

Key Mortgage Services Incorporated granted Patrick E. O'Laughlin a release for a parcel in Block 2 of Mathers NE Addition, Tuscola (509 East Northline Road, Tuscola).

Midland States Bank granted Keyaumi M. Kern satisfaction of mortgage for Lot 57 of Hillcrest Subdivision, Tuscola (57 Poplar Drive, Tuscola).

First Mid Illinois Bank and Trust and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated granted Jack M. Plunk satisfaction of mortgage for Lot 26 of Iron Horse Subdivision, Tuscola (807 Pheasant Run Road, Tuscola).

Teutopolis State Bank granted Tuscola Stone Company satisfaction of mortgage for a parcel in NW 10-15-8.

American General Financial Services granted Steven L. Percy and Dee A. Percy a re-

lease for parcels in 7-14-10 and 18-14-10.

Tuscola National Bank granted Alan R. Shoemaker and Marcia K. Shoemaker a release for Lot 13 in Block 21 of the Original Town, Tuscola (308 East North Central, Tuscola).

Tuscola National Bank granted Tyrel D. Ledbetter and Mindy M. Ledbetter a release for Lot 4 in Block 2 of Reeders Fourth Addition, Arthur (210 East Logan Street, Arthur).

Jack Thompson and Mary Thompson granted Longview State Bank modification of mortgage for Lots 1-16 of the Original Town, Camargo and parcels in 34-16-9 and NE 34-16-9.

Farm Credit Services granted Johnathan L. McGee and Jeannie M. McGee a release for a parcel in NE 5-15-14.

Farm Credit Illinois FLCA granted Jonathon Logan McGee, also known as Jonathon L. McGee, and Jeannie M. McGee a release for parcels in NE 34-15-10, SE 27-15-10, and NE 5-15-14.

Farm Credit Services granted Jonathon L. McGee a release for parcels in 27-15-10, SE 27-15-10, and SW 27-15-10.

Farm Credit Services granted Jonathon L. McGee and Jeannie M. McGee a release for parcels in NW NE 12-16-10 and SW SE 27-15-10.

Irv Thompson Enterprises Incorporated granted Freda I. Thompson a quitclaim deed for parcels in NW 33-15-14, 34-15-9, and NE 8-14-9.

Lonnie S. Crafton Jr. granted Longview Bank a mortgage for Lot 20 of Pheasant Pointe Subdivision, Villa Grove (1008 N. Fox Run, Villa Grove).

Alisha N. Waugh and Matthew D. Shinn granted Land Home Financial Services Incorporated a mortgage for Lot 11 of Northgate Addition, Tuscola (1204 Parkside Drive, Tuscola).

First Community Bank of

Moultrie County, trustee of Trust 677, granted State Bank of Arthur, trustee of Trust 488, a trustee's deed for a parcel in SW NW 15-14-7.

Paul Miller and Rosella Miller granted Morton Community Bank a mortgage for Lot 19 of Surrey Lane (108 Surrey Lane, Arthur).

Lisa K. Strode granted Stacey L. Kinney a warranty deed for a parcel in SW SW 11-16-9 (909 S. Sycamore Street, Villa Grove).

Stacey L. Kinney granted First State Bank a mortgage for a parcel in SW SW 11-16-9 (909 S. Sycamore Street, Villa Grove).

Ira L. Herschberger and Marjorie Herschberger granted Daniel L. Gingerich and Laura M. Gingerich a warranty deed for Lots 4 and 5 in Block 2 of Reeders Second Addition, Arthur (323 South Pine Street, Arthur).

Polly Hersberger, Floyd J. Hersberger, Chester R. Hersberger, Alan J. Hersberger, and Nathan Hersberger granted Floyd J. Hersberger, Chester R. Hersberger, Alan J. Hersberger, and Nathan Hersberger a corrective quitclaim deed for Lot 5 in Block 11 of Sheldon and Jaques Addition, Arcola (478 East Washington Street, Arcola).

First Federal Bank granted Phyllis Rund satisfaction of mortgage for parcels in NW NW 6-16-9, 1-16-8, and SW SW 5-16-9.

M. Jeanette Strang, trustee of Arnold Downs Trust, granted M. Jeanette Strang a trustee's deed for a parcel in SE NW 31-16-7.

Arnold Downs Trust granted M. Jeanette Strang, Phillip G. Hadden, and Opal F. Buel a trust deed.

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cable Trust, and Rolling Prairie Farm Incorporated granted Commodity Credit Corporation a mortgage for multiple parcels in 1-12-6.

Shane E. Russell and Betty S. Russell, formerly known as Betty S. Perez, granted Matthew Kitchen and Sarah Elit a warranty deed for Lot 10 in Block "A" of Rhodes' Third Subdivision, Sullivan.

Matthew Kitchen and Sarah Elit granted Morton Community Bank and Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems Incorporated a mortgage for Lot 10 in Block "A" of Rhodes' Third Subdivision, Sullivan.

Cliff W. Carmon and Linda Carmon granted Shane Russell and Betty Russell a warranty deed for a parcel in Block 10 of T.Y. Lewis Addition, Sullivan.

Betty Russell and Shane Russell granted First Mid Bank and Trust N.A. and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated a mortgage for a parcel in Block 10 of T.Y. Lewis Addition, Sullivan.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated

granted Andrew D. Peadro and Bailey J. Elliott a release for a parcel in NE NE 8-12-6.

Linda J. Reed granted Liberty Home Equity Solutions Incorporated and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated a mortgage for Lot 19 of Red Bird Hills Subdivision, Bethany.

Linda J. Reed granted Secretary of Housing and Urban Development a mortgage for Lot 19 of Red Bird Hills Subdivision, Bethany.

Decatur Earthmover Credit Union granted Jeff Stoner a release.

Decatur Earthmover Credit Union granted Patrick E. Howell a release.

Staley Credit Union granted Angela Coon a release.

Thomas P. LeHew and Maury C. LeHew granted John R. Tyink and Cheryl P. Tyink a warranty deed.

Johnny R. Tyink and Cheryl P. Tyink granted CIBM Bank and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated a mortgage.

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JR. HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, January 3 – Cerro Gordo vs. ALAH at Atwood 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 5 – Thursday, January 10 JHOC Tournament at Cerro Gordo

JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, January 3 – ALAH at Heritage 6:00 pm

Monday, January 7 – ALAH at Cerro Gordo 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 8 – Sullivan vs. ALAH at Lovington 6:00 pm

****Schedules subject to change**
****ALAH HS girls and boys basketball schedules can be found on sponsors page**