Knights girls finish second in their own tournament

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The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond girls basketball team hosted the Knights Holiday Classic just prior to Christmas. ALAH 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 out tournament play, fittingly enough, against the "other" Knights, Blue Ridge/ Deland-Weldon. It was a tussle in the early-going with ALAH taking a 13-11lead at the end of the first quarter of play. The tourney hosts 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 Knights 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 in the game vs. Blue Ridge/D-W:

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Mackenzi Bowles, 15; Al- lie Miller, 2. exa Miller 9; Marissa Herschberger, 8; Marcy Petersheim, 6; 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 - 6however the best was yet to

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond exploded in the second quarter scoring 26 points in an offensive barrage that left the Rams stunned. ALAH 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: Herschberger, 15; Bowles, 10; A. Miller, 9; Emma Harris, 6; Petersheim, 4; Addi Tinkle, 3; Asghar and Shay-

Broncos girls end 2018 with 5

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 very auspiciously for the Knights who fell behind the Warriors 12 - 5at 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. ALAH took control of the contest in this period and led 35 - 29 by the end of the period. The two 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 Sul-

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

The first quarter opened with the Redskins in con-

trol 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 the favor of the Knights as they only allowed SHS four points in eight minutes of play. ALAH chipped into the Sullivan lead only trailing by five at the half, 21 - 16.

The Redskins regained their composure and their shooting touch after the break but the pesky Knights still 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. ALAH did finally get the game down to 44 -37 but it was too little too late. Sullivan added one more free throw to make the final score, 45 - 37 which was a far cry from the 29 point defeat earlier in the

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

Finals night scores **Knights Holiday Classic** 7th place: Cumberland 32 Blue Ridge 27

5th place: Shelbyville 37

Chrisman 25 3rd place: Tuscola 57

Windsor/Stew-Stras 41 Championship: Sullivan 45 ALAH 37

All-Tournament Team MVP. Esther Miller Sul-

All tourney

Marissa Herschberger ALAH

Alexa Miller ALAH Emily White. Sullivan Lexie Russo Tuscola Megan Schlechte WSS Nikki Trussell WSS

ALAH boys open play at St. Teresa tournament

By KENT A. STOCK

It was a rough start for the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond boys basketball team at the Decatur St. Teresa Holiday Tournament. The Knights were overwhelmed by both Riverton in the opening contest and then by host Decatur St. Teresa.

sive end. Coach Brad Mc-Gill said that poor shooting by the Knights let the game get away quickly.

The final score ended up Riverton 62 Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 27.

Scoring for the Knights vs. the Hawks: Adam Day, 4; Adam Hingson 6; Austin Romine, 4; Austin Plank, 2; Jack Rollyson, 2; Will Nall, 2; Wyatt Romine, 4; Nikolas Miller, 2; Jamison Rocke, 2.

Things did not get any easier the next night for ALAH as they took on tournament hosts Decatur St. Teresa. This game was much like the first of the tourney as the Knights could not do much of anything on the offensive end. The game ended with Decatur St. Teresa winning by a final of 67 - 20. There were no statistics at press time for this game.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond (0-9) will finish off the Decatur St. Teresa 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.

gold struggled on the offen-

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The Hawks of Riverton are the top seed and they wasted no time showing why in the opening game of the tourney for ALAH. Riverton scored almost at will while the red, black and

CGB boys fall in two non-conference games

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The Cerro Gordo-Bement boys' basketball team finished up the 2018 portion of their schedule with two tough losses. One was at home against Tri-County and the other on the road against Tuscola. The Broncos put up a fight to the finish in both games.

Walsh Gymnasium in Bement was the site for the Tuesday night game against LOVC SE division opponent Tri-County. The game was nip and tuck throughout with the Broncos holding a slim 10-8 lead at the end of the first quarter of play. It was the Titans coming back in the second quarter edging out to a 19-15 halftime lead.

The momentum swung back to the orange and blue as they battled to within one point by the end of the third period, 29 -28. The final quarter was a wild one as both offenses scored nearly as many points in the last eight minutes as they had scored in the prior three quarters. In the end, Cerro Gordo-Bement would fall just short in the final tally losing to Tri-County 53 - 49.

Scoring for CGB vs. TC: Jake Hayes, 4; Wes McDermith, 10; Connor Moore, 12 (all 3 pointers); Matthew Guffey, 7; Thaddious Roberts, 10; JD Benson, 3; Braden Weaver, 3.

The Broncos hit the road to Tuscola Community High School for their final test of the 2018 campaign. The first half was a tight one as CGB kept pace with the Warriors who have only lost once this season. The home team led by just two points, 19 - 17, at the end of the first quarter and only by four at the half, 31 - 27.

Cerro Gordo-Bement was not content with keeping pace with Tuscola in the third quarter as the Broncos came back to tie the

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game up at 44 all. The final Decatur Christian. It is period of play saw the home team pull away from a hard fighting Broncos squad to eke out a 66 - 58 victory. The loss dropped the CGB record to 6 - 8 headed into the 2019 part of the season.

Scoring for Cerro Gordo-Bement vs. Tuscola: McDermith, 18; Guffey, 5; Benson 4; Moore, 10; Roberts, 5; Hayes, 6; Weaver, 10.

The Broncos have only one home game in the month of January and that is against a Varsity only contest at Cerro Gordo High School on Saturday, January 5. Tip of or that game is at 6 pm.

The first game of the new year will be played on Friday, January 4 against Arthur Okaw Christian. The game will be played at the new Arthur Christian School gym located at ACS 2 miles east of Arthur. There will be a Fresh/Soph game at 5 pm, followed by JV and Varsity contests.

The Cerro Gordo-Bement girls' basketball team was kept busy in the 2018 portion of the schedule playing 18 games. The 2019 slate of play will start off with a flurry as well as the Broncos play in the Macon County Tournament and then in the LOVC NW Tournament.

We have quite a bit of catching up to do with the CGB girls so we will start first with the Tuesday, December 11 game at Springfield Lutheran. The hosts came into the contests with a 10-2 record but the Broncos hung tough with them for the first eight minutes trailing only 18 - 9 at the end of the quarter.

The second quarter saw the Crusaders expand their lead to twenty to 37 - 17 at while shutting down CGB points, 57 - 24 at the end of three which meant a running clock for the final quarter. At the end of the game the final score was Springfield Lutheran 59 Cerro Gordo-Bement 33.

Scoring for the Broncos vs. the Crusaders: Ella Mann, 9; Riley Brandenburg, 8; Cheyenne Gentry and Ellie Shonkwiler, 7; Erin Reed, 2.

Next up for CGB was an interdivisional game with LOVC SE opponent Villa Grove/Heritage at VGHS. The Blue Devils are currently ranked in the top ten area teams by the Champaign News-Gazette.

VGH got off to a quick start taking a 19 - 6 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Broncos played the hosts a bit tougher in the second quarter but still trailed at halftime by a tally of 36 - 20.

The orange and blue played the Blue Devils even in the third quarter before losing a little bit of steam in the final period before falling by a final score of 65 -

Scoring for Cerro Gordo-Bement vs. Villa Grove Heritage: Brandenburg, 15; Megan Hart, 12; Mann, 8; Gentry, 4; Shonkwiler, 2.

CGB returned home for the next contest to face Mt. Pulaski in a game that would be the tale of two The two squads halves. were tied at 8 each at the end of the first eight minthe break. After the half utes of play. The Hilltoppers were able to break out a bit in the second quarter extending their lead to 33 by outscoring the Broncos 14 - 5 in the period to take a 22 - 13 lead at halftime.

The second half was a rough one for Cerro Gordo-Bement who played very hard but simply could not keep up with Mt. Pulaski. At the final buzzer, the scoreboard read Mt. Pulaski 54 CGB 23.

Scoring for the Broncos vs. the Hilltoppers: Brandenburg, 10; Hart, 8; Mann, 4; Shonkwiler, 1.

The Broncos traveled to Farmer City for their first conference game of the season to take on Blue Ridge High School. It was a very low scoring affair with some

strange twists and turns along the way.

13 record

At the end of one quarter of play the Broncos led the Knights 4-2. At half, CGB increased the lead to seven at 14-7. Then, in the third quarter, Blue Ridge surged a bit on offense and took the lead at 17 - 16. The final quarter was hard fought and hotly contested. visiting Broncos were able to take the game by a final score of 26 - 24.

Scoring for Cerro Gordo-Bement vs. Blue Ridge: Mann, 13; Hart, 6; Gentry, 3; Shonkwiler and Brandenburg, 2.

The final game of the 2018 portion of the season for Cerro Gordo-Bement was played on Thursday, December 20 at Cerro Gordo High School. The Broncos hosted Riverton in a nonconference tilt.

It was a very good first quarter for CGB as they leapt out to a 10 - 4 lead. The Hawks were able to cut into the six point deficit during the second quarter of play and trailed 19 - 17at the halfway point. The third quarter proved to be decisive as the visitors outscored the home team by ten points to take a 33 - 25lead into the final period of play. The orange and blue fought to the finish but fell short to the Hawks by a final score of 45 - 29.

Scoring for Cerro Gordo-Bement vs. Riverton: Hart, 8; Mann, 7; Brandenburg, 5; Gentry and Reed, 4; Shonkwiler, 1.

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Monday, January 7 - Sullivan vs. CGB at CGHS 6:00 pm **HS BOYS BASKETBALL**

Friday, January 4 - CGB at Arthur Okaw Christian 5:00 pm Saturday, January 5 - Decatur Christian vs. CGB at CG 6:00 pm (Varsity only)

Tuesday, January 8 - CGB at Sullivan 5:00 pm

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

Arcola at Bement 6:00 pm (8th grade night) Saturday, January 5 - Thursday, January 10 JHOC Tournament at Cerro Gordo

JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL Thursday, January 3 - ALAH at Heritage 6:00 pm Cerro Gordo at Warrensburg-Latham 6:00 pm Monday, January 7 - ALAH at Cerro Gordo 6:00 pm Holy Family/St. Pats at Bement 6:00 pm

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

Deland-Weldon at Bement 6:00 pm

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