

# Conquering Riders finish third in 14th annual tourney

Arthur Okaw Christian finished third in the 14th Annual Arthur Okaw Christian Holiday Classic held Thursday through Saturday, December 27, 28, and 29.

The Conquering Riders finished with a 3-1 record, recording victories over Christian Homeschool Association, Calumet Christian School, and Preparing Courageous Homeschool Athletes (by forfeit).

Homeschool Resource Center of Monee, Illinois, won the tournament and handed AOC its only loss, 60-53, in a semifinal game on Friday evening.

Arthur Okaw Christian returned to regular season play last week with a 9-5 overall record.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School junior varsity was 2-2 in the tournament and finished fifth in the Red Bracket.

### Game for Third Place

Arthur Okaw Christian was

scheduled to play Preparing Courageous Homeschool Athletes of Naperville in the game for third place on Saturday afternoon.

The Riders were awarded a 2-0 victory as the Naperville team forfeited the contest.

### AOC Versus Homeschool Resource Center

In a semifinal contest on Friday evening, AOC suffered its only loss in the tournament, 60-53, to Homeschool Resource Center of Monee.

After falling behind early in the game, Arthur Okaw Christian came alive in the third quarter to trim an eight-point halftime deficit to four points.

However, Homeschool Resource came back in the fourth quarter to squelch the Riders' rally and win the contest 60-53. It was the Riders' only loss in the tournament.

Arthur Okaw Christian had three players scoring in double

figures. Ian Lowry led with 13 points while Michael Miller added 12, and Peter Lee put in 10. Also scoring were Sean Mast with eight points, Mason Smith four, and Micah Linville and Peyton Trier three each.

Evan Oliver and Brian Otto played but did not score.

Homeschool Resource Center also had three players scoring in double figures.

Niles Arrington led with 18 points. Ryan Lester put in 17, and Ahmad Henderson added 14.

Also scoring for the Monee team were Brian Feddes with four points, Chris Truitt three, and Ben Morris and Caleb Peacock two each.

The Conquering Riders made eight three-point goals with Lee, Mast, and Miller sinking two each and Linville and Trier adding one apiece.

Henderson and Lester each sank two three-pointers for Homeschool Resource.

### AOC Versus Calumet Christian

The Conquering Riders advanced to the semifinal round by defeating Calumet Christian School of Griffith, Indiana, 57-38 in a quarterfinal game at noon on Friday.

Ian Lowry led AOC with 20 points. He was the only Conquering Rider player scoring in double figures.

Xavier Gibson led Calumet with 14 points.

The Conquering Riders took the lead early, outscoring Calumet Christian 20-11 in the first period. The Riders maintained a nine-point advantage at the end of the half as both teams scored nine points in the second period.

Arthur Okaw Christian attacked the net again in the third quarter, outscoring Calumet 20-8 to lead 49-28 heading into the final quarter. Calumet added 10 points and AOC, 8 points in the final period, leaving the Riders

with a 57-38 victory.

Other scorers for AOC were Mason Smith with nine points; Sean Mast eight; Brian Otto and Peyton Trier, six each; Peter Lee five; Michael Miller, two, and Evan Oliver, one. Grady Binion, Micah Linville, Isaac Miller, Emmanuel Roughton played but did not score.

Also scoring for Calumet Christian were Jaedin Reyna with eight points; Weston Beauvais seven; Andrew Mixon four; Josh Hazelwood and Christian Jacob, two each; and Jordan Landkrohn, one. Matthew Brownless, Bobby Dixon, Jaiden Guyton, and Gabe Velasquez played but did not score.

Arthur Okaw Christian made eight 3-point goals with Lowry canning three; Trier and Mast, two each; and Lee, one.

Beauvais and Reyna each made two 3-pointers for Calumet Christian School.

### Opening Round Game

Arthur Christian School defeated Christian Homeschool Association 61-42 in an opening round game on Thursday, December 27. That game was reported in the January 2 issue of The Graphic-Clarion.

### 14th Annual AOC Holiday Classic

#### Game for Third Place

#### AOC 2,

#### Preparing Courageous Homeschool Athletes 0

#### Saturday, December 29

#### At Arthur Christian School

Game was forfeited by Preparing Courageous Homeschool Athletes.

### Semifinal Game

#### Home School

#### Resource Center 60,

#### AOC 53

#### Friday, December 28

#### At Arthur Christian School

#### AOC (8-5) (53): Ian Lowry

0-4-5-13, Michael Miller 2-2-12, Peter Lee 2-1-2-10, Sean Mast 2-1-0-8, Mason Smith 0-2-0-4, Micah Linville 1-0-0-3, Peyton Trier 1-0-0-3, Evan Oliver 0-0-0-0, Brian Otto 0-0-0-0; Totals 8-10-9-53.

HSRC (60): Niles Arrington 0-8-2-18, Ahmad Henderson 2-3-2-14, Ryan Lester 2-4-3-17, Brian Feddes 0-2-0-4, Chris Truitt 0-1-1-3, Ben Morris 0-1-0-2, Caleb Peacock 0-1-0-2; Totals 4-20-8-60.

HSRC 21 9 13 17—60  
AOC 13 9 17 12—53

Three-point goals: AOC (8) Lee 2, Mast 2, Miller 2, Linville, Trier; HSRC (4) Henderson 2, Lester 2.

### AOC Holiday Classic

#### Boys Navy Bracket

#### Quarterfinal

#### Arthur Okaw Christian 57

#### Calumet Christian School 38

#### Friday, December 28

#### At Arthur Christian School

#### AOC (57): Ian Lowry 3-4-3-

20, Mason Smith 0-4-1-9, Sean Mast 2-1-0-8, Brian Otto 0-3-0-6, Peyton Trier 2-0-0-6, Peter Lee 1-0-2-5, Michael Miller 0-0-2-2, Evan Oliver 0-0-1-1, Grady Binion 0-0-0-0, Micah Linville 0-0-0-0, Isaac Miller 0-0-0-0, Emmanuel Roughton 0-0-0-0; Totals 8-12-9-57.

Calumet (38): Gibson 0-7-0-14, Reyna 2-1-0-8, Beauvais 2-0-1-7, Mixon 0-1-2-4, Hazelwood 0-1-0-2, Jacob 0-1-0-2, Landkrohn 0-0-1-1, Brownless 0-0-0-0, Dixon 0-0-0-0, Guyton 0-0-0-0, Velasquez 0-0-0-0; Totals 4-11-4-38.

AOC 20 9 20 8—57  
Calumet 11 9 8 10—38

Three-point goals: AOC (8) Lowry 3, Mast 2, Trier 2, Lee; Calumet (4) Beauvais 2, Reyna

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# Arthur Okaw Christian wins championship of girls' division in Holiday Classic tourney

Arthur Okaw Christian won the girls' division of the 14th Annual AOC Holiday Classic defeating Calumet Christian School 56-29 on Saturday, December 29, in the championship game at Arthur Christian School.

The Conquering Riders reached the championship game by defeating Wabash Valley Homeschool 76-17 on Thursday, December 27, and Danville Christian Academy 71-40 on Friday, December 28.

In the championship game, The Conquering Riders took a 14-10 lead in the first quarter and expanded that to 25-18 at the half.

Arthur Okaw Christian exploded for 28 points in the third period while their defense held Calumet Christian to only four points, giving the Riders a 52-22 advantage heading into the final period.

The Conquering Riders improved to 10-5 overall with the victory.

(Editor's Note: Individual stats for this game were not available.)

Alexa Franklin and Amanda Franklin combined for 47 points in Arthur Okaw Christian's 76-17 victory over Wabash Valley in the Riders' first game of the tournament on Thursday morning.

The Conquering Riders led 25-2 at the end of the first quarter and 47-10 at halftime. The Riders' defense held Wabash Valley scoreless in the third period while the offense poured in 24 points. Arthur Okaw Christian

led 71-10 heading into the final period.

Also scoring for AOC were Madalene Henningsen with 11 points; Anna Houk six; Liana Kauffman and Keisha Miller, five each; and Lindsey Mast, four. Isabelle Houk, Lyla Kauffman, Jodi Kuhns, Chloe Mast, Hallie Rhoades, Nancy Robey, Chloe Tiarks, and E. Oliver played but did not score.

Arthur Okaw Christian made five three-point goals. Alexa Franklin had three, Madalene Henningsen and Keisha Miller made one each.

Thompson led Wabash Valley with nine points. Also scoring for the Terre Haute, Indiana, team were A. Bailey and P. Branson with three points each and M. Rea, two each. Also playing were A. Harpole, G. Bailey, J. Haney, A. Kelly, D. McCoy, and E. Schollenbrunch.

Arthur Okaw Christian defeated Danville Christian Academy of Kentucky 71-40 in a girls semifinal on Friday afternoon.

Alexa Franklin led AOC with 30 points while Amanda Franklin put in 26. Anna Houk added six points; Lyla Kauffman, four; Lindsey Mast and Chloe Tiarks, two each; and Chloe Mast, one. Madalene Henningsen, Isabel Houk, Jodi Kuhns, Liana Kauffman, Lyla Kauffman, Keisha Miller, E. Oliver, and Nancy Robey played but did not score.

The Conquering Riders took the lead early and held 23-10 first quarter and 45-25 halftime ad-

vantages. They continued the offensive bombardment in the third period, outscoring the Danville, Kentucky, team 21-9 to lead 66-34 going into the final period.

V. Inmon led Danville Christian Academy with 16 points. Also scoring were T. Himes with 10 points B. Heck with eight, and M. Inmon with six.

Alexa Franklin had two 3-pointers, and Amanda Franklin had one for AOC. T. Himes, V. Inmon, and M. Inmon had two 3-pointers each and B. Heck put in one for Danville Christian.

### 14th Annual AOC

#### Holiday Classic

#### Girls Tournament

#### Championship Game

#### AOC 56, Calumet Christian 29

#### Saturday, December 29

#### At Arthur Christian School

#### (Individual stats not available)

#### AOC 14 11 28 4—56

#### CCS 10 8 4 7—29

### Girls Tournament

#### Semifinal Game

#### AOC 71, Danville Christian 40

#### Friday, December 28

#### At Arthur Christian School

#### AOC (71): Alexa Franklin 2-12-0-30, Amanda Franklin 1-11-1-26, Anna Houk 0-3-0-6, Lyla Kauffman 0-2-0-4, Lindsey Mast 0-1-0-2, Chloe Tiarks 0-1-0-2, Chloe Mast 0-0-1-1, M. Henningsen 0-0-0-0, Isabel Houk 0-0-0-0, Liana Kauffman 0-0-0-0, Jodi Kuhns 0-0-0-0, Keisha Miller 0-0-0-0, E. Oliver 0-0-0-0, Hallie Rhoades 0-0-0-

0, Nancy Robey 0-0-0-0; Totals 3-30-2-71.

DCS (40): V. Inmon 2-2-6-16, T. Himes 2-2-0-10, B. Heck 1-2-1-8, M. Inmon 2-0-0-6, M. Bentley 0-0-0-0, A. Inmon 0-0-0-0; Totals 7-6-7-40.

DCA 10 15 9 6—40  
AOC 23 22 21 5—71

Three-point goals: DCS (7) T. Himes 2, M. Inmon 2, V. Inmon 2, B. Heck; AOC (3) Alexa Franklin 2, Amanda Franklin.

### Girls Tournament

#### Quarterfinal Game

#### AOC 76, Wabash Valley 17

#### Thursday, December 27

#### At Arthur Christian School

#### AOC (76): Alexa Franklin 3-7-0-23, Amanda Franklin 2-8-3-25, Madalene Henningsen 1-2-1-8, Anna Houk 0-3-0-6, Liana Kauffman 1-1-0-5, Keisha Miller 1-1-0-5, Lindsey Mast 0-2-0-4, Isabel Houk 0-0-0-0, Lyla Kauffman 0-0-0-0, Jodi Kuhns 0-0-0-0, Chloe Mast 0-0-0-0, E. Oliver 0-0-0-0, Hallie Rhoades 0-0-0-0, Nancy Robey 0-0-0-0, Chloe Tiarks 0-0-0-0; Totals 8-24-4-76.

#### WV (17) C. Thompson 1-1-

#### 4-9, A. Bailey 0-1-1-3, P. Branson 1-0-0-3, M. Rea 0-1-0-2, G. Bailey 0-0-0-0, J. Haney 0-0-0-0, A. Harpole 0-0-0-0, A. Kelly 0-0-0-0, D. McCoy 0-0-0-0, E. Schollenbrunch 0-0-0-0, A. Shepherd 0-0-0-0; 2-2-3-5-17.

#### AOC 25 22 24 5—76

#### Wabash Val 2 8 0 7—17

#### Three-point goals: AOC (8) Alexa Franklin 3, Amanda Franklin 2, Henningsen, Liana Kauffman, Keisha Miller; WV (2) Branson, Thompson.

# Knights boys capture first win of season

By KENT A. STOCK Staff Writer

The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond boys' basketball team finished the 2018 portion of the schedule with two more games in the Decatur St. Teresa Holiday Tournament.

The two games played prior to Christmas were tough ones, and the Knights were looking for a better showing in their last two outings in the tourney.

Mt. Pulaski was the final pool play opponent, and the Hilltoppers opened up a 21-9 lead in the first quarter. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond regrouped in the second quarter, but lost a little more ground on the scoreboard with the Hilltoppers taking a 37-19 lead into the locker room at the midway point.

The Knights did not give up and not only played their opponents evenly during the second half, but outscored Mt. Pulaski by four points. However, it was too little too late as Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond fell to the Toppers by a final score of 57-42.

Scoring for the Knights were Adam Day, 16 points; Austin Romine, 9; Dmonick Baker, 4; Austin Plank, 5; Cody Miller, 1; and Jamison Rooke, 5.

The final game of the tournament was for seventh place and put ALAH up against LOVC NW rival Decatur LSA. The Lions are paced by outstanding scorer Grant Karsten who was going for a tournament record for individual points in the tournament.

The Karsten offensive show started early and lasted through most of the contest. The Knights, nor any other team that faced LSA in the tournament, could not contain the hot-shooting Lion. LSA took an 18-9 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Lions expanded that lead to 36-18 at the half.

The red, black, and gold played their opponents evenly through the second half but could never put together a serious run to cut into the lead. At the end of the game, the scoreboard read Decatur LSA 65, Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 45.

Karsten had 36 points in the contest which gave him 112 points in the four games of the tournament. This was 10 points better than the old tournament record for individual scoring.

Scoring for the Knights were Day with 6 points; A. Romine, 12; Baker, 6; Plank, 13; Miller, 5; Jack Rollyson, 2; and Wyatt Romine, 1.

The 2019 portion of the season is off to a very good start for the Knights. In the first game of the new year, ALAH hosted Oblong on Friday night, January 4, and came away with their first victory of the season. It was a huge win for the Knights and the first for Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond head coach Brad McGill.

For the first time this season, ALAH dominated from the tipoff and rarely had to look back. The hosts took an 18-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Panthers hung around close in the second quarter, but it was the red, black, and gold maintaining a double-digit lead, 28-17 at halftime.

Arthur Lovington Atwood

Hammond continued their consistent play into the third period, turning away each Oblong attempt to cut into the ALAH lead. The Knights expanded their advantage to 41-28 heading into the final quarter.

Coach McGill had been looking for a full game of basketball from his team and only eight minutes of ball remained to see if the Knights could put it together.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond responded with another consistent quarter and walked away with their first victory of the 2018-2019 campaign, a 50-39 triumph over LOVC SE foe Oblong.

No statistics were provided for this game.

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Tuesday, January 15 – Judah Christian at AOC 6:00 pm

### HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, January 10 – AOC at Cowden-Herrick 6:00 pm

Monday, January 14 – Warrensburg- Latham at AOC 6:00 pm

### JR. HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, January 10 - JHOC Tournament at Cerro Gordo

Thursday, January 10 – AOC at VisionWay Taylorville 6:00 pm

Monday, January 14 – AOC at Philo St. Thomas 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 15 – ALAH at Tri-County 6:00 pm

### JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, January 10 – ALAH at Arcola 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 12 – Philo St. Thomas at AOC 11:00 am

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