

CGB girls suffer two tough defeats last week

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The Cerro Gordo-Bement girls' basketball team resumed regular season conference play last week with a road trip to Arthur to take on the LOVC NW tournament champion Knights then hosted Okaw Valley on Thursday evening at Cerro Gordo High School Gymnasium.

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The third quarter was also hotly contested with Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond fighting to stretch their lead in the game to double digits. Cerro Gordo-Bement was just one step behind but the contest was still close at the end of three periods with the scoreboard reading 37 - 24 in favor of the Knights.

ALAH was able to finally put the game away for another conference win as they defeated CGB by a final score of 56 - 33. The 23 point margin of victory was not indicative of how hard fought the game had been. It was a strong outing for the young Broncos team.

Scoring for CGB vs. ALAH: Riley Brandenburg, 9; Megan Hart, 6; Ella Mann, 5; Graycie Copsey, 4; Erin Reed, 3; Isabella Ziegler, 2; Cheyenne Gentry, 2; Ellie Shonkwiler, 2.

The orange and blue were looking to break through with a win at home against Okaw Valley on Thursday evening last week. The game started out with the Timberwolves taking the early lead of 15 - 8 at the end of the first quarter.

The Broncos turned the tables though on OVHS in the second eight minutes with a determined comeback effort of their own. Cerro Gordo-Bement cut their opponents lead down to one, 19 - 18, as the teams headed to the locker room for halftime.

The second half was anyone's game with both teams making runs and the other catching up. It was still a one point game going into the final quarter. The contest remained close all the way to the end. Okaw Valley had just enough in the tank to escape with a three point conference win, 40 - 37.

Scoring for CGB vs. Okaw



Ellie Shonkwiler of Cerro Gordo-Bement goes up for a shot over two Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond defenders during last Monday's LOVC NW regular season game in Arthur. The Broncos played the Knights tough for three quarters before falling 56 - 33. Photo Sally McCarthy



Riley Brandenburg of the Broncos jumps for the ball during last week's regular season conference game against ALAH. CGB Senior Night will be this Thursday, January 31 at Cerro Gordo High School. The Broncos will play Decatur LSA. Photo Sally McCarthy

Broncos boys' basketball runners up in NW Division tourney

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The Cerro Gordo-Bement boys' basketball team made a strong showing in the Little Okaw Conference Northwest Division tournament, finishing second to Decatur LSA, and then losing to Villa Grove-Heritage in the third place game of the All-LOVC finals. It was the highest finish for the Broncos at the tournament in several years.

The tournament started

out on a high note for CGB as they took out Argenta-Oreana in an opening round game played at Arcola. The quarterfinal contest was a seesaw affair which saw the Broncos in control early leading by a score of 10 - 8 at the end of one quarter of play.

The pendulum swung back the other way in the second period as the Bombers came back to take a three point halftime lead of 21 - 18. It was CGB's turn

to flip the tables and the lead in the third quarter as the Broncos went back in front by a slim two point margin, 33 - 31.

The final eight minutes of play would decide who would advance to the winner's bracket semifinal and who would have to settle for the consolation round. Cerro Gordo-Bement was able to find a way to hold off A-O

for a 53 - 46 victory.

Scoring for the Broncos in the game vs. the Bombers: Thaddius Roberts, 15; Wes McDermith, 13; Connor Moore, 8; Jake Hayes, 7; JD Benson, 6; Braden Weaver, 4.

The Northwest division tournament semifinal was played Wednesday night and it started out a close

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Valley: Mann, 16; Brandenburg, 9; Shonkwiler, 6; Hart, 3; Copsy, 2.

The last week of regular season play will end up with the Broncos having played a conference game at Argenta-Oreana on Monday night. CGB will finish the season off on Thursday, January 31 at home against another conference foe, De-

catatur LSA. Tip off for the Senior Night game is listed as 7 p.m.

The Broncos will open post season play in Bethany at Okaw Valley High School. The first game opponent will be Nokomis in a game scheduled for Monday, February 4 starting at 7 p.m. The winner of that game will take on Central

A&M on Wednesday, February 6 at 6 p.m. The title game for this IHSA Class 1A Regional is scheduled for Thursday, February 7.

The Okaw Valley Regional feeds into the Central A&M Sectional as do the Class 1A Regionals hosted by Farina (South Central), Palestine and Arcola.

Knights roll over Storm for second win of season

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In recent weeks, the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond boys basketball team was getting closer and closer to nabbing their second victory of the season. Everything finally came together for the Knights last week during their final game at the Little Okaw Valley Conference Northwest Division tournament as ALAH thrashed Sangamon Valley by a final of 62 - 37.

Tournament play was to have started on Saturday but the weather forced postponement of those games until Monday. The Knights met conference leader and the tournament's top seed, Decatur LSA in the opening round quarterfinal game at Arcola High School.

ALAH kept things even with the favored Lions through the first eight minutes of play. LSA broke the 10 - 10 tie in the second quarter holding the Knights to just four points in the period. This gave the Lions a ten point lead at halftime, 24 - 14.

The red, black and gold hung right with LSA in the second half only being outscored by three points in both the third and fourth quarters. However, with the ten point cushion the Lions enjoyed from the first half, this left the Knights on the losing end of a 56 - 40 final score.

Scoring for ALAH in the game vs. Decatur LSA: Adam Day, 12; Austin Plank, 11; Domonick Baker, 7; Austin Romine 6;

Adam Hingson, 4.

The loss put the Knights in the consolation bracket semifinal against Okaw Valley on Tuesday evening. It was certainly not one of the team's better games this season as Okaw Valley raced out to a 19 - 6 lead after one quarter of play. ALAH cut the deficit down by one at halftime, 27 - 15.

The third quarter saw Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond cut even more into the Timberwolves lead which was just eight at the end of the third period, 33 - 25. However, the fourth quarter was not a good one for the Knights as they ended up falling to OVHS by a final score of 50 - 30.

Scoring for the Knights in the game vs. the Timberwolves: Day, 10; Cody Miller, 4; Jack Rollyson, 4; Romine, 3; Jamison Locke, 3; Isaac Ashenfelter, 2; Baker, 2; Hingson, 2.

The final game of the LOVC NW division tournament for ALAH was played against Sangamon Valley and the Knights did not

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Tri-County snaps ALAH girls winning streak

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All good things must come to an end and the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond girls' basketball team successful streak came to an end at home in the All-LOVC championship game. So, what do you do after that if you are the Knights? Well, you go out and start a new streak!

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fought the game had been. Scoring for the Knights vs. the Broncos: Marissa Herschberger, 23; Mackenzi Bowles, 11; Alexa Miller, 8; Mackenzie Brown, 4; Addi Tinkle, 3; Mallory Nichols, 3; Taylor Nichols, 2.

Scoring for CGB vs. ALAH: Riley Brandenburg, 9; Megan Hart, 6; Ella Mann, 5; Graycie Copsey, 4; Erin Reed, 3; Isabella Ziegler, 2; Cheyenne Gentry, 2; Ellie Shonkwiler, 2.

The LOVC title game, originally scheduled for Saturday night, was finally played on Wednesday evening at Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School's west gym. The NW Division tournament champs, ALAH, took on the SE Division tournament champs, Tri-County.

Over the past several

years, the Knights and the Titans girls' teams have developed a pretty intense rivalry. The first eight minutes of play indicated this game would be another classic between the two squads with Tri-County leading 16 - 10.

In the second quarter, the game began to slip away a bit as the Titans offense came to life and ALAH could not keep up the pace trailing 39 - 21 at halftime. As for the second half, the bottom simply fell out for the tournament hosts as the Knights attack withered on both ends of the court. Against a team like Tri-County, the #4 ranked team in the area by the Campaign News-Gazette, you cannot afford to make many mistakes and the final score

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AREA TEAMS SPORTS SCHEDULES**

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, February 1 - Arcola vs. CGB at CGHS 5:00 pm

Saturday, February 2 - Urbana Uni High vs. CGB at BHS 4:00 pm

Monday, February 4 - CGB at Fisher 5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 5 - CGB at ALAH 5:00 pm

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, January 31 - LSA vs. CGB at CGHS 6:00 pm (Senior Night)

JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, January 31 - Okaw Valley vs. ALAH at Lovington 6:00 pm

Bement at John's Hill 4:00 pm

Sangamon Valley at Cerro Gordo 5:00 pm

Monday, February 4 - Sangamon Valley vs. ALAH at Lovington 6:00 pm

Bement at Philo St. Thomas 6:00 pm

Monticello at Cerro Gordo 6:00 pm

Tuesday, February 5 - ALAH at Shiloh 6:00 pm

Arthur Okaw Christian at Bement 6:00 pm

Cerro Gordo at Okaw Valley 6:00 pm

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