

SPORTS

Kutz second team all-area News-Gazette football

By Mike Monahan
CHAMPAIGN – Arcola senior Austin Kutz, a 5-8, 135 pound wide receiver was named to the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette second team all-area squad. Kutz was one of three wide receivers on the second team.

Kutz led Arcola in receiving with 51 catches, including several unbelievable receptions, for 685 yards and eight touchdowns for the 4-5 Purple Riders, who finished 4-3 in the Lincoln Prairie

Conference, good for fourth place in the eight-team conference.

No Arcola player was on the 26-member first team.

A total of 26 players overall were on the 26 member second team.

The Purple Riders, who were coached by Nick Lindsey, had 30-member all-area special mention, but did have four players receive honorable mention. They were juniors Anthony Garza, a lineman; wide receiver/line-

backer Tyson Lewis and seniors Braden Shonkwiler, a offensive lineman/linebacker along with Grant Wilson, a running back/defensive lineman.

A total of 120 players received honorable mention.

Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond's Kaden Feagin was named the News-Gazette All-Area Player of the Year while Unity's Scott Hamilton was named the coach of the year.

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everybody else. That gets her in rhythm to get going again."

Arcola's defense held the Lady Warriors to 25 percent shooting from the field.

"She got back to old Jayce and that was nice," said Roberts. "We shot our free throws better than what we have. We got better at the things we were not very good at yesterday (Dec. 27). That is big time for us"

Dieterich 38, Arcola 36

Arcola trailed by two with 21 seconds remaining and set up a play for a three-pointer for the win. However, the shot was off and Dieterich won the thrilling game.

"It (the play) was something like that, but I was okay with the shot we had," said Roberts. "They competed their butts off two losses by a combined three points. It hurts, but I am proud of them. They played hard."

The game featured eight lead changes and neither team led by more than six points. Dieterich led 18-12 after a basket by Cortney Brummer on a pass from Ruby Westendorf. Arcola made it a two-point game as Sisk scored on a putback at the buzzer.

The game was deadlocked six times, including 32 all mid-way through the fourth. Kessler gave Arcola the lead 34-32, but the Movin' Maroons scored five unanswered points, including three by Brummer and two by Miley Britton for a 37-34 lead with 1:20 remaining. Sisk made a pair of free throws for a one-point deficit when Kady Tegeler made one of two free throws for a 38-36 lead.

Sisk and Thomas led AHS with 13 and 11 points respectively. Sisk finished with a double-double pulling down 10 rebounds.

Both teams were .500 from the free throw line (9-18 for Arcola and 11-22 for Dieterich).

Arcola nearly won despite being outrebounded 61-30.

The Lady Riders countered that in the turnovers department having 12 compared to 24 for the Movin' Maroons.

Marshall 52, Arcola 51, ot.

This game had 12 lead changes and the two teams play again Jan. 28 at Arcola. There were seven ties in the game.

Marshall's biggest lead was five points midway through the first half, 20-15 and Arcola's largest advantage was also five, 48-43 with 27 seconds left in regulation.

The Lady Lions, coached by former JG-TC Player of the Year in 2008 for Martinsville, Heidi (Dahnke) Miller, cut it to one possession on a basket by Marlee Heighton with 15 seconds left. Arcola missed two free throws adding to their dismal game at the line, 18-37 (.486) and Heighton made one of two free throws with three seconds left. The second free throw was missed on the right side of the rim and Miller claims it was on purpose, was

Lincoln Prairie Conference basketball standings

Lincoln Prairie Conference boys' basketball standings (through Dec. 25)

Team	LPC w/l	.pct	overall w/l	pct.	Ps	Pa
Decatur LSA	0-0	.000	14-0	1.000	868	638
Cerro Gordo/Bement	0-0	.000	8-7	.533	743	646
Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond	0-0	.000	7-8	.467	804	818
Cumberland	0-0	.000	7-8	.467	725	715
Arcola	0-0	.000	6-7	.462	562	603
Blue Ridge	0-0	.000	5-7	.417	616	615
Villa Grove	0-0	.000	5-8	.385	616	783
Okaw Valley	0-0	.000	5-9	.357	635	736
Argenta-Oreana	0-0	.000	4-8	.333	569	684
Heritage	0-0	.000	3-11	.214	576	768
Tri-County	0-0	.000	2-12	.143	530	787

Lincoln Prairie Conference girls basketball standings (through Jan. 1)

Team	LPC w/l	.pct	overall w/l	pct.	Ps	Pa
Arcola	3-0	1.000	10-4	.800	594	407
Cumberland	2-0	1.000	9-6	.600	681	565
Tri-County	2-0	1.000	13-6	.684	996	627
Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond	1-0	1.000	10-4	.714	623	546
Cerro Gordo/Bement	2-1	.667	12-3	.800	766	450
Okaw Valley	1-2	.333	2-14	.125	448	745
Decatur LSA	0-2	.000	4-10	.286	486	656
Argenta-Oreana	0-3	.000	1-10	.091	228	530
Blue Ridge	n/a	n/a				
Heritage	0-3	.000	0-9	.000	145	480
Villa Grove (junior varsity team only)						

tipped to the left side, where Libby McFarland threw a five foot hook shot in to force overtime.

In the extra four minutes Arcola was 1-of-4 from the field and Marshall took the lead for good on a bucket by Heighton with 1:30 left.

"It was heartbreaking," said Roberts. "The kids played their butt off. We missed a lot of free throws. They threw one in. We wanted that one, but we will learn from it."

Sisk had a double-double for Arcola with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Sisk, Moore make all-tournament team

Kacie Sisk, a 5-9 sopho-

more and Kelsey Moore, a 5-6 junior were named to the 10-member Dieterich Holiday Tournament team.

Sisk scored 53 points in four games, while Moore had 23 points.

Arcola 8 19 11 9-47
Casey-Westfield 2 7 4 6-21
ARCOLA: Eva Hopkins 2-3-8, Jacey Kessler 8-5-23, Kelsey Moore 3-0-7, Mackenzie Thomas 1-0-2, Kacie Sisk 2-2-6, Reyli Vega 0-1-1, Crystal Ramirez 0-0-0, Ema Simpson 0-0-0, Vanessa Condarco 0-0-0, Emma Vazquez 0-0-0, Hayden Gauna 0-0-0, Kiera Leal 0-0-0, Totals 16-11-47

3-point goals: Arcola 4-14 (Kessler 2-7, Hopkins 1-3, Moore 1-4), Casey-Westfield 0-3 (Julia Eckerty 0-1, Kamryn Smith 0-2). Free throws: Arcola 11-17 .647, Casey-Westfield 3-7 .429. Turnovers: Arcola 10, Casey-Westfield 25. Rebounds: Arcola 30 (Thomas, Sisk 7), Casey-Westfield 32 (Ellie Shull 5). Shooting percentages: Arcola 16-48 (.333), Casey-Westfield 9-36 (.250)

Arcola 10 8 9 10-36
Dieterich 11 9 6 12-38
ARCOLA: Hopkins 1-1-4, Kessler 3-1-7, Moore 0-1-1, Thomas 4-3-11, Sisk 5-3-13,

Vega 0-0-0, Ramirez 0-0-0, Condarco 0-0-0, Vazquez 0-0-0, Totals 13-9-36

3-point goals: Arcola 1-16 .063 (Hopkins 1-6, Thomas 0-2, Kessler 0-3, Sisk 0-2, Moore 0-3, Dieterich 1-6 .167 (Miley Britton 1-1, Addison Miller 0-1, Cortney Brummer 0-3, Grace Hahn 0-1). Free throw shooting: Arcola 9-18 .500, Dieterich 11-22 .500. Turnovers: Arcola 12, Dieterich 24. Bench points: Arcola 0, Dieterich 4. Rebounds: Arcola 30 (Sisk 10), Dieterich 61 (Estella Meinhart 12, Field goal shooting: Arcola 13-53 (.245), Dieterich 13-46 (.283).

Arcola 11 12 10 15 3-51
Marshall 8 13 8 19 4-52

ARCOLA: Hopkins 3-3-9, Kessler 1-2-4, Moore 3-2-9, Thomas 1-0-2, Sisk 5-10-20, Vega 2-0-4, Ramirez 1-1-3, Condarco 0-0-0, Vazquez 0-0-0, Totals 16-18-51

3-point goals: Arcola 1-13 .077 (Moore 1-6, Kessler 0-3, Thomas 0-1, Hopkins 0-3) Marshall 0-9 .000 (Marlee Heighton 0-2, Zara Engledow 0-4, Mya Clark 0-3). Free throws: Arcola 18-37 .486 Marshall 16-26 .615. Bench points: Arcola 7, Marshall 2. Turnovers: Arcola 16, Marshall 19. Rebounds: Arcola 42 (Sisk 10), Marshall 48 (Adi Scott 12). Shooting percentages: Arcola 16-56 (.286), Marshall 18-56 (.321).

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