

# Boys

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"We played one bad quarter the whole tournament," said Gisinger. "I would like to have that one back against Dieterich, but we just keep getting better. We are going to keep coaching them hard. Keep getting them to buy in what we are trying to do."

## Arcola 80, Grayville 68

Arcola trailed by seven early in the second half before taking the lead for good on a bucket by Garcia with 2:34 left in the third to break a tie at 57. The Purple Riders went on to score 12 straight points. Phillips had a three-point play to end the scoring in the third, but not before Gisinger decided to have Aldo Garcia stand with the ball dribbling from the 2:40 mark until a minute remained.

"We had a lot of foul trouble and he was playing a junk defense, a triangle and two (guarded Jackson Miller and Gerardo Alanis man-to-man the others played zone) and I didn't think they could guard us man-to-man," said Gisinger. "I was hoping they could come out and get us so we could attack it or if they were going to hold their defense I wasn't going to hold the ball the rest of the game or anything, but I was going to end the quarter with the ball and be up at least five points going into the fourth quarter. They came out with a minute left and got us and we scored on the three-point play (led 62-57)."

Phillips scored the first four points of the fourth quarter, including one basket on a pass from Garcia, when sank a 3-pointer for a 69-57 advantage. "That was a nice little



**ARCOLA BOYS FINISHED THIRD** in the Dieterich Holiday Tournament going 3-1. Back row, l to r: Assistant Coach Mike Shaffer, Coach Greg Gisinger, Aldo Garcia, Brandon Phillips, Tyson Lewis, Jackson Miller, Gerardo Alanis, Bryan Mendoza. Front row: Ryan Lindstrom, Wayne Humphrey, kaden Brawner. Not pictured are D.J. Stevens, Alan Guevera and Max Rardin. Submitted photo.

break," said Phillips of the delay. "I have never been in that situation before. It was something different and it ended up working out."

Garcia's reverse layup with 5:35 put Arcola up 71-57 and forced Grayville coach Travis Thompson to call a time-out. The Bison rallied to within five, 73-68 with 2:46 left and Arcola tallied the final eight points of the game for the 12-point triumph.

"They had to come out and guard us and we were able to execute and withstand their runs," said Gisinger. "They went box and one on Miller and he just kind of said, 'all right, Alanis is going to score.' They went triangle and two and Phillips is going to score. It was a complete team effort. The guys had to sacrifice themselves for the team. That is what we need to see."

It was a game of ups and downs and it started with a run for Arcola as they led 20-6 after a 3-pointer by Garcia midway through the opening quarter. The Purple Riders still led 29-18 after a basket by Miller. However, the Bison scored the final six points of the half. Grayville also outscored Arcola in the opening 2:12 of the second taking its first lead of the game on a bucket by Ty'Zae Rowland, who had eight unanswered for Grayville, who fell to 4-8 for a 34-33 advantage. Garcia made a free throw and Miller's basket was the first for the Purple Riders in 2:09 to end the 17-5 run.

Grayville led by seven, 49-42 early in the third for its biggest lead as Kanaan Worley scored four straight points.

Rowland led the Bison with 38 points, sinking 15-27

(.556) from the field, including 27 in the first half.

"Bryan Mendoza when face guarding there No. 5 (Rowland) he was really outstanding," said Phillips. "He held him to just 11 points in the second half. It was really good because Rowland is a really good player. We all just buckled down on defense in the second half and focused as a team and not as much by ourselves."

Phillips finished with a double-double scoring 18 points and pulling down 14 rebounds.

"I think it is expected out of me," said Phillips of the double-double. It is very doable every game if I just try and do what I need to do."

Miller had 23 points all in the first half, while Garcia had 20 and Alanis had 16 for AHS.

## Dieterich 56, Arcola 35

Arcola fell behind 15-1 after the opening quarter and could not catch up in the 21-point loss. The Purple Riders did get to within seven, 31-24 with six minutes left in the third quarter on a 3-pointer by Garcia, but the Movin Maroons went on a 7-0 run to lead 39-24 late in the third.

Arcola was 7-of-20 from the field in the second half, while Dieterich was 9-of-15.

Garcia led AHS with 11 points.

## Arcola 39, Sullivan 36

Sullivan led 21-19 at the half. Heading into the final quarter the Redskins led 29-24.

Arcola tied the game at 31 and led 36-34 when Sullivan's

Camden Watkins tied the game at 36 with 36 seconds remaining.

Arcola called a time-out with 12.3 seconds left.

"Garcia had fouled out and we put our three best players in Alanis, Phillips and Jackson together with handoffs," said Gisinger. "We told Jackson we were going to go to him. He is our best shooter. He was cold that game and could not make a shot. We are going to go to him. We trust him. Phillips made a great read off a hand-off and kept it off the help and drew the help and kicked it to Jackson for a wide open 3-pointer. That is exactly what we drew up. We work on that play a lot. It is one that we save for the end of a game when we need it. It is one that we save for the end of a game when we need it. It is great because the shot went in, but the execution was perfect and that was a good game for us. We had to overcome a ton of foul trouble. We were able to get out here with a win over a pretty solid Sullivan team."

Alanis and Phillips led Arcola with 11 points each.

"Last year we came here and it wasn't how we wanted it to turn out," said Phillips. "We went 1-3. This year we just came in here and didn't really watch film on anyone. We just came in here and tried to play our own game. We were not thinking about it, we

were just going out and playing, which I think really helped us because that is what we need to do every game."

## Miller named to all-tournament team

Jackson Miller, a 6-3 junior, was one of 10 players named to the all-tournament team. Jackson scored a total of 59 in the four games of the tournament, which included one on Dec. 26. He made 10 3-pointers.

Arcola	10	8	615-39
Sullivan	11	10	8 7-36

ARCOLA: Gerardo Alanis 3-2-11, Tyson Lewis 0-0-0, Braden Phillips 5-1-11, Jackson Miller 4-0-9, Aldo Garcia 2-2-7, Ryan Lindstrom 0-1-1, D.J. Stevens 0-0-0, Bryan Mendoza 0-0-0, Totals 14-6-39

3-point goals: Arcola 5 (Alanis 3, Miller 1, Garcia 1) Sullivan 3 (Brett Bushe 3) Free

throws: Arcola 6-8 .750; Sullivan 7-13 .538. Bench points: Arcola 1, Sullivan 4.

Arcola	1	13	16 5-35
Dieterich	15	12	1415-56

ARCOLA: Garcia 3-2-11, Alanis 1-5-7, Lewis 0-2-2, Phillips 1-1-4, Miller 3-0-8, Lindstrom 0-0-0, Stevens 1-0-3, Max Rardin 0-0-0, Kaden Brawner 0-0-0, Mendoza 0-0-0, Wayne Humphrey 0-0-0, Totals 9-10-35

3-point goals: Arcola 7 (Garcia 3, Stevens 1, Phillips 1, Miller 2), Dieterich 5 (Kaden Iffert 1, Cole Will 1, Lucas Westendorf 2, Caleb Gephart 1). Bench points: Arcola 3, Dieterich 12

Grayville	24	21	1211-68
Arcola	29	13	2018-80

ARCOLA: Garcia 8-5-20, Alanis 6-0-16, Lewis 0-0-0, Phillips 7-4-18, Miller 9-3-23, Lindstrom 1-0-3, D.J. Stevens 0-0-0, Bryan Mendoza 0-0-0, Totals 31-11-80

3-point goals: Arcola 7-25 .280 (Lindstrom 1-4, Alanis 4-4, Miller 2-10, Stevens 0-1, Garcia 0-6), Grayville 6-17 353; (Zach Levens 2-7, Ty'Zae Rowland 3-7, Jake Hossman 1-1, Tripp Morris 0-1, Quin Funkhouser 0-1) Free throws Arcola 11-21 .524, Grayville 6-10 .600. Rebounds: Arcola 43 (Phillips 14), Grayville 20 (Kanaan Worley 10). Turnovers: Arcola 14, Grayville 10. Shooting percentages: Arcola 31-63 .492. Grayville 28-58 (.483)



## Arcola Sports

through Jan. 11

High school boys basketball

- Friday**  
Arcola at Decatur LSA, 6 p.m.
- Saturday**  
Arcola freshmen at Decatur St. Teresa, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday**  
Arcola at Villa Grove, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday**  
Maroa-Forsyth at Arcola freshmen, 6 p.m.

### High school girls basketball

- Thursday**  
Heritage at Arcola, 6 p.m.
- Saturday**  
Hoopstest Area at Arcola, 11 a.m.
- Monday**  
Okaw Valley at Arcola, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday**  
Arcola at Academy High in Champaign, 6 p.m.

### Junior high boys basketball

- Thursday**  
Arcola at Bement/Cerro Gordo at Bement, 6 p.m.
- Saturday**  
Arcola at Villa Grove, 11:30 a.m. in Junior high Okaw Conference Tournament
- Monday**  
Arcola at Villa Grove, 11:30 a.m. in Junior high Okaw Conference Tournament
- Tuesday**  
Arcola at Villa Grove, 11:30 a.m. in Junior high Okaw Conference Tournament
- Wednesday**  
Arcola at Villa Grove, 11:30 a.m. in Junior high Okaw Conference Tournament

### Junior high volleyball

- Monday**  
Heritage at Arcola, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday**  
Okaw Valley at Arcola, 6 p.m.

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