

SPORTS



ARCOLA JR. HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL - Arcola's 8th grade boys basketball team took home the championship trophy after defeating Tuscola in the JHOC Conference Tournament held in Villa Grove on Thurs., Jan. 12. The Purple Riders defeated the East Prairie Hornets 35-32. Arcola's 7th grade team took second place in the tournament after falling to Tuscola 30-11. Pictured with their first place trophy are 8th grade team members, front row, (l-r): manager Maxwell Bales-Turner, Sawyer Maxwell, Angel Garcia-Tovar, Evan Rardin, Eduardo Garcia, Brody Phillips, Christian Rocha, not identified. Back row: coach Danny Ruyle, Josiah Hout, Gavin Storm, AJ Stevens, Carson Jewell, Remi Roberts-McGeehon, Tony De La Garza, coach Randy Swartz. *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*

Eighth grade wins conference tournament

By Mike Monahan

ARCOLA - The eighth grade won the Junior Okaw Conference Tournament last Thursday by squeaking past Tuscola 35-32.

The seventh grade lost in its championship game to Tuscola, but the final score and scoring was unavailable at press time.

Monday was eighth grade Senior Night and both teams lost to Sullivan. The eighth grade lost just 35-29. Further information was unavailable at press time.

In the eighth grade champi-

onship game Tuscola led 17-12 at the half and 27-22 heading into the final quarter. The Purple Riders then outscored the Hornets 13-5 to win by three.

Arcola trailed by as much as eight in the game before making a run in the last two minutes to earn the win and set off a celebration.

Brody Phillips led the way with 17 points for AHS, including 9-of-13 free throws.

Against Sullivan Monday Arcola fell behind 7-0 and although they got to within three, could not get any closer.

Phillips scored a game-high 23 points, including nine in the final quarter.

The eighth grade is 13-7 and doesn't play until the Class 2A regional tournament Jan. 28. The Purple Riders have won 12 of their last 15 contests.

Eighth grade

Sullivan	15	10	2	8-35
Arcola	9	7	4	9-29

ARCOLA: Evan Rardin 0-0-0, Eduardo Garcia 0-0-0, Brody Phillips 8-6-23, A. J. Stevens 1-0-2, Remi Roberts-McGeehon 1-2-4, Carson Jewell 0-0-0, Josiah Hout 0-0-0.

Totals

Tuscola	10	7	10	5-32
Arcola	6	6	10	13-35

ARCOLA: Rardin 0-3-3, Garcia 1-1-3,

Phillips 4-9-17, Remi Roberts-McGeehon 1-2-5, Stevens 2-0-5, Jewell 0-0-0, Hout 0-0-0, Totals 9-15-35

3-point goals: Arcola 2 (Stevens, Roberts-McGeehon)

Junior high volleyball

Matches against Okaw Valley, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond and Decatur LSA were unavailable at press time.

Eighth grade

Lost to Heritage 25-11, 25-21

Seventh grade

Lost to Heritage 25-8, 25-11



ARCOLA 8th grader Remi Roberts-McGeehon (24). *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*



ARCOLA 7th grader Sawyer Maxwell (12). *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*



ARCOLA 8th grader Brody Phillips (15). *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*



ARCOLA eighth grader Megan Miller (12) serves in a game with Okaw Valley played Tuesday, Jan. 10 in Arcola. Arcola's lost both the 7th and 8th grade matches. *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*



ARCOLA seventh grader Jazlyn Moreno (35) serves in a game with Okaw Valley played Tuesday, Jan. 10 in Arcola. Arcola's lost both the 7th and 8th grade matches. *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*



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