

# SPORTS

## Arcola falls short against Cumberland in LPC tourney

**By Mike Monahan**  
 ARGENTA - Arcola was knocked into the consolation bracket last Saturday at the hands of Cumberland, 47-41 in the fourth Lincoln Prairie Conference Tournament.

The Purple Riders, 9-11, play Friday against the winner of last Tuesday's Heritage vs. Villa Grove game. Arcola plays at 6 p.m. at Argenta-Oreana and if they win they will play for the consolidation championship Saturday at 4 p.m. and if they lose they play for ninth place at 1 p.m.

### Cumberland 47, Arcola 41

Arcola led 21-16 at the half as they outscored the Pirates 14-4 in the second. However, the Pirates had a big quarter of its own in the third, outscoring Arcola 20-7 to take a 36-28 lead heading into the final period.

Braden Phillips had eight of his team-high 17 in the second quarter, while Alanis had half of his 12 points in the second quarter.

Cumberland had three players in double digits scoring all 14 of his points in the second half. Maddox McElravy had seven of his 13 in the opening quarter and Trevin McGee had eight of his 10 points in the third quarter.

Cumberland improved to 10-11.

### Cerro Gordo 43, Arcola 39

Arcola never led in the game, but never trailed by more than seven in the first two and a half quarters.

Arcola was down by 14 with 2:40 left and still by 11 with just under two minutes left. It looked like it was all but over, but the Purple Riders

had something to say as they made one final furious run.

Miller hit two straight 3-pointers, making it a five point game with still 46 seconds remaining. Cerro Gordo's Carson Brown made a pair of free throws with 44.2 left and Arcola could not get closer than the final margin as Braden Phillips hit a 3-pointer with time running out.

Miller and Phillips led Arcola with 14 and 12 points respectively. Phillips had another double-double as he pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds.

The Broncos were led by Tyson Moore with 15, while Konnor Waterhouse had 13 and Brown 10.

The Purple Riders trailed just 24-22 when the Broncos went on a 15-3 run over the next 10 minutes starting with a 3-pointer by Romeo Montes and four straight points by Brown, including a putback. After Jackson Miller started the final period with a 3-pointer Brown made a free throw and Konnor Waterhouse sank a 3-pointer. Moore netted two free throws and CG/B took the 14-point lead with a bucket by Waterhouse.

The Purple Riders struggled from the field in the opening 18 minutes as they were just 5-of-25 as the Broncos played a 1-2-2 half court trap.

Still the Broncos only led 20-14 before back-to-back 3-pointers by Gerardo Alanis and Aldo Garcia tied the game at 20 in what was the only time the two had the same number of points.

At halftime members of the 1972-73 and 1973-74 Cerro Gordo Elite Eight teams were honored, including former coach Jack Blickensderfer.

Cerro Gordo/Bement is 14-8.

### Junior varsity

The Arcola junior varsity played its last game until Jan. 31 falling to Cerro Gordo/Bement 36-26. D. J. Stevens led the Purple Riders with 14 points.

Arcola fell to Central A&M 44-24 as Canton Wesch had five points to lead the team in scoring.

The Purple Riders did pick up a 35-30 triumph over Villa Grove outsourcing the Blue Devils 14-5 in the fourth to win by five. Bryan Mendoza led the way with 11 points for AHS.

### Freshmen/sophomore

The Arcola freshmen/sophomore picked up a 49-32 win over Maroa Forsyth at Nancy Stiff Gymnasium using a strong second half, one that saw the Purple Riders outscored the Trojans 32-16 to break away from a 17-16 halftime advantage.

Bryan Mendoza and Aiden Smith had 13 points for AHS, while Rardin was also in double digits with 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

**Arcola** 7 14 7 13-41  
**Cumberland** 12 4 20 11-47

ARCOLA: Ryan Lindstrom 1-0-3, Gerardo Alanis 4-2-12, D.J. Stevens 0-0-0, Braden Phillips 6-3-17, Jackson Miller 1-2-4, Aldo Garcia 2-0-5, Tyson Lewis 0-0-0, Totals 14-741

3-point goals: Arcola 6 (Phillips 2, Alanis 2, Lindstrom 1, Garcia 1), Cumberland 5 (Trevin McGee 2, Gavin Hendrix 1, Bryant Weber 1, Maddox McElravy 1). Bench points: Arcola 5, Cumberland 5. Free throws: Arcola 7-8 .875, Cumberland 10-14 .714.

**Arcola** 5 9 8 17-39  
**Cerro Gordo/Bement** 11 5 15 16-43

ARCOLA: Lindstrom 1-0-3, Garcia 2-2-7, Alanis 1-0-3, Phillips 5-1-12, Miller 4-3-14, Stevens 0-0-0, Alan Guevara 0-0-0, Totals 13-6-39

3-point goals: Arcola 7-22 .318 (Miller 3-10, Lindstrom 1-3, Garcia 1-4, Alanis 1-5), Cerro Gordo/Bement 4-14 .286 (Konner Waterhouse 3-6, Romeo Montes 1-2, Tyson Moore 0-6, Will Fuson 0-2). Free throws:



**BRADEN PHILLIPS (#10) soars up and over Broncos defender Romeo Montes scoring the basket for Arcola in the first half of the varsity game. Arcola trailed a halftime 12-16. Photo by Stephanie Wierman.**

Arcola 6-9 .667, Cerro Gordo/Bement 12-22 .591. Rebounds: Arcola 28 (Phillips 10), Cerro Gordo/Bement 31 (Carson Brown 11). Turnovers: Arcola 17, Cerro Gordo/Bement 16. Field goal shooting: Arcola 13-43 .302, Cerro Gordo/Bement 13-38 .342

**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
**Arcola** 2 5 12 7-26  
**Cerro Gordo/Bement** 12 6 8 10-36  
 ARCOLA: Guevara 0-0-0, Stevens 4-5-14, Canton Wesch 2-0-6, Max Rardin 1-0-2, Aiden Myers 1-0-2, Kaden Brawner 1-0-2, Totals 9-5-26

Stevens 1)  
**Arcola** 4 7 10 3-24  
**Central A&M** 10 9 14 11-44  
 ARCOLA: Stevens 2-0-4, Wesch 2-0-5, Smith 2-0-4, Rardin 0-0-0, Mendoza 1-0-2, Guevara 0-2-2, Mayhall 1-1-3, Brawner 0-0-0, Humphrey 0-0-0, Vazquez 0-0-0, Myers 1-2-4, Totals 9-5-24

3-point goals: Arcola 1 (Wesch 1)  
**Arcola** 4 7 10 14-35  
**Villa Grove** 9 7 9 5-30  
 ARCOLA: Stevens 2-5-9, Wesch 1-0-3, Aiden Smith 0-3-3, Rardin 2-0-5, Bryan Mendoza 4-3-11, Haris Mayhall 0-0-0,

Brawner 1-0-2, Totals 11-11-35  
 3-point goals: Arcola 2 (Wesch 1, Rardin 1)

**FRESHMEN**  
**Maroa-Forsyth** 8 8 7 9-32  
**Arcola** 9 8 17 15-49  
 ARCOLA: Stevens 2-3-7, Wesch 0-0-0, Smith 3-7-13, Rardin 4-0-11, Mendoza 4-5-13, Guevara 0-0-0, Mayhall 1-2-5, Anthony Lira 0-0-0, Myers 0-0-0, Totals 14-17-49  
 3-point goals: Arcola 4 (Rardin 3, Mayhall 1)

### 4th Lincoln Prairie Conference boys tournament at Argenta-Oreana

(Seeds and record in parentheses)  
**Friday, Jan. 20**  
 Game 1: Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 71, Heritage 52  
 Game 2: Villa Grove 48, Blue Ridge 43  
 Game 3: Argenta-Oreana 63, Tri-County 48

**Saturday, Jan. 21 at Argenta-Oreana**  
 Game 4: Decatur LSA 69, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 43 (8, 9-11) vs. Decatur LSA (1, 18-0), 11 a.m.  
 Game 5: Cumberland 47, Arcola (5, 9-10) 41, Cumberland (4, 9-11), 12:30 p.m.  
 Game 6: Cerro Gordo/Bement 50, Villa Grove 42 (junior high gym)

Game 7: Okaw Valley 73, Argenta-Oreana 70, junior high gym  
**Tuesday, Jan. 24**  
 Game 8: Heritage (8 8-12) vs. Villa Grove (7, 8-13) 5 p.m. (junior high gym)

Game 9: Blue Ridge (10, 7-15) vs. Argenta-Oreana (6, 11-10), 6:30 p.m. (junior high)  
 Game 10: Tri-County (11, 3-17) vs. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond (8, 9-12), 8 p.m.

Game 11: Decatur LSA (1, 19-0) vs. Cumberland (4, 10-11), 6 p.m.  
 Game 12: Cerro Gordo/Bement (2, 13-8) vs. Okaw Valley (3, 10-10), 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 27**  
 Game 13: Winner of game 8 vs. Arcola (5, 9-11), 6 p.m.

Game 14: Winner of game 9 vs. Winner of game 10, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 28**  
 Game 15: Loser of game 8 vs. loser of game 9, 9th place game, 1 p.m.  
 Game 16: Loser of game 10 vs. loser of game 13, 7th place, 2:30 p.m.  
 Game 17: Winner of game 13 vs. winner of game 14, consolation championship (5th place), 4 p.m.

Game 18: Loser of game 11 vs. loser of game 12, third place, 5:30 p.m.  
 Game 19: Winner of game 11 vs. winner of game 12, championship, 7 p.m.  
 Last year's championship game: Arcola 58, Decatur LSA 54

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