

SPORTS

but it slowed them down. Marshall's freshmen Heigton and Lynn Wellborn finished with a combined 20 points. Wellborn led the Lady Lions with 11 points. Marshall is 14-13.

Thomas led Arcola in rebounds with eight but the Lady Riders were outrebounded 34-27.

"The girls were excited for this one," said Roberts. "We practiced really well Friday. They got up a little bit for this one just because of the loss earlier in the year, one that we felt we should have won."

Unlike last time when these two teams met Arcola was not 17-of-38 from the free throw line, but 11-of-18.

"I am not mad about a four-point loss against a good team," said Marshall coach Heidi Miller. "We are battling sickness and injury right now. One of our starters (sophomore Zara Engledow) is out with an elbow injury. So that has changed the team demeanor a little bit. We have the dynamics of trying to fit in new people who have not started. Our 2-3 zone defense really tightened up today. Our basketball handlin was key in getting the ball to the middle of the floor on our press breaker. Our guards handled the ball really well and that always helps. Today's game is getting us ready for the postseason."

Arcola 65, Arthur Chirsitan 35

Sisk and Kessler finished with 25 and 20 points respectively as Arcola downed Arthur Christian by 30.

The Lady Riders led 30-19 at the half before outscoring the Conquering Riders 35-16 in the second half.

Kessler had 12 points in the first half and had four three-pointers for the game,



AHS GIRLS BASKETBALL - Sophomore Kacie Sisk (23) is fouled while going in for a basket in a varsity game played with Marshall at Arcola on Sat., Jan. 28. Arcola won over Marshall 45-41. Photo by Nancy Rairden.

while Sisk had near even halves with 12 in the first and 13 in the second.

Arthur Christian dropped to 12-9.

Junior varsity

The junior varsity went 2-1 beating Arthur Christian 43-21 as Kiera Leal led the way with 10 points. The Lady Riders also played a 10 minute running clock game Monday against Argenta-Oreana and won 9-5 as Hayden Gauna scored six points.

The lone loss was to Marshall, 37-27, as Gauna led the way with nine points.

Varsity

Argenta-Oreana 4 2 4 6-16
Arcola 14 16 14-44

ARCOLA: Eva Hopkins 1-0-2, Jacey Kessler 3-2-10, Kelsey Moore 3-2-10, Makenzie Thomas 3-0-6, Vanessa Condarco 0-0-0, Reyli Vega 2-1-5, Crystal Ramirez 1-0-2, Kacie Sisk 2-5-9, Alessia Menoud 0-0-0, Emma Simpson 0-0-0, Ava Simpson 0-0-0, Emma Vazquez 0-0-0, Kiera Leal 0-0-0, Hayde Gauna 0-0-0, Shelby Roberts-McGeehon 0-0-0, Totals 15-10-44

3-point goals: Arcola 4-28 .143 (Kessler 2-5, Moore 2-5, Hopkins 0-2, Vega 0-3, Thomas 0-2, Sisk 0-1) Argenta-Oreana 0-2 .000 (Abigail Garcia 0-1, Kylie Houser 0-1). Bench points: Arcola 16, Argenta-Oreana 9. Free throws: Arcola 10-21 .476, Argenta-Oreana 2-5 .400. Rebounds: Arcola 35 (Thomas 10), Argenta-Oreana 34 (Madrigal Angelina 6). Turnovers: Arcola 11, Argenta-Oreana 31. Shooting percentages: Arcola 15-56 .268, Argenta-Oreana 7-33 .212.

Marshall 4 13 1014-41
Arcola 3 8 1321-45

ARCOLA: Hopkins 2-0-6, Kessler 2-3-7, Moore 4-0-11, Thomas 0-1-1, Sisk 4-6-16, Vega 2-0-4, Rameriz 0-0-0, Totals 14-11-45

3-point goals: Arcola 6-17 .353 (Hopkins 2-4, Kessler 1-6, Moore 3-5, Vega 0-1, Sisk 0-1), Marshall 2-6 .333 (Marlee Heigton 1-4, Lynn Wellborn 1-1, Addison Oetjen 0-1). Free throws: Arcola 11-19 .579, Marshall 4-5 .800. Rebounds: Arcola 27 (Thomas 8), Marshall 34 (Adi Scott 10). Bench points: Arcola 4, Marshall 3. Turnovers: Arcola 13, Marshall 17. Shooting percentages: Arcola 14-42 .333, Marshall 18-50 .360

Arthur Christian 9 10 106-35
Arcola 17 13 2213-65

ARCOLA: Hopkins 0-2-2, Kessler 6-4-20, Moore 0-2-2, Thomas 1-0-2, Sisk 12-1-25, Vega 2-0-4, Ramirez 1-0-2, Ema Simpson 1-2-4, Condarco 1-0-2, Vazquez 0-2-2, Ava Simpson 0-0-0, Leal 0-0-0, Totals 24-13-65

3-point goals: Arcola 4 (Kessler 4), Arthur Christian 2 (Avery Herschberger 1, Addi Erwin 1). Free throws: Arcola 13-19 .684, Arthur Chirsitan 8-12. 667. Bench points Arcola 14, Arthur Christian 13. Rebounds: Arcola 38, Arthur Chirsitan 27.

Junior varsity
Argenta-Oreana 5
Arcola 9

ARCOLA: Gauna 3-0-6, Ava Simpson 1-0-3, Totals 4-0-9

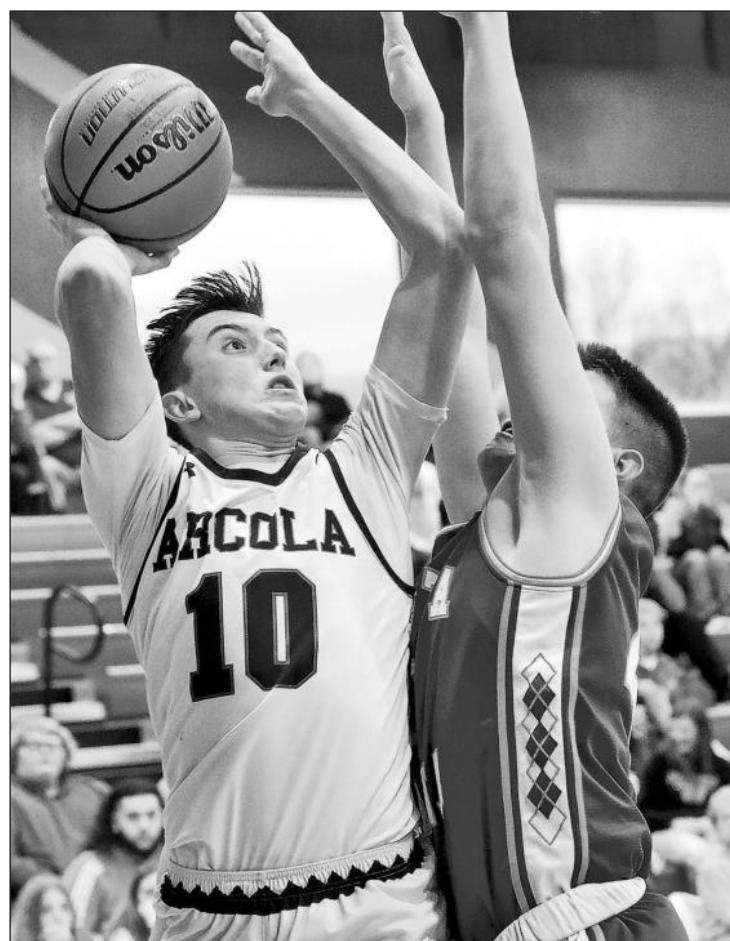
3-point goals: Arcola 1 (Ava Simpson 1)
Marshall 10 7 911-37
Arcola 4 7 511-27

ARCOLA: Ramirez 0-0-0, Ema Simpson 1-0-2, Ava Simpson 0-3-3, Gauna 4-1-9, Leal 1-0-3, Menoud 0-0-0, Roberts-McGeehon 0-4-4, Kaydence Nichols 3-0-6, Totals 9-8-27

3-point goals: Arcola 1 (Leal 1)
Arthur Christian 2 2 9 8-21
Arcola 10 11 1111-43

ARCOLA: Ramirez 2-1-5, Roberts-McGeehon 2-2-6, Gauna 3-1-7, Leal 4-2-10, Ava Simpson 2-1-6, Menoud 0-0-0, Ema Simpson 2-1-5, Nichols 2-0-4, Totals 17-8-43

3-point goals: Arcola 1 (Ava Simpson 1)



ARCOLA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL - Sophomore Braden Phillips (10) goes up strong to the basket in the LPC consolation bracket championship game at Argenta on Saturday, January 28. The Purple Riders defeated Argenta-Oreana 60-39 to take fifth place in the tournament. Photo by Nancy Rairden.

By Mike Monahan
CHAMPAIGN- Arcola's eighth grade boys basketball team advanced to the regional semifinals with a 44-31 win over Salt Fork.

Arcola, the No. 2 seed with a 14-7 record, having won 13 of its last 16 contests, took on Villa Grove, the No. 3 seeded team, Tuesday in the semifinals. If Arcola won they played for the regional championship Wednesday at Champaign.

Villa Grove beat Arcola 45-35

Arcola led 23-13 at the half and 36-20 heading into the fourth against the No. 7 seeded Salt Fork.

The Purple Riders finished with three players in double digits. Brody Phillips led the way with 20 points, including the only 3-pointer for Arcola. A.J. Stevens had 10 points, including six in the third quarter and Remi Roberts-McGeehon was also in double figures with 10 points, eighth in the first half.

Arcola 12 11 13 8-44

Arcola Sports through Feb. 8

High school boys basketball

Friday
Arthur Christian at Arcola, 6 p.m.

Saturday
Arcola freshmen at Heritage tournament, 10 a.m.

Tuesday
Argenta-Oreana at Arcola, 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Tuscola at Arcola freshmen, 6 p.m.

High school girls basketball

Thursday
Arcola at Cumberland, 6 p.m.

Monday
Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond at Arcola, 6 p.m.

Monday
Argenta-Oreana at Arcola, 6 p.m.

Junior high volleyball
Tuesday
Tuscola at Arcola, 6 p.m.

Arcola eighth grade tops Villa Grove

Salt Fork 5 8 7 10-30
ARCOLA: Evan Rardin 0-0-0, Edauro Garcia 0-0-0, Brody Phillips 9-1-20, A.J. Stevens 5-0-10, Remi Roberts-McGeehon 4-2-10, Sawyer Maxwell 0-0-0, Carson Jewell 0-0-0, Josiah Hout 1-0-2, Christian Rocha 1-0-2, Totals 19-3-44

3-point goals: Arcola 1 (Phillips 1)
Vball both teams 0-4 before Villa Grove match and had lost in two sets all of the time Jan. 19

Tolono Unity at Arcola
Seventh grade lost 25-21, 25-14
Eighth grade lost 25-7, 26-24, 25-8
Jan. 24

Villa Grove at Arcola-scores were unavailable at press time
Monday at Hume vs. Shiloh scores were unavailable at press time

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