

Knights JH Boys Track Teams Begin 2023 Season at Home

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The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond Jr. High boys track teams held their first meet of the 2023 season on Monday, March 20. The meet was a quadrangular with Okaw Valley, Tri-County and Villa Grove as the opponents. The seventh grade took first in the team standings while the eighth grade finished in second.

In the seventh grade competition Alex Olivero led the way with three individual firsts in the shot put, discus and the 200 meters. He also ran a leg of the winning 4 X 200 meter relay along with Bentley Hutson, Anden Berry and Jase Kingery. Bentley won two individual events, the 100 meters and the 400 meters and added another relay first with Berry, Kingery, and Conner Crabtree in the 4 X 400 meter relay. The eighth grade won five individual events and two relays. Josh Taylor won the shot put and discus, Cooper Shoemaker the high jump, Brennon Hutson, the 110 meter hurdles and Coye Grant, the 800 meter run. The 4 X 200 meter relay of Shoemaker, Brennon Hutson, Tyler Lisanby and Max Boddy won

and the 4 X 400 meter relay of Shoemaker, Mason Thomas, Taylor and Lisanby were also winners.

The jr. high teams were to compete in Shelbyville on March 27 and will return home for a meet on April 3.

7th Grade Boys Team and Individual Results vs. Okaw Valley, Tri-County and Villa Grove March 20, 2023

Team results: 1. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 69; 2. Villa Grove 48; 3. Okaw Valley 42; 3. Tri-County 31

Shot Put: Alex Olivero 28' 10.5", first;

Discus: Alex Olivero 70' 6", first;

High Jump: Beau Green 4' 6", second; Greyson Yoder 3' 8";

Long Jump: Conner Crabtree 12' 6", third; Greyson Yoder 10' 3"; Colton Snyder 9' 9";

110 M Hurdles: None

100M: Bentley Hutson 14.58, first; Jase Kingery 14.91, fourth; Anden Berry 15.6; Conner Crabtree 15.89; Cannon Doggett 16.22; Anthony Graham 16.52; Dustin Snyder 19.15; Ashton Crumrin 22.25;

200M: Alex Olivero 32.19, first; Anden Berry 32.48, second; Cannon Doggett 34.62; Dustin Snyder 43.73; Ashton Crumrin 54.08;

400M: Bentley Hutson 1:07.2, first

800M: Beau Green 2:56.69, third; Colton Snyder 3:06.28, fifth; Solly Binion 3:24.19; Greyson Yoder 3:47.56;

1600M: Beau Green 6:16.78, second; Colton Snyder 6:17.75, fourth; Solly Binion 7:08.33;

400M Relay: Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 1:06.21, second (Cannon Doggett, Conner Crabtree, Anthony Graham, Beau Green)

800M Relay: Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 2:06.75, first (Bentley Hutson, Alex Olivero, Anden Berry, Jase Kingery)

1600M Relay: Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 5:08.27, first (Anden Berry, Jase Kingery, Conner Crabtree, Bentley Hutson)

8th Grade Boys Team and Individual Results vs. Okaw Valley, Tri-County and Villa Grove March 20, 2023

Team results: 1. Villa Grove 73; 2. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 70; Okaw Valley 38; 4. Tri-County 13

Shot Put: Joshua Taylor 33' 2", first; Nick Rafferty 28' 8", third; Hayden Ely 25' 7.5";

Discus: Joshua Taylor 76' 5", first; Cameron McGill 58' 2", fifth; Nick Rafferty 51' 9";



Knights distance runners Cooper Shoemaker, left and Colton Snyder, in front of Cooper at the time compete in the 1600 meter run at the jr. high home meet last week. Colton would take fourth in the seventh grade and Cooper was fifth in the eighth grade.

High Jump: Cooper Shoemaker 4' 8", first; Tyler Lisanby 4' 6"; Coye Grant 4' 0", fourth;

Long Jump: Tyler Lisanby 12' 10", fifth;

110 M Hurdles: Brennon Hutson 18.52, first;

100M: Max Boddy 12.85, second; Dylan Ingersoll 14.88;

200M: Max Boddy 26.96, second; Mason Thomas 27.89,

third; Dylan Ingersoll 33.07;;

400M: None

800M: Coye Grant 2:43.21, first;

1600M: Coye Grant 6:02.88, third; Cooper Shoemaker 6:29.09, fifth;

400M Relay: Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 58.7, third (Nick Rafferty, Mason Thomas, Dylan Ingersoll, Josh

Taylor)

800M Relay: Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 1:54.77, first (Cooper Shoemaker, Brennon Hutson, Tyler Lisanby, Max Boddy)

1600M Relay: Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 4:41.82, first (Cooper Shoemaker, Mason Thomas, Josh Taylor, Tyler Lisanby)



Jase Kingery brings the baton home on the anchor leg of the seventh grade 4 X 200 meter relay at the first meet of the 2023 season. Other relay members were Alex Olivero, Bentley Hutson and Anden Berry. The relay took first in a time of 2:06.75.



Knights sixth grader Greyson Yoder leaps into the long jump pit in the first JH track meet of the 2023 season. The seventh grade squad which has both sixth and seventh grade athletes won their division of the quadrangular meet held at home on March 20.



The ALAH Jr. High track season began on March 20 with a home meet against Okaw Valley, Tri-County and Villa Grove. Eighth grader Josh Taylor, shown here throwing the discus, won both the discus and shot put and ran a leg of the first place 4 X 400 meter relay.

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have experienced and imagined home in different ways. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum invites visitors to explore stories of home

in a new exhibit, Here I Have Lived: Home in Illinois, opening March 23, 2023. Representing diverse experiences across the prairie state, this exhibit will inspire visitors to connect through artifacts, videos, and interactive features with how people have imagined, created,

and found home in Illinois." As you all know, our family are big fans of this museum. Looking forward to visiting again soon and seeing this exhibit which runs through January 21, 2024.

PROGRAM AT ARTHUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

From the library page: "Join us on April 1, 1:00 PM to learn more about Preserving safely: Freezing, Drying, Fermenting with Caitlin Mellendorf, Nutrition and Wellness Educator, University of Illinois Extension. The deadline is March 29 to sign up and the seating will be very limited with only 16 seats available. Please call us at 217-543-2037 to reserve your seat early."

MOULTRIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This group moved a few months ago from their space downtown to the south side of Sullivan at 1303 S. Hamilton. From their fb page: "The time has finally come and we are so excited to announce the Moultrie County History Center Grand Opening on Saturday April 1 from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. The musical highlight of the day will be the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band performance at 1:00pm. Re-enactors in Civil War period uniforms playing the instruments from the day. We are looking forward to a huge turn out and a fun day for everyone!" The historical society is also looking for vol-

unteers and will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 4 at 1 p.m. Call 217-620-7328 for more information.

SESQUICENTENNIAL NEWS

Sister Sally has been looking up some articles from the Arthur Graphic from the centennial year of 1973. Here's some of what she found. One article talked about the Time Capsule Ceremony at the new Tourist Information Center (we now call it the Arthur Welcome Center). The time capsule was donated by Progress Industries and Lowell Eads did the engraving on it. J.R. Livesay, president of WLBH and WHOW was the speaker. He made some very interesting remarks as to where he foresaw our country going and where we might be in 50 years. Let's just say they were a bit startling I'm sure to the crowd but also, in some ways, were somewhat prophetic. He ended by saying if our society prevails it will be "because of the moral courage and determination of people like we find here in Arthur. People who are willing to stand up and be counted for those virtues that have made our nation the greatest nation in the world." Other articles related how the people of Arthur could place items in envelopes to be put into the time capsule. Have to admit I don't remember the opportunity to do this or if any of our family did it but I am guessing my

mother probably did. Will be interesting to find out just who took advantage of that, won't it? There is also supposedly a 'video' of the Centennial parade. Wonder what format that might be in and if we will be able to play it? Anyway, don't forget to keep watching for information in this paper and in this column on the upcoming Sesquicentennial celebration the weekend of the Arthur Cheese Festival.

LOOK UP!

Got a phone call from Sue Falk who had some time to sit downtown the other day and, as she looked around, she realized how interesting the architecture of our downtown buildings is. I enjoyed that because I remembered my mother saying, "Look up! People too often don't notice buildings above the first floor" and she's right. Made me think that Greenup is one of those small towns with a lot of interesting architecture downtown. Took a look at their facebook page and sure enough many of their businesses down-

town have balconies on the second floor. Maybe it's time to take a road trip to Greenup to check it out!

EASTER

This Sunday, April 2 is Palm Sunday and begins Easter week. I am aware of services at the Arthur United Methodist Church on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services at noon at the Vine Street Christian Church. Community Sunrise Service is at the Methodist Church on Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 a.m. I don't know about you but for me Easter week is very meaningful. One of my favorite services of the year is Sunrise Service when we can all come together as a community. A couple of years ago during covid we even had an Easter Sunset Service out at the Great Pumpkin Patch. As I remember it was a beautiful evening. Happy Easter week everyone! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

And that's -30- for hopefully some decent spring weather!

Arthur Christian School Scoreboard

Girls Varsity Soccer

Michael Robey, Head Coach

March 25 @ Centennial

Record: 2-3-0

ACS 3

Centennial 6

Game Stats:

Goals: Malaya Brady 3

Assists: Phoenix Kelmel 1

GK Saves: Izzy Swanson 3, Libby Henry 2, and Liana Kauffman 1

March 23 @ MacArthur/

Eisenhower

ACS 8

MacArthur/Eisenhower 2

Game Stats:

Goals: Emma Skowronski 3, Malaya Brady 3, Brileigh Mast 1, Addi Erwin 1

Assists: Malaya Brady 2, Amelie Whitchurch 1, Emma Skowronski 1, Jadyin Quinlan 1, and Lydia Ranson 1

GK Saves: Libby Henry 2 and Izzy Swanson 1

March 20 @ ACS

ACS 5

Urbana 7

Goals: Emma Skowronski 2, Selah Wheeler 1, Phoenix Kelmel 1, and Jadyin Quinlan 1

Assists: Aselynn Kauffman 1

GK Saves: Liana Kauffman 6 and Libby Henry 1

Next Games: April 3 @ ACS vs. Meridian, April 4 @ St. Thomas More, April 6 @ University-High, April 11 @ ACS vs. Warrensburg-Latham, April 15 @ ACS vs. LSA (Senior Day), and April 18 @ ACS vs. Cornerstone

Baseball

Next games: April 1 @ Tri-Valley, April 8 @ Meridian/Meridian Triangular vs. Meridian & Pana, April 10 @ Meridian, April 11 @ Blue Ridge, April 13 @ ACS vs. Cerro Gordo-Bement, April 15 @ ACS vs. CRU (Senior Day), and April 20 @ ACS vs. Heritage

Arthur Christian School Athletes Recognized

ACS had eight senior Conquering Riders named to the ECIC Conference Academic All-Conference team. They were Blake Casteel (soccer), Selah Gregory (volleyball, soccer), Is-

abelle Haskins (soccer), Jaden Mast (basketball, baseball, soccer), Jadyin Quinlan (soccer), Emma Skowronski (soccer), Isabelle Swanson (soccer), and Silas Wheeler (basketball).