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Softball

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it their pitching," said Roberts. "Don't get me wrong. I feel like their pitchers are ones the girls can hit. Villa Grove and Arthur, one through nine, every single one of them hits the ball. Today we didn't have a hit until the fifth."

Arcola 13, Martinsville 2, 5 innings

Arcola scored at least one run in all four innings, including six in the first.

Hohlbauch was the winning pitcher, going all five innings and allowing two hits and 0 earned runs with 10 strikeouts and no walks. She threw 71 pitches, 51 for strikes.

Hohlbauch helped herself at the plate going 3-for-4, while Sisk was 2-for-3 with a RBI; Jacey Kessler was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Makenzie Thomas was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs, while Makenna Wagoner was 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Villa Grove 6, Arcola 2

Arcola trailed 5-0 after four and a half innings, leaving five

runners on base, four in scoring position, the Lady Riders got on the board with two runs in the fifth. Vega, Hohlbauch and Ava Simpson all singled to start the inning and Sisk singled to score Vega. Ema Simpson singled making it five straight singles, as Hohlbauch scored the final run for Arcola as the next three batters were retired in order as the Lady Riders left two more on in scoring positions.

Hohlbauch, Ava Simpson, Sisk and Ema Simpson as well as Vega had two hits.

Sisk suffered the loss allowing 9 hits, 5 runs, only 3 earned, with three strikeouts

and two walks.

Villa Grove was helped by four doubles.

Effingham St. Anthony 19, Arcola 3, 5 innings

St. Anthony led 1-0 before taking control with a nine-run second inning as Lucy Fearday hit a two-run homer for the Lady Bulldogs and two runs scored with two outs.

Arcola got on the board with two runs in the fourth when Hohlbauch hit a solo home run to start the frame off. Ava Simpson walked, Sisk

reached on a fielder's choice and with two outs Thomas singled to right field, scoring Sisk.

Hohlbauch suffered the loss, throwing two innings and Sisk pitched the final three.

Arcola 000 01-1-2-3

A-L-A-H 505 1x-11-11-1

Losing pitcher: Kacie Sisk 2 innings 10 hits, 10 runs, 10 strikeouts, 4 walks; Relief: Kiera Hohlbauch 2 innings, 1 hit, 1 run, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk

Arcola: Ava Simpson 1-for-3, RBI; Sisk 1-for-2; Gracie Wagoner run

Martinsville 020 00-2-2-3

Arcola 613 3x-13-13-2

Winning pitcher: Hohlbauch 5 innings, 2 hits, 2 runs, 0 earned, 10 strikeouts, 0 walks

Arcola: Hohlbauch 3-for-4, run; Ava Simpson 1-for-2, double, 2 runs, RBI; Sisk 2-for-3, double, 2 runs, RBI; Vanessa Condarco 1-for-3, run; Jacey Kessler 2-for-3, run, 2 RBIs; Wagoner 1-for-2, 2 runs, RBI; Thomas

1-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs; Makenna Wagoner 2-for-3, run, 3 RBIs; Reyli Vega RBI

Villa Grove 002 1210-6-10-0

Arcola 000 0200-2-12-2

Losing pitcher: Sisk 3 innings, 9 hits, 5 runs, 3 earned, 3 strikeouts, 2 walks; relief: Hohlbauch 2 innings, 1 hit, 1 run, 0 strikeouts, 0 walks.

Arcola: Hohlbauch 2-for-4, run; Ava Simpson 2-for-4 double; Sisk 2-for-4, RBI; Ema Simpson 2-for-3, stolen base, RBI; Condarco 1-for-4; Gracie Wagoner 1-for-3 double; Vega 2-for-3, run

Effingham St. Anthony 19306-19-14-1

Arcola 00210x-3-6-7

Losing pitcher: Hohlbauch 2 innings, 8 hits, 10 runs, 3 earned, 10 strikeouts, 1 walk; relief: Sisk 3 innings, 6 hits, 9 run, 5 earned, 5 strikeouts, 3 walks

Arcola: Hohlbauch 2-for-3, home run, run, RBI; Sisk run, RBI; Thomas 1-for-3, RBI; Gracie Wagoner 2-for-3; Vega 1-for-2, double, run

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ble steal. Kutz scored on an error and Thomas smacked a triple to left field for a 10-0 lead. Whisman doubled to left, scoring Thomas. Whisman stole third and scored on an error. With runners on second and third Henson-Stice singled to score Helmuth and Griffith for a 14-0 lead.

Whisman was 2-for-4 with three RBIs, while Thomas was

3-for-4 with two RBIs and Henson-Stice was 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Whisman pitched the first inning and Phillips the final three. Phillips gave up the only two hits for the Bluestreaks, both unearned.

A-L-A-H 6, Arcola 5

It looked good for Arcola as they led A-L-A-H leading 5-1 after five innings. However in

the sixth the Knights, who improved to 3-4 and 2-0 in the Lincoln Prairie Conference with the victory, tallied four runs in the sixth.

Still it looked like the Purple Riders would win as they led 5-4 with one out and one on. However the Knights won as Clay Seal reached on an error.

Thomas gave up three hits in five and 2/3 innings and got a no decision with 14 strikeouts and a walk. Thomas threw 104

pitches, with 61 for strikes and had to go out due to the pitch count. The tough-luck loser was Henson-Stice, who did not allow a single earned run with three hits and a strikeout.

Phillips led off the second with a home run, his first of his career. That made it 2-1, Purple Riders. Whisman doubled to score Thomas and Shonkwiler for a 4-1 advantage.

Arcola 400 013 0-8-7-1

Argenta-Oreana 000 000 0-0-2-3

Winning pitcher: Brevyn Whisman (2-0) 7 innings, 2 hits, 0 runs, 10 strikeouts, 2 walks

Arcola: Tanner Thomas 1-for-4, double, run, RBI; Whisman 1-for-3, double, sacrifice, run, RBI; Caiden Helmuth 2-for-4, run; Jackson Griffith run; Jayden Henson-Stice 1-for-3, 2 runs; Braden Phillips 1-for-4, 2 stolen bases, RBI; Braden Shonkwiler 1-for-3, run; D. J. Stevens run; Anthony Gara stolen base

Martinsville 000 2-2-2-10

Arcola 2(12)7x-21-13-2

Winning pitcher: Whisman (1-0) 1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 1 strikeout, 1 walk; relief: Phillips 3 innings 2 hits, 2 runs, 0 earned, 4 strikeouts, 0 walks

Arcola: Thomas 3-for-4, double, triple, 2 runs, 2 RBIs; Whisman 2-for-4, 2 runs, 2 stolen bases, 2 doubles, triple, 3 RBIs;

Griffith 2-for-3, 3 runs, 1 RBI; Henson-Stice 2-for-3, 2 runs, 2 stolen bases, 3 RBIs; Phillips 1-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs; Garza 1-for-2, 2 runs, 2 RBIs; Shonkwiler 1-for-3, 2 stolen bases, run, 2 RBIs; Austin Kutz 1-for-2, 2 stolen bases, runs

Arcola 131 000 0-5-6-5

A-L-A-H 100 004 1-6-6-0

Losing pitcher: Henson-Stice (0-1) 3 innings, 3 hits, 3 runs, 0 earned, 1 strikeout, 0 walks; Starter: Thomas 3 innings, 3 runs, 14 strikeouts, 1 walk

Arcola: Thomas 2 runs, stolen base, Whisman 2-for-4, double, 3 RBIs; Helmuth 1-or-4; Griffith 1-for-3, double, run; Phillips 1-for-2, home run, sacrifice, run, 2 RBIs; Garza 1-for-4; Shonkwiler run; Henson-Stice stolen base

Conlin

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(IHSFCA member) offered me a job as defensive coordinator with him at Central A&M and I stayed until 21014."

Conlin was also the Decatur Herald & Review Girls' Track Coach of the Year in 2004 and was athletics director at Central A&M from 1998-2014.

"Naturally, I got the fever being around Arcola," said Conlin. "Coach Thomas and Bradford gave me a break in 1981, a 22-year-old running a defense for them. That was great. It was just fun being with Thomas and Bradford again. I had that on my resume. Toward the end Rasmeay taught me how to deal with people. I can't show my emotions on my sleeves. He is calm, cool and collected. I go back to my roots and how close knit Joe Marks, Randy Rothrock, Thomas and

Bradford were and that is where it all started."

Conlin has coached the Order of the Eastern Star All-Star football game and in 2013 received the US Marine Corp Educator award.

Conlin was introduced by the mc of the banquet, former Illini consensus All-American.

"Dan Miller, Randy Rothrock and my whole family were there," said Conlin. "It was special to see those guys at the reception and at Moweauqua where we had some guys come over, including former players. There were coaches I coached alongside and coaches I coached against at the banquet."

Conlin at one time was asked if he was interested in being the head coach of Arcola in 2004 before Nathan Watson was named.

"It is something I have wanted to do my whole life, but now things have changed,

" said Conlin in an April 29, 2004 JG-TC article. "My heart is here and this is where I want to retire from now."

As for being a member of the IHSFCA Hall of Fame Conlin said, "It means a lot. I sat with Dave Fink, a Unity assistant coach that was also being inducted. There were other coaches from the Chicago area that had their fingers filled with championship rings. To be a small high school coach and be inducted is great. The banquet was like I thought it would be like. There were a lot of guys just like me. Guys from small schools that I know."

Conlin loved to break down tapes.

"I really liked the preparation for the games and breaking down the film," said Conlin. "What can I find that other guys are doing that I can take advantage of. We were using paper and pencil and/or

trading films. Now you don't have to do that as it is all on the computer. I spent a lot of time with Marks and Rothrock scouting games."

In the 7-0 win over Jacksonville Routh in the semifinals Conlin helped block for the only touchdown of the game, a 61-yard run by John Fishel with 5:10 left in the first quarter. Scot Ghery, Chuck Rick, Steve Clark and Conlin made the key blocks and Doug Conterio booted the extra point.

"I think a lot about the times with Thomas and Bradford and what an impact they have had with me," said Conlin in a Nov. 22, 2001 JG-TC article. "I still talk about all the stuff Steve did. I can still see his face after the 1978 title and he came up to me and hugged me. He said, 'You guys are the ones that started all of this'"

Conlin said of his high-

lights: "My first year I had Tom Monahan, Jim Fishel and didn't get to go to many games as I spent time scouting. When I was at Villa Grove in 1985 we thought we had a really good team and we got beat twice by Arcola with Mike Davis and Jon Monahan. They beat the Hell out of us twice (46-7 in the regular season and 36-8 in the second round). In 1998 when I was at Central A&M we played Decatur St. Teresa for the Okaw Valley Conference (both teams were 8-0) and there were 5,000 to 6,000 people there. The atmosphere was unbelievable. Getting to coach in the state championship game (1992, a 20-6 loss to Richmond-Burton) in a state championship and playing in one also.

Conlin joins a list of six other coaches at Arcola (might not have earned their hall of fame status because of what they did at Arcola, but are in

the Hall of Fame). Russell Ghery (Arcola grad) was inducted in 1984, Steve Thomas (1990) Earl McLane (coached Arcola in 1943 inducted in 1991), Gordon Herron (coached Arcola in 1963, inducted in 1993), Byron Bradford (the only other former Arcola assistant coach in the IHSFCA in 1995), Gerald Temples (was in the IHSFCA before coaching at Arcola; inducted in 2009 and now Conlin.

"When I got into coaching I respected Bradford so much," said Conlin. "I saw behind the scenes with him. When I finally got to do that with Ramsey all he had to do was walk out on the field. Do you know what you are teaching them? Be all in. Team is first. Pat them on the butt when they make a hell of a play. When the head coach goes home you be right there with him."

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