

# Arcola junior high has 11 that are heading to state

**By Mike Monahan**  
EFFINGHAM – A total of 11 boys and four girls qualified for the IESA Class 2A state track meet by their performance in the Effingham St. Anthony Sectional Saturday.

The winner of each event as well as ones that beat the qualifying mark.

The parade of athletes is set for 10:15 a.m. Friday at the EastSide Centre in East Peoria with the following events set for Friday that Arcola is in: 100 meter dash preliminaries and finals.

## Class 2A Effingham St. Anthony Sectional

Advancing on the boys side in seventh grade is Brandon Sanchez, who is going in the 100 and is also part of the 4x100 that also included Jordan Gingrich, Jahel Galaviz

and Ronnie Vega. Their time was 54.51

In the eighth grade Brody Phillips is going in three events, the 100, high jump and he is part of the 4x100 along with Remi Roberts-McGeehon, Carson Jewell and A.J. Stevens. Their time was 49.34, good for second place, but well under the qualifying time of 51.24 seconds. Phillips was second in the 100 with a season-best 11.98, under the state qualifying time of 12.24. Phillips won the high jump at 5-7.

Roberts-McGeehon won the 200 with a time of 24.57, winning by .81 over the second place finisher. He is also going in the long jump where he went 18-2 3/4 which was 1 3/4 better than second place.

Jewel was third in the 800 with a time of 2:14.73, which was 2:20.74

On the girls side no one qualified in the seventh grade, but Olivia Gisinger ran a sea-

son-best 400 of 1:10.27, good for sixth place.

For the eighth grade the 4x100 relay team of Emmalee Reel, Gisinger (seventh grader), Aymara Leal and Jaiden Miller qualified for state by winning the event in a time of 55.58. Miller is also going in the long jump where she went a personal record of 15-8 3/4.

## Junior High Okaw Conference meet

The Arcola eighth grade boys had the best team finish as they were the runner-ups with 102 points in the seven team meet won by Tuscola with 106.

The eighth grade girls were third behind Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond (first with 108 and Okaw Valley (second with 82).

Finishing fourth was the seventh grade Purple Riders with 55 points in the meet

won by Cerro Gordo/Bement with 130 points. The seventh grade boys also placed fourth with 49 points in the meet won by A-L-A-H with 108.

Conference champions were Roberts-McGeehon in the 200 with a personal best time of 24.02 and in the long jump at 19-2 3/4. He also was on the winning 4x100 relay that ran the event in 50.40 and included A.J. Stevens, Phillips and Jewell. Jewell also won the 800 with a time of 2:38.32. Phillips also won the high jump at 5-7.

In the seventh grade the winners were Brandon Sanchez in the 100 and 200 with times of 12.73 (personal best) and 27.44 respectively. He was also on the winning 4x100 along with Gingrich, Galaviz and Vega,

## Class 2A sectional at Effingham, May 6

**Seventh grade Boys results**  
(winner or by qualifying mark advance to state (marked with #)

100: 2. Brandon Sanchez 12.90#  
200: 2. Sanchez 27.18  
800: 6. Sawyer Maxwell 2:32.03\*  
4x100: 1. Jordan Gingrich, Jahel Galaviz, Ronnie Vega, Sanchez 54.51#  
4x400: 4. Galaviz, Gingrich, Vega, Maxwell 4:51.58

Discus: 5. Trevin Plank 87-5\*

**Eighth grade boys results**

100: 2. Brody Phillips 11.98#  
200: 1. Remi Roberts-McGeehon 24.57#  
800: 3. Carson Jewel 2:14.73#  
4x100: 2. A.J. Stevens, Roberts-McGeehon, Jewell, Phillips 49.34#  
High jump: 1. Phillips 5-7#  
Long jump 1. Roberts-McGeehon 18-2 3/4#

**Seventh grade girls results**

400: 6. Olivia Gisinger 1:10.27\*  
100 hurdles: 5. Tenley Thomas 19.83  
4x100: 5. Anahi Campos, Maya Behrends, Thomas, Keyla Hernandez 1:01.04

4x200: 4. Sophia Mora, Stevee Griffith, Jazlyn Moreno, Scarlett Montano 2:07.71

**Eighth grade girls results**

100: 5. Jaiden Miller 14.40  
200: 4. Aymara Leal 29.28  
100 hurdles: 3. Leal 18.45\*; 5. Reel 18.55

4x100: 1. Reel, Gisinger, Leal, Miller 55.58#

Long jump: 1. Miller 15-8 3/4#.

## Junior High Okaw Conference track meet May 2 at Tuscola

**Seventh grade girls team results:** 1. Cerro Gordo/Bement 130, 2. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 76, 3. Okaw Valley 73, 4. Arcola 55, 5. Tuscola 30, 6. Tri-County 29

**Arcola in top 6 places**  
100: 5. Gisinger 14.98\*  
200: 4. Scarlett Montano 31.09; 5. Thomas 31.47\*

400: 3. Gisinger 1:14.60  
1,600: 5. Aubrina Gonzalez 7:06.58\*  
100 hurdles; 3. Maya Behrends 21.18  
4x100: 2. Anahi Campos, Stevee Griffith, Hernandez, Behrends, Thomas 1:01.02  
4x200: 2. Sophia Mora, Stevee Griffith, Jazlyn Moreno, Montano 2:11.23  
4x400: 3. Rory Drake, Gisinger, Hernandez, Gonzalez 5:38.57  
High jump: 2. Thomas 4-0\*  
Long jump: 5. Hernandez 11-11 1/2\*; 6. Condarco 11-6 1/2\*

**Eighth grade girls team results:** 1. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 108, 2. Okaw Valley 82, 3. Arcola 53, 4. Tie, Villa Grove and Cerro Gordo/Bement 45, 6. Tuscola 38, 7. Tri-County 31

**Arcola in top 6 places**  
100: 6. Jaiden Miller 14.28

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# Arcola baseball picks up two conference wins

**By Mike Monahan**

ARCOLA – After suffering a 3-1 loss to Neoga, a team that entered the contest 8-12, Arcola's baseball team picked up two Lincoln Prairie Conference wins, trouncing Tri-County 17-3 in a game called after five innings due to the 10-run rule Monday. The Purple Riders topped Villa Grove 10-3 last Friday.

Arcola improved to 9-3 overall and 6-1 in the conference, good for a second pace tie with Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond and a game behind Okaw Valley.

## Arcola 17, Tri-County 3, 5 innings

Arcola jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first inning and three pitchers, Braden Phillips, Brevyn Whisman and Jayden Henson-Stice combined to allow eight hits on three runs, 2 earned with four walks and seven strikeouts.

The game, played at Kansas at Ken Coffey Field of Dreams, began for Arcola with Tanner Thomas being hit by a pitch.

Whisman singled and Thomas advanced to third. Henson-Stice singled to score Thomas. With one out Braden Phillips had an 0-2 count when he came through with a single to center, scoring Whisman and Henson-Stice. With two outs Anthony Garza reached on an error allowing Phillips to score.

Already leading 8-3 Arcola scored four in the fourth, including two on Anthony Garza's home run.

Garza was 2-for-3 with four runs batted in, while Phillips was 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Six players drove in one run as well.

Tri-County fell to 2-14 overall and 1-7 in the LPC and has now dropped five straight games.

## Arcola 10, Villa Grove 3

A six run second inning helped Arcola to the seven-run victory. The Purple Riders scored eight runs in the first three and Thomas, Whisman and Shonkwiler allowed just 3 hits and two earned runs with 15 strikeouts and ten walks.

In the second D. J. Stevens singled and Garza reached on a fielder's choice as Stevens was out. Gerardo Alanis walked and Thomas doubled to right on full-count pitch as Garza scored. Whisman walked, Henson-Stice singled to score Thomas and Alanis scored. Jackson Griffith singled, driving in two runs as the Purple Riders led 6-0 and they tacked on one more run in the inning.

Thomas didn't allow a hit until the third inning and in that inning Thomas got out runners on first and second with no outs by getting the next three batters.

Thomas had 13 strikeouts in his five innings of work and was the winning pitcher.

The top four batters for Arcola, Thomas, Whisman, Henson-Stice and Griffin went a combined 9-for-14 with three doubles, two stolen base and eight RBIs

## Neoga 3, Arcola 1

Arcola faced a slow, accurate pitcher in Brady Reynolds, who pitched a complete game five-hitter with no walks and 11 strikeouts.

The Purple Riders scored its lone run in the sixth inning when with one out Thomas reached on an error and advanced to third on a ground out. With two outs Caiden Helmuth singled to center, scoring Thomas. Griffith put two runners in scoring position with a double, but Reynolds got out of the jam with a strikeout.

Shonkwiler relieved Whisman and only allowed one walk in the final three and a third innings.

"Shonkwiler did a good job," said Arcola coach Mike Phillips. "He did what he was supposed to do. Other than that we put the ball in play, but we couldn't get any hits. That is all there is to it. You have to want to play and the kids didn't want to play today."

Neoga scored a run in the second and two more in the third. The first run scored when Malachi Staszak reached on an error, advanced to second on a sacrifice, stole third and scored when the catcher's throw to third was wild. In the third Trey Shannon walked on a full-count pitch and with

one Reynolds singled and then Micah Stazak came in to be a courtesy runner. A wild pitch scored one run and the second run scored on a ground out.

"We had one added on for yesterday and we ran ourselves out of arms and so he was given a task today to be efficient, be in the strike zone and do what you do," said Neoga coach Kirk Hacker, a former Division I umpire, who is in his fourth year. "That is him. He is not going to rare back and blow the ball by guys. Today he was soft and hard and soft and hard and sometimes you don't know what is coming. It is pretty good thing when you can throw almost all of them for strikes today."

Offensively, Hacker said, "We are not a team that can score 15 runs a game. What we are looking for is a start. If it is an error, a walk; a hit by a pitch; we are going to do what we have to do. We are going to bunt or steal a base. We have some kids that have had the opportunity to be three-year starters here."

Neoga was 11-12 through Monday, winning three

straight.

Monday's game		
Arcola	404	45-17-11-1
Tri-County	012	00-3-8-7

Winning pitcher: Braden Phillips 2 innings, 1 hit, 0 runs, 1 walk, 4 strikeouts; starter: Brevyn Whisman 1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 1 walk, 1 strikeout; Relief: Jayden Henson-Stice 1 innings, 4 hits, 3 runs, 2 earned, 2 walks, 2 strikeouts

ARCOLA: Tanner Thomas 1-for-4, run scored, stolen base, RBI; Whisman 1-for-3, stolen base, 2 RBIs; Henson-Stice 1-for-3, 2 runs, RBI; Jackson Griffith run; Phillips 3-for-4, 4 runs, 2 RBIs; Caiden Helmuth 2 runs, RBI; D. J. Stevens 2-for-3 double, 2 runs, RBI; Anthony Garza 2-for-3, home run, runs, 4 RBIs; Gerardo Alanis run, stolen base, RBI; Austin Kutz 1-for-1, RBI

Friday's game		
Villa Grove	000	011 1-3-3-2
Arcola	161	020x-10-10-2

Winning pitcher: Thomas 5 innings, 3 hits, 1 run, 0 earned, 5 walks, 13 strikeouts; Relief: Whisman 1 inning, 0 hits, 0 runs, 2 walks, 1 strikeout; Braden Shonkwiler 1 inning, 0 hits, 2 runs, 3 walks, 1 strikeout

ARCOLA: Thomas 2-for-4 double, 3 runs, stolen base, RBI; Whisman 2-for-3, double, 3 runs, RBI; Henson-Stice 3-for-4, run, double, 3 RBIs; Griffith 2-for-3, run, 3 RBIs; Phillip stolen base, RBI; Stevens 1-for-4; Garza run; Gerardo Alanis run

Tuesday's game		
Arcola	000	001 0-1-4-2
Neoga	012	000 x-3-2-3

Losing pitcher: Whisman 2 innings, 2 hits, 3 runs, 2 earned, 4 walks, 2 strikeouts; Shonkwiler 3 innings, 0 hits, 0 runs, 1 walk, 5 strikeouts

ARCOLA: Thomas 1-for-3, run, stolen base; Griffith 1-for-3, Henson-Stice 2-for-3, stolen base



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