

# SPORTS

## Thomas first team unanimous all-LPC

**By Mike Monahan**  
BETHANY - Arcola sophomore Tanner Thomas was one of five first team unanimous all-Lincoln Prairie Conference baseball players for the past season. In addition classmate Braden Phillips was a member of the 11 to be selected to the first team.

The Purple Riders finished 14-5 and won their first regional championship since 1984 by beating Windsor/Stewardson-Strasburg at Tuscola 3-2.

Thomas was one of nine players that were on the first team at any position. He was second on the team in batting average (through 18 games) at .459. He was 28 of 61 with 21 runs batted in, He scored a team-high 39 runs with 10 doubles (tied for tops on the team), two triples (led the team) and five home runs

(team-high). He had a team-high 15 stolen bases and did not make an error. Pitching wise he finished with a 2.31 earned run average, throwing 30 1/3 innings allowing 10 earned runs with 65 strikeouts and 17 walks. He threw 586 pitches in the season.

Philips led the team in batting at .483 going 28-of-58. He scored 17 runs and had 23 runs batted in, which was second on the squad. He was second on the team in stolen bases with 14 and had only two errors out of 27 total chances. Philips was also on the list of nine players that played any position. Pitching wise he had an impressive 0.57 earned run average. He threw 12 1/3 innings and allowed 1 earned run with 16 strikeouts and just three walks.

Named to the second team all-LPC were Arcola's freshman Brevyn Whisman, who

was one of nine players named at any position and Jayden Henson-Stice, a sophomore, was one of nine to receive honorable mention status.

Whisman was third on the team in batting in 18 games at .453, going 29-of-64 with a team-high 28 runs batted in. He tied for the lead in doubles with 10 and had a triple and a home run. Pitching wise he threw 29 2/3 innings and allowed only six earned runs as he had the best earned run average on the team at 1.59. He had 43 strikeouts and 21 walks.

A total of 31 players were chosen, including four on the conference co-champions, Okaw Valley. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond (conference co-champions) had the most players chosen with five players chosen on

the first, second and honorable mention teams. Cerro Gordo/Bement had two players, while Cumberland had four and Decatur LSA had two. Villa Grove had four players on the first, second or honorable mention, while Argenta-Oreana had three and Heritage had two and Tri-County one.

### 2023 All-Lincoln Prairie Conf. baseball team

**First team pitchers**  
Clay Seal, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond\*, Gibson Dickens, Okaw Valley

**First team any position**  
Braden Phillips, Arcola; Tanner Thomas, Arcola\*; Dalton Vanausdoll, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond\*; Tyson Moore, Cerro

Gordo/Bement\*; Gavin Hendrix, Cumberland; Haiden Stocks, Decatur LSA\*; Braden Montgomery, Okaw Valley\*; Aiden Williams, Okaw Valley; Gavin Kiser, Villa Grove

**Second team pitchers**  
Wyatt Hilligoss, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond; Sam Bender, Villa Grove

**Second team any position**  
Brevyn Whisman, Arcola; Carter Logue, Argenta-Oreana; Will Hilligoss, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond\*; Ty Carlson, Cerro Gordo/Bement; Blake McMechan, Cumberland; Emmanuel Roughton, Decatur LSA; Ryan Forlines, Okaw Valley; Jackson Ehlers, Tri-County\*; Luke Zimmerman, Villa Grove\*

**Honorable mention**  
Jayden Henson-Stice, Arcola; MJ Hall, Argenta-

Oreana; Maddix Stirrett, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond; Trevin McGee, Cumberland; Maddux McElravy, Cumberland; Robert Hollman, Heritage; Juliyan Gray, Heritage; Brady Clodfelder, Villa Grove.

\*-unanimous selection

### Final LPC standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Okaw Valley	13-12	9-1
A-L-A-H	14-7	9-1
Arcola	14-5	8-2
Villa Grove	12-11	7-3
Cumberland	15-14	5-5
Cerro Gordo/Bement	8-13	5-5
Argenta-Oreana	5-17	3-7
Heritage	3-19	3-7
Tri-County	3-17	2-8
Decatur LSA	3-20	2-8
Blue Ridge	1-16	0-10

## Sisk first team all-LPC in softball

**By Mike Monahan**  
ARTHUR - Arcola's Kacie Sisk, a junior, was one of 11 softball players to be named to the all-Lincoln Prairie Conference team for the 2023 season. Sisk was one of nine listed at any position

Named to the 11 payer second team was senior Keira Hohlbauch, while Ava and Ema Simpson were on the 8 payer honorable mention. Ava Simpson is a sophomore while her sister Ema is a freshman.

Sisk helped Arcola go 15-10-1 by hitting a team-high .440 going 33-of-75 with a team-high 25 runs scored and 22 runs batted in as well as 8 doubles. She also had one of the teams' three home runs.

She also had seven stolen bases and had just three errors out of 69 total chances. In the pitcher's circle she was 8-3 with a .354 earned run average. She allowed 84 hits and 35 earned runs. Sisk had 66 strikeouts and 31 walks in 69 1/3 innings.

Hohlbauch was one of nine players chosen at any position and she tied for second on the squad in batting average at .400. She was 28-of-70 with 10 runs scored and 16 runs batted in including three doubles and a home run. In the pitcher's circle Hohlbauch was 6-6 with a 3.05 earned run average. She allowed 93 hits and 34 earned runs with 100 strikeouts and just 16 walks in

78 innings.

Overall there were six players on the first, second or honorable mention team for the conference champions, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond. Villa Grove had five, Arcola had four, Argenta-Oreana had three as did Blue Ridge and Cumberland. Heritage, Okaw Valley and Tri-County had two. Cerro Gordo/Bement had one first, second or honorable mention player for a total of 31 overall.

### 2023 All-Lincoln Prairie Conf. teams

**First team pitchers**

Madison Schweighart, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond, Alex Brown, Villa Grove.

**First team any positions**  
Kacie Sisk, Arcola; Abbey Mathews, Argenta-Oreana; Charley Condill, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond; Alisha Frederick, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond; Kailee Otto, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond; Alexis Wike, Blue Ridge; Libby McGinnis, Cumberland; Paige George, Heritage; Maci Clodfelder, Villa Grove

**Second team pitchers**  
Ellie Schlieper, Blue Ridge; Shylun Christenberry, Tri-County

**Second team any position**

Keira Hohlbauch, Arcola; Mariah Powell, Argenta-Oreana; Mackenzie Powell, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond; Cassie Zimmerman, Blue Ridge; Haylei Simpson, Cerro Gordo/Bement; Jade Carr, Cumberland; Faith Latham, Heritage; Avery Bruns, Okaw Valley; Lana Ashley, Okaw Valley; Kayln Cordes, Villa Grove


**Honorable mention**  
Ava Simpson, Arcola; Ema Simpson, Arcola; Gracie Manning, Argenta-Oreana; Kaci Beachy, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond; Avery Donsbach, Cumberland; Mollie Pollock,

Tri-County; Piper Kiser, Villa Grove; Hayden Thomas, Villa Grove

### 2023 Lincoln Prairie Conf. standings

Team	Wins	Losses
A-L-A-H	20-10	8-1
Arcola	15-10-1	7-2
Argenta-Oreana	16-9	7-2
Villa Grove	21-11-1	7-2
Cumberland	12-19	6-3
Blue Ridge	12-14-1	4-5
Okaw Valley	6-18	3-6
Tri-County	2-19	2-7
Heritage	1-15	1-8
Cerro Gordo/Bement	1-18	0-9

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