

# Roberts and Schuring in favor of new rule

By Mike Monahan

ARCOLA – “I like the rule,” said Arcola girls’ basketball coach Corey Roberts of the new rules that have the team fouls reset every quarter and on the fifth team foul the players will shoot two free throws as there will be no more one-and-one. “I know women’s college has gone to that. It should speed the game up.”

In addition former Arthur, Arthur-Lovington and Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond boys’ basketball coach (coached Arthur-Lovington girls also) and current Mt. Zion boys’ coach Dale Schuring also is in favor of it.

“I think it makes sense with the reset as it would be too big of a penalty to keep it for a whole half,” said Schuring. “I am sure they modeled it after women’s college basketball as that is what they have been doing.”

Roberts said, “If this rule was in play last year we would have had to shoot two free throws instead of a one-and-one. It definitely brings strategy and things like that into when to foul. Late in the game if you have only one or two fouls then that makes it harder for the opposing team to shoot free throws.”

Last season the Arcola girls, who finished 22-9 overall and 9-2 in the Lincoln Prairie Conference, good for second place, were 243 of 465 from the free throw line for an average of 8-of-15 per game.

“It (the rule) will take a while to get used to,” said Roberts. “I think missing the first of two free throws takes the pressure off the kid (if the game comes down to the

wire) because you still get another chance. Whereas if it was a one-and-one and you miss you don’t have another chance. I think it could have benefited us last season.”

Another new rule is that there will be four throw-in spots (the nearest the 28-foot mark along each sideline or the nearest spot 3-feet outside the line on the end line) when the ball is in team control in the offensive team’s frontcourt and the defensive team commits a violation, a common foul prior to the bonus, or the ball becomes dead.

The reasoning for this rule is just to simplify the throw-in procedure when there is team control in the frontcourt and the defensive team commits a violation.

“Our out of bounds plays are important and we try to score 10-12 points off those and this gives teams a few more opportunities to take it out under the basket which would mean more layup opportunities,” said Roberts.

Mt. Zion went 28-5 and won the Apollo Conference, going 12-0 last season. That team was 187-of-309 or an average of 6-out of 9 per game.

“They have already started it in the shootouts,” said Schuring of the new rules. “That is a good thing so we and the players will have an idea of what is going on. Everyone’s trying to get used to it and adapting to the game so that helps. It won’t be a big factor in running clock games. Overall, I think it will be good for the game.”



ARCOLA COACH PITCH Softball Team 2023 - Back Row, (l-r): Beth Hensley, Raelyn Thornton, Brynn Chancellor, Arabella Jones, Ivelly Reed, Amelia Sanchez, Ellie Hensley, Emma Frichtl, Ava Chancellor, Bryan Chancellor, Tiffany Drake. Front Row: Brittne Simpson, Andi Simpson, Mia Drake, Lila Cummins, Abigail Lindstrom, Elianna Macedo, Kyla Adams, Zyvah Helmuth, Laura Chancellor. Not pictured: Karlee Lugo, Angelou Samar. Submitted photo by Saul Sanchez.



ARCOLA KID PITCH Softball Team 2023 - Back Row, (l-r): Coach John Mendoza, Katrina Helmuth, Zoe Mendoza, Avery Jewell, Coach Nick Bumgarner, Kimberly Roberts, Zuri Diaz, Vanessa Gomez, Coach Leslie Karcher. Front Row: Caeli DeLeon, Cally Karcher, Nicole Gonzalez, Amelia Bumgarner, Avery Gibbs, Ava Closson, Callie Spainhour, Lyla Gisinger. Not pictured: Savannah Clark. Photo submitted by Leslie Karcher.



FELIX ANTONIO Matias prepares to deliver a pitch to the plate in Sunday’s 15-3 Arcola loss to the Paxton Swedes. The Riders are one of five teams currently playing in the Eastern Illinois Baseball League. The others are Buckley, Decatur and Royal. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.



PUTTING THE BALL in Play: Santiago Quinto takes a swing at the baseball in the first game on Sunday against Paxton. The Riders lost a 15-3 decision, but Quinto scored one of three Arcola runs. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.

# Arcola EI team looking for first win

By Mike Monahan

PAXTON – The Arcola Eastern Illinois Baseball League fell to 0-7 on the season although they only trailed the Paxton Swedes just 3-0 after five innings in the second game of a doubleheader last Sunday before falling 7-0 at Memorial Field.

Arcola, 0-7, lost the first game Sunday 15-3 in four innings to the Swedes, who improved to 4-4.

The Riders did play one game after all on Sunday, June 11 at Moore Memorial Park against the Decatur Commodores and lost 8-1 in the contest between two winless teams. It is the first year Decatur has had a team.

Arcola plays a doubleheader at St. Joseph’s Meier Field against the Royal Giants, who

are 6-2.

Paxton 15, Arcola 3  
Arcola gave up seven runs in the second and trailed 11-1. The Riders answered with two runs in the third, but it was not nearly enough.

Jose Vazquez, Sr. was 2-for-3 with a run for Arcola, while Santiago Quinto was also 2-for-3 with a run and a double. Gustavo Trevino, Trevor Frohling, Felix Antonio Matias and Jesus Rameriz had one hit each.

Antonio Matias suffered the loss pitching all four innings and allowing seven earned runs.

Paxton 7, Arcola 0  
In the second game Arcola was held to just three hits and committed five errors in the loss.

Quinto was 1-for-2 with

two stolen bases for the Riders, while Frohling and Jesus Garza were all 1-for-2.

Aido Marquez, Jr. was the losing pitcher. He allowed eight hits, seven runs, only

three of which were earned.

Sunday, June 18

Game one

Arcola 012 0-3-8-2

Paxton 472 2x-15-14-2

Game two

Arcola 000 000 0-0-3-5

Paxton 110 014 x-7-8-0



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