

SPORTS

Rothe wins Kaskaskia women's championship; defends her title

By Mike Monahan

ARCOLA - Sue Rothe of Hammond defended her title in the Kaskaskia Country Club Women's Championship July 24-25 by shooting a 179 in the 18-hole division, which was four strokes better than second place Brenda Fletcher.

Winning the nine hole division by a whopping 24 shots was Micki Blaney.

After day one of the 18 hole division Fletcher led with a 90, one stroke better than Rothe and Paula Murray. On the second day Rothe had the best round with an 88, while Fletcher had a 93 and Murray

a 96. Rothe beat Fletcher last year by 23 strokes with a 164.

Blaney started off with a 57 in the nine hole division and led by six over Barb Gibson. On the final day Blaney fired a 55 and the next best was by Laurie Marshall with a 64.

The biggest KCC golf event of the year, the Major. It starts at 10 a.m. Early deadline is Friday. Captains will be picked at 6 p.m. Friday and team bidding will begin at 8 p.m. Tournament registration is around 9 a.m. Sunday. The sign up sheet and rules are posted in the clubhouse. There will also be proximity contests, which

will be available to sign up for Sunday morning.

2023 Women's Kaskaskia Country Club Championship

36 holes (18 hole division):
1. Sue Rothe 91-88=179; 2. Brenda Fletcher 90-93=183; 3. Paula Murray 91-96=187; 4. Tina Kauffman 109-97=206; 5. Cathy Ross 102-109=211

18 holes (9 hole division):
1. Micki Blaney 57-55=112; 2. Barb Gibson 63-73=136; 3. Emma Sutton 71-67=138; 4. Laurie Marshall 75-64=139



TWO ARCOLA HIGH School basketball players, Jackson Miller and Braden Phillips were on the Illinois Mavericks AAU basketball team that went 20-4 during a six week span. The Mavericks won three championships and had two runner-up finishes. Pictured in the front row are Layne Rund (Villa Grove), Jackson Rigdon (Paris), and Riley Wallace (Marshall). Back row, coach Josh Rigdon, Colton Smith (Mattoon), Miller (Arcola), Tanner Jacob (St. Joseph-Ogden), Braden Phillips (Arcola), and Kaden Nichols (Newton). Submitted photo.

First place Buckley too much for Arcola EI baseball team Riders score the most in one inning against the Dutch Masters

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ARCOLA - The first place Buckley Dutch Masters proved to be too much for the Arcola Riders Eastern Illinois Baseball League team last Saturday. Arcola trailed 10-0 before scoring four runs in the third to cut the deficit to six, but Buckley made sure the Riders didn't get any closer and added 10 runs in the fourth to win 20-4 in a rescheduled game from July 2. The game was called after five due to the 10-run rule at Moore Park. 1

The four runs Arcola scored was the most scored in one inning against Buckley and the total of four runs tied for the second most runs allowed by

the Dutch Masters this season. Buckley has only allowed an average of two runs per contest and are 15-1.

Buckley's Andy Davis pitched a complete game five hitter. Question Hatfill had a home run to right field and finished the day with six runs batted in. The 2011 EI League Most Valuable Player, Brandon McFarland, played in his first game since 2021 and third league game since 2016.

Arcola, 0-14, started the third with one out when Rey Vega reached on an error. Jesus Garza and Ramiro Garza reached on infield singles to load the bases. Vega scored the

Riders first run on a throwing error. Gustavo Galindo doubled to right to score Garza. Jose Luis Vaquez lined a double to left, plating Ramiro Garza and Galindo home.

The two teams played a doubleheader to start the season with the Dutch Masters winning 14-0 and 22-1.

The league tournament starts Sunday.

Buckley	460	(10)x	-20-19-2
Arcola	004	00	-4-5-1

Winning pitcher: Andy Davis 5 innings, 5 hits, 4 runs, 0 earned, 7 strikeouts
Losing pitcher: Juan Ramirez 0 innings, 5 hits, 6 runs, 0 strikeouts
ARCOLA: Ramiro Garza 1-for-3; Aldo Marquez 1-for-3, Gustavo Galindo 1-for-2, double, run, RBI; Jose Luis Vasquez 1-for-2, double, 2 RBIs; Rey Vega run; Jesus Garza 1-for-2, run



JESUS GARZA takes a swing at a pitch last Sunday at Paxton. This weekend, the Riders played in Buckley at the Jamboree. Photo by Moto Johnson.



JERRY SMITH, Arcola's pitcher, fires a pitch home in the first game last Sunday in the Eastern Illinois Baseball League. Photo by Moto Johnson.

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