

SPORTS

Miller, Shay, Strader, Olvera win KCC Majors in playoff

By Mike Monahan
ARCOLA - The Major at the Kaskaskia Country Club last Sunday, in what is considered the biggest club event of the year, proved to be very exciting as it came down to not one, but two playoff holes.

The winning team (teams are determined by a draw) was Clayton Miller, Kyle Shay, Reed Strader and Michael Olvera. The two hole playoff was against the team of Bruce McNary, Kollin Seaman, Jay Gingerich and Jimmy Jarvis. On the 217 yard, par 3, No. 17 Olvera hit his tee shot to just three inches away to help in the victory.

McNary, Seaman, Gingerich and Jarvis earned second playing four playoff holes before beating Beau Edwards, Randy Murray, Kyle Gingerich and John Connor.

All three teams finished

with an 11-under par after 18 holes.

Clayton Strader, Delmar Schrock, Dave Rocke and Justin Plank took fourth place with a score of 10 under par, while Daren Herchberger, Phil Gingerich, Lavern Herchberger and Zach Zimmerman earned fifth place with a birdie on one playoff hole. They defeated two other teams that tied at nine under par.

In the proximity contests Olvera won the longest putt at 11-4. Matt McCarthy was closest to the pin at 1-5 and chip-ins were by Dale Suding, Seaman, Sue Rothe, Rick Shonkwiler, Phil Gingerich, Lavern Herschberger, Brooks Rardin, Dallas Sisk, Rick Otto and Darrell Corner.

Last year Ian Connor, Vern Kuhns, Jay Gingerich and Russ Brough won with a 13-under-par.



THE KASKASKIA COUNTRY CLUB'S biggest event of the season was last Sunday. Winners of the Majors in two playoff holes are pictured, left to right: Michael Olvera, Reed Strader, Kyle Shay and Clayton Miller. Two other teams tied the 18 hole event at 11-under par. Submitted photo.

Miller second team All-H&R area; three from AHS girls honorable mention

By Mike Monahan
DECATUR - Although no Arcola boy's basketball player made the six-member first team Decatur Herald & Review All-Area team, Jackson Miller was on the six member second team. Miller, who will be a senior, averaged 16 points and six rebounds per game for the 17-14 Purple Riders, coached by Greg Gisinger.

Braden Phillips, who will be a junior, was one of 18 players to receive honorable mention.

Tuscola's Jordan Quinn, whose team finished third in

the Class 1A state basketball tournament with a 31-7 record, was the Herald & Review All-Area Player of the Year.

On the girls' side no Arcola player was on the six-member first or second team, but three players in Eva Hopkins, Kacie Sisk and Jacey Kessler were on the 20-member honorable mention team. Sisk, who will be a junior, led the 22-9 team with an average of 15.5 points per game, while Kessler, who will be a senior, scored 9.7 points per game and Hopkins, who graduated averaged 5.1

points per game.

Lincoln's Kloe Froebe, who will be a senior and helped the Railsplitters to a 36-1 Class 3A runner-up finish, was the Herald & Review All-Area Player of the Year. Forebe averaged 28.2 points per game.

Arcola Eastern Illinois League team falls just short of win

BUCKLEY - The Arcola Riders Eastern Illinois baseball

league team saved its best and closest game for the EI league tournament last Sunday at Schiewe Field. Arcola averaged just 1.4 runs per game prior to the tourney.

Arcola scored a game-high five runs and nearly rallied for a come-from-behind win only to fall to the Decatur Commodores, 6-5. Arcola trailed 6-3 going into the ninth when they plated two runs, but could get any more.

Decatur took the first lead of the game with a run in the first. Arcola tied it up with a

run in the fourth only to have Decatur get the run back in the bottom of the fourth for a 2-1 lead. A two-run fifth for the Commodores made it 4-1 before Arcola tallied two runs in the top of the sixth. Another two-run inning for Decatur in the seventh made it 6-3.

Stat information on the game was unavailable at press time.

Arcola had lost to Decatur 8-1, 12-2 and 7-3 in the regular season.

Arcola finished 0-15, while Decatur, a team in its first year,

finished at 4-14 after a 4-2 loss to the first place Buckley Dutch Masters 4-2 in the semi-finals.

The best of three series in the championship is between Buckley, 17-1 and the Royal Giants, 13-5 starting Saturday at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Meier Field. Sunday at 1 p.m. at Buckley's Schiewe Field and if a third game is necessary it is at 4 p.m. also at Buckley.

Sunday's game at Buckley in EI League Tournament

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