

SPORTS

Arcola beats Tuscola for first time since 2015; now 6-6

By Mike Monahan

ARCOLA – “I have never beat them in high school,” said Arcola junior Kacie Sisk. “So the win felt really good. I really wanted that one.”

The one Sisk was talking about was a 25-15, 25-10 victory over Tuscola Sept. 13 at Nancy Stiff Gymnasium. It was the first win over the Lady Warriors since 2015 as Tuscola had won nine straight matches.

“It is awesome,” said Arcola coach Katy Whisman. “I told the girls that I wanted this match. It feels good to do it and do it at home in front of a good crowd. It was fun.”

Monday Arcola improved to 6-6 with a 25-12, 25-16 win over Martinsville, a team that used to be in the Little Okaw Valley Conference with the Lady Riders. The six wins is the most since the 2019 team went 6-19.

Arcola also picked up a Lincoln Trail Conference win over Argenta-Oreana Sept. 14 25-10, 22-25, 25-10.

The Lady Riders played several tough matches at the Effingham/Effingham St. Anthony tournament Saturday, but went 0-3. Arcola lost to Newton 25-15, 25-16, but then went three sets against Troy Triad (Class 3A) 25-16, 19-25, 16-4 and Tolono Unity 22-25, 25-16, 15-11. The Lady Riders did sweep Urbana University High 25-16, 25-15 in the tourney.

Arcola dropped a LPC match to Cerro Gordo/Bement 26-24, 25-19.

Arcola def. Martinville 25-16, 25-15

Ava Simpson led the way with 15 assists, while the Lady Riders had 17 aces, including



SOPHOMORE EMA SIMPSON (13) and senior Jacey Kessler (10). Photo by Nancy Rairden.

a team-high six by Kacie Sisk. Sisk had seven of the team's 18 kills, while Kessler had the lone block. Ava Simpson had eight digs.

Martinsville fell to 0-13.

Troy Triad def. Arcola 25-16, 19-25, 16-14

Leal had a team-high nine digs, while Ileana Jaramillo was tops in assists with 10 and Sisk had a team-leading two aces and seven kills in the loss.

Arcola def. Urbana University High 25-16, 25-15

Sisk had four aces and a team-high six kills. Ava Simpson had 13 assists, while the

leader in digs was Leal with six of the team's 27.

Tolono Unity def. Arcola 22-25, 25-16, 15-11

Kelsey Moore had seven digs to lead Arcola, while Ava Simpson had nine assists. Jacey Kessler had two aces and Sisk was tops in kills with nine of the team's 13.

Newton def. Arcola 25-15, 25-16

Moore and Sisk were tops in digs with 14 and 10 respectively, while Sisk had eight kills and Jaramillo had six assists. Sisk had the lone ace against the 12-9 team.



JUNIOR NOHEMI VASQUEZ (24). Photo by Nancy Rairden.

Arcola def. Tuscola 25-15, 25-10

In the second set Arcola led 7-3 before outsourcing the Lady Warriors 11-1 to lead 18-4. Crystal Ramirez served eight unanswered points, including three aces and a kill by Sisk. Tuscola made it 22-9 after a point by Catie Gibson, a senior middle hitter. That tied the closest they got (21-8) after the 11-1 run. Kessler had a kill to give Jaramillo the serve. The match ended with an authoritative kill by Sisk, who had a whopping 16 kills in the match.

“I saw her over pass it and I was just telling myself to wait and hit it. I knew I had to smack it down. That is what coach Yessi (Ramirez) says. “I have a fast arm and just to smack it down and I did.”

Whisman said the serving was better than it was against Cerro Gordo/Bement.

“Tonight was much better,” said Whisman. “Our defense

was good, our passing was better and overall we were better.”

One of the differences between the two matches was their energy level.

“We were able to keep our energy level up and against Cerro Gordo it was up and down a little bit. They were able to keep it up today.”

In the first set Tuscola led 3-0 after two service points by Natalie Hasting. Arcola took the lead for good with four service points by Moore, including two aces for a 5-3 lead. Arcola led just 13-10 when Sisk's kill gave her the serve and she had three aces in her 6-0 run as the Lady Riders took control 20-10.

“I felt like our defense did a lot better compared to our other two games,” said Sisk. “Our serve receive did well compared to Decatur Unity Christian. We were talking better and working as one. This is a better season than last year 4-21 and this is just the beginning.”

Arcola def. Martinsville 25-16, 25-15
ARCOLA: Ava Simpson 2 kills, 15 assists, 8 digs; Ramirez 3 aces, 1 assist; Ema Simpson 2 digs; Jacey Kessler 5 aces, 5 kills, 1 block, 3 digs; Kacie Sisk 6 aces, 7 kills, 1 assist, 6 digs; Kelsey Moore 3 aces, 2 kills, 1 dig; Kiera Leal 2 kills, 2 digs;

JV: Martinsville def. Arcola 25-17, 18-25, 15-9

Arcola def. Urbana University high 25-16, 25-15

ARCOLA: Ava Simpson 1 ace, 13 assists, 4 digs; Ramirez 1 ace, 2 kills, 2 digs; Ema Simpson 2 aces, 2 digs; Kessler 1 kill, 2 digs; Sisk 4 aces, 6 kills, 5 digs; Moore 1 ace, 4 kills, 5 digs; Leal 2 aces, 2 kills, 6 digs; Melani Martinez 1 dig

Newton def. Arcola 25-15, 25-16

ARCOLA: Ava Simpson 9 assists, 3 digs; Ramirez 2 digs; Ema Simpson 1 kill, 5 digs; Ileana Jaramillo 6 assists, 2 kills; Kessler 3 kills, 1 block, 2 digs; Sisk 1 ace, 8 kills, 1 block, 10 digs; Moore 2 kills, 14 digs; Leal 2 kills, 1 assist, 5 digs

Troy Triad def. Arcola 25-16, 19-25, 16-14

ARCOLA: Ava Simpson 3 assists, 2 digs; Ramirez 1 ace, 1 block, 2 digs; Ema Simpson 1 ace, 3 kills, 5 digs; Jaramillo 1 ace, 10 assists, 7 digs; Kessler 1 ace, 3 kills, 1 assist, 3 digs; Sisk 2 aces, 7 kills, 2 blocks, 8 digs; Moore 5 kills, 7 digs; Leal 9 digs; Martinez 2 digs; Sarah Gellieaux 2 assists; Shelby Roberts-McGeehon 2 digs

Unity def. Arcola 22-25, 25-16, 15-11

ARCOLA (stats not complete); Ava Simpson 1 kill, 9 assists, 6 digs; Ramirez 1 kill, 1 assist, 4 digs; Kessler 2 aces, 2 digs; Sisk 1 ace, 9 kills, 1 block, 4 digs; Moore 2 kills, 7 digs; Leal 1 ace, 6 digs; Martinez 2 digs; Roberts-McGeehon 1 dig

Arcola def. Argenta-Oreana 25-10, 22-25, 25-10

ARCOLA: Ava Simpson 20 assists, 21 digs; Ramirez 1 ace, 2 kills, 13 digs; Simpson 7 digs; Kessler 5 kills, 1 block, 2 digs; Sisk 13 kills, 26 digs; Moore 3 aces, 4 kills, 15 digs; Leal 1 ace, 3 kills, 1 set, 8 digs; Martinez 3 digs

JV: Argenta-Oreana def. Arcola 19-25, 15-16, 15-13

Arcola def. Tuscola 25-15, 25-10

ARCOLA: Ava Simpson 1 ace, 19 assists, 5 digs; Ramirez 3 aces, 3 digs; Ema Simpson 1 dig; Jaramillo 1 assist, 1 dig; Kessler 1 ace, 3 kills, 2 blocks, 3 digs; Sisk 4 aces, 16 kills, 9 digs; Moore 3 aces, 4 kills, 6 digs; Leal 1 assist, 4 digs; Martinez 3 digs

JV: Tuscola def. Arcola 25-16, 25-16

Cerro Gordo/Bement def. Arcola 26-24, 25-19

ARCOLA: Ava Simpson 1 kill, 10 assists, 10 digs; Ramirez 1 ace, 1 kill, 1 block, 5 digs; Ema Simpson 1 ace, 4 digs; Kessler 3 blocks 4 digs; Sisk 1 ace, 8 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 19 digs; Moore 1 kill, 13 digs; Leal 1 kill, 6 digs

JV: Cerro Gordo/Bement def. Arcola 25-18, 25-23

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