

# SPORTS

## Arcola/A-L-A-H wins fifth straight LPC golf title; girls place fourth

By Mike Monahan

ARCOLA – As the Arcoa/Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond boys golf team posed for a photo they all had their hands up as if waving to the camera. That was not the case as they were doing so as they captured their fifth consecutive Lincoln Prairie Conference title Sept. 19 at the Moweaqua Golf Course.

"It is an understood goal and we are the team to beat," said Arcola coach Greg Gisinger. "We lost a lot from last year. Logan Schrock was going to be our No. 2 or 3 and he missed the entire regular season, but he will be back for the regional. Hunter Grant was all-LPC last year and battled some injuries this year and did not play in the conference meet. To win the conference with Canton and a variety of other guys, including a variety of young guys is great. I was very impressed with how our guys improved over the year. It was a challenging year to win the conference."

Arcola topped Sullivan, a team it lost to by one stroke the just day before, by 16 strokes 357-373.

Canton Wesch, a sophomore, led all 42 golfers with a 76. Kendal Schrock was the second best golfer for the Knight-Riders with an 85 and both earned all-LPC honors.

The girls made history as they became the first Arcola/A-L-A-H team to compete

as a team in the Lincoln Prairie Conference meet. They finished fourth out of five teams with a 460.

Friday at the Charleston Country Club Arcola was 11th out of 13 teams, in the Stan Adkins Trojan Fall Classic, which included larger Class 2A schools. Wesch led the way with an 82 for the Knight-Riders.

The boys finished 15-4 and were in the Class 2A Effingham Regional Sept. 27 with the top three teams advancing to the sectional and the top ten not on an advancing team move on to the Mt. Carmel sectional.

### Stan Adkins Trojan Fall Classic

The host team, Charleston, won by nine strokes over fellow Apollo Conference foe, Mt. Zion 310 to 319.

Arcola did beat Sullivan by 29 shots and the Charleston junior varsity by 30 shots.

Kendal Schrock was second for Arcola with a 94.

### Boys Lincoln Prairie Conference

"It was the same as last year's meet as we didn't start out well," said Gisinger. "Guys were making bigger numbers early. We lost to Sullivan the day before and we knew it would be close. Wesch beat their No. 1 guy by eight strokes and everyone did well on the back nine.

Kendal Schrock of Arthur is playing well. He has really put it together the last two weeks. We knew we needed someone else to post in the mid 80s and he put us over the top of Sullivan."

Gisinger thought if they played well they had a good chance to win.

"Canton played really well," said Gisinger of Wesch. "He had a bad lie in a ruff and double bogeyed the last hole to shoot even par and he didn't start out that great."

Jackson Miller shot a 93, Kody Burdick a 103, Landen Franklin a 105 and Max Rardin rounded out the results with a 109.

"Coach (Brad) McGill and I are very proud of the team," said Gisinger.

Arcola was one of nine teams in the Class 2A regional along with Charleston, Effingham, Lawrenceville, Mattoon, Mt. Carmel, Olney, Paris and Robinson.

"We had a little lower scoring team last year," said Gisinger. "We also had three seniors that had been here done that quite a bit. It will be nice to go as a team, but I don't know if it is in the cards for us as it is a tough regional and last year we fell just short, placing fourth. Canton Wesch had a goal and expectation to make it to sectionals as he is playing better than last year and he made it then. Kendal Schrock played well in conference and I think Jackson Miller has the capability of advancing if he can avoid the big number. It is a difficult course and the guys will have to play really well to go to the sectional."

### Girls Lincoln Prairie Conference

C. C. Davis earned all-LPC honors with a 104 to lead Arcola/A-L-A-H.

"Last year we had some girls on the team, but only one of them felt comfortable to compete in an 18-hole match," said Gisinger. "This year nine girls were available to compete in the conference



THE ARCOLA/ARTHUR-LOVINGTON-ATWOOD-HAMMOND boys golf team is not waving hello, but they are celebrating their fifth straight Lincoln Prairie Conference title. The Knight-Riders fired a 357, 16 shots better than second place Sullivan. Pictured at the Moweaqua Golf Course are front row, Landen Franklin, Max Rardin, Kendal Schrock, Jackson Miller, Canton Wesch and Kody Burdick. Back row, head coach Greg Gisinger and assistant coach Brad McGill. Submitted photo.



THE ARCOLA/ARTHUR-LOVINGTON-ATWOOD-HAMMOND girls' team competed for the first time in the LPC meet as a team and finished fourth. Members are Jaiden Miller, Megan Miller, C.C. Davis, Claire Seal, Avery Alexander and Evanger Wiley. Submitted photo.



ARCOLA/ARTHUR-LOVINGTON-ATWOOD-HAMMOND had three golfers that earned all-Lincoln Prairie Conference honors. They are Canton Wesch, C.C. Davis and Kendal Schrock. Submitted photo.

and regional. We (coach McGill and Gisinger) went with the six that we thought were the most ready and they did a very good job. They have come a long way. To be able to compete as a team is great. Hopefully in a few years both the boys and girls will win the conference championship. I think it is possible especially with a young girls team. We have eighth graders from Arcola and Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond that are talking about playing next year. They are not just golfers, but athletes in other sports. For them to finish 18 shots out of second place (Okaw Valley) exceeded the expectations for us this year. We won some

matches later in the year and it was good to see that."

Other scores for the Knight-Riders were Megan Miller with a 116, Jaiden Miller 118, Claire Seals 122, Evanger Wiley 135 and Avery Alexander finished with a 137.

Our regional is on the same course as our conference (Moweaqua)," said Gisinger. "It will be nice to beat the team score from our conference meet and have the individuals do better than they did at conference. Improvement from them will be a good goal for them Thursday."

The girls regional is Thursday at Moweaqua and Arcola is one of 10 teams competing along with five teams that

don't have enough for a team score, but will have individuals competing. The top three teams and the top 10 individuals advance to the Taylorville Sectional Oct. 2.

### Stan Adkins Trojan Fall Classic

Team scores: 1. Charleston 310; 2. Mt. Zion 319; 3. Teutopolis 323; 4. Effingham 327; 5. Mattoon 334; 6. Effingham St. Anthony junior varsity 337; 7. Olney 340; 8. Paris 349; 9. Windsor/Stewardson-Strasburg 361; 10. Danville 365; 11. Arcola 374; 12. Sullivan 403; 13. Charleston junior varsity 404

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