

Oracles head to sectional after losing last two games

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The Delphi Oracles (5-15, 1-5 Hoosier Conference) boys' basketball team played their final two regular season games last week. Tuesday's home affair against the Clinton Central Bulldogs (7-13) was close early, but a 16-0 run gave the visitors a large enough cushion to thwart any Oracle rally enroute to their 86-74 victory.

The finale before sectional play, also a loss for the Oracles, was at the hands of the Rensselaer Bombers (1-5, 10-10). In nearly a copy of the pre-

vious game, the home Bombers used a 15-2 run to gain control and cruised to the 64-54 Hoosier Conference win.

Tuesday's game against the Bulldogs was Senior Night for the Oracles. Six Delphi roundballers made their final appearance in their home gym: Justin Jargstorf, Brock Zarse, Ian Johnson, Joe Stoner, Kendal Ross and Josh Mullin.

Stoner, with a pair of early hoops, along with one each from Johnson and Jargstorf, gave the Oracles a quick 8-5 lead. But 5 turnovers in a span of less than 3 minutes enabled the Bulldogs to take command. At the 2:39 mark in the first quarter, Shane Heidt added 2 free throws to give Clinton Central a 21-8 lead.

From there, the Oracles scrapped back to close within just a single point, 27-26, after Jargstorf hit 1 of his 4 treys on the game. But the Bulldogs were up to the challenge and pulled away for good from there.

Clinton Central led at the half, 43-36 and after 3 quarters, 66-55. Heidt showed the way and led all scorers with 28, while fellow Bulldogs Jordan Tucker and Mitchell Crenshaw both had 18.

Jargstorf's 20 led the Oracles. Joining him in double figures was Stoner with 13 and Dustin Oliver with 10. Michael Myers had 9 points and Zarse and Ross helped with 8 and 5, respectively. Mullin, playing limited minutes in his first game back from his second knee injury, scored 4 for the Oracles.

At Rensselaer, Senior Night for the Bombers, Delphi led after the

first quarter, 12-11 and was still tied at 18 each with 6 minutes to go in the second. But the Bombers took advantage of some missed Oracle shots and 4 turnovers and turned the game around by the half to lead 33-23.

In similar fashion to the game against the Bulldogs, Delphi mounted a comeback and was able to close to within a bucket after Mullin hit a trey to make it 39-37. But as before, the Bombers were up to the challenge and slowly pulled away from there, leading by 8 by the end of the third on the way to their 64-54 win.

Jacob Kiger led all with 28 Bomber points. Mullin (11) and Oliver (10) were the only Oracles in double figures.

Coach Bart Hunsicker saw his JV Oracles (8-12) fall short in their final 2 games. The Bulldogs eked out a 45-43 win in a game that was close throughout. Tyler Beaudoin (13) and Erik Jones (12) led the Oracles.

It took double overtime for the Bombers, but they pulled out a 52-45 win after being tied 42-42 at both the end of regulation and after the first extra stanza. Kory Banes (13), Beaudoin (12) and Matt Lewis (11) were all in double figures for the Oracles. Sectional began Tuesday.

As of press time, Delphi was to play its first game of Sectional 36 in a rematch against the Sheridan Blackhawks (4-16) last Tuesday at Fountain Central. The Oracles hope to advance by beating the Blackhawks as they did earlier in the season.

Central Catholic wins HHC Knights too fast for Cougars

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Class A 8th-ranked Lafayette Central Catholic defeated Carroll Friday night 69-47 to win the Hoosier Heartland Conference outright with a perfect 5-0 record and finish regular season 15-6. Carroll finished 2-3 in the conference and ended regular season 11-9.

Coming into Friday's match-up, the Cougars knew they would have to control the game's tempo, shoot the ball well, and get key stops on the defensive end if they were going to upset CC on their court.

Carroll was patient on the offensive end early, working the ball for the good shot. The Cougars tied the game and held leads twice in the opening quarter on treys by Will Abdon at 5-4 and 8-7. With Carroll up 8-7 and 2 minutes left in the first quarter, Central Catholic got their up-tempo game started.

The Knights went on a 16-2 run, going up 23-10 with 6:02 left in the second quarter. A trey by Jacob Kingery pulled the Cougars to within 9 at 27-18, but a last second shot by CC gave the hosts a 30-12 advantage at half-time.

Carroll came out hot from the field in the third. They scored 20 points on 4 of 7 shooting from behind the arc and were 8 of 13 overall. An Abdon 3-pointer pulled the Cougars to within 9 at 30-21, but the Cougars would get no closer. The Knights were even hotter in this quarter from the field, sinking 10 of 15 shots and 3 of 5 from behind the arc for 25 points. The hosts outscored the visitors 14 to 9 in the fourth quarter when both coaches cleared their benches.

The Cougars had a good team effort, but could not keep up with CC's up-tempo game. Kingery had one of his better nights of the year, going 6 of 9 from the field to lead Carroll with 15 points. Abdon had 3 treys for 9 points. Riley Eller added 8 points on 3 of 5 shooting and Josh Beaver worked the



Acrobatic drive

Cougar Joe Smith wiggles his way to the basket for two points during Carroll's loss to Central Catholic.

boards for a game high 12 rebounds.

The Cougars shot 44%, 17 of 39 overall from the field and 50%, 7 of 14 on three tries, but were a poor 6 of 13, 46% from the line. The Knights were 8 of 14, 57% on trey attempts; 24 of 49, 49% overall, and 13 of 16, 81% from the line.

Next up for Carroll is the Class A Frontier Sectional. The Cougars will face Rossville in the opening game on Friday at 6 p.m. The Cougars have a chance to avenge an earlier loss to the Rossville Hornets, who led the overall series 37 to 19.

JV The young Cougars finished the season, losing to the Knights 49-35. They matched last year's record, finishing the

season with 15 wins to 5 losses. They were 4-1 in the Hoosier Heartland Conference, while CC finished 16-4 and 5-0.

Central Catholic jumped out to a 12-1 advantage after one and had upped that lead to 18 points by half-time, 26-8. The hosts biggest lead came in the fourth quarter at 22 points, 43-21. The Cougars cut the lead to 12 at 45-33 on a Nick Flora basket.

Adam Tussinger led the Cougars with 10 points, all in the second half. Jacob Craig added 9 pints (8 in the second half).

In the JV write-up last week, it was Jacob Craig with 12 points who was the high scorer for Carroll against Taylor.



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Battle of the Books



Carroll team

The Carroll Cougars defeated the Delphi Oracles, 113-107, in the second annual Bacon Bowl Battle of the Books held at Carroll High School on Feb. 22. For winning, the Carroll team took home the skillet. Members of the team are pictured above, l-r: Front (bending) - Emily Raynor, Lori Smith, Leanna Smith. Back - Becca Lytton, Kylene Miller, Brian Griffin, Nicholas Mylet, Kyra Edging, Rodney Hufford, Talia Richardson. Photo provided



Delphi team

This Delphi Community High School team won its school competition, qualifying to compete with Carroll in the Bacon Bowl Battle of the Books. Team members are pictured above, l-r: Front - Mara Burton, Alyssa Lewis, Tara Brummett, Lydia Smith. Back - Sara Strasser, Brittaney Mauer, Rachel Harber, Hannah Hickman, Josh Fulton, Jade Richardson. Delphi won the competition last year, but this year the skillet changed hands. Photo provided



Winter Sports Summaries

DCMS 7th Ladies are tourney runners-up

The Delphi Community Middle School 7th grade Lady Oracles finished second in the White County tournament held Saturday.

The Oracles defeated Frontier in the first game, 33-15. Contributing for Delphi were Chanler Norman with 8 points and 5 steals; Jordyn Bieghler, 6 points; Grace Mears, 6 points; Brittani Rhodes, 5 points and 4 steals; Carli Rouhier, 4 points, 4 assists, and 4 steals; Randee Schultz, 2 points and 5 rebounds; and Allee Flora with 2 points.

In the championship game, the Oracles were defeated 40-29 in a rough game against Tri-County. Leading the way for Delphi were Norman with 8 points, 5 steals, and 3 assists; Schultz, 8 points and 6 rebounds; Rhodes, 6 points and 5 rebounds; Mears 3 points; and Bieghler and Rouhier, each with 2 points.

DCMS swim team off to recording-setting start

The Delphi Community Middle School "A" swim team opened its season with an 82-20 win over South Newton. The DCMS swimmers won all 12 events, breaking four school records in the process.

Quadruple winner Jared Kelley started the record breaking, with a time 1:14.46 in the 100 IM, replacing Kendall Ross's 2002 record of 1:14.67.

Andrew Burton, also a quadruple winner, set 3 records. His 50 free time of 25.46 replaced his last year's record of 26.65. His time of 55.12 in the 100 free also replaced his last year's record of 59.76.

Burton was teamed with Kelley, Alex Price and quadruple winner Brent Kremer in the 200 free relay with a winning time of 1:55.84, breaking the record of 1:57.01, set last year.

Other first place winners were: 200 medley relay team of Payton Windell, Jordan Hudelson, Grace Currie and Vaneissa Rohrman, 200 Free - Kremer; 400 Free - Kremer; Diving - Chelsey Marcotte; 50 Butterfly - Currie; 100 Backstroke - Abi Leahy; 100 Breaststroke - Kelley; and 400 free relay team of Keaton Garrison, Kyle Miller, Rohrman and Abbey Mose.

Last Thursday the DCMS swim teams lost a hard fought meet, 94-92, to Twin Lakes. Burton was a quadruple winner again, setting four DCMS records. Burton's 50 butterfly time of 27.53 broke his last year's record of 29.15. His 100 backstroke time of 1:08.85 broke Kyle Price's record of 1:12.65 set last year. Burton teamed with triple winner Kelley, Garrison and double winner Kremer to win the 200 medley relay. That foursome also smashed Tuesday's 200 free relay record with a time of 1:51.90. Burton's lead off in that relay set the 50 free record, with a time of 24.93. The only other DCMS first place went to Marcotte in diving.

The DCMS "B" swim team also opened its season against the Indians. While not officially scored, the B team won 8 of 11 events. First places went to the 200 medley relay team of Justin Chorrushi, Sterling Saiz, Emily Layman and Annie Mose; Mose won the 200 free; Taylor Thompson took the 100 IM; Bridget Floyd won diving; Saiz took the butterfly event; Chorrushi, 50 Backstroke; Jessie Morrison, 50 Breaststroke; and the 400 free relay team of Thompson, Layman, Mose and Jonell Randle.

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