

Lady Oracles defeat Rossville, Frankfort

Great pitching, excellent defense and one good inning at bat were the key ingredients for a 9-1 home victory over Rossville Monday night.

The Lady Oracles also defeated Frankfort 5-4 on the road Thursday, before dropping a pair to conference foe Twin Lakes on Saturday, 4-1 and 5-0.

Against Rossville, senior pitcher Ashley Brodar took a perfect game into the 6th inning before allowing the first base runner on Jessica Rodkey's one-out double to left. Rodkey then scored an out later on a single up the middle by Lindsay Taylor.

But that was all Brodar would allow as she finished with her 13th complete game of the season, striking out eight, while allowing only 3 hits to improve her season record to 7-7.

Delphi (7-11) jumped in front as Kayla Yates led off the bottom of the third inning with a single to center, before advancing to third base on a wild pitch and a passed ball. She then scored on Brodar's RBI grounder to second to put the Lady Oracles on top 1-0.

After the Hornets (1-14) tied the score in the top of the 6th, the Lady Oracle bats' came alive with an 8-run bottom half of the inning to put the game out of reach.

Sam Grimes led off by beating out a bunt single and then stealing second base. She scored the go ahead run one out later on Erika Hawn's RBI single into right field.

Both Brodar and Emily Kayser contributed RBI doubles in the inning as Delphi sent 11 batters to the plate before finally being retired.

Brodar completed her brilliance on the mound with a strikeout for the final out, but was helped by a strong defense as the Lady Oracles committed just one error during the game.

Kayser led the Delphi offense with two doubles and an RBI, while Allison Cook also collected two hits. Brodar led with two

RBI's and Yates was the lone Oracle to score two runs as eight different players crossed the plate for a balanced attack. Seven players accounted for Delphi's nine hits.

Vs. Frankfort

In the Frankfort win, the Lady Oracles rallied-from-behind scoring three runs in their last at-bats in the top of the 7th inning.

Trailing 3-2 with one out, Delphi got consecutive singles from both Yates and Brodar, before Cook bunted to reach base safely to load the bases. Alyssa Lewis then singled to center, scoring both Yates and Brodar with the game-tying and go-ahead runs.

Cook later scored a needed insurance run on a grounder to second base off the bat of Amanda Schultz that resulted in a Frankfort (5-6) error.

Brodar again went the distance, striking out eight and allowing only two hits in another strong performance on the mound.

The Lady Oracles collected 11 hits in the contest, led again by Kayser, who went 3-for-4. Yates had two hits including a double and two runs scored, while Brodar had two hits and an RBI. Lewis led Delphi with two RBI's.

Vs. Twin Lakes

Over the weekend, Delphi just could not string enough hits together in the double-header losses at Twin Lakes.

The Oracles stranded eight base runners in the first game, including at least one in every inning but the last. Brodar was effective on the mound, taking a 1-1 tie game into the bottom of the 6th inning, while allowing only one earned run and scattering eight hits. The Oracle offense was limited to only four hits, none of which came in the same inning.

Brodar collected two of the hits and scored the lone Oracle run in the 3rd inning with a lead-off single and two stolen bases before scoring on a TL wild pitch.

The story was much the same in game two as the Lady Oracles were again held to only four hits, and again, none in the same inning. Sophomore pitcher Schultz (0-2) took the loss despite not allowing an earned run as Delphi's defense was also not as strong on this day.

Lewis led Delphi with two singles, going 2-for-3 for the game.

Despite the setback, the Oracles have now won five of their last seven games, and six of the last nine.

Delphi took on conference foe Sheridan in a home-and-home series Tuesday before traveling to Sheridan on Thursday for another 5 p.m. start. The Lady Oracles will then go to Tipton for a double-header conference battle on Saturday at 10 a.m., before returning home to face North White May 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Carroll math team wins championship

For the eighth year in a row, Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School's math team has won the Hoosier Heartland Conference math contest.

Carroll won the championship title on April 26 with a score of 1,404. Second place winner was Tri-Central with a score of 1,122. Other placings were Lafayette Central Catholic, third; Clinton Prairie, fourth; Rossville, fifth; and Clinton Central, sixth.

Each school sent a team of four students in each of five test categories: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus. A total of 120 students participated.

Carroll's representation at the contest included students from grades 8-12.

There were two parts to the competition - an individual test lasting 60 minutes and a 45 minute team test where all four team members worked together.

Three types of awards were presented:

Individual ribbons were given in each test category for performance on the individual test. Each test category had a champion based on the individual test results and the team test results in that subject.

An overall conference champion was crowned based on the total results of all five test areas. As conference champion, Carroll took home a traveling trophy for display until the next year's contest.

Carroll coaches are math teachers Gary Duff, Susan Abbott, and Linda Harrold.



Conference math champions

Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School won the Hoosier Heartland Conference math contest held at Clinton Prairie High School on April 26. Carroll's team is pictured above: Front row, l-r - Kelly Moffitt, Rachel Arthur, Allison Allbaugh, Kelsey Kennedy, Leanna Smith. Second row - Shane Clingenpeel, Amanda Fields, Lindsay Stiller, Aurora Shands, Krystal Brazel, Angel Jackson, Valerie Allbaugh. Back row - Patrick Forgey, Matt Shanks, Michael Myer, Travis Martin, Carson Spesard, Malena Zook, Kaitlin Kennedy, Crystal Keck. Photo provided

Four of Carroll's teams placed first - Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus - and the other team, Algebra I, placed second.

Individual placings for Carroll are given below.

Algebra I - Michael Myer, third; Crystal Keck and Patrick Forgey, tie for sixth; Matt Shanks, eleventh.

Algebra II - Carson Spesard, first; Kaitlin Kennedy, second;

Travis Martin, fifth; Malena Zook, sixth.

Geometry - Aurora Shands, second; Angel Jackson, third; Krystal Brazel, fourth; Valerie Allbaugh, sixth.

Pre-Calculus - Shane Clingenpeel, first; Lindsay Stiller, second; Leanna Smith, third; Amanda Fields, eleventh.

Calculus - Kelsey Kennedy, first; Kelly Moffitt, second; Rachel Arthur, third; Allison

Allbaugh, eleventh. Rossville's teams placed as follows: Pre-Calculus, second; Algebra II, fourth; Geometry, fourth; Calculus, fifth; Algebra I, sixth.

Individual placings for Rossville are given below.

Geometry - Aaron Martin and Dave Snyder, tie for ninth.

Pre-Calculus - Aaron Brovont, fifth; Aaron Grady, seventh; Elizabeth Wise, tenth.

Madison Grant wins Delphi Classic

The Delphi Classic baseball tournament was held this last weekend. Madison Grant, ranked sixth in 2A, won the event, defeating Clinton Central in the championship game 10-1.

Runner-up Central beat Seeger in game two 11-1 in five innings.

The Oracles tried to defend their title from last year but lost a close contest to Madison Grant in the first game 3-0. Scott Brothers held the Argyles to just 3 hits and had ten strikeouts, but the Oracle bats were silent. The Oracles had five hits and Josh Mullin had two of them.

In the consolation game the Delphi squad played sectional foe Seeger. The Patriots scored nine runs to the Oracles, eight. The pitching was good especially from Senior Kyle Schwarzkopf who gave up only two earned runs in four innings. Starter Andrew Cebulla also only gave up four runs, two of which were earned. The Oracles had too many miscues with their gloves committing tens errors in the game.

The Oracles are now 4-8 on the season and compete again tonight

against county foe Carroll at Carroll.

Vs. Twin Lakes

The Delphi baseball team opened Hoosier Conference play at Twin Lakes. The Oracles slugged 13 hits and beat the Indians 8-5. Mike Myers and Brothers led the Oracles with three hits apiece.

Brothers ran his record to 2-3 on the mound, striking out 8 and giving up just 4 hits in going the distance. The Oracles committed 9 errors to keep the game close.

The team's first home conference game was against the Indians. The Oracles lost 9-7. Kyle Bender had a perfect game on the mound through six innings. The Oracles

were ahead 5-0 heading into the seventh when Bender gave up a single, a walk and then a double. Delphi was still in position to win when the wheels fell off. Three errors followed and the Indians scored nine runs to take the lead 9-5.

The Oracles came to bat in the seventh with a little attitude. Mullin had a single up the middle. Brock Zarse was hit by a pitch. Kory Banes drove the ball deep to center. Mike Myers had a single to load the bases. Scott Seabolt drove a ball that hit the center field fence scoring two runs, closing the gap to 9-7, with the tying run at second.

Brothers hit a looping liner to left for the second out. The game

ended on a diving catch by the right fielder.

Vs. Carroll

The Oracles played county foe Carroll in the second game of the year Monday night. The Oracles brought their best offensive attack, getting 20 hits to outscore the Cougars 18-7 in six innings.

Bender picked up his second win on the mound, allowing only two earned runs. The offense was led by Banes, the Oracles' leading hitter, and Seabolt, each with four hits. Zarse had three hits and scored four runs. Brothers hit a home run and three RBIs.

The Oracles will play again this Thursday at home against Tri-County.

Carroll decides placement of soccer, softball fields

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Carroll School Board voted for the placement and direction of soccer and softball fields at its April 19 meeting.

Board member Susan Budreau made the motion to set the soccer field north and south, just south of the elementary playground, and to place the softball diamond just south of the existing baseball diamond. Included in her motion was to delete the east-west driveway. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Superintendent John Sayers said the softball diamond may need to be south and east of the school. He added that the configuration voted on would necessitate taking out 10 trees. Board member Barb Payne said she would like to see the trees transplanted on school property if possible.

Engineer Dana Wannemacher of Barton, Coe & Vilamaa, Fort Wayne, had addressed the board before its vote, and had recommended a different configuration of the two fields. He said for practical and economical reasons, his plan called for setting the soccer field south of the existing baseball field, and running east and west, and for the softball field to go south of the elementary school. He said a full size soccer field would not fit, running north and south.

Varsity soccer coach Dave Falkenburg and board president Sam Zook said they and others had measured the site and believe that there is room for a regulation size soccer

field south of the elementary and running the preferable direction, north and south.

Falkenburg, softball coach Craig Myers, and incoming board members Dave Lambert and Eric Johnson all agreed with the board's vote.

The engineer said drawings would be out in May and bids received in June.

Gretchen Leuenberger from the Wabash Valley Education Center and the junior-senior high school science teachers presented information on the science curriculum and facility needs for the planned update of the science wing.

"These science teachers are very aware of science standards and good teaching strategies," she said. "They have a huge knowledge base of science, and I'm extremely impressed with them."

The teachers took turns speaking on what they would like to do in their classrooms, but are limited to do because of lack of equipment and space.

"We have integrated some biotechnology, but we want to do more," said teacher Stephanie Dickerson.

The science teachers talked about lab kits and technical equipment that would allow students to do more hands-on activities and be able to better visualize what they're studying.

In other business, the board approved the charter members of the Carroll Education Foundation. Upon recommendation by Zook, the members are Sayers, Zook, Jay Bush, and Van Taylor. They will start the process for the articles of incorpora-

tion and begin reviewing bylaws.

Sayers reported that \$88,000 had been allocated for new kitchen equipment. The equipment will include two dishwashers, a freezer door, two steamers, a microwave, mixer, two convection ovens, cold pass-through, and serving line units.

The Wellness Policy Committee has a draft of a policy that will be considered for adoption in June. It will be posted on the corporation Web Site for the community to view. Public comments are sought.

The board approved the following parents to serve on Carroll Elementary's PL 221 improvement plan committee: Jennifer Gear, Bill Stoddard, Kimberly Stoddard, Gloria Keith, Tina Miller, Becky Taylor, and Julie Eurit.

Elementary assistant principal Natalie McQuade discussed proposed changes for the elementary handbook. Zook said before it is finalized, such things as dress code and policy regarding electronic devices should be looked at to see if they are consistent with the junior-senior high school policy.

The board approved the following increases in administration salaries: One percent increase in the salary of elementary principal Carolyn O'Connell and one percent increase in the superintendent's salary. Both are to be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2006.

The board voted 5-0 to hire Rick George as varsity football coach for the 2006-2007 school year.

Lynn Herenden resigned her position in food services, effective April 19.

Several conference and field trip requests were approved.

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Carroll Talent Show is Saturday



"Saturday Night aLIVE," this year's installment of the Carroll High School talent show, will be presented at 7 p.m. on Saturday at CHS. Twenty-two student acts showcasing vocal, instrumental, dance and comedy talent will compete for category prizes and best of show honors. All proceeds from the show benefit the Carroll Student Memorial Scholarship Fund. First come, first served seating applies with no advance tickets being sold. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission price is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Pictured are talent show emcees: (l to r) - Front: Seth Pencek, Kelsey Kennedy. Middle: Adam Bonner, Nick Jones, Sam Scharer, Chase Richardson. Back: Garret Herron, Dillon Carter, Emily Schneckloth, Kaitlin Kennedy, Chelsea DeVos, Shaina Stonebraker. Photo by W. D. Traxler Carter

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