

Conference honors



Carroll senior Cameron Stout had an outstanding jump of 6-feet, 3-inches in last week's Hoosier Heartland Conference Track Meet. He took first place honors, bettering the second place finisher by two inches. Photo provided

5 hits, 7 runs Oracles down Tipton

The Oracle baseball team ran its record to 7-11 last night after thumping Hoosier Conference foe Tipton 7-0.

Scott Brothers evened up his pitching record at 4-4 on the mound. He allowed only one hit and had 11 strikeouts. Mike Myers led the Oracle offense with two hits and three runs batted in. Josh Mullin had a big two-run batted in single to add the extra runs. Brock Zarse also had two hits.

Vs. West Lafayette

The West Lafayette Red Devils erupted in the fifth inning for 11 runs to beat the Oracles 14-2 in Hoosier Conference action last week.

In the first inning, starting pitch-

er, Kyle Bender gave up a two-run home run. In the bottom of the first the Oracles' Scott Seabolt matched the West side team with a two-run, home run, evening the score 2-2 at the bottom of the first. In the third, another Red Devil hit a home run to put the Red Devils up 3-2. The Oracles had a few chances but could not get the hit they needed. In the fifth the Red Devil bats came alive and scored 11 runs. Even though two Oracle errors were mixed in, the West Side club smacked the ball off of Bender and reliever Kyle Schwarzkopf. Bender picked up his third loss on the mound.

The Oracles will be in action again Wednesday against the Tipton squad at home.

Lady Oracles squeak by North White

Brittany Tyner's bloop-single to right field knocked in the tying and game-winning runs, leading the Delphi Lady Oracle softball team to a 5-4 victory over visiting North White last week.

The win was the Lady Oracles ninth in their past 12 games, and tenth over the last 14 games, improving their season record to 11-12.

It seems that the only opponent that Delphi has not been able to compete with of late is Mother Nature, as the rain over the past week forced the postponement of four games, including games at Frontier, Winamac (double-header) and at home against Northwestern, all non-conference foes.

No make-up dates had been announced as of press time, but with Sectional play beginning on Monday, and with several schools still needing to make-up conference games, it seems unlikely at this point that any of them will be rescheduled.

Against North White, Delphi took the lead early, scoring a run in each of their first two at-bats to take a 2-0 lead into the third inning.

Red-hot hitting Emily Kayser doubled to left field with two outs in the first inning, before stealing third base and scoring on Ashley Brodar's RBI single, a hard-liner up the middle.

Kristina Barnard then led off the bottom of the second with a double to left, scoring on Kirsty Flora's single to center.

The Vikings (8-11) then put three runs on the board in the top of the third inning, highlighted by a 2-RBI triple by Whitney Bunch to put North White in front at 3-2.

The Lady Oracles then tied the score in the bottom of the fourth with two outs as Flora singled into right-center, driving in Amanda Schultz, who was pinch-running for Alyssa Lewis, who had reached base safely via fielder's choice.

A Delphi defensive miscue in the top of the fifth inning allowed the Vikings to take a 4-3 lead as Bunch, this time singled in the go-ahead run with two outs, setting the stage for Tyner's heroics an inning later.

Both Schultz and Barnard led off the bottom of the sixth for Delphi with consecutive walks, before Sam Grimes reached

base safely on a fielder's choice to load the bases for Tyner, whose 2-RBI single landed just inside the foul line in short right field scoring both Schultz and Barnard with the decisive runs.

Brodar (10-7) then closed out the Vikings in order in the seventh, securing her tenth win of the season while pitching her 16th complete game, striking out five while allowing only four hits.

Flora was the lone Oracle with more than one-hit in the contest, going 2-for-2 with 2 runs batted in, while Tyner also shared RBI honors with her 2 game-winning RBI's.

Kayser and Barnard's doubles were the only Delphi extra-base hits, as the Oracles efficiently scored their five runs on just seven team hits. Schultz and Barnard each also had two runs scored to lead Delphi.

Barring any late scheduled make-up games, Delphi will travel to Clinton Prairie on Tuesday (too late for print) before playing the last regular season game at Hoosier Conference rival West

Lafayette on Thursday at 5 p.m. The Lady Oracles will then open the North Montgomery Sectional against Clinton Central on Monday, also at 5.



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Young racer's career accelerates

Comet staff report

Cole Bodine has started his third year of racing, and he's only seven years old.

The son of Kevin and Rustie Bodine of Rossville, he will be a second grader at Rossville Elementary School.

Cole began his racing career at the age of five in the Junior Novice class at the Kokomo Quarter Midget Club. After winning four of the five novice races, he advanced to the more competitive Jr. Honda class, winning one feature race his first year in competition.

He had an exciting 2005 season. He won the Jr. Honda Track Championship at the Kokomo track. He placed fifth in the Region 4 Championship series races, which consists of a race at all nine of the quarter midget tracks throughout Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

His greatest accomplishment of the 2005 season was winning the Jr. Honda feature at the Fort Wayne Rumble. Tony Stewart was also racing at this event, and signed Cole's trophy. After Cole's race, Stewart's newest driver, Levi Jones, came to the pits to congratulate Cole as well as give him words of advice.

For the 2006 season, Cole has an even busier racing schedule. He will be driving a second car - in the faster Modified class. Entering in both classes, he will compete in approximately 75 races this season.

At the first Kokomo race of the season, Cole was fast qualifier and won both his heat and the feature. For doing this, he received a gold medallion. Winners of features also receive a special "Feature Win" sticker for their car to show all of the wins they earn.

Coming up for Cole is the third of nine races in the Regional Championship Series. It will be in Waterford, Mich., May 27-29. It is a qualifying race for the Grand National Championship race in July in Topeka, Kan.



Already a champ

Cole Bodine, age 7, competes at local (Kokomo), regional, and national events in quarter midget racing. Last year he won the Jr. Honda Track Championship at the Kokomo track. Photo provided

One of the greatest events of the season, according to Cole's family, is the Gasoline Alley Nationals, held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway July 13-16. The race is on a small track made in the parking lot of the infield. Drivers from all over the country will be competing on the small quarter midget track.

They all have hopes of someday returning to Indy and racing on the big track in the Indy 500 or the Brickyard 400.

At the 2004 Gasoline Alley Nationals, Cole met Bobby Labonte because his son, Tyler, races quarter midgets.

Cole has set goals for this year, next year, and beyond. He hopes to begin racing Modified Midgets, also known as 600s, by age 11. These are run on dirt tracks at Lake Cicott and Peru. If he does well in the 600 class, he

can move up to Focus Midgets and/or USAC sprint cars.

The quarter midget racing season is from April-October. Boys and girls from ages 5-16 are eligible to compete.

As the name implies, quarter midget racing involves small cars scaled down to one-fourth the size of full-size midget race cars. They run on a 1/20 of a mile oval track. Power is by a small one cylinder engine, similar in size and construction to most lawn mower engines.

When new drivers, regardless of age, join a local quarter midget club, they must go through the club's Novice Training School.

Most tracks hold weekly races. Larger races (regional and state) are required to qualify for the Grand Nationals. There is a West Coast and an East Coast National on asphalt and one Dirt National each year.

The Bodines say that quarter midget racing is a fun family event.

The Kokomo Quarter Midget Club is having a promotional day on Saturday, May 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The track is located at 150N and 350E, Kokomo. Quarter midgets will be available for children to drive, and all safety equipment is provided.

"This is a good opportunity to let young drivers see if they will really enjoy racing before the car owner spends money on the car and equipment," said Kevin Bodine.

The driving experience includes 25 laps. There is a charge to the drivers, but spectator admission is free.

For more information on the promotional event or on quarter midget racing, check out www.kqmc.org.

Flora Lions Club takes over Hog Jog

Registration for the 28th annual Carroll County Hog Jog has begun. The event will be held June 17 at Flora Community Park. For the first time, Flora Lions Club is sponsoring the event.



Featured will be a 2-mile run/walk that will begin at 7:30 a.m.; a 10K run at 8:10 a.m.; and a Runt Jog for ages 2 to 7 at 9:15 a.m. Both the 10K and the 2-mile runs are certified race courses.

Electronic time and scoring will

be done this year by The End Result Company.

The entry fee is \$12 if postmarked or received by June 10 and \$15 the day of the race. Free T-shirts will be given to the first 500 entrants.

Race participants may register online at www.hogjog.com or may pickup entry forms at various businesses in the area.

Volunteers are needed to help with the race. Anyone interested should contact Norm Beck or any member of the Flora Lions Club.

CHS, DCHS to hold baccalaureate on Sunday

Baccalaureate and Commencement services for both Carroll County school corporations will be held May 21 and May 27, respectively.

Carroll's Baccalaureate will be Sunday evening at 7 in the John A. Bush Memorial Auditorium at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School.

Delphi's Baccalaureate will begin at 7:20 p.m. Sunday in the Delphi Community High School Little Theatre.

Graduation services on the 27th will start at 10 a.m. for the Carroll Class of 2006, while it will start at 10:20 for the Delphi Class of 2006.

Beale retires from Delphi Community High School

By Dee Dellenbach
Staff writer

David Beale will retire from Delphi Community High School this month, after 38 years of teaching.

Beale was born in Delphi and graduated from DCHS in 1960. He continued his education at Indiana University, where he majored in history. He taught at Frankfort during his first year, before taking a position at Delphi, where he has spent every year since.

He has taught U.S. history, but in recent years has concentrated on world history and economics for sophomores and seniors. In the afternoons he teaches an EMT course. Beale has served as the chairman for the social stud-



Beale

Africa.

One of the reasons Beale decided to teach was because of the admiration he had for his high school chemistry teacher, Charlie Geheb.

"He made the subject great and he was a wonderful man. On a snow day I called him at home to see if I could come in that day to finish up some lab work. He said

sure, he'd be there anyway.

When I got there, the classroom was full, every student had come in! No one else was in the school, just our class."

Beale said that Geheb made everything interesting.

"He could tell stories...he taught us the atomic theory based on an analogy of dating," laughed Beale.

Beale mentioned that during his teaching career, he has always tried to help his students understand what's going on in the world outside of Delphi. He said that in his college courses, his studies of other countries made him realize how sheltered he had been in Delphi as a boy. He wanted his students to have an appreciation of the events of the world, because it affects

their lives too.

He also tries to instill in them a sense of responsibility.

"I hold kids responsible for doing their homework. I had a student one year who wasn't doing very well. She said, 'I can't do this.' I told her she could, and I helped her step-by-step. She ended up getting an A."

In addition to helping students like that, Beale said the rewards of teaching are that he was able to watch them as they grew up, "and actually teach them something. We're lucky to have good students come through," he smiled.

Beale said he returned to Delphi after college because he liked the area so well.

"This is a wonderful school

system. Two of my kids were exceptionally bright, but they wanted to go to West Lafayette to go to 'the best schools.' I told them teachers here would help them and they would have opportunities they might not otherwise have."

"Both stayed here and both have said they feel they were lucky to go to Delphi. They said they felt prepared. My daughter went to I.U. and my son went to Stanford. He said he felt as prepared as anyone there."

In 1964, Beale went to Equidor with the Peace Corps. He'd like to return there to see how things have changed, and to see whether he made a difference there.

"I worked as a type of extension agent and helped farmers

with their livestock and crops. One man couldn't believe you could raise a chicken in six to eight weeks. He didn't understand nutrition. When we proved that it worked, he asked me if the same would apply to his kids."

Beale and his wife, Sandra, have been married for 38 years and have four children, Lisa McCarter, Aimee Roy, Mathew Beale and Angela Martin.

Beale has worked as a paramedic every Saturday and Sunday for 30 years, and plans to continue to work for Carroll County and St. Elizabeth ambulance services, and even attend more in-services and conferences. But he said he's going to take the weekends off and make time to spend with his six grandchildren.



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