

Cougars roar at Caston

Comet staff report

Carroll High School Cross Country did something they have never done. They won three team trophies at one invitational. The Boys JV, Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity all placed first in the 16-team Caston Cross Country Invitational held Saturday.

Led by Seth Larimore (4th JV), Ashley Bordner and Courtney Rinehart (6th and 8th respectively in the varsity girls) and Kyle Wallace and Tyler Macy (4th and 10th respectively in the varsity boys) the Cougars ran to hard fought victories on a slick and soggy course.

"We have talked about what it takes to win as a team. Individual honors are great but to win as a team is the ultimate accomplishment," a happy Coach Mike Miller stated after the day was over.

The Cougars ran as a pack better on Saturday than they have in their earlier meets. The girls put six runners in the top 27 and the boys put five in the top 23.



Cougar harriers make school history

Carroll won three team trophies at the Caston Invitational, a first-time accomplishment for the team. Team members are pictured (l-r): Front - Andrew Miller, Seth Larimore, Nick Jones, Jared Collins, Mitchell Cottrell. Middle - Amber Hughes, Abby Reinke, Ashley Bordner, Courtney Rinehart, Lauren Wilkinson, Kaitlyn Kennedy, Hope Hayden, Meagan Ayres, Coach Amy Cottrell, Manager Devin Smith. Back - Coach Larry Henning, Coach John Lyster, Jason Hazel, Weston Rinehart, Tyler Macey, Sam Scharer, Brad Benson, Kyle Wallace, Sean Smith, and Coach Mike Miller. Photo provided

"This was a day that all 20 runners contributed to the day's events," said Miller. "I'm proud of how my entire team performed today." The CHS harriers host the Cougar Invitational Thursday and run at the Rensselaer Invitational Saturday.

Mistakes too costly for Cougars

By Mike Hoffman
Contributing sportswriter

The Cougars, playing at home for the first time this season, lost a heartbreaker Friday night. Both teams were looking for their first win of the season.

Playing in their first conference game, the Tri Central Trojans came away with a 20-15 victory.

Both teams came out fired up. The Cougars kicked off to the Trojans, who then went 87 yards on 5 plays for their first score at 8:59 (1). The point after attempt was no good. With that score the Trojans had the momentum early.

As with the first game, this one wasn't very pretty either. Huge mistakes cost the Cougars again. The team isn't playing very smart football right now. The offense will be moving the football, only to have someone called for holding or some other penalty.

In the first period the Cougars had a nice pass play from Riley Eller to Ty Sullivan, only to be called back for an illegal block on a Cougar penalty. That pass play was 80 yards total. That setback devastated the Cougars, who were unable to mount a scoring drive until the second quarter.

The Cougar scoring drive came at 7:14 (2) when Eller found Primmer Zook for a 10-yard touchdown pass play. The Cougars elected to go for the 2-point conversion and Eller found Nick Flora as the Cougars were up 8-6.

The Trojans scored in the third quarter when Eller fumbled. The Trojans picked up the pigskin and went 80-yards for the score. The Cougars squandered a scoring opportunity, another major mistake.

Carroll scored again in the fourth quarter to take the lead 15-14.

The Trojans and their fans, however, could taste a win. They scored again to take back the lead 20-15. The Cougars had a chance to win but fell short as the Trojans intercepted Eller's pass at their 7-yard line. The interference call against the Cougars was par for the night.

The Cougars were whistled nine times for mistakes. They



Carroll's #81 Ty Sullivan is earning some nice yardage for the Cougars after this third quarter catch. The Cougars lost to Tri Central 20-15. Bill Stauffer photo

lost a whopping 110 yards, including two first downs, to the Trojans on penalties.

Sullivan and Nick Flora were the workhorses for the Cougars. Eller carried well and did a good job passing. His blockers need to be a little more physical in mov-

ing tacklers out of the way.

Sometimes Eller isn't getting much room to run.

In watching the game there doesn't seem to be much Cougar spirit on the sidelines, nor in the stands or cheer block. That could be the needed spark to get this

team winning.

Now the Cougars need to regroup and focus on a victory at North Newton. Game time Friday night is 7:30 p.m. Looking ahead at the schedule, it's going to get tougher, much tougher.



Delphi senior #42 Cory Smith hurdles the block of teammate #33 Chase Brummett in Friday night's loss to West Lafayette. Bill Stauffer photo

West Lafayette blanks Delphi

By Todd Swank
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Despite the fact that the West Lafayette football team had only scored 10 points all season and had lost to Cass 35-0, a team which beat the Oracles 35-13, the visitors still managed to leave Berto Field with a 20-0 victory.

After forcing a WL punt to open the game the Oracles ran off two first downs before being forced to punt themselves. The Red Devils started their second drive at their own 14-yard line. They ran off the last 4:23 of that period while moving the ball down the field.

Two plays into the second quarter James Wodicka hit Will Hockema with an 18-yard touchdown pass. The extra point made the score 7-0. Delphi only managed to force WL into one third down situation in the 13-play drive and WL converted on that one.

Neither team could mount a drive on their next possessions. A good Michael Myers return of a WL punt gave the Oracles great field position at the Red Devil 42-yard line. Despite two fumbles (Delphi recovered both) and a dropped pass by a receiver, the Oracles moved the ball inside the 20-yard line and seemed to be ready to tie the game up. Cory Smith was wide open at the left side, five-yard line with no one near him on fourth down. Oracle QB Joe Little went back to pass, but never saw him and was, instead, picked off at the goal line by the Devils. This was the Oracles first chance to score points and get back into the ballgame, but came away empty-handed. There would be more.

After the turnover WL had the ball at the 20 with 2:29 still to go in the half. It took the Devils four first downs while running off 13 plays in just over two minutes to take 13-0 lead on a 1-yard Wodicka plunge. The Ben McCartney extra point made it 14-0. That was the way the half ended.

The second half started with the Oracles at their own 20-yard line. On first down, Little pitched the ball to Matt Lewis, who started around the right end. Everyone on the WL side of the

ball bit on the fake as Lewis pulled up and hit a wide open Myers with a pass at the Delphi 45. He was headed toward the end zone when a speedy Andy Dunscomb caught up with him and dragged him down at the WL 23. Two plays later the Oracles had a first and goal at the WL 9. Two runs by Smith and one by Little put the ball at the 1-yard line on fourth down. A penalty by Delphi pushed the ball back to the six, where a Little pass was incomplete in the end zone on fourth down. This was the second time Delphi had a scoring opportunity, but came away with no points.

WL, after getting the ball at the six-yard line, tried to run the ball. They fumbled and a pile of Oracles recovered the ball at the 5.

This would be the third time that Delphi was in the WL red zone. A Chase Brummett run got no yards on first down. On second down, the WL defense got good penetration and stuffed Smith for a 7-yard loss. A Little incompletion forced Delphi to try a field goal from 29 yards out. Myers' kick was wide left.

Delphi's next two possessions ended in turnovers. The Oracles' defense kept them in the game despite the turnovers by getting an interception of their own and forcing another on special teams.

Early in the final period they moved to the WL 30-yard line but could get no more as Little was intercepted for the fourth time.

West Lafayette added a meaningless TD with 32 seconds left to make the final score 20-0.

This was a game that the Oracles could have won. As a young team they need to learn to take advantage of the scoring opportunities given to them.

Delphi falls to 1-2 on the season, running their conference losing streak to 18. WL improves to 2-1.

Glitch stymies pheasant hunt application

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Because of technical problems, the DNR's put-and-take pheasant hunt online registration opened today, Wednesday, at 12:01 a.m. The online registration was scheduled to begin Sept. 1.

Pheasants are released for put-and-take hunting Nov. 18 - 26 on Atterbury, Glendale, Pigeon River (west of SR 3), Tri-County, Willow Slough and Winamac Fish and Wildlife areas and Roush Lake.

The cost for put-and-take hunts is \$15 per person and the bag limit is two birds. Hunters will be able to reserve their put/take pheasant hunts online until noon on Nov. 25 at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/>

Hunters will be able to select the date, property, and property location for their hunt. Hunting reservations will be available until noon on the day prior to the hunt date.

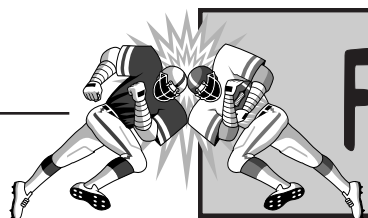
Hunts will not be available first-come, first-served at the property, as in past years.



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Fall Sports Summaries

Carroll varsity soccer

Carroll soccer team competed in the Danville Tourney on Saturday. In game one, the Cougars played Martinsville. Adam Tussinger scored on a penalty kick in the second half of the game making the game final 9-1, Martinsville. Tussinger had 8 saves and CJ Grace had 6 saves.

In game two, Carroll played Danville while Martinsville played Mooresville for the championship. Score at the half was 4-1, with Carroll's lone goal by Antonio Delgado, assisted by Grace. Tussinger had 11 saves for the half. In the final half Tussinger had 7 saves while Arthur Santos scored, assisted by Chase Meade. Delgado was able to kick in a score assisted by Santos for a final score of 7-3 Danville.

Earlier in the week, the Cougars played Rossville at home, winning 12-0. The team came out strong from the beginning with Antonio Delgado scoring 2. Others scoring in the first half of play were Kara Overholser, Meade, Arthur Santos, Michael Myer, and Cody Abdon. Tussinger had 3 saves at the goal.

In the last 40 minutes of the game, Delgado scored twice more followed by Matt Morehouse, Justin Moffitt, and Sam Parker. Grace had one save as goalie.

Those credited with assists were Delgado, Kiel Lester, Brice Giddens, Santos and Myer with 2. Carroll plays at Caston at 5:30 Thursday.

Delphi JV football

Delphi's Junior Varsity football team played the Indians of Twin Lakes Saturday. In the second quarter Justin Snider caught a 23-yard pass from AJ Beckett to put the Oracles up 6-0. The kick attempt failed on a bad snap.

The Indians came back and scored late in the quarter. They went for two and scored for an 8-6 half-time lead.

The Oracles put together a drive and fell short twice. The Indians scored two more times to lead 22-6. The Oracles were led defensively by Miguel Montero and Brandon Delaney.

The Oracles are still winless in three attempts. They will play Monday at home against Clinton Prairie.

DCMS girls' volleyball

The 7th grade Oracle girls' volleyball teams each evened up their records with wins over Battleground. The A-team was victorious in two games by scores of 21-6 and 21-17.

Leading the way in serving were Caitlin Schock with 13 good serves and 3 aces and Stacia Erwin with 11 good serves and 4 aces.

The B-team fought back after a first game loss to win in three by scores of 14-21, 21-18, and 15-11. Leading the way for the B-team was Brittany Spitznagle with 13 good serves and 6 aces.