

Cougars lose the monkey

By Mike Hoffman
Contributing sportswriter

The witch is dead. The curse is over. The Cougars snapped their losing streak, soundly defeating the North Newton Spartans 46-14. Friday night's victory was Carroll's first of the 2006 season and the first in 15 tries.

"I've got a gut feeling we'll win this one," said Cougar assistant coach Dave Mann before the game. He was on target as the Cougars finally jelled as a team. The blocking was there and they played well on both sides of the line. The defense played sticky D all night long, wearing down the Spartans.

Cougar fans were on their feet all night, cheering the Cougars to a victory. And the fan support did not go unnoticed by the players who commented after the game

how great that support was.

"The fan support tonight lifted us emotionally for this game," said a Cougar player. "We played together as a team for our fans and coaches."

The defense had three players that they wanted to shut down and they did just that, stopping #7 senior quarterback Derek Hyde, #10 senior Josh Funk and #27 junior Nick Echterling. The Big Blue D just wore down the Spartans' defense.

The Cougars scored twice in the first quarter on a 20-yard TD pass from Riley Eller to Andrew Hughes and a Ty Sullivan 37-yard run.

In the second quarter Sullivan scored on a 29-yard pass from Eller. The Spartans also scored in the second quarter on a nice run from Funk. The Cougars put 19 points on the board in the first half.

In the third quarter, the Cougars put 20

points on the board on a 1-yard touchdown by Sullivan. Eller scored on a 12-yard TD run and Sullivan scored on a 34-yard run.

The Spartans were on the board again in the fourth quarter on a 33-yard run by Hyde.

Eller scored the final TD for the Cougars on a 3-yard run.

Gator Glascock and Thomas Gillam led the Cougars with 7 tackles each. Deric Finely recovered 2 fumbles and had an interception. Sullivan and Riley Eller gave 110% all night, as did several other players.

One Cougar player brought a Spartan down when Drew Yoder hit Josh Funk and the hit lifted Funk a foot off the ground. This rang the Spartans bell for a little while.

Sullivan rushed for 133 yards and three touchdowns on runs of 37-1-34 yards. Sullivan also caught a 29-yard touchdown pass from Eller. Eller added 116 yards rushing and a touchdown.

This year's Cougar team has already put more points on the scoreboard than all of last year.

The Cougars rushed for 373 yards for the night and Eller was 7-14-0 for 138 yards. All in all, it was a good night's work.

This victory was a big momentum builder. The Cougars executed Coach Rick George's game plan to the fullest.

Now the Cougars prepare for the Lafayette Catholic Knights who are 4-0 and are ranked third in the state in Class A High School Football. Game time is 7:30 at LCC.



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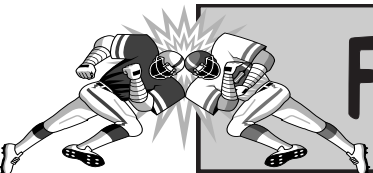
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Recovers well



Delphi junior Jenny Maxwell hits a great recovery out of sand bunker last week. The Oracle ladies competed in the Hoosier Conference Meet and in a three-way match with West Lafayette and Attica. They placed last in the conference meet and second in the three-way meet. Bill Stauffer photo



Fall Sports Summaries

Cougar harriers are running well

Carroll High School cross country teams ran well last week. The boys improved their overall record to 28-5, while the girls up their record to 31-3.

The Cougars hosted a three-way meet Thursday with Lafayette Central Catholic and Delphi. The boys ran to a decisive victory while the girls placed second, only two points behind LCC.

Saturday the Cougars ran at the Rensselaer Invitational. The races are divided by school class and then divided by school size. The 9-10 girls placed second overall, as did the sophomore and junior boys.

The Cougars will run at the New Prairie Invitational this Saturday.

Carroll soccer team drops two

Twin Lakes varsity soccer team was in Flora last week for a soccer match-up against the Cougars. Antonio Delgado scored the first goal of the game, assisted by Michael Myer. The Carroll team was not able to score again. The Indians won 2-1. CJ Grace had 9 saves for the Cougars.

Last Thursday the Cougars were at Caston High School where Adam Tussinger scored on a penalty kick with 5 minutes to go in the first half, tying the game 1-1. In the final 40, Antonio Delgado scored, assisted by Cody Abdon. Delgado then kicked one in again for a final score of 4-3, Caston. CJ Grace had 9 saves.

The Cougars played Lafayette Faith Baptist Tuesday and will participate in the Caston tourney on Saturday.

DCMS boys run to two victories

Delphi Middle School Cross Country team ran at home against Roosevelt Middle School on Sept. 5. Delphi boys team won, while the girls team lost. Top runners for the boys were Ricky Windell, Cody Murray, Erick Carpenter, Kevin Kauffman, Cole Murray and John Elston. Top runners for the girls were: Grace Currie, Emily Layman, Chelsey Marcotte, Allee Flora and Annie Mose.

Two days later on Sept. 7 the Middle School teams competed against Carroll and Central Catholic at Carroll. The boys team won and the girls team finished second. Top finishers for Delphi were: Kauffman, who was the first overall boys winner; Murray, Windell, Carpenter and Devon Thomas. On the girls side, top finishers were: Currie, Layman, Marcotte, Flora and Mose.

Saturday, the team competed in the Rensselaer Invitational. Several of the runners won individual awards. Top performers were: Carpenter, Windell, Kauffman, Murray, Currie and Layman.

DCMS 8th graders shutout West Side

Both Delphi 7th and 8th grade football teams had a busy week with two games on the card apiece - traveling to Pioneer last Tuesday before hosting West Lafayette on Thursday.

Delphi's 8th graders shut out the Red Devils 28-0, but lost to Pioneer 40-14. The Oracle 7th graders lost close ones to West Lafayette 8-6 and Pioneer 12-8.

The 8th graders dominated West Side from the start as Dustin Salyer returned the opening kickoff 78 yards for a touchdown 15 seconds into the game. Derek Bradshaw rumbled into the end zone for the two-point conversion for a quick 8-0 lead.

Bradshaw then scored on TD runs of 24 and 18 yards, with Salyer finding Austin Hawn in the end zone for a two-point conversion and a 22-0 lead in the third quarter.

Salyer then broke loose in the fourth quarter for a 63-yard scamper into the end zone for the game's final score.

The stymieing Oracle defense was in control throughout holding the Red Devils to only 99 yards of total offense, despite having possession for 40 plays, compared to Delphi's 22.

Delphi had 225 yards of total offense, led by Salyer who had 5 carries for 127 yards rushing, while throwing for 41 yards, in addition to his two TDs.

Bradshaw had 52 yards on just 4 rushes, including 2 TDs, while Jordan Wagner led the receiving corps with a catch for 31 yards. Hawn added a reception for 10 yards.

Bradley Roth and Salyer each recorded an interception, with Roth adding 19 return yards. Nick Taylor also added a fumble recovery for the Oracles.

Against Pioneer, the Oracles had very few bright spots, but among them were Salyer's two TD passes to Roth, good for 18 and 23 yards respectively.

Delphi was limited to 148 yards of total offense - including 132 from Salyer (65 rushing yards on 10 carries and 67 yards passing), while the Panthers had 324 yards.

In addition to Roth's TD grabs covering 41 yards, Wagner had a catch for 16 yards, and Michael Rogers had one for 10 yards. Bradshaw rushed 7 times for 46 yards.

The Oracle 7th graders fell short in both games, despite a strong rushing effort from Tanner Lynde and a solid performance from quarterback Matt Brown.

Both teams return to action on Sept. 21 at Berto Field vs. East Tipp, with the 7th grade game starting at 5:45 p.m.

TL blitzes Delphi

By Todd Swank
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Coach Hay's retirement last year as football coach at Twin Lakes didn't affect the product on the field. The Indians' new coach, Brad Urban, coached his team to an easy 41-0 victory over the visiting Delphi Oracles.

The Oracles opened the game at their own 10-yard line. On second down, the Indians recovered a Delphi fumble at the 17. The Indians earned a first down and had a first and goal at the seven when they fumbled the ball back to the Oracles. Delphi couldn't move the ball and when they tried to punt, the ball was partially blocked. TL took over on the 19-yard line and Zach Winkle scored a TD three plays later.

TL kicked to the Oracles, who fumbled again on the first play. TL recovered at the 9-yard line of the Oracles. Grant Billings of TL took one play to score the Indians' second TD of the game and extend the lead to 14-0.

Delphi started its next possession at the 28 after a good return by Matt Lewis. A low snap resulted in a late handoff and the Oracles fumbled again.

Once again, TL started a drive inside the 30-yard line of the Oracles; this time at the 26. A three yard pass and catch by David Schultheiss and JD McClintic made the score 21-0 with just over ten minutes being played.

The Oracles could not move the ball on their next two possessions and punted. With 5:36 left in the half, the Indians went ahead 27-0 on a Casey Schuerich run.

Delphi finally earned their first first down of the game with less than three minutes to go before half. On a fake punt Michael Myers hit Kyle Stonebraker on a 24-yard pass. Joe Little hit Myers with a 14-yard pass on the next play to move Delphi to the 27 of TL. Two running plays lost 18 yards for Delphi. It was third and 28 for Delphi. Little hit Myers for 17 and then completed another pass to Lewis for 10 yards on fourth down. Another first half turnover, this time it was on downs to end the half.

Delphi had run 26 plays for 62 yards and 4 turnovers and the scoreboard showed 27-0.

TL made the score 34-0 midway through the third period. Jordan Shane did the damage

with a four-yard plunge. Delphi ran off a 12-play drive to end the third and start the final period. Even though the game was out of reach, a score would have made everyone feel a little bit better before heading home. But that fumbly virus hit again, stopping the drive. A high snap was picked up by McClintic of TL and he was headed for the end zone. Only a magnificent effort by Casey Penn to run him down stopped a TD. TL scored the final points of the game six plays later for a final 41-0 score. Two more possessions by Delphi ended in another turnover on downs and the clock running out.

Leading rushers for Delphi were Brummett with 16, Banas with 10 and Sheets with 4.

Little completed 8 of 15 passes for 80 yards with no TDs or interceptions. Myers was 1 for 1 good for 24 yards.

Myers caught 3 passes for 36 yards, Banas caught 2 for 18, Smith 2 for 18, Banas 1 for 24 yards and Lewis caught 1 for 10 yards.

This Friday the Oracles are at home against Crawfordsville. Kick-off is 7:30 p.m. Homecoming will be celebrated.

Snowbergers receive accolades

Comet staff report

Jim L. Snowberger of Delphi was recently inducted into the 2006 World Martial Arts Hall of Fame for the Life Achievement Award. In addition, Snowberger and his wife Kelli were inducted into the United States International Martial Arts Hall of Fame in July.

A martial arts instructor, Jim Snowberger was one of 16 to be inducted into the 2006 World Martial Arts Hall of Fame this year. The ceremony was held in London, Ontario, Canada, and was hosted by Professor Ed McLachlan of St. Thomas, Ontario.

The couple also attended the United States International Martial Arts Hall of Fame ceremony, where Snowberger received the Silver Life Achievement Award and his wife received the Outstanding Contribution to the Arts Award.

The Snowbergers are lifetime members of the World Martial Arts Organization, the United States Black Belt Association and the International Martial Arts Council.

The couple said they attribute their success to their students who

have become their family; to their instructors Soke Tom Burdine and his instructors; and to the local community who continue to support their endeavors to promote martial arts in a positive, educational manner.

Snowberger is a 1968 graduate of Delphi Community High School and works as an inspector at Fairfield Manufacturing Co. in Lafayette. He and his wife own and instruct at Snow's Tae Kwon Do & Karate Do in Delphi.



Snowbergers enter Hall of Fame

Jim and Kelli Snowberger of Delphi were inducted into the U.S. International Martial Arts Hall of Fame and Jim was inducted into the 2006 World Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Photo provided

Carroll to play at Purdue Band Day

Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School will be one of 26 marching bands from Indiana and Ohio to help the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band accomplish its goal of flooding Ross-Ade Stadium with color and musical pageantry on "All-American" Band Day, Sept. 16.

Look for the Ball State Cardinals to be far outnumbered that Saturday - and not just by Boilermakers.

Cavaliers, Cougars, Panthers, Blackhawks, Bearcats, Red Devils, Tigers, Zebras, Apaches, Thunderbirds and more will fill the stadium as more than 1,600 musicians and auxiliary members pack the annual Purdue event.

Popular film music - the "Overture" from "Cars," and themes from "Mission

Impossible" and "Pirates" of the Caribbean will fill the massed band show at halftime.

Prior to the game, guest conductor Paul Lavender will bring all the bands together for a final rehearsal to finesse the sound before entering Ross-Ade Stadium.

Max Jones, who brings three decades of marching band experience to his new position as assistant director of the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band, knows the impact Band Day has on high school students.

"The thrill of being around a college band is very exciting for high school kids," said the veteran director. "Then you factor in performing alongside thousands of other musicians in the center of a packed

69,000-seat Big 10 stadium."

Many of the bands attending don't participate in competitions so they look forward to the camaraderie that comes with Band Day, Jones said.

"You get to see other bands, and meet other kids, and be a part of something bigger than yourself. That's what band is all about."

Along with the stadium concerts, the Purdue band also presents "Thrill on the Hill," a concert and pep rally at 10:30 a.m. at Slayter Center on Sept. 16, and invites fans to follow them back to the Engineering Mall fountain following the game for its final performance of game day and the traditional drum major breakdown.