

## Oracles thwarted by Sheridan

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The weather forecast called for thunderstorms last Friday as the Oracles traveled to the Sheridan Blackhawks. The class A top ranked Blackhawks thundered past the Delphi football team for a 41-7 victory.

Coach John Gasser started AJ Beckett at quarterback and moved Joe Little to running back, but it didn't make a difference. The ball game started with Delphi fumbling the ball away on their first play from scrimmage. Sheridan took three plays to strike as Dustin Colvin ran 33 yards for a TD for a 7-0 lead. After a punt by the Oracles the Blackhawks needed just six plays to move 65 yards for another score and a 14-0 lead.

After gaining a first down on their next possession the Oracles fumbled the ball exchange during the snap and Sheridan recovered. Sheridan moved the ball and scored their third touchdown in as many tries. A missed extra point and the score was 20-0.

Before the teams could line up for the kickoff the rain started pouring and the lightning was too close. The officials sent the teams off the field. The game resumed an hour later, but the delay didn't slow down Sheridan.

Delphi punted to open the second period. Sheridan moved the ball to inside the Oracle 15-yard line with a 14-play drive. Chase Brummett and Eric Jones made several tackles each. Matt Lewis saved a TD by swatting the ball away from a Sheridan receiver in the end zone on second and nine at the 18. Sheridan declined to attempt a FG on a fourth and five at the 14. Corey Hammersley was wide open, but dropped the ball to stop the drive.

After not being able to move the ball Delphi again punted. Sheridan fumbled the catch and the Oracles' Kyle Stonebraker recovered at the Sheridan 46-yard line. Delphi couldn't take advantage and turned the ball over on downs after gaining only five yards on four plays.

A sack by Shane Evans and Coy Pennington and a tackle for loss by Brummett kept the Blackhawks from scoring again before half-time.

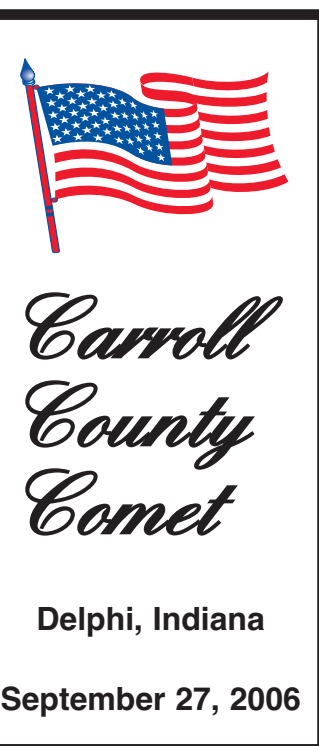
A 41-yard scamper by Sheridan stretched the lead to 27-0, less than two minutes into the third quarter. Cory Smith of Delphi received the kick at the eight-yard line, but slipped in the mud and was down at that spot. A personal foul on Sheridan moved the ball to the 23. A pair of Little carries earned Delphi a first down. After a short Brummett carry the Blackhawk's Tanner Gripe committed another personal foul and was ejected from the game. Delphi had the ball near midfield, but once again they shot themselves in the foot. Little was in at QB when he pitched the ball to an Oracle runner, who wasn't watching. An alert Sheridan player picked up the ball and rumbled down the sideline 45 yards for a 34-0 lead.

Delphi opened the final period with a scoring drive that ended with a Little to Michael Myers TD pass that covered 35 yards. The score now was 34-7.

Sheridan scored another TD in the fourth for a final score of 41-7.

Little and Brummett led Delphi in rushing with nine and five yards. Beckett missed on his two pass attempts. Shane Evans completed 1 of 4 for four yards and Little completed 3 of 7, good for 91 yards, including a TD. Once again Myers was the leading receiver with 2 catches for 80 yards and a TD. Smith caught 1 for 4 yards and Stonebraker caught 1 for 11 yards.

The Oracles fall to 1 and 5 for the year. Friday night is the last home game. Visiting Berto Field will be the Rensselaer Bombers. Kick-off is set for 8 p.m. Seniors will be recognized.



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## Failure to score in red zone spells disaster for Cougars

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In a game in which the Carroll Cougars had a chance to win its second of the year, there were four trips to the red zone. The Cougars were only able to score once. Carroll's defense, the bright spot for the Cougars, held the Clinton Prairie offense in check for most of the night. However, three miscues, one fumble and two interceptions kept the Cougars out of the end zone, all night.

The Gophers come away with a 12-8 Hoosier Heartland Conference victory. They are 4-2 after 6 games and the Cougars fall to 1-5 on the year.

The game was delayed for about 40 minutes after an official spotted lightning in the north.

The Cougar defense started the game strong and stopped the Gophers after just one first down. Kicking into the wind, the punt went straight up and bounced backwards giving the Cougars great field position. Starting at the Gophers 34, the Cougar field general Riley Eller got the team moving and drove the ball to the Gopher 5-yard line, only to have the drive stall as the Cougars turned the pigskin over on downs.

The two teams struggled on offense throughout most of the first half, until the Gophers finally broke the plane, with less than 5 minutes. Gophers quarterback Shawn Walker directed a nine-play, 90-yard drive that he capped with a one-yard touchdown run. Clinton Prairie's conversion attempt failed, as the Gophers held an early 6-0 lead late in the second quarter. A young man by the name of Jared Sciefert a senior, was the dagger in the Cougar's side on that drive as he went 64 yards on one play. He finished the game with 118 yards.

The Cougars came right back however, when they started at their own 35. Riley Eller marched the Cougars down field. He completed 2 of 3 passes on the drive, including a 45-yard strike to Nick Flora. That put the Cougars at the 9-yard line. Senior Ty Sullivan punched it in for the score. The Cougars' conversion also failed for a tied score at 6-6 at 2:50 remaining in the half.

The Gophers struck again with 0:53 ties left in the half Walker found Sciefert for a 10 yard TD. The extra point try failed and the score was 12-6 (CP).

It was a defensive battle in the third quarter. The Cougars' defense played hard nose football, keeping the Gophers out of the end zone.

The Cougars seemed to struggle in the second half. The officials stopped the play because of lightning around 7:48 of the third quarter. When play resumed both teams came out flat. The defense took over. When the Cougars finally got the ball moving late in the fourth quarter, Eller moved the Cougars 75 yards and it looked like they were going to get their second victory of the year. Misfortune struck as the Gophers picked off Eller's pass.

The Gophers had a penalty that put them at their 5-yard line. On the next play, the Gophers never had a good exchange as the ball hit the ground and rolled into the end zone. Although the Gophers picked the ball up they were tackled in the end zone for a safety.

When the Cougar offense got the ball back, they couldn't move it and the Gophers just ran the clock out and went home with a victory.

This was a game where mistakes just killed the Cougars. They finished the game with 243 total yards, including 90 through the air, as Eller completed 6 of 15 with 1 pick. He also finished with 86 yards rushing and Flora finished with 56 yards rushing.

Now the Cougars need to regroup because this week is homecoming and another conference game. Their opponent is the Clinton Central Bulldogs. The Homecoming tailgate party starts at 6:30 in the school parking lot. Kick-off is set for 7:30.

## Carroll-Delphi soccer action



A header by Carroll's No. 11 Arthur Santos keeps the ball away from Delphi defenders, Seferino Cervantes (#18) and Cesar Cervantos (#4). Bill Stauffer photo



Carroll's Antonio Delgado (#4) moves the ball up the field with Delphi defenders Matt Keen (#3) and Cesar Cervantes (#4) in pursuit. Carroll won the game, played under the lights on the CHS field, 8-0. Bill Stauffer photo

## Cougars defeat Oracles 'under the lights'

Carroll and Delphi soccer teams played their first ever game under the lights at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School on Thursday night in their version of the Bacon Bowl. A large crowd was on hand for the event.

The Cougars, playing their second full season at the varsity level, plummeted the Oracles 8-0.

The Oracles will be moving up to a varsity program next year as they are young and continuing to build.

The game was filled with excitement as Carroll started the scoring quickly with a goal at 35:37 in the first half with Arthur Santos driving on a break away. Santos got three more goals in the game with assists

from Kara Overholser and Antonio Delgado.

Brice Giddens kicked a long distance goal in for the Cougars at 21:10 in the first half. Delgado added 3 goals and 1 assist. Michael Myer set up Delgado for a goal on one of his break away goals.

Everyone got into the game on both sides. Delphi had several saves (18) in the game.

Carroll deflected 3 goals. DJ Erskin broke away for a goal attempt in the second half but the shot was blocked.

Carroll plays Western at home, tonight, Wednesday, at 5 p.m. Carroll also drives to Western Boone for the The Cougars play in the Varsity Sectional at Logansport and play the host team at 7 p.m. Oct. 5.



Delphi's No. 11 A.J. Erskin receives a pass in last week's Delphi-Carroll soccer game. Bill Stauffer photo



Garrison

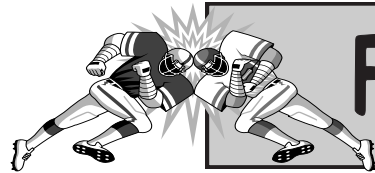
## Garrison misses qualifying for state golf tourney

Carroll sophomore Megan Garrison just missed qualifying for the Girls' State Golf Tournament by 2 strokes,

carding an 83 at the Lafayette Municipal Golf Course on Saturday.

On a cool, breezy day, Garrison shot a 7 over par

44 on the first nine and a 1 over par 39 on the second nine. Of the Lafayette area players, she finished with the third lowest score.



## Fall Sports Summaries

### DCMS 8th graders defeat East Tipp

The Delphi 8th grade football team continued its fast start to the season with a hard-fought 26-14 victory over visiting East Tipp Thursday night.

The Oracle 7th graders dropped another heartbreaker with a 20-18 loss in the evening's opener.

Delphi fullback Derek Bradshaw scored three touchdowns, leading the 8th graders on both sides of the ball, rushing for 140 yards and two TDs on just 12 carries while on offense, and returning an interception 45 yards for another TD on defense.

Following the Oracles first score on a 4-yard TD pass from Dustin Salyer to Austin Hawn in the first quarter, Bradshaw broke a 6-6 tie with a 6-yard TD run in the second quarter to give Delphi (3-1) a 12-6 half-time lead.

With just 16.4 seconds remaining in the third quarter, Bradshaw picked off an errant Trojan pass and rumbled 45 yards for a score, with Salyer finding Shane Hyman open in the end zone for the two-point conversion to extend the lead to 20-6.

East Tipp would strike right back on the ensuing kickoff with a 76-yard return for a TD as time expired to end the third quarter for a 20-14 score.

Bradshaw then rumbled 62 yards for the game's final TD with 1:34 remaining, putting the game out of reach for East Tipp.

Michael Rogers added 33 yards on 7 carries, while

Bradley Roth had the only other Oracle reception for 20 yards. Salyer finished with 24 yards passing and 11 net yards rushing.

In a very evenly-played game, Delphi had 192 yards of total offense on 30 plays, while East Tipp finished with 179 yards on 37 plays.

The Oracle 7th graders (1-3) suffered their third loss of the season, all three by a total of just eight points, despite two touchdown runs by tailback Tanner Lynde, and a touchdown pass from Lynde to quarterback Matt Brown in a bit of a role reversal.

After a 12-12 halftime tie, the Trojans scored the go-ahead TD in the second half, but Delphi came back late in the game on a Lynde TD run, with a chance to tie on a two-point conversion.

The Oracles were again unable to convert on their point-after-touchdown attempt, resulting in the 20-18 final score.

Both Delphi teams return to action Thursday night at Benton Central, with the 7th grade game scheduled to start at 5:45 p.m.

### Oracle JV thumped by Knights

The Delphi Junior Varsity football team dropped to 1-4 on the season after losing to Central Catholic Monday night 42-0. The Oracles will be on the road Monday at Benton Central