

Bordner is individual champion

Cougar harriers finish 2nd in HHC

Carroll Cross Country teams competed in the Hoosier Heartland Conference meet last Thursday and came up a little short of expectations. The girls finished behind the 4th ranked Lafayette Central Catholic (LCC) Knights while the boys finished 2nd to the 9th ranked Rossville Hornets.

Individually, Ashley Bordner ran to the individual championship by out running Deboy from LCC by 5 seconds, finishing in 16:45 over the 4000 meter course. That performance earned Bordner all-conference honors.

Kyle Wallace and Sam Scharer led the boys to their second place finish, earning all-conference honors by plac-

ing 4th and 6th, respectively. The pack was not fast enough for a good LCC team," stated Coach Mike Miller.

"The boys ran really well, it just wasn't enough to keep the Hornets from finishing first.

Carroll runners finished as follows:

GIRLS - Ashley Bordner 1, Kaitlin Kennedy 12, Hope Hayden 13, Courtney Rinehart 14, Lauren Wilkinson 17, Abby Reinke 18, Amber Hughes 26, Emily Schneckloth 32, and Megan Ayres 34.

BOYS - Kyle Wallace 4, Sam Scharer 6, Tyler Macy 11, Weston Rinehart 17, Sean Smith 20, Andrew Miller 21, Clinton Miller 22, Brad Benson 23, Seth Larimore 28, Nick Jones 29, Mitchell Cottrell 31, Jared Collins 44, and Jason Hazel DNR (sick).

Hoosier Authority ranks Carroll girls first for small schools

Their first place finish at the South Adams Invitational moved Carroll girls cross country team into the top spot in the latest edition of the HoosierAuthority.com small school poll.

This is the first time ever for the girls to achieve the number one ranking.

According to Hoosier Authority, Carroll girls won by a comfortable margin of 86-109 and seem to be

improving rapidly as just recently Southern Wells beat them by a 135-157 margin in winning the A division race at New Prairie.

Carroll boys team moved into fifth position in the state cross country rankings. They are behind first place Barr-Reeve; second place North Central; third place Dubois; and fourth place Perry Central. Rossville tied for tenth with North Miami.

According to Hoosier Authority, Carroll took a narrow victory at the South Adams Small School Invitational. Carroll won with 96 points while South Adams (99 points) and Rossville (102 points) were a close second and third.

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Delphi loses thriller to Benton Central

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The Delphi football team traveled to winless Benton Central on Friday night and came away on the short end of a 32-31 score. With BC having lost all of their games, many Oracles fans thought that they were going to win their second in a row. But BC wasn't as woeful as their record. Their opponents have won 39 of 49 games for a .795 winning percentage.

The Oracles played two completely different halves. They let BC score 24 first half points to take a 10-point lead into halftime before their defense stiffened and shutout the Bison until only 29 seconds remained in the game.

BC, on their first play from scrimmage, ran around the right end for a 67-yard run and a quick 7-0 lead after only eighteen seconds of time had run off the clock. On BC's next possession they were forced to punt when Cory Smith caught the ball near midfield and started right. He managed to weave his way through the Bison defenders for a touchdown. Michael Myers kicked the extra point to tie the game at seven. BC's next series ended with

Myers intercepting a pass. The Oracles couldn't take advantage of the turnover and punted. BC took over with 4:15 left in the period and started a drive that resulted in a field goal for the Bison early in the second quarter.

The next possession for the Bison started at the Oracle 41-yard line. Five plays later the Bison took a 17-7 lead on a 10-yard pass to the left corner of the end zone. It took Delphi four minutes to get that score back when Joe Little hit Myers with a 17-yard touchdown pass. Little was 4 for 6 on the drive for 49 yards with Myers catching all four passes. The score was now 17-14.

On third and ten at their own 39-yard line it looked like the Bison would be forced to punt. The Oracle defenders knew the Bison would try a pass, so at the snap of the ball they all were trying to get to the quarterback and didn't notice that they had set up a perfect screen pass. Only a great tackle by Matt Lewis at the Delphi 18-yard line prevented a touchdown. Six plays later the Bison scored and took a 24-14 lead into the locker room at the half.

Myers started a Delphi comeback when he intercepted a BC pass to give the Oracles a first

down at the Bison 40. A fumbled snap set up a third and 14 situation for the Oracles. Little then hit Myers with a 44-yard pass, in which he out jumped the defender at the 10-yard line and tipped the ball to himself and went in for the score. Delphi closed the gap down to 24-21.

The final period started with the Bison threatening to score with a fourth down play at the Oracle 18. A Bison player caught what would have been a first down pass, but the Oracle's Cory Smith made a good hit to knock the ball loose for an incompletion. The Oracles used a pass interference penalty on the Bison to keep a drive alive that resulted in a 30-yard field goal by Myers, knotting the game up at 24.

After a BC punt, the Oracles got the ball at their 37 with 6:33 left in the game. With momentum on their side the prospects looked good. On the second play of the drive, Little again teamed up with Myers for a long gain. This time Little hit Myers in stride at the BC 35 and he ran the ball down to the Bison 21. The drive nearly stalled at the 22-yard line, when, on fourth and ten, Myers caught a Little pass, good for ten yards and a first down. Five

running plays made the score 31-24 with 1:43 showing on the game clock.

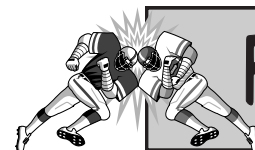
The game-winning drive by BC began at their 35-yard line. The defining play of the game came on third down when the Bison needed two yards for a first. A BC runner hit the middle of the line and broke through for a 31-yard gain with less than a minute to go. Four plays later a pass was floated into the right corner of the end zone. The jump ball was caught by a Bison receiver, who came down for a TD. During the celebration in the end zone an Oracle player was called for a penalty. This moved the ball from the three-yard line for the extra point to the one and one half. With nothing to lose, the BC coaching staff decided to go for the win rather than a tie. A run around right end and a dive to the pylon gave the Bison the one-point edge. A Hail Mary pass at the end by Little was intercepted by the Bison to end the game.

Leading rushers for Delphi were Josh Penn with 44 yards and Cory Smith with 37. Little completed 9 of 22 passes for 191 yards with two TDs and two interceptions. Myers caught eight passes for 182 yards and two TDs with Smith catching 1 for 9 yards.

Delphi falls to 2-6 for the year and must travel to Tipton for a 7:30 tipoff on Friday night for their final regular season game. Sectional starts the next week with Delphi hosting Northwestern.

Photo correction

In last week's *Comet*, the photo on page B1 entitled "Aggressive play" was misidentified. The Oracle player pictured was Kyle Stonebraker.



Fall Sports Summaries

Logansport knocks Carroll out of Sectional

Soccer sectionals began last Thursday and Carroll traveled to Logansport to play the host team in the second game of the night.

Northwestern defeated Twin Lakes in the first game 12-0. The Cougars' defense was tough and steady in the first 20 minutes of play, keeping the Berries scoreless until 23 minutes into the half. Logansport scored back-to-back shots with 9 and 10 minutes to go and then a final shot to the goal with 22 seconds before the half. The Cougars were able to get off one shot. Adam Tussinger had 8 saves at the goal.

In the final half, the Berries scored 4 minutes into play and then again on a penalty kick with 12 minutes remaining. The Cougars were able to get off 6 more shots, however none of them would score. Logansport won 6-0. Tussinger had 3 saves in the second half.

Northwestern and Logansport squared off Saturday in the championship. Logansport advanced to the regional.

The Cougars end the season with a 6-10 record.

Roosevelt overpowers DCMS gridders

With the lead in the season conference standings at stake, Thursday night at Twin Lakes Roosevelt's 8th graders dominated Delphi with a 21-0 shutout.

The Oracle 7th graders were also defeated by Roosevelt 20-6 in the opener.

Roosevelt (6-0) took control of the 8th grade game from the onset, limiting Delphi to just 39 yards of total offense - only a net of 9 by rushing on 18 carries.

The Oracles completed just 3-of-19 passing attempts, with all three completions and Delphi's only two first downs in the game coming late in the fourth quarter.

Delphi (4-2) was also plagued with four turnovers - three interceptions and a fumble. It was the first time the 8th graders have been held scoreless this season.

Roosevelt parlayed an efficient 162 yards of total offense into three scores and the victory after leading 14-0 at halftime.

Delphi's Tres' White and Blake Price each caught their first pass of the season, for 7 and 10 yards respectively as the Oracles finally moved the offensive chains late in the game.

Shane Hyman had the only other Delphi reception for 13 yards. The Oracle 7th graders (1-5) were able to move the ball offensively, finishing with 150 yards of total offense, but could not get into the end zone enough to overcome the host Indians.

Tanner Lynde, who scored the Oracles' only touchdown on a 69-yard run, led Delphi in rushing (82 yards, 10 carries) and receiving (47 yards, 2 receptions). He also completed both of his passing attempts to Matt Brown (8 yards) and Austin Jones (6), and forced a fumble on defense.

Brown also completed 2-of-5 passes for 47 yards.

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

DCMS netters win Benton Central Invitational

The Oracle 8th grade A-team swept the Benton Central Invitational on Saturday, defeating Benton Central in two games, Twin Lakes in two games, and Rensselaer in two games. These were teams that had previously beat Delphi once or twice during the season. The team really worked together and stunned the competition with consistent play.

The 8th grade A and B teams will play in their last match today, Wednesday, against Wea Ridge at home.

Oracle defense keeps Cougars at bay

Delphi Junior Varsity football team finished the season on a winning streak with two victories in a row. The Oracles had a big 35-8 win over Carroll and a 14-8 win over Benton Central.

The Oracles got on the board first against Carroll on a two-yard plunge by Braden Atwood. Brandon Delaney kicked the extra point, making the score 7-0. The Cougars came right back and scored on a third and long by throwing a 35-yard touchdown pass. The Cougars then scored the extra point on another pass play for an 8-7 Carroll lead. Late in the second quarter, the Oracles scored on a 15-yard pass to Quinton Pearson from AJ Beckett and Delaney added the extra point, putting the Oracles back up at 14-8.

In the second half, the Oracles got the ball first in the third quarter and went right down and scored on a 31-yard pass from Beckett to Tanner Cripe. Miguel Montero kicked the extra point for a 21-8 lead. The Oracle defense got the ball back in the fourth. Beckett ran Delphi's fourth touchdown in the last quarter. Montero added the extra point. The Oracles scored one more time on a pass from Cripe to Beckett. Delaney added the extra point.

Defensively Cripe and Cory Smith had interceptions for the Oracles. The defense played well and was able to shut the Cougar offense down.

The Oracles ended the season 3-4 on the year.

Turnovers and failure to score in 'red zone' cost Cougars

By Mike Hoffman
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It's beginning to sound like a broken record, turnovers and not scoring deep in the red zone. But if the Carroll Cougars want to turn things around, they are going to have to do something about those two factors.

In Friday night's game the Cougars faced the Frontier Falcons at Falcon field in Chalmers. Turnovers would haunt the Cougars as the Falcons came away with 26-7 victory.

In the first drive the Cougars were intercepted at the 45-yard line and all the Falcons did was capitalize. They scored on a Charlie Yerk run, and the point after attempt was good for a 7-0 lead at 8:10 (1).

The Cougars started at the 37-yard line, as Eller took the ball. The Falcons knew where the quarterback was going and stopped him for a loss. It seemed the Falcons' defense knew what play the Cougars were running. On third down, a catchable pass was in and out of the hands of the receiver.

The Cougars just didn't appear to be focused all night on either side of the ball.

On the next drive the Falcons marched down the field and scored on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Dustin Sterrett to Schnepf. The PAT was good at 4:04 (1) 14-0 Falcons.

The Cougars took the kick-off and returned the ball to the 34-yard line. The Falcons intercepted the Cougars again as the ball was thrown right at the defender. Then Brackett went untouched 20 yards for the score. The PAT was blocked and it was 20-0 Falcons.

The Cougars however, on their drive after the kick and a good return by Deric Finley took the ball to the 38-yard line. On third down, Eller found Sullivan for a 36-yard touchdown. The kick was good, 1:12 (1) 20-7 Falcons.

Was this score going to put some spark in the offense and



Aggressive defense

Cougar defenders Deric Finley and Riley Eller stopped this Falcon running back cold in Friday night's Hoosier Heartland contest at Frontier. The hosts went on to win the game 26-7. Bill Stauffer photo

defense? That would be all the scoring the Cougars did the rest of the night. In the red zone they would turn the ball over on downs. Several times the ball was thrown to Sullivan when Zook was wide open.

But neither team would score the rest of the evening. Take away two turnover TDs and the score would have been 13-7, Frontier.

At the start of the second half, the Falcons couldn't move the football and punted. The Cougars couldn't move it either, and had to punt.

The Falcons got the ball back but fumbled it. Walters recovered for Carroll. Two 15-yard penalties on the Falcons gave the Cougars 30-yards to work with. They picked up a

first down then Finley moved the ball to the 10-yard line, only to have 3 passes fall short and the Falcons took over.

Frontier picked up 2 quick first downs and a 15-yard penalty on the Cougars. This was the way it was the rest of the game. It was a defensive battle; neither offense could do anything.

The final score was 26-7, Frontier. The Cougars could not capitalize on the Falcons' fumbles and if the Falcons hadn't intercepted those passes, who knows what the score might have been. There were several kids out there doing a lot of hitting on defense for the Cougars.

However, you're not going to win many games with only

73 yards rushing and only 88 yards passing for a 161-yard total for the night.

The Falcons had 180 yards rushing and 156 passing.

The Cougars fall to 1-7 on the year. They are at home Friday against the North White Vikings, who come in 3-5 on the year. The tailgate party starts in the parking lot at 6:30. Kick-off is 7:30.

Friday night's game will be the seniors last regular season home game, and they will be recognized.

The sectional starts in two weeks with the Cougars hosting Wes-Del.

Let's get those Cougars fired up and get our second win of the season.