

# Height disadvantage cited in two Oracle losses

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The 2006-2007 Delphi Lady Oracles opened their season with two losses.

The first was on the road at Greentown where the Eastern Lady Comets outscored the Oracles 38-28.

The Oracles' lack of size hurt them in their first game. With only two players standing 5'9" or taller and with Joanna Zink the tallest at 5'10", the Oracles are going to have to play smart and avoid turnovers to have a chance of winning. Their first opponent had two players over 6'0" tall and they used that height advantage to get several second chance baskets and keep the game out of reach of the Delphi girls.

Within the first minute the Oracles jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a basket by Erika Hawn. This was to be the only lead of the game for Delphi. Eastern held a 6-2 lead nearly four minutes into the first period. The score remained the same until Hawn hit a three-pointer with less than two minutes to go. A three-point shot by the Comets' Kelsey Myers made the score 9-5 at the end of the quarter.

Delphi's Kristina Barnard made

one of two free throws to start the second quarter scoring. Another try by Hawn tied it at 9-9 a short time later. The Comets' Myers hit consecutive baskets, one of them worth three, to give the Comets a 14-9 edge that held up until the Oracles' Amanda Schultz scored with 46 seconds left in the half. The Comets led at halftime 16-11.

Both teams scored on their second possession of the second half. The score remained 18-13 for over five minutes. The Oracles' Emily Kayser finally made a basket with 1:33 remaining to close the gap to 18-15. At the end of three periods the score stood at 23-17, in favor of the Comets.

Delphi got to within three at 24-21 on a basket by Barnard, but could get no closer. The height edge began to show as the players tired. Eastern kept pulling away until the final gun sounded. Oracle JV edged Eastern 20-18. Evans led scoring with 8, followed by 4 from Kendall and Randal, 2 from Burge and 1 each from Lake and Baxter.

## Vs. Pioneer

The Pioneer Lady Panthers were in Delphi Saturday night for the Lady Oracles' first home game. They spoiled the home

opener by outscoring the hosts 17-6 the last seven minutes of the game for a 47-38 victory.

Once again size played a factor in the outcome. The Panthers had a trio of six footers to dominate the inside play and the final score showed it. Pioneer scored 39 of their points within eight to ten feet of the basket.

The score stood at 6-6 halfway through the first period before the Panthers began to separate themselves a little. They would score seven in a row for a 13-6 lead. The Panthers maintained that seven-point edge at 15-8 after the first quarter expired. Hawn scored half of the Oracles points with a pair of baskets. The score remained 15-8 until Hawn made a pair of free throws at the 6:11 mark. The Panthers tried to pull away from the Oracles but every time they would gain a bigger lead, the Oracles would answer with a score of their own. The Oracles managed to stay within striking distance without the senior leadership of Brianne Stauffer, who was sitting out much of the first half with two early fouls. Hawn and Haley Richardson scored all of the Oracle points in the period. The halftime score was 19-15, in favor of the Panthers.

The Oracles would chip away at the lead some more in the third period. Stauffer hit a basket to start the Oracle rally. The Panthers went up by seven, 24-17. Olivia George hit a basket and free throw for a 24-20 score. Stauffer hit again followed by another Richardson basket. Delphi trailed by only two, 26-24. A short time later, Stauffer tied the score at 28 before the Panthers scored a basket to end the third period.

Scores by Schultz and Stauffer gave the Oracles their first lead of the game at 32-30 one minute into the final quarter. After the Panthers regained the lead a basket by Richardson put the Oracles back into the lead for the final time 34-33. Pioneer would go on a 10-0 scoring spurt to lead 43-34 with just over a minute left to put the game into the win column. The Oracles just couldn't stop the lob passes to the post players who often enjoyed a four to six inch height advantage.

Delphi's JV had another successful night, outscoring the Panthers 20-17. Scoring for Delphi were Kendall with 5, Baxter 4, Jones and Burge 3 each, Lake, Evans, and Oliver 2 each.



Delphi's Amanda Schultz battles for a loose ball against Pioneer last week. Joanna Zink (No. 5) is seen in the background. Bill Stauffer photo

# Lady Cougars, a year of evolution

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Grandmother's chili is always the great combination of spices, meats, beans, onions, pasta, and tomatoes boiled together for a designated time and then simmered on the stove and cooled for just the right taste. But all great cooks take Grandma's recipe and experiment by adding a little of this and that to make it just a little better.

Coach Hanna is the master chef this year as he tries to make his third recipe of Lady Cougars evolve into a potent mixture of basketball talent. He has to make this possible by boiling and simmering the right mixture of girl's talents at the right time. The good news is that the Lady Cougar's cooking cupboard has talent, experience, and skill to choose from.

The Lady Cougars have 10 players who will all contribute and should be the deepest team that Coach Hanna has had to work with since coming to Carroll.

Coach Hanna will truly be the master of evolution if he can figure out just the right mixture of defenses, offenses, and player combinations. The Lady Cougars will rely on experienced seniors and juniors who make up this base mix. Returning starters, Krystal Brazel, Sarah Brown, and Ashley Miller, will provide the veteran leadership. The other two positions are wide open and will see Hanna Peden, Brooke Yoder, Morgan Yoder, Abby Reinke, Jaime McCarter, and Kara Overholser all figuring into competition. Courtney Hall will provide

key role support to Ashley Miller in the post position.

This team will be fun to watch as each night a different hero will need to step up their play to help team chemistry. The best evolution process will provide balanced scoring, aggressive defense, and smart fundamental basketball with a high degree of unselfishness. Swarming zone defense combinations will be featured. Penetration of the point guards (Peden, B. Yoder, Reinke, McCarter) will be a key to this team's success. Key wing and 3-point sharp shooters, Brazel and Overholser, will have to provide 18-22 points per night to the offense. Brown, Miller, M. Yoder, and Hall will need to lock down the paint area and provide 24+ rebounds each game and solid scoring of 15-20 points per game.

For this evolution process to be complete, the point guards must play smart and have as many steals and assists as they do turnovers. If the combination of point guards can score 8-12 points per game, along with a steady floor game, this team will be potent.

The Lady Cougars' successful winning formula can be measured by a mix of the following: A scoring average of 44 points per game, hit 70% of their free throws, average 24+ rebounds, 6 steals, 8 assists, and hit >40% of their shots while making less than 10 turnovers. A team goal would be to hold opponents to 36 points per game. A different hero for each night could be a great team builder.

Coach Katie Seward's Junior

Varsity should have a strong nucleus for success as well with most of her team being back for another year of playing together and learning the offenses and defenses. The JV will be made up of returning sophomores, Luci Zook, Amber Hughes, Megan Ayres, Sarah Griffin and add freshmen Morgan Yoder, Molly Craig, Jill Griffin, and Erynn Feasel. Abby Reinke may add some spot playing time to this mix as well. This team should continue to get better and better as they continue in their progression.

The Lady Cougars opened the season at home Tuesday, night against an always strong Western Panther team. They host Sheridan on Monday, and host Delphi next Wednesday at Carroll Memorial Gym.



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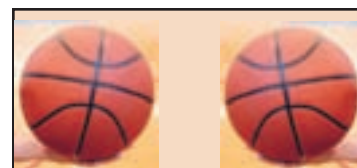
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## All-conference award winners

The Fall Hoosier Heartland Conference All-Conference selections have been named. Carroll athletes honored include (l-r): Row 1 - Nick Flora, football honorable mention; Justin Moffit, soccer all-conference; Sam Scharer, cross country all-conference; Kevin Ives, tennis all-conference. Row 2 - Coach Amy Cottrell (cross country); Ashley Bordner, cross country all-conference; Kyle Wallace, cross country all-conference; Lindsey Stiller, volleyball honorable mention; Hannah Peden, volleyball all-conference; Ashley Miller, volleyball all-conference; Chase McCain, tennis honorable mention; Ty Sullivan, football all-conference; Coach David Falkenberg (soccer); Adam Tussinger, soccer honorable mention; Coach Larry Henning (cross country); Coach Rick George (football). Row 3 - Coach Mike Miller (cross country); Zach Glascock, football all-conference. Not pictured are Antonio Delgado, soccer all-conference and Carson Spesard, tennis all-conference. Photo provided



## Food gains admission to boys' scrimmage

Carroll and Delphi athletic departments will join together to sponsor a food drive at the boys' basketball scrimmage on Thursday. The game will be at Carroll at 6:30 p.m. Admission will be three cans of vegetables or fruit or \$2.

Prior to Thursday, schools within each corporation will collect canned foods to add to the donation.

According to Pat Spence, event coordinator, proceeds will be divided between the two food pantries in the county at Delphi and Flora.

As DCHS Athletic Director Bob Blydes said, "This is a great idea!"

## TLHS to present fall production

### Comet staff report

Twin Lakes High School Theatre will present *The Mouse That Roared* this weekend in the TLHS auditorium. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday.

*The Mouse That Roared* is a

comedy classic that revolves around the tiny duchy of Grand Fenwick, a microscopic country whose economy depends upon its only export, a wine called Pinot Grand Fenwick. Tickets may be obtained from DiAnn Adams in the high school guidance office (574-583-7108, ext. 2326).



## Winter Sports Summaries



## DCMS 8th graders nipped at buzzer

Delphi's 8th grade basketball team lost a 44-43 heartbreaker to Battle Ground on a lay-up at the buzzer Thursday night to take a victory away from the host Oracles.

Delphi (0-1) squandered an 11-point lead in the 4th quarter at 43-32, failing to score a point over the game's final five minutes.

Battle Ground (1-0) took advantage of several Oracle miscues in the final quarter and a crucial miss from the free-throw line on the front end of a one-and-one situation in the final seconds to set up the game's final play.

The Tomahawk basket at the horn was the first time that Battle Ground had led in the game since early in the 1st quarter.

Austin Hawn led Delphi with 13 points and seven assists, shooting 6-of-11 from the field. Dustin Salyer chipped in with 10 points, nine steals and six rebounds. Shane Hyman also added six boards to share team game-high honors.

The Oracles finished 0-of-5 from the charity stripe.

The Delphi B team (0-1) also lost to Battle Ground (1-0) by a final score of 41-27.

Clay Maxfield led the Oracles in scoring in the second game with 7.

# Carroll and Delphi plays this weekend



## 'Guys and Dolls' is fall CHS production

Carroll High School Drama Dept. will present "Guys and Dolls" this weekend in the John A. Bush Memorial Auditorium. The musical will be presented Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the CJSHS auditorium. Advance tickets may be purchased at the CJSHS Welcome Center. Photo provided



## The Matchmaker comes to DCHS

Brenton Hathaway and Arielle Brosman take on new personas as Horace Vandergelder and Dolly Levi in the upcoming DCHS play "The Matchmaker." Chaos and comedy ensue when Dolly is contracted by the wealthy Vandergelder to find him a suitable mate. The play will be Nov. 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. in the DCHS Little Theatre. Tickets available at the door or by calling (765) 564-3481. Photo provided