

Alderman remains undefeated

Five Oracle wrestlers qualify for semi-state



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Oracle wrestler Donovan Alderman remains undefeated after Saturday's Individual Regional Tournament held in Logansport. Delphi took seven wrestlers to the tournament and all seven wrestled well, said Coach Mike Atwood.

Alderman, wrestling at 119 pounds, raised his season record to 39-0 and won his first regional championship. Alderman pinned his first opponent, Van Ort. In the semi finals he beat Rausch of Winamac 9-0 and in his final match he pinned Kyle Eberle of Harrison in the first period to win the championship.

The Oracles had another champ in freshman Braden Atwood at 152 pounds. He pinned his first opponent Snowberger from Winamac. in the first period. In the second round he beat Hook of Twin Lakes for the third time this year, 5-1. In the championship match he beat Nathan Williams of West Central 12-1. His season record is now 35-5.

Bob Floyd at 112 finished second, losing to Michael Cataldo of Logansport 5-9. He pinned his first round opponent Wright from South Newton in 0:22. In the semi finals Floyd

beat Henry from Rensselaer 6-2. This was a rematch of the Hoosier Conference finals. Floyd came out on top of this one, running his record to 31-8.

Wesley Everett at 285 had a great day on the mat. In round one, Everett wrestled the champion of the Twin Lakes sectional. Beach of Pioneer had only one loss on the year and Everett beat him 14-9. In round two, Everett pinned McDonald in 3:47, avenging a loss from last week. In the finals he had to wrestle the number one ranked wrestler in the state, Bryan Benner of Benton Cen-

tral. Everett lost a close match to Benner 8-4. His record is now 30-10.

Michael Atwood at 125 placed third on the day, pinning Hardy of Pioneer in 3:52. In the semi finals it was a rematch of Cook of Seeger and Atwood. Atwood wrestled tough but lost 13-5. In the consolation match to determine who goes to semi state, Atwood had to wrestle Kyle Purevich of Rensselaer. Atwood pinned him in 1:47 to place third. His record is now 30-12.

At 171, Coy Pennington finished his wrestling career by

placing fourth. He lost a hard fought match to Alex Burns of West Lafayette 5-6. In the semis, Pennington lost to eventual champion Armen of Lafayette 11-2. In round one he pinned Twin Lakes' Ayres in 2:15. He finished the season with a record of 32-9.

Tyler Beaudoin also advanced to the tournament, but lost to Cataldo of Logansport. Beaudoin wrestled hard, but fell short.

The top three place winners in each class advance to the semi-state this weekend in Merrillville.

Carroll free throws seal Delphi's fate

By Brad Brummett
Contributing sportswriter

The annual contest between the Delphi Oracles and the Carroll Cougars was just what you would expect for a county rivalry - a fight to the end. The visiting Cougars pulled it out in the fourth quarter for the 58-56 win.

Kory Banes made the first basket of the game, followed by a three pointer by Michael Myers. Dustin Oliver tipped in a rebound and was fouled. His foul shot was good as the Oracles jumped out to an eight point lead, coming from two Cougar turnovers. The Cougars countered with a three pointer by Riley Eller and a tip in by Adam Tussinger to close the score 8 to 5. Midway through the period, Carroll tied the score at 12. Delphi went on a nine point run to take a 19 to 12 advantage ending the first period.

Kevin Ives made two foul shots for the Cougars to open second period scoring. Delphi opened to a 9-point spread during the second but the Cougars took advantage of defensive rebounding and went in at half down by four points. The Cougars

outscored the Oracles in the second period 14 to 11.

Carroll tied the game at 30 points with baskets by Tussinger and Cory Mahan to start the third. Myers countered with two consecutive three pointers to retake the lead for Delphi at 36-30. Jason Hazel answered with a long ball for the Cougars. Oliver made an old-fashioned three by way of a basket and foul shot for Delphi. Carson Spesard scored two foul shots and a basket by Tussinger pulled the Cougars back to a two point deficit. Banes banked one in for the Oracles and Spesard hit a basket for Carroll to end the third period scoring with Delphi up 41-39.

Eller hit a basket to tie the game at 41 to open the final period. Tussinger made a basket, giving the Cougars their first lead of the game. Myers came right back with a three pointer only to be matched by Carroll's Hazel. Carroll forced a charge and Eller took advantage of the turnover with a shot from downtown. The Cougars' lead was now 49-44. Kyle Bender sank one foul shot and Banes hit 2 baskets to tie the score. Ives made two foul shots and Carroll was in

double bonus the rest of the game.

Matt Lewis, back from knee surgery, ended Delphi scoring with a three pointer. The Cougars hit 7 of 8 final foul shots while in the double bonus, keeping the lead to the final second, Carroll 58 - Delphi 56.

This was one of the best played games for the Oracles this season. The Oracles played tough all four quarters, but just came up short in the end.

The Cougars led the rebounding stats 30 to 19.

Junior Varsity

Carroll made it a clean sweep over the Oracles, defeating them 50-39. Delphi led by two points after the first period. Carroll came back to lead at half 19 to 16. The Cougars opened the lead to 12 points by the end of the third.

Spesard had 12 points and Kyle Geheb had 10 points for double figure scoring for Carroll. Tanner Cripe led Delphi with 12 and Philip Zink had 10 points.

Thursday night Delphi will host Twin Lakes, JV tip-off is at 6 p.m. Saturday, Delphi travels to Pioneer for a 1 p.m. tip-off.

DCHS senior is chosen a IHSAA Role Model

Comet staff report

High school student-athletes in Indiana don't have to make it to the pros to appear larger than life on posters and trading cards for their friends, families and fans to admire. Good grades, character, athletic achievement and community service can get their likeness on both as a part of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Role Model Program.

One such athlete is Delphi Community High School senior Brittany Tyner. Tyner plays softball for the Oracles.

The Role Model Program addresses issues that are important to the well-being of Indiana teens, like tobacco use, and encourages student athletes to recognize that they are role models in their own communities. Funding for the pro-

gram is provided by the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Agency (ITPC) along with its Community and Minority Coalitions, National-City, Smokefree Indiana, UnitedHealthcare and several community power cooperatives and organizations.

Tyner is sponsored by the Carroll County Tobacco Free Coalition.

The program is in its fourth year and produces one customized poster and trading card design for each school. This year's poster and trading cards feature a message discouraging tobacco use and carry the headline: "The only thing I light up is the scoreboard." According to statistics from the Indiana State Department of Health, Hoosiers now rank second only to Kentucky residents in the percentage of people who smoke. The

posters and trading cards are designed to encourage young people to make healthy decisions about tobacco use.

National statistics show that tobacco is often the first drug used by kids who may eventually use alcohol and illegal drugs. Compared with non-smokers, teens who smoke are three times more likely to use alcohol, eight times more likely to smoke marijuana and 22 times more likely to use cocaine. Educating young people on the dangers of smoking is an important step in reducing the effects of tobacco use.

Eighty-one (81) high schools from around the state are participating in the 2006 Role Model Program. Each school will receive 200 posters and 2,000 trading cards featuring the school's selected student-athlete(s).

The IHSAA and its corporate partners handle all of the costs related to this program. In total, more than 16,000 posters and 160,000 trading cards emphasizing the importance of being tobacco-free will be distributed throughout Indiana.

Athletic directors were asked to nominate an athlete to represent their high school in the program. To qualify, each student athlete must be a sophomore, junior or senior and demonstrate athletic achievement, good academic standing, excellent citizenship and positive decision-making skills. The nominees also have to sign a pledge agreeing to be tobacco, drug and alcohol free and serve as role models for the community.

"These student-athletes are achieving at high levels in their schools, in sports and in their communities. They are excellent role models for the youth of Indiana," said IHSAA Commissioner Blake Ress.

"They are committed to making the right choices to help make their communities healthier places to live."

"All of our role models lead healthy and positive lives," added Ress. "We know that through this program they are encouraging others to do the same."



Myers attempts 2

Carroll's Kevin Ives, right, fouls Delphi's Michael Myers as he goes to the basket Friday night. The rivalry match-up between the county's two high schools saw the Cougars edge the Oracles 58-56. Bill Stauffer photo

Carroll diver is sectional champion

Carroll junior Heather DeLon was Lafayette Sectional diving champion. She competed Tuesday in the diving regional at Avon.

At sectional, she scored 340.15 in the finals, with her nearest competitor only scoring 304.65 points.

First through eighth place participants will qualify for Saturday's state finals that will be

held at the Indiana University Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis. The diving preliminaries and semifinals begin at 9 a.m., with the top 21 of 32 competitors advancing from the prelims to the semis after five dives each. After three dives each in the semis, the top 16 will advance to the final round for another three dives each. Consolations and finals for all events begin at 1 p.m.

Carroll girls' swim team finished regular season competition with the best record in Carroll High School history, 16 wins to 5 losses. The girls also won the Hoosier Heartland Conference for the first time since 1999.

Coach Roger Nelson complimented his team by saying that they had great depth and great attitudes.

DCHS girls' swim team sets records

The Delphi Community High School girls' swim team ended its season with a ninth place finish at sectional.

Senior Shannon Kremer placed third in the 200 Free and second in the 500 Free. Arielle Brosman was ninth in the 100 Breaststroke and Mara Burton was 12th in the 100 Free. The 200 medley relay team of Monica Hutsell, Brosman, Jenny

Maxwell and Ashlee Buchanon placed 11th with a time of 2:16.82. Kremer and Burton teamed with Keltie Lake and Kayleigh Morgan for sixth place finishes in the 200 and 400 Free relays, which set school records of 1:49.86 and 4:07.00 at Thursday preliminaries.

High school swim team coach Al Brannan said the he was happy with the

team's performance. "We did pretty well," he commented. "We had two relay teams finish in the top six. It was great."

Brannan had high praise for Kremer. She holds nine of 12 records at Delphi, including six for individual events.

"Kremer has been the greatest swimmer ever at Delphi," he declared.

Bulldogs run away from Cougars

By Greg Hoffman
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Carroll's game against the Class 2A ninth ranked Clinton Central Bulldogs was almost a carbon copy of their game against Northwestern last weekend. The Cougars were able to stay with the

Bulldogs for most of the first half, but fell apart in the second half as the Bulldogs ran away from the Cougars 79-47. This was the most points the Cougars have given up all season.

Carroll opened up with 8 unanswered points, but Clinton Central fought back to tie

the game at 13. The Bulldogs took a 14-13 lead with 1:12 left in the quarter. A fielder by Jacob Craig put the Cougars up 15-14 with 43 seconds left, but a trey by the Bulldogs gave the visitors a 17-15 lead after one. Carroll spread its offense around in

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