

Oracle JV disarms Bombers

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Delphi's junior varsity ended their season with a 51-43 victory over the Rensselaer Bombers. This game was one of the JV's best games this season.

The team had it all together for this one - good defense and six players scoring. The last play of the game showed unselfish play by A.J. Erskin as he had a 2-on-1 break for the basket and tossed the ball to teammate Paul Zink for a lay-up.

The Oracles were down by one point at the end of the first quarter. Intense defensive play forced two turnovers in the second period and the Oracles capitalized on Bomber mis-

takes. Zink buried a shot behind the arc, sending the Oracles in at halftime ahead by 6, 23-17.

The Oracles held tough and opened a ten-point lead in the final period. Rensselaer could only close within 6 points, at the narrowest margin, as Delphi closed their season with the victory.

Two Oracles players shot in double figures. Zink led with 17 points and Quinton Pearson had 14 points. Tanner Cripe and AJ Erskin had 6 points each, AJ Beckett and K. Bender each had 4 points. Josh Wollack was the only Bomber in double figures with 10 points. The Bombers had seven other players score in this conference game.

The varsity faced a 14-6 team. The Bombers scored first and Kory Baner countered with a basket. A Bomber foul gave the ball back to the Oracles and Michael Myers hit a trey, only to be matched by T. Phegley. The game was tied at 5 each. The Bombers made two unanswered baskets as they closed the first period with a 22-14 lead. Delphi closed the gap to within 4 points by half-time, thanks to a six-point run.

Half-time was Senior Night and the additional time must have played havoc on the Oracles. The Bombers opened the third period with a 12-0 run. The Oracles countered with a 10-2 run before time expired in the third with the Oracles down by 6, 44-38. Rensselaer led by as many as 16 in the final period, ending this conference game at 65-51.

Myers led all scorers with 31 points. Travis Brandenburg led the Bombers with 22

points.

Last Tuesday night the Oracles traveled to Clinton Central. The JV opened the night of celebration for the Bulldog faithful, as Coach John Sloggett is retiring at the end of the season. Both Bulldog teams celebrated victories on their final home appearance for the season.

The Oracles played close in the first period. The Bulldogs broke loose in the second quarter, outscoring Delphi 15-4. Clinton Central then cruised to a 47-33 victory. Six Oracles scored, led by Zink and Tanner Cripe with seven points each, followed by Erskin and Pearson with 6 points each. Beckett added 4 points and Matt Wilcox contributed 3.

The Bulldogs were led by Dylan Padgett with 10 points.

The varsity Oracles kept close in the first quarter, down 17-14, by way of a long range basket by Kreigh Sloggett. A low scoring second period, the Bulldogs were on top 24-18 at intermission.

Coach Sloggett's half-time celebration inspired the Bulldogs. They opened the lead to 15 points by the end of the third. Clinton Central didn't pull back the reins at all in the final stanza, scoring 5 treys and winning 68-44. The Bulldogs were paced by junior Shane Heidt with 16 points. Dustin Oliver led the Oracles with 14 points followed by Myers and Andrew Cebulla, each with 11 points.

The Bulldogs out rebounded Delphi 40-26.

The Oracles saw sectional action last night (past press deadline) at North Montgomery.



Hot shot
Michael Myers is seen scoring in heavy traffic in Friday night's last regular season game against Rensselaer. Myers scored a game-high 31 points in the Oracles 68-55 loss to the Bombers. Bill Stauffer photo

New DNR fishing guide is available

Comet staff report

The catch of the day is the new 2007 Indiana Recreation and Fishing Guide, a 72-page free booklet from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The guide summarizes Indiana fishing regulations, including license fees, possession limits, consumption advisories, and a county-by-county list of public access fishing locations in Indiana. There is a two-page fish identification guide and maps that show locations of state parks, reservoirs, forests and fish and wildlife areas.

The annual guide is available at most DNR properties and where fishing licenses are sold. The new regulations are also posted on the Web at: <http://www.IN.gov/dnr/fish-wild/fish/fishng/fishguide.htm>.



AD is honored
Delphi Community High School's retiring athletic director, Bob Blaydes, was presented a recognition plaque honoring his nine years of service during Friday night's Delphi-Rensselaer boys' basketball game. Blaydes is retiring due to health considerations. Bill Stauffer photo

Knights spear Cougars

By Greg Hoffman
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A big first half gave Class A, fifth ranked Lafayette Central Catholic a share of the Hoosier Heartland Conference title after blowing away Carroll 85-45 Friday night in Memorial Gymnasium. The loss dropped Carroll to 7-13 and 2-3 in the HHC, while Central Catholic is 14-6 and 4-1.

The Cougars never led in this one. A Riley Eller fielder tied the game at 2 all and as it turned out, this could be Carroll's last hurrah. The Knights went on a 19-0 run to pull away from the Cougars. The visitors led 27-7 after one, 53-16 at the half, and 70-26 at the end of three quarters.

Central Catholic was lights out in all aspects of the game.

In the first half they went 6 of 8 from behind the arch, 13 of 16 for 2-pointers, 19 of 24 overall, and 9 of 12 from the foul line. Carroll, on the other hand, was 1 of 8 from behind the arch, 6 of 15 for 2-pointers, 7 of 23 overall, and 1 of 4 from the line.

The second half was much more competitive. The Knights tallied 32 points and the Cougars kept pace with 29 points. The Cougars held CC to 9 of 23 from the field, while going 10 of 23 themselves. Both teams used their benches freely in the second half.

Overall, The Cougars shot a poor 2 of 14 on treys and 17 of 46 overall from the field. They were 9 of 19 from the line. CC went 7 of 13 on treys, 28 of 47 overall, and 22 of 29 from the line.

Adam Tussinger led the Cougars in scoring with 18 points. Eller added 11.

JV keeps winning record

Carroll Junior Varsity finished their season with a 42-37 win over the Knights. The victory gave the Cougars an 11-9 season record; 2-3 in the HHC.

Two ties and two lead changes occurred in the first half before Primmer Zook gave Carroll the lead for good at 8-5. The Cougars led at all steps, 15-9 after one, 20-17 at the half, and 29-19 at the end of three.

Adam Spesard led all scorers with 11 points. Zook and Drew Yoder had 9 points each and Justin Brown chipped in with 8 points.

Carroll receives high scores at state vocal/piano auditions

Carroll students shined at the Indiana State Vocal/Piano Auditions Saturday at Warren Central High School.

The following groups all received a gold medal:

Small ensemble (perfect score) - Chelsea DeVos, Angel Jackson, Kaitlin Kennedy, Savannah Stevens, and Lauren Wilkinson.

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Girls large ensemble - Cally Ayres, Chelsea DeVos, Leann Hazelgrove, Aubree Herron, Amber Hughes, Angel Jackson, Kaitlin Kennedy, Anna Scharer, Savannah Stevens, and Lauren Wilkinson.

Mixed quartet - Chelsea DeVos, Nick Jones, Kaitlin

Kennedy, and Seth Pencek.

Savanah Stevens and Nick Jones each received gold for their vocal solos, Hope Hayden received a silver for her vocal solo, and Leann Hazelgrove received a gold for her piano solo.

Their director is Joe Spence.



Jump rope for health
Carroll Elementary School had a convocation last Friday where students jumped rope to rhymes they wrote themselves. The rhymes celebrated the theme, "A Healthy Body." Pictured jumping, l-r, are Derik Caldwell and Elliot Packard. Third, fourth, and fifth graders also got to select a free book, made possible by a RIF grant. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Grant provides books for Carroll students

Comet staff report

Carroll Elementary received a Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) grant for students in grades three, four, and five.

This is a federal grant, awarded through the Department of Education, to schools that show the need for students to have books. The grant is for \$1,500, three-fourths of which comes from the grant, with a matching one-fourth by the corporation.

Through the grant, Carroll students in grades three, four, and five will each receive three books to take home.

They will get to pick out a book at three monthly celebrations. The overall theme for the celebrations is: "Healthy Reading."

The following events were developed for February, March, and April.

The first celebration was Feb. 23 with the theme, "A Healthy Body." Students had partici-

pated in Jump Rope for Heart in January and learned to jump rope to rhymes. Then, to go along with the healthy body theme for February, they wrote their own jump rope rhymes in class. They practiced in class, voted on the best ones, and then performed them at a jump rope convocation. Some classes even made a book of jump rope rhymes.

The following rhyme, written by fifth graders Zach Turnpugh, Elliot Packard, Derik Caldwell, and Seth Eldridge, was one of the ones performed at the convocation on Friday: "Veggies, veggies they're good for you, I like to eat them how about you? Fruit is good with veggies too, they'll make you healthy if you eat 22. Eating the right food is good for you but to be healthy you need to exercise too. You can jump for hours but remember to take showers. How many hours can you jump? 1...2...3...etc."

The second celebration will

be March 16, with the theme, "Healthy Eating." For this celebration, students will read and follow a recipe for making trail mix, a healthy snack.

Each classroom will have a slightly different variation for the trail mix. The snacks will then be judged by an impartial group of "tasting" judges. Each class will get to enjoy their healthy snack and take home the recipes used.

The third celebration, "A Healthy Mind," will be April 13. Students will have a convocation about bullying from a performance group from Young Audiences of Indiana. In the classrooms, students will make a class ABC book of healthy ideas that they have learned from the three celebrations.

Grant writers were teachers Diane Routt, Cecilia Henning, and Nancy Sabatini, and reading specialist Kathy Shuler.