

Cougar soccer team rolls on Senior Day

The Carroll soccer team welcomed Rensselaer to town on Saturday for Senior Day, winning 3-1 for a 7-7 season record.

Rensselaer scored first, less than 5 minutes into the game. After giving up 4 shots and a goal in the first 5 minutes, the Cougars put the clamps on and only gave up 2 shots the rest of

the game. Chase Meade evened the score in the 17th minute off of a direct kick from Justin Moffitt. Meade was able to get the ball around the keeper and finish a shot.

Meade struck again with just over 2 minutes left in the half with a header on a corner kick by Steve Bartel. The Cougars finished the scoring

to put the game out of reach just 30 seconds into the second half with a chip over the goalie by Steven Arendsen.

Adam Tussinger had 6 saves for the Cougars.

The Cougars honored their seven seniors at the half. They are CJ Grace, Kasey Kult, Matt Morehouse, Kara Overholser, Tussinger, Bar-

tel and Anna Scharer.

The Cougars retained the Mike Landis Trophy by knocking off Delphi at Delphi park 4-0. The Cougars scored less than 3 minutes into the game with a header by Meade, off of a corner by Bartel. Arendsen added the second goal with a long shot that snuck inside the post. Michael Myer scored

with 5 minutes left in the first half off of an assist by Meade on a long throw-in. Myer scored the final goal of the game with 18 minutes to go in the game on a penalty kick.

The Cougars have two games remaining, both of which will be home at the school. This Saturday Carroll will host Western Boone at 11

a.m. and next Tuesday the Cougars will host Central Catholic at 5 p.m. Fan support is appreciated as the Cougars look to finish the season strong.



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Sheridan pummels Delphi

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The Delphi Oracles came into last Friday night's game fresh off a victory over a ranked team (Clinton Prairie) and were looking to repeat against Sheridan. Sheridan is the fourth top ten team to face the Oracles in their first six games in what has been a rough early season schedule. Despite controlling the ball for over 27 minutes, the Oracles were unable to score in a 48-0 loss.

Delphi had the ball first and moved the ball into Blackhawk territory. It was clear that the visitor's coaching staff had instructed their defense to keep an eye open for Oracle running back Kory Banes. Delphi was able to get some yardage by faking a handoff to Banes in the line and while the Blackhaws concentrated on him, QB Justin Salyer ran around the end or passed for first downs.

Salyer completed 3 of 4 passes before the drive stalled at the 36. A fourth down attempt for a first down was unsuccessful. Delphi got the ball just over a minute later when the Blackhaws, at their 44,

went for it on fourth and two. RB Austin King was hit short of the first down and the ball

went back over to the Oracles. Delphi was unable to move the ball and was forced to punt.

Sheridan started deep in its end of the field and drove 92 yards in 11 plays to go ahead 6-

0 with just 2 seconds remaining in the opening period. The extra point was wide left.

Sheridan had a short field early in the second quarter after compelling Delphi to punt for a good runback by the Blackhaws. A 35-yard drive culminated in another TD. Another missed extra point made the score 12-0. After stopping the Oracles again, the Blackhaws moved the ball from midfield into the end zone in just 4 plays. At the half the score stood at 19-0.

Sheridan scored on a 52-yard TD run on their first play from scrimmage to open the second half. In 20 seconds they had stretched the lead to 26-0. An interception by Matt Lewis stopped the Blackhaws at the Delphi 3-yard line. The celebration didn't last long as the Sheridan defense tackled Salyer in the end zone for a safety on the Oracles' first play. Sheridan would go on to score two more TDs in the period to take a 42-0 lead.

Coach Larry Wright of Sheridan played his reserves after a 41-yard drive in two plays gave the Blackhaws an insurmountable 48-0 lead to open the fourth quarter. Neither team came close to scoring in



Take down
Delphi's Michael Myers wraps up the Sheridan runner while #14 Shane Evans, #60 Jarrett Baird and #10 Cory Banes move in for the kill Friday night. The Oracles came up short 48-0. Bill Stauffer photo

the final 11 minutes of the contest.

Despite the thrashing by a powerhouse team that contends for a state title nearly every year, the Oracles are improving and the people who have seen them play every week would agree. Delphi has a real chance to get their third win of the season next week at Rensselaer for an 8 p.m. start.

Leading rushers for Delphi were Banes with 24 yards, Lewis with 33 and Josh Penn had 7. Salyer completed 5 of 12 passes for 52 yards with Kyle Stonebraker catching four of those for 43 yards and Shane Evans caught the other for 9 yards.

Delphi FFA mixes work and play during summer

Comet staff report

Members of Delphi Future Farmers of America enjoyed many fun and exciting summer activities this year.

At the beginning of summer, members Morgan Minnicus, Brittany Wise, Cale Rader, Mason Clawson, Alex Conner, Chris Royer and Amber Blackburn attended FFA State Convention in Indianapolis.

Members enjoyed many exciting sessions, workshops, and dances. Chapter delegates Cale Rader and Brittany Wise attended a state dinner during the convention. Nathan Trapp received his State Forage Production Proficiency and Hoosier Degree.

The chapter also traveled to Tennessee for a whitewater rafting trip in June. Thirty members enjoyed beautiful scenery and class-four

rapids on the river, which was used for the 1996 Olympics.

Forty-three members were involved in Carroll County 4-H Fair activities including animal care, show preparation and project presentation. Members also enjoyed camping overnight and walking at the Carroll High School track when they raised over \$1,200 for the annual Relay for Life cancer event.

Members also volunteered to go to the State Fair to help set up the FFA Pavilion and work one day during the event. They taught visitors about the importance of agriculture and learned new and exciting agricultural facts at the many booths and displays.

Currently members are working and learning at the chapter's test plots cutting, raking and baling hay, as well as harvesting corn and soybeans.



No time to wave
Delphi FFA members enjoyed a summer whitewater rafting expedition. Photo provided



'Foraging' ahead
Members of Delphi Future Farmers of America were recognized for their participation in state forage production during the FFA state convention this summer. Pictured in front, left to right, are Mason Clawson, Nathan Trapp (who also received a proficiency degree), Brittany Wise and Chris Royer. In back, l-r, are Cale Rader, Alex Conner, Morgan Minnicus and Amber Blackburn. Photo provided

Gophers' rushing game too much for Cougars

By Mike Hoffman
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It wasn't a very happy night for the Carroll Cougars, who didn't fair well against the Clinton Prairie Gophers.

The Gophers rushed 423 yards to just 169 yards by the Cougars Friday night. The ending score was 42-21, CP. The Gophers played hard-nose football all night in this Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Clinton Prairie is 5-1 overall and 2-0 in conference play. Carroll falls to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

The game started off with the Cougars kicking off to the Gophers. On the first play from the line of scrimmage, Nick Seager burst through the line and out ran the Cougar defenders for an 80-yard touchdown.

However, the Cougars came right back on a great run by junior Deric Finley. The speedy back went 55 yards for the score at 10:04 (1). Skylar Bagwell's PAT kick was good for a 7-7 tie. In this series, the Cougars went 65 yards in 4 plays.

The Gophers then went 50 yards in 7 plays as senior quarterback Shawn Walker threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Rich Cooper for the go ahead score, 14-7 (CP) at 6:41 (1).

After a Bagwell return to the Gopher's 49-yard line, the Cougars picked up 2 quick first downs only to have the drive stall due to aggressive defense by the Gophers.

The Gophers took over at the 25-yard line, and picked up 5 first downs as the first quarter came to an end. To start the second quarter, the Gophers scored on a quarterback keeper. The PAT failed, 20-7 Gophers.

The Gophers intercepted

Carroll QB Riley Eller, who was hurrying the pass as the Gopher defense kept up the pressure.

The Gophers were knocking on the door when they fumbled in the end zone. The Cougars recovered the fumble. With the ball on the 20-yard line the Gopher defense was aggressive, forcing yet another fumble. The Gophers recovered the ball at the Cougar 15-yard line. The Cougar defense forced the Gophers to go 4 and out and then took over at their 15-yard line.

The Cougars turned the ball over again after the Gophers put the pressure on, intercepting a pass at the 32-yard line. The Gopher's leading rusher went 23 yards for his second touchdown. The PAT was good for 27-7 with 5:46 left in the first half.

Again the Cougar offense stalled and was forced to punt. The Gophers took over and had to punt as well. The Cougars took over. Eller threw a pass to Justin Matthews, then a pass to Bagwell, before he ran for a first down. Eller threw a pass to Bagwell for another first down. Ben Bennington then ran the ball on first down as the Cougars were without the services of Finley, who twisted his knee. (Bennington wore #18 because he tore his jersey earlier in the game.)

On second down a pass interference was called on Rich Cooper. Eller found Andrew Hughes for a 3-yard touchdown pass, with just 26.9 ticks left in the half. The PAT kick was good by Bagwell and the Cougars trailed by 13 points.

But the tide quickly turned when the speedy Seager went 63-yards untouched for the score with 15.1 seconds left in the half. The 2 point conversion

was good and CP was quickly up 21 points, 35-14.

The speed of the Gophers and their hard-hitting, physical defense kept the Cougars under wrap. The Cougars had no spark.

Finley came back in the game in the second half, however he wasn't 100%.

There was no scoring in the third quarter. The Cougars had the football inside the Gopher's 2-yard line, but didn't score.

The Gophers added more points in the 4th quarter when Jacob Endsley scored on a 3-yard TD run. The PAT kick was good, 42-21 (CP).

The Cougars scored again when Eller threw a 51-yard TD pass to Finley. Bagwell's PAT kick was good for the game-ending score of 42-21.

Offensively Finley had 88 yards in 10 carries and 2 TDs. Bennington had 75-yards on 18 carries and Bagwell had 197 all-purpose total yards.

Defensively, Eller had 16 tackles and Bennington had 10. CP's Seager rushed for 285 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries for the host team.

Now the Cougars have to regroup for another hard-nose football team. The Cougars will travel to Michigantown for a battle with George Gilbert's Clinton Central Bulldogs, a team who lost to Tipton 30-8. The Bulldogs are 3-3 on the year. This is the last year for the Bulldogs coach, who plans to resign at the end of the year.

If the Cougars want to win this one they will have to play well on both sides of the ball and stop the Bulldogs' big guns.

Let's support the team by being Cougar backers; Lets make some noise on the sidelines as well as in the stands.

DNR takes emergency action to protect paddlefish

Comet staff report

Protections for paddlefish in the Indiana portion of the Ohio River have been adopted by emergency rule by the state's Department of Natural Resources.

The bulk of the restrictions affect commercial operators seeking paddlefish eggs for the global caviar market.

DNR Director Robert Carter Jr. took the action to protect the fish after a two-year undercover operation by DNR law enforcement revealed widespread violations of existing laws governing commercial harvest of the fish.

A drastic decline in traditional sturgeon caviar sources in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union has placed increasing harvest pressure on sources of caviar substitutes, such as paddlefish in

the Mississippi River Basin, including the Ohio River. A mature female paddlefish may carry several pounds of eggs, which are valued at \$70 per pound or more at the wholesale level, and at more than \$250 per pound retail.

Undercover officers posing as fishermen were able to infiltrate the illegal operations. More than 20 suspects have been arrested to date and more than 300 charges were filed.

"Our recent investigation clearly revealed that existing regulations are insufficient to protect this unique resource," Carter said. "Unfortunately, the high market prices for paddlefish caviar do not encourage resource conservation. The escalating harvest pressure threatens to take paddlefish faster than they can be replaced, which could lead to a shortage we intend

to prevent."

The emergency rule establishes a commercial paddlefish harvest season from Nov. 15 through April 15, and a minimum paddlefish size limit of 34 inches (from eye to fork of tail). The rule also prohibits the use of gill nets and trammel nets during the closed paddlefish season, and standardizes a method for commercial fishers to check paddlefish for the presence of eggs.

The emergency rule also prohibits the snagging of paddlefish by those with a sport-fishing license. Although sport-caught fish cannot be legally sold, the investigation revealed widespread snagging of paddlefish in areas of the river closed to commercial fishing being done by those with sport-fishing licenses for sale on the commercial market.