

# Alderman to wrestle in state final

Oracle wrestler Donovan Alderman extended his season another week after placing third in the 119 pound weight class at the Merrillville Semi State wrestling tournament on Saturday. He will compete Saturday in the IHSA State Wrestling Finals.



Alderman

In round one, Alderman wrestled Kepchar from Merrillville. Alderman won the match 12-11 in an exciting finish where he got a two near fall in the last few seconds. In the second round, Alderman wrestled Trace Hall of South Bend Riley. He lost a close match 4-3, putting him in the consolation round, where he defeated Porras of Hobart 2-1.

Alderman is the second Oracle wrestler to qualify for state in the past three years. His record is now 41-1. Kameron Banes placed fourth two years ago.

Four of Alderman's teammates also competed at the Semi-State. In the 112-pound class, Bob Floyd wrestled Gonzales of Griffith. He lost 7-2. A sophomore, Floyd, whose record was

15-15 last year, finished this season 31-9.

Senior Michael Atwood, at 125 pounds, lost his first round match to Grenert of South Bend Riley 4-2, ending his career at Delphi. He finished the season 30-13. With an overall career record of 122-37, Atwood is the second leading wrestler in wins in Delphi history. He also holds the career takedown record with 298.

Wes Everett lost his first round match to Palmer of South Bend Riley. 11-7. The sophomore finished his season out with a 30-11 record, compared to 14-9 last year.

Freshman Braden Atwood finished his first year of high school wrestling, losing 4-2 to the eventual runner-up, Keener of Warsaw. Atwood compiled a 35-6 record, with all but one of his losses to wrestlers still in state tournament competition. The one that is not he avenged in the sectional finals.

The DCHS team finished the season with a dual meet record of 19-4. They were the Hoosier Conference champions, a fete not accomplished since 1994. They were runners-up at the Twin Lakes Invitational and placed fifth at sectional, only 40 points out of first place.

## Delphi swimmers win 10 of 12 events

The DCHS boys' swim team beat Carroll and Attica in a three-way meet Saturday. Team scores were Delphi 153, Carroll 103, Attica 37.

For Delphi, Kyle Price won the 200 free and 100 back; Andrew Burton won the 50 free and 100 free; Andrew Flora won diving and 100 breaststroke; Matt Keen won the 100 butterfly. Delphi won all three

relays with the medley relay team of Price, Flora, Keen and Nick Force, the 200 free relay team of Jeremy Sterrett, Brandon Miller, Jared Kelley and Burton and the 400 free relay team of Sterrett, Force, Price and Burton.

For Carroll, Adam Bonner won the 200 IM and Brock Richardson won the 500 free.

## Cougars split with Falcons

By Greg Hoffman  
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Frontier's athletic presence and quickness, along with the lack of defensive play by the Cougars, was too much for Carroll to overcome. The (8-9) Falcons easily defeated the (7-11) Cougars there Thursday night, 83-63.

For Frontier, it was lights out shooting as they went 8 of 14 (57%) from the perimeter. Their inside game was even better as they shot 27 of 46 (59%) for 35 of 60 (58%) overall. Carroll missed several 3-foot-and-in attempts and as a result, their inside shooting was only 14 of 39 (36%). They were 6 of 18 (33%) from behind the arch and 20 of 57 (35%) overall. The Cougars were, however, successful from the free throw line, making 17 of 21 attempts (81%), while Frontier was 10 of 15 (67%).

The host Falcons never trailed. They jumped out to a 5-0 advantage and the game was never in doubt. Frontier posted a 23-11 lead after one. They pushed their lead out to 39-20 in the second quarter, but 8 straight points by Carroll's Riley Eller pulled the Cougars to within 11 at 39-28. Frontier then went on an 10-0 run to close out the half and lead 49-28. The Cougars never recovered after the run. Frontier outscored Carroll in every quarter.

Eller led the Cougars in scoring with 23 points. Adam Tussinger added 10 points, Kevinm Ives and Jacob Craig had 9 points each. Frontier's Corey Haynes led all scorers with 30 points. Jake Sullivan added 24. Craig led the Cougars in rebounding with 7 board. Eller handed out 6 assists.

Carroll's final two regular season games will be home contests. The first will be Taylor on Friday night. Taylor leads the series 7-3.

Carroll JV outscored Frontier 14-8 in the final quarter to beat the Falcons 48-42 and even their record at 9-9.

There were 7 ties and 11 lead

changes before the Cougars were able to secure the win. The opening stanza saw 3 ties and 2 lead changes before the host Falcons took a 13-12 lead at the first stop. There were two more ties and 3 lead changes in the second quarter, before a basket by Primmer Zook put the Cougars up 25-23 at the half.

The third quarter saw 5 lead changes before a two pointer by Carson Spesard tied the game at 34 as the quarter ended. With the score tied at 38 in the fourth period, an Adam Spesard fielder gave the Cougars the lead for good at 40-38.

A. Spesard led the Cougars in scoring with 17 points. C. Spesard had 9 points and Zook and Drew Yoder added 8 points each.

## Lady Knights outshoot Cougars

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Carroll's Lady Cougars went down with a fight. They fell to the powerful Lady Knights of Central Catholic in their 1-A sectional game by a score of 45-30. The Lady Knights had a game plan and they executed it with perfection. Their strategy was simple - everyone on the floor had the green light to shoot 3 pointers and to defend Carroll's Krystal Brazel for the entire game. The Knights' game plan looked stressed in the first quarter as they only hit 3 shots on trepid shooting. The Cougars came out and led 6-2 with some hustling and 7 rebounds in the first quarter. The game looked like the Cougars had a chance, trailing 7-6 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter saw Carroll's main shooting weapon being challenged everywhere on the court by CC's Grace Walker and Sarah Burks. Their assignment was to play full court defense and not let Brazel open for a shot. Brazel begin to tire early in the second quarter and became frustrated. CC soon got into its offensive mode with Alison Roberts, Walker and Katie

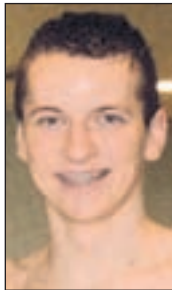


### Tough competitor

Brock Richardson is a freshman on the Carroll High School swim team and has already broken one school record. He is pictured above in the 200 IM. Photo by Kyra Edging

## Carroll swimmer's long-term goal - blow the competition out of the water

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Richardson

Carroll swimmer Brock Richardson is only a freshman, but he's amassed 21 first place finishes this season and has broken one school record.

At the conference meet, he won both of his individual events (200 and 500 freestyle) and one of his two relays, the 400 free. He didn't even swim the 500 free for the first few meets this year, but it has become his strongest event. He broke the school record in January, with a time of 5:33.78. The previous record, 5:35.77, was set by Ryan Allen in 1996.

As an eighth grader, Brock broke seven school records - five individual and two relay. The individual events were the 50, 100, 200 and 400 freestyle, and the 100 individual medley, and the two relays were the 200 and 400

freestyle. He broke most of those records the first time he swam them. Two of the records, for the 50 and 200, hadn't been broken since 1973.

Brock said his high school goals are just to get stronger and better. He's working on improving his own record in the 500 free. Another goal is bettering his time in the 200 free. He's now just five seconds away from the school record.

He'll swim the 500 and 200 free in the sectional trials this week. He's currently seeded at seventh place in both events, which is notable for a freshman. The top 6 places at the trials go on to the sectional finals, and places 7-12 make it to the consolation round. The sectional will be held at West Lafayette High School.

"Brock is already the best distance swimmer that I've ever coached," said head coach Roger Nelson. "His stroke technique is something I try and teach the other swimmers on the team, but in his case, his ability might be something he was born with. He comes from a family of swimmers."

"Brock does everything that is asked of him in practice because

he knows that it can only make him better," the coach continued. "Now that he's broken the 500 freestyle record, there are a few others that he'd like to conquer also. During the off-season, I hope to get Brock more involved with weight training. I cannot imagine his potential when he gets a little muscle on him."

To help keep himself in shape, Richardson runs in the summer and will run in track this spring. He plans to be in cross country in the fall.

His parents, Jeff and Carla Richardson, said Brock has been swimming since he was three, and swimming competitively since he was five.

Both his parents were on the swim team in high school. Carla later was junior high swim coach at Carroll, and Jeff coached the high school boys' team. Carla has also given swim lessons, and she taught Brock to swim.

Brock has two older brothers and two younger brothers. The two older siblings, Grant and Chase, are in college now, but still help out at Carroll as assistant coaches. Carla also fills in as needed. Grant and Chase were

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## Oracles tame Panthers for second victory

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The Delphi Oracles overcame a few obstacles to record their second victory.

At Pioneer Saturday for an afternoon game, the Varsity Oracles warmed up after a sluggish start and Dustin Oliver sealed the victory, hitting 16 of 18 fouls shots in the final period for a 67-61 Oracle advantage.

With a change in their schedule, the Oracles hosted Twin Lakes Thursday night, and the (10-8) Indians out rebounded the Oracles 45 to 18 to aide in a 59 - 41 victory.

The Oracles struggled to get rebounding position, Twin Lakes had a 2-point lead at the end of the first period, 16-14. TL closed the second period with a ten point lead, 29-19. Delphi kept pace in the early minutes of the third period, then the Indians went on a ten-point run. Kory Banes hit another of his buzzer beater shots, a long range three pointer. Delphi trailed 46-32. The Indians wore down the Oracles, outscoring them 13 to 9 in the final stanza to win the conference game 59-41.

Michael Myers led Delphi, scoring 14 points. Kyle Bender and Kory Banes had 9 points each, Dustin Oliver added 8 points and Erik Jones 1 point.

Zach Raderstorf led the Indians with 11 points.

The JV closed the final period with a 13-6 point spread, but came up short 47-41.

Two Oracles were in double figures, Tanner Cripe with 15 points and Paul Zink with 10 points. Five other Oracles contributed on the offensive side for Delphi in the short fall.

At Pioneer the JV led the Panthers 10-6 after one period. Missed foul shots during the last three quarters would be the difference of this game. At half-time the Oracles trailed 16-11, with 5 missed foul shots. Scoring was split evenly between teams as the third period ended 28-23 in favor of the Panthers. The Oracles were 2 of 6 from the line in the third. The Oracles closed the gap to within three and had a last second chance to tie but came up short, 40-37.

Delphi's fourth period foul shooting improved, hitting 8 of 10 attempts. A J Beckett led the Oracles with 12 points, Paul Zink and Joe Britt had 7 points each. Britt made his presence known, playing one of his best games this season. The Panthers have 11 juniors on their squad, six playing against Delphi's younger team.

Matt Lewis and Michael Myers started out on fire for the Oracle varsity. Myers hit a three pointer to bring Delphi to life

after Pioneer opened with 2 baskets from their 6'7" junior center Justin Ruff. Lewis then hit a long shot after a Pioneer miss. Jimmy Smith countered with a trey for the Panthers and a 7-6 lead. Pioneer worked their next possession inside to Ruff for a basket. Lewis hit his second long ball, tying the score at 11 each. Both teams scored on their next trips to the hoop, then Myers scored two consecutive baskets coming off steals. Mitchell Petrie scored the final basket of the first period, Delphi 19, Pioneer 15.

Myers had the range, starting the second, hitting two quick three pointers, the last coming off another Oracle steal. Taylor Farrer hit a long shot for Pioneer and was followed by teammate Cody Conn with a basket and a foul shot. Conn missed the foul shot, Delphi rebounded and Myers was open behind the arch and he drained a three pointer. The Panthers came back with an 8-point run to tie the game at 28 all. Myers made an Oracle basket and Conn made a Panther score to end the second period with a 30-30 tie.

Farrer scored a basket for Pioneer to open the third period. Bender put one in under the basket and Dustin Oliver hit a jumper. Pioneer took the lead with a basket from Matt Stough and a foul shot by Ruff, 35-34.

Banes scored a basket for Delphi but Farrer came down and sank a three pointer to put Pioneer up by two. Delphi fought back with a basket by Banes and Bender scored following a Panther miss. Stough was left open and he connected on a three pointer to even the score at 41 each. Banes once again made a buzzer beater to give Delphi a two-point advantage at the end of three periods.

Stough scored in the opening possession of the final period and knotted the game at 43. Myers answered with an old-fashioned three pointer, a basket and a foul shot. Oliver then made 14 of 16 foul shots to seal the deal. The Oracles secured their second victory.

Bender and Snider each hit a foul shot during this mayhem as both teams went into double bonus. Final score was 67-61. Myers led all scorers with 26 points, Oliver 18 points, Banes 10, Lewis and Bender 6 points each and Snider with 1. Erik Jones helped the team coming off the bench to give Bender a breather and help put some pressure on their big guy - Ruff. Panthers had two in double figures, Ruff 15 and Conn with 12.

Friday night Delphi will host South Newton, JV tip at 6:30 p.m.

Pechin hitting deadly 3 pointers to give the Knights a 24-16 lead at the end of the second quarter.

Coach Salmon of the Knights made a few adjustments to try to stop Jaime McCarter and Abby Reinke from adding to Carroll's offensive mix in the third quarter. The result was McCarter showing her strong athletic talents and speed penetrate into the paint and

get fouled. McCarter (14) proceeded to be the bright light for the Cougars with 10 of 12 free throw shooting and two drive in layups. She played an excellent overall game with few turnovers.

Reinke (9) was creating offensive movement with lay ins near the basket as she was paying attention to what McCarter was doing on the floor. This quarter

saw Roberts hit 3 of 3 from the 3-point area and end the game 5 of 5, all on 3 pointers. Walker led CC in overall play with 14 points on key shooting.

The game ended with the Knights having completed their orders successfully, holding Brazel to no points for the 45-30 win.

Carroll ended a frustrating sea-

## Lady Oracles fall in sectional

By Todd Swank  
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The Lady Oracles basketball team fell behind early and couldn't catch back up to the Seeger Patriots in the first round of the Fountain Central Sectional, losing by a final score of 50-39. Several times the girls would chase down the Patriots and be within a basket of tying the game or taking the lead, but were unable to get a key basket when they needed it most.

It took nearly two minutes for either team to score when Brianna Stauffer hit one of two free throws for a 1-0 Delphi lead. Seeger found the range and

scored the next eight points before the Oracles' Erika Hawn finally scored their first bucket. A basket and free throw by Seeger made the score 11-3 with five minutes gone in the game. Delphi pulled to within 14-8 at the end of one. Hawn and Stauffer had scored all of Delphi's points.

The second period started much like the first with neither team able to score for over three minutes. Hawn put a rebound back up for a basket and Stauffer hit three of four free throws to close the gap to two at 16-13. Delphi eventually fell behind 23-16 before settling for a half-time deficit of six, 24-18. At the

end of both the first and second periods the Oracles had the ball with ten seconds left. Neither time did they notice and did not get a shot off.

For the third time the Oracles were first to score in a quarter when they opened the second half with a pair of free throws by Stauffer. The teams traded buckets with the Oracles having a two-point deficit a couple times before trailing 35-31 at the end of three.

Emily Kayser scored for the Oracles to open the fourth, pulling the Oracles to within two. Two more Stauffer free throws after a Seeger basket again put the Oracles a pair

down, 37-35. Delphi trailed by two once more at 39-37 after Hawn sank two free throws. It all fell apart at this time as the Patriots scored 11 in a row for a 50-37 lead with less than one minute left in the game.

Ultimately, the Oracles' failure to block out on the defensive boards cost them a chance to advance to the second round. Numerous offensive rebounds by the Patriots, including two on missed free throws, led to at least a dozen second chance points. Though the girls didn't have a stellar win-loss record, they played hard every game and can be proud of the fact that they gave their all this season.