

Atwood goes undefeated in super duals

The Oracle wrestling team competed in the North Mont Super Duals last weekend at North Montgomery High School. The Oracles placed seventh out of eight teams.

Braden Atwood was the champion of the 160-pound weight class. His record is now 29-9 on the season. Bob Floyd finished second at his 112-

pound weight class, going 5-2 for the tournament. Donovan Alderman only wrestled the first day, finishing 4-0. His record is now 26-0 for the season.

The team wrestled some of the top ranked teams in the state. In round one, the Oracles lost to #9 Carmel 36-28. In round two, The Oracles lost to #11 New Palestine 52-16. In round

three, the Oracles beat #12 Warren Central 39-28. And in the last round of the day the Oracles lost a hard fought match to #18 Bloomington South 40-36.

On day two, the Oracles started off facing #3 Perry Meridian. The Oracles fought hard but lost 70-3. The Delphi team wrestled North Mont-

gomery next and won 42-30. In the last match of the tournament the Oracles lost to Portage 38-31.

The Oracles were in most of the matches even though the score did not show it.

"We got in this tournament to see where we stand with the best in the state," said Coach Mike Atwood.

"The kids went at it hard."

The Oracles are now 16-9 in dual meet records. "I am very proud of the way the kids carried themselves and the way we wrestled," added Atwood. "This may have been our best tournament yet this year."

The Oracles will travel to North Newton this weekend.

Cougars finish 3rd in holiday tourney

By Greg Hoffman
Contributing sportswriter

Carroll put together two good games at the Clinton Central Holiday Tourney. They finished 1-1 for third place after falling to Clinton Prairie 56-55 on a rare four-point play with 2.7 seconds left. Saturday night the 2-5 Cougars defeated 0-8 Tri Central 71-61.

The Cougars took a 6-0 lead Friday night on three baskets by Jacob Craig. They could not hold on to the lead as the Gophers came back for a 14-all tie at the end of the first period. In the second quarter, the Cougars missed their first seven field goal attempts giving Prairie the opportunity to open up a 22-14 lead with 4:18 left in the half. By half-time the Gophers were still up, 29-22.

Six unanswered points by the Cougars to start the second half pulled them to within one at 29-28, but Prairie held the lead for a 43-37 advantage after three. The Gophers opened the fourth quarter with

four straight points. Drew Yoder and Justin Brown hit back-to-back treys to bring Carroll back into the game, down only four, 47-43 with 4:50 left in the game. The Cougars continued their comeback and with 13.7 seconds left an Adam Tussinger fielder gave the Cougars the lead at 53-52. A pair of free throws by Craig had Carroll up by three with 8.5 seconds remaining. But the unlikely happened,

with 2.7 seconds left, a Prairie player hit a trey and was fouled. He hit the free throw for the one-point win.

Craig led all scorers with 18 points. He had a double-double with 12 rebounds, too. Tussinger had 15 points and 8 rebounds and Carson Spesard added 8 points.

In Saturday's consolation game, it was a tight first quarter with the Cougars up by only two, 18-16. Brown, in his

first start, led Carroll in scoring with 5 points in the quarter.

The Cougars had the hot hand to start the second quarter, going up by 13, 32-19. Tri Central had whittled at the lead and was down by 7, 38-31, at intermission. Yoder, off the bench, and Craig led Carroll in scoring with 8 points each in the quarter.

Tri Central outscored Carroll 17-10 to start the third quarter,

tying the game at 48. The Cougars used a basket and an awesome alley-opp play from Brown to Craig to go up 52-48 after three. Tri Central quickly tied the game at 52, but 5 points by Craig helped up the Cougars up for good at 57-52.

Craig had another double-double night. He led all scorers with a career-high 26 points and 13 rebounds. Yoder also had a-career high 10 points. Kevin Ives added 9

points and Brad Benson, 8 points. Brown had 7 points and 5 assists. Carroll's bench outscored Tri Central's bench 28-8.

The Cougars shot over 50% from the field for the second time this season, hitting 26 of 46 shots (54%), while holding Tri Central to 24 of 61 (39%).

Next up for Carroll will be a home game Saturday night against Eastern. Carroll holds the series lead at 20-18.

Wrestling NORTH MONTGOMERY DUALS

Perry Meridian 7-0, Carmel 6-1, New Palestine 5-2, Warren Central 3-4, Bloomington South 3-4, Portage 2-5, Delphi 2-5, North Montgomery 0-7

DELPHI INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION: 160 - Braden Atwood 7-0. DELPHI INDIVIDUAL RUNNER-UP: 112 - Bob Floyd 5-2.

TWIN LAKES INVITATIONAL Twin Lakes 50, Carroll 30 Carroll 41, West Central 27 Carroll 66, Frontier 24

Carroll 48, Caston 15 Michigan City 44, Carroll 30

CARROLL RESULTS: 103 - Kelsie Thornburg 3-2, 112 - Kasey Kult 4-1, 125 - Chase Meade 4-1, 135 - Andrew Fritz 4-1, 140 - Montana Gangwer 2-3, 160 - Andrew Hughes 3-2, 171 - Josh Mathews 3-2, 189 - Josh Holda 4-1, 215 - Tony Ashenfelter 3-2, Hwt. - Lyle Labeau 3-2.

Boys' Basketball CLINTON CENTRAL HOLIDAY TOURNEY

Clinton Prairie 56, Carroll 55 CARROLL: Craig 7-16 3-3 18,

Scoreboard

Tussinger 4-10 7-7 15, C. Spesard 4-6 0-0 8, Hazel 1-4 0-0 2, Benton 2-7 0-0 4, A. Spesard 1-1 0-0 2, Ives 0-0 0-0 0, Yoder 1-1 0-0 3, Brown 1-4 0-0 3. Totals: 21-49 (.429) 10-10 (.100) 55. CLINTON PRAIRIE: Rich Cooper 2-6 0-0 5, Brian Garriott 2-5 0-1 6, Dustin Rusk 4-7 2-3 13, Chris Bandy 5-13 4-6 14, Cory Barnett 5-12 1-2 12, Jonathan Beale 1-3 3-4 6, Zack Northrop 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-46 (.413) 10-16 (.625) 56.

Carroll 14 8 15 18 - 55 Clinton Prairie 14 15 14 13 - 56 3-Pt. Goals: Carroll 3-11 (Yoder 1-1, Craig 1-3, Brown 1-3, Benton 0-1, Hazel 0-3), Clinton Prairie 8-18 (Rusk 3-5, Garriott 2-5, Cooper 1-

2, Beale 1-2, Barnett 1-4). Rebounds: Carroll 30 (Craig 12, Tussinger 8), Clinton Prairie 24 (Bandy 7). Turnovers: Carroll 12, Clinton Prairie 8. Total Fouls: Carroll 12, Clinton Prairie 13.

CONSOLATION GAME

Carroll 71, Tri Central 61

CARROLL: Jacob Craig 10-15, 6-9 26, Adam Tussinger 0-2 2-4 2, Jason Hazel 0-2 0-0 0, Brad Benson 4-6 0-0 8, Justin Brown 3-6 0-0 7, Carson Spesard 0-2 2-4 2, Kevin Ives 3-5 3-4 9, Adam Spesard 3-5, Drew Yoder 3-5 2-2 10. Totals 26-46 (.542) 16-24 (.667) 71. TRI CENTRAL: Justin Huddleston 6-18 4-4 20, Robby Howell 6-13 0-0 12, Jordan

Huddleston 3-10 1-4 7, Kevin Ray 0-0 2-2 2, Austin Burton 5-12 0-0 12, Jacob Baird 0-0 0-0 0, Brock Tew 4-7 0-0 8, Jordan Shaffer 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-61 (.393) 7-10 (.700) 61.

Carroll 18 20 14 19 - 71 Tri Central 16 15 17 13 - 61 3-Pt. Goals: Carroll 3-9 (Yoder 2-3, Brown 1-1, Hazel 0-2, Craig 0-1, Benson 0-1, Ives 0-1), Tri Central 6-20 (Ju. Huddleston 4-10, Burton 2-6, Jo. Huddleston 0-2, Tew 0-2). Rebounds: Carroll 33 (Craig 13), Tri Central 24 (Jo. Huddleston 10). Turnovers: Carroll 22, Tri Central 13. Total Fouls: Carroll 10, Tri Central 18 (Ju. Huddleston, Burton).

Oracles prepare for challenge

Next opponent has impressive credentials

By John J. Dunn
Contributing sportswriter

Coming off its first consecutive wins in almost two full seasons, Delphi's boys' basketball head coach Brian Tonsoni has had a lot to feel good about over the holiday break.

But that feeling has been tempered a bit from knowing what lurks ahead — the Oracles will travel to Northwestern Friday to face the Class 2A defending State Champions, currently 6-0 and ranked #2 in the latest Class 3A poll.

The Tigers were 25-2 last season after defeating Winchester 78-74 in double-overtime in the State championship game and have won 21 straight games since last tasting defeat 62-57 at Lewis Cass on Jan. 19.

Northwestern defeated Delphi 67-44 last season at Delphi and 102-48 the last time the Oracles made the trip to Kokomo's northwest side on Jan. 6, 2006.

The Tigers are coached by Carroll High School graduate Jim Gish, who has compiled a 66-13 record in his fourth season at Northwestern after inheriting a team that went 4-17 during 2003-04 campaign and had not enjoyed a winning season since going 13-9 in 2000-01.

Gish has guided the Tigers, who moved up to Class 3A in basketball this season, to three consecutive winning seasons culminating in last

year's state championship.

But Tonsoni believes that the Oracles (2-5) have improved significantly since last season and is hopeful that his team will continue to compete, no matter what the record is of the team on the opposing side of the court.

"We know that Northwestern will present a tremendous challenge for us," Tonsoni said. "They are a very good, experienced & well-coached team that has a couple of four-year varsity players at point guard and in the post."

"And then we've also got Rossville to think about on Saturday night, and we certainly are not overlooking them," he said.

The Delphi-Northwestern contest will tip-off on Friday with the JV starting at 6:30 pm. The Oracles will then travel to Rossville on Saturday with the JV tip-off at 6 pm.



JANET SMITH of Delphi received an Associate of Science degree in business from Indiana Wesleyan University during graduation ceremonies Dec. 15.

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Carroll FFA is represented at FIRE conference

Three Carroll FFA members attended the Foundations In Reaching Excellence (FIRE) conference held recently at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar. While at the conference, Attending from CHS were Emily Fritz, Chandler Keown and Travis Martin.

The conference, geared toward FFA eleventh and twelfth graders, focused on objectives set by the Indiana FFA. These objectives included:

- Create a 10-year personal vision plan
- Explore career possibilities and requirements in education, experience, and skills
- Choose two character traits and enhance understanding
- Identify mentors and accountability partners
- Identify effective time management skills and management systems
- Identify and learn how to use an emotional support system and mentor.

These objectives, facilitated by the Indiana FFA State Offi-

cer Team, are intended to acclimate students to new and broader horizons with the Indi-

ana FFA Organization. Also included in this conference were themes of patriotism, free and

organized recreation time, and an awards banquet for all attending FFA members.



Attend FFA conference
Carroll FFA members (l-r) Chandler Keown Emily Fritz and Travis Martin recently participated in a state-wide conference geared at learning about the various opportunities available in FFA. Photo provided

Carroll FFA places in state contests

Comet staff report

Carroll FFA Forestry and Entomology teams competed recently in state contests held at Purdue University, placing in the top ten in both.

The forestry team took second place honors and the entomology team took ninth place.

The forestry team earned the right to compete after placing third in the Area VIII Forestry Contest. Team members are Travis Martin, Malena Zook, Chandler Keown and Megan Ayres.

Martin and Zook also placed third and fourth as individuals in the area contest and second

and third as individual winners at the state forestry contest. There were 48 teams and 197 individuals who competed at the state level.

The entomology teams placed first and second at the area contest. Individual placings were: Brady Wiles, first; Maize Wickersham, second;

Kaitlin Ragan, third; Jay Hodson, fifth; Eric Miller, sixth; and Kylie Wagoner, tenth.

The team of Wiles, Wickersham, Ragan and Hodson placed first in the area and ninth in the state, while the team of Wagoner, Miller and Nelson were second in the area.

Ivy Tech to host ag seminar series

Comet staff report

Ivy Tech Community College will be hosting a series of farming and agri-business seminars taught by area business experts beginning Jan. 29 and continuing every Tuesday through Feb. 26. Topics will in-

clude farm estate planning, understanding the farmer's balance sheet, rising farmland values and lease agreements, trucking rules and regulations for farmers, and buying and selling to ethanol plants.

Presenters will include Rochester attorney, Ted Wag-

goner; senior commercial and ag lender for First Farmer's Bank and Trust in Kokomo, Cary Mawbey; president of Halderman Farm Management and Real Estate, Howard Halderman; Indiana State Police Master Trooper, Randy Pryor; and senior buyer for The An-

dersons, Inc., Jim Cripe.

The seminars will be held at Ivy Tech's Peru campus, 425 W. Main St., from 6 to 8 p.m. To register for any or all of the sessions or for more information, call Jan Hulet, (800) 459-0561, ext. 528. Advanced registration is required.

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