

# Cougars split weekend games

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Carroll (4-6) split in action over the weekend, losing at Twin Lakes (8-4) Friday night, 64-44, and beating Winamac (2-9) at home Saturday 69-42.

The Cougars have had trouble with quicker teams all year and Friday was no different. Twin Lakes' quickness took advantage of Carroll's poor passing game, forcing the Cougars into 16 turnovers in the first half. Twin Lakes never trailed in the game and jumped

out to a 15-5 lead and held a 17-11 advantage after one. The hosts continued their ball pressure in the second quarter and went on a 10-0 run and by half-time were up 38-18.

The Cougars could never get back in the game. Twin Lakes' biggest lead was 25 points, 63-38, midway in the final period, but the two teams played even on the scoreboard with 26 points each in the second half.

The Cougars did not shoot well. They only connected on one of ten attempts from behind the arch and 17 of 50 overall. Twin Lakes was 6 of 14 and 27 of 55. Adam Tussinger was the only Cougar in double figures with 13 points. Carson Spesard and Jacob Craig had 9 points each.

Saturday night, Carroll could not put Winamac away early. The Cougars took the early lead at 9-4, but a 7 to 1 run gave the Warriors their only lead at 11-10. Kevin Ives hit a trey that gave the Cougars the lead back for good at 13-11 after one. By half-time, they had expanded the lead to 9 at 32-23. The Cougars outscored the Warriors 21 to 4 in the third quarter and held a 53-27 lead at the stop.

Carroll's bench came to play, scoring 41 points to only 19 for Winamac. Ives and Spesard, both off the bench, led all scorers with 13 points each. Craig had another double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Spesard added 9 rebounds as Carroll won the

board battle 42-22.

From the field, Carroll was 26 of 55, .473%, while holding Winamac to 17 of 44, .396%.

The Cougars will be on the road this weekend. They will be at Tri Central Friday night for a Hoosier Heartland Conference match-up. TC leads the series 28-19. On Saturday night, they are at Pioneer with Carroll holding the series edge, 28-16.

## JV wins two

The young Cougars added a pair of wins to their season record for an impressive 8-2 mark. Twin Lakes fell to the Cougars 39-33 on Friday and Winamac fell on Saturday, 45-36.

Against Twin Lakes, Carroll opened up a 13-4 lead in the first half before Twin Lakes came alive and went on a 13-0 run to go up 17-13. In the third quarter, the Cougars tied the game at 19 and 21 points before a fielder by Riley Johnson put the Cougars up for good at 23-21. They held TL at bay in the fourth for the win.

Jordan Brumbaugh led all scorers with 13 points, Kyle Geheb had a good outing with 12 points. Johnson and Drew Yoder had 7 rebounds each and Geheb handed out 3 assists.

Saturday night at CHS, the Cougars never trailed. They led 18-7 after one, 27-15 at half-time, and 31-18 and the end of three. Brumbaugh led the way with 9 points. Johnson had 8 and Primmer Zook 6.



## Trip to the charity stripe

Carroll's Justin Brown earns a trip to the foul line after being hacked on the arm by a Twin Lakes player Friday night. The Cougars lost to the host Indians, 64-44. Bill Stauffer photo

# Delphi repeats as Hoosier Conference wrestling champ

The Delphi Oracles successfully defended their title at the Hoosier Conference wrestling tournament held Saturday in Monticello. The Oracles accumulated 279.5 points for first place. Tipton placed second with 220.5 and Benton Central finished third with 178. Other placings were: 4th - Twin Lakes 172, 5th - West Lafayette 143, 6th - Rensselaer 138.5,

and 7th - Sheridan 81.

The Oracles won with a total team effort. All 14 wrestlers placed and 11 Oracle wrestlers were in the finals.

Finishing as Hoosier Conference champions were: 103 - Randy McIlrath, 112 - Bob Floyd, 119 - Donovan Alderman, 145 - Hayden Peterson, 152 - Tyler Cooper, and 285 - Wesley Everett.

Placing second were: 125 - Aaron Back, 130 - Nathan McTigue, 160 - Braden Atwood, 189 - Brandon Delaney and 215 - Travis Yoakum. Adam Cunningham at 135 placed third as did Shane Evans at 171. Cory Smith placed fifth at 140.

The Oracles will be in action again Wednesday evening against Lewis Cass. This will be senior night

# Carroll teams win HHC swim titles

Carroll's varsity swim teams both won first place honors in the Hoosier Heartland Conference Meet held Saturday at Clinton Central High School.

This was the second conference title in a row for the girls and the first ever for the boys. The girls recorded 18 personal best times, while the boys recorded 15.

"It helped that we swam both teams and beat them earlier in the year," said Coach Roger Nelson. "I knew we had a chance to win again. They

swam with confidence."

Final scores were: Girls - Carroll 222, Clinton Central 178, Central Catholic 108. Boys - Carroll 194, Clinton Central 180, Central Catholic 91.

The girls won five events, including two relays. Emma Cottrell took first place in the 200-yard freestyle and Stephanie Strawcutter took first place in the 500-yard freestyle. Carroll's divers, Heather Delon and Hannah Brewster, took first and second place, respectively. The girls

also won the 200-yard freestyle relay (Valerie Allbaugh, Cottrell, Brewster, and Katilyn Brewster) and the 400-yard freestyle relay (Cottrell, Sarah Wilkinson, Emily Schneckloth and K. Brewster).

The boys took first place in three events. Brock Richardson won the 200-yard individual medley and Stefan Bartel won the 100-yard breaststroke. The boys also won the 400-yard freestyle relay (Richardson, Cory Ritter, AJ Butcher and Corey Johnson).

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# Oracles beat North White in tourney consolation

Myers, Snider earn All-Tournament honors

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Perhaps it wasn't the best-played game of the season, but it was indeed a win for the Oracles Saturday night against North White in the consolation game of the White County Tournament played at Delphi.

Tri-County defeated Frontier 59-47 in the championship game to win the White County Tournament for the third consecutive year, beating Frontier each time in the title game.

But if there was ever such a thing as an ugly win, Saturday night's 54-41 victory over the Vikings just might have been one of them.

Playing against a 1-9 North White team, which has now lost its last nine games in a row, Delphi did not appear as sharp as it has been in recent games and did not appear to be on the same page much of the time.

The Oracles again seemed to struggle with shot selection, ball movement and decision-making on the offensive end while giving up 10 offensive rebounds and battling early foul trouble at both ends of the floor.

Delphi committed 17 turnovers against only eight assists during the contest in a time when teams operating on all cylinders strive for at least a 2-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio - Saturday night was just the opposite.

"We struggled this weekend with execution," head coach Brian Tonsoni said. "And we have to find ways to handle pressure defenses." "But we win a game when playing poorly on Saturday night, and we did fight hard at the end of the Tri-County game on Friday," he said. "Those are positives to build on."

On the positive side, Delphi did have a season-high 15 steals against the Vikings and shot .500 percent from the field (20-of-40).

The Oracles are now 4-1 on the season when shooting at least .450 percent from the field (only loss came on a last-second shot vs. Clinton Prairie in a game that Delphi shot .472 percent on Dec. 14) and are 0-6 otherwise.

The victory also avenged a heartbreaking 37-36 loss in the final seconds to North White in last year's WCT consolation game played at Tri-County. It also gave the Oracles their fourth win on the year, doubling last year's total for the entire season.

Not taking any win for granted, Delphi (4-7) did what it needed to in order to come away with a victory.

After six lead changes and three ties during the game's

first five minutes, the Oracles took the lead for good at 13-10 on an Austin Hawn three-pointer with 2:59 to play and would use an 11-3 run to close out the 1st quarter with a 21-13 lead.

Led by Justin Snider's seven points in the quarter, the teams would play an even 2nd quarter with Delphi maintaining its 8-point lead at 32-24 at the intermission.

The Oracles would then get six points from Dustin Oliver and closed the 3rd period on an 8-3 run to extend the lead to 13 points at 44-31 entering the final quarter.

Another Oliver basket gave Delphi its biggest lead of the game at 15 to start the 4th quarter, which it would match two other times during the final stanza. NW would get no closer than 11 at 48-37 with 4:56 to play en route to the 13-point final deficit.

Snider used several drives to the basket, in addition to 9-of-10 shooting from the charity stripe to lead Delphi with 17 points. Michael Myers, who was plagued with foul trouble, was the only Oracle to finish in double-figures with 11, along with a team-high-tying six rebounds.

Delphi, which has now won four-of-its-last six games, also received 8 points and 6 boards from Oliver, six points from Kory Banes, five each from both Hawn and Matt Lewis and two points from Kyle Bender.

## Vs. Tri-County

Despite a frantic and valiant 4th quarter comeback which saw the Oracles cut the lead to two with 34.3 seconds remaining after trailing by 11 points with less than two minutes left, Delphi was unable to overtake Tri-County in the opening game of the White County Tournament, losing 54-49.

A flurry of action at the end of the game which included a rare 4-point play from Lewis, who was fouled after making a trey from the top of the key with 54.9 seconds to play to pull Delphi to within four at 47-43, was not enough in the rematch game between the two schools.

The Oracles beat the Cavaliers, then ranked #15 in the State's Class A poll, 53-39 on Dec. 15, although Tri-County was without the services of starting power forward Jason Stitz.

Delphi was able to pull within two points twice, first at 49-47 on an Oliver basket at 34.3 and then again at 51-49 after a Banes hoop with 23 seconds to play, but would get no closer as Tri-County (5-5) scored its last eight points from the free throw line. The Cavs went 8-of-11 from the

stripe in the last two minutes to seal it.

After the Oracles jumped out to a 4-0 lead on consecutive baskets from Myers to open the game, the 1st quarter became a seesaw contest with six lead changes and the Cavs clinging onto an 11-10 lead at the break.

TC extended it to 26-22 at halftime using a 12-5 run over the last 5:50 to go up by four at the intermission.

Delphi's last lead of the game was at 17-16 before the Cavaliers took the lead for good at 18-17 with 4:31 left in the 2nd quarter.

The Oracles did cut it back to one at 34-33 on a Lewis hoop with 12 seconds to play in the 3rd quarter before TC scored a trey near the horn to go back up 37-33 at the break.

The Cavs, who finished 22-2 last season, scored the first six points to start the 4th quarter to take a 10-point lead at 43-33 and would hold off the feisty Oracle comeback for the victory.

Myers led the Oracles with 16 points before fouling out, followed by Snider's 12. Oliver added 9 points and a team-high 9 rebounds, while Lewis had 6 points and a game-high 6 assists. Hawn, Banes and Bender each finished with two points.

Delphi will next host Sheridan on Friday night with the JV contest starting at 6:30 p.m., before playing host to Cass on Saturday with the JV game scheduled for tip-off at 6.

## Winter Sports Summaries

# Burton breaks 200 freestyle record

The DCHS swim teams defeated Clinton Central with the girls winning 100-80 and the boys, 107-65.

The girls used their team depth, winning 3 of 12 events. Double winner Mara Burton took the 200 freestyle and anchored the 400 freestyle relay while Haley Richardson won diving. The boys were led by quadruple winner Kyle Price and Andrew Burton, double winners Matt Keen, Andy Flora, Jeremy Sterrett and Jared Kelley. Andrew Hall and Alex Price had one win each.

A. Burton, a sophomore, broke the 200 freestyle school record with a time of 1:50.86, knocking 1.24 seconds off of Kevin Stevens' time set in 1984. Burton now holds school records in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyles and is a member of the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays records.

The teams split with Benton Central. The boys won 97-62 while the girls lost 100-83. M. Burton won the 200 freestyle and Chelsey Marcotte won diving. The boys picked up 9 first places, led by triple winners Price and A. Burton, double winners Keen, Flora, Sterrett and Brent Kremer. Kremer had the race of the meet, coming form behind to win the 500 freestyle with a personal best time of 5:50.22.

# Carroll hosts 'B' tournament

Carroll Elementary School hosted a sixth grade B-team basketball tournament Saturday.

In the morning session, Carroll White defeated Carroll Blue 25-24 in overtime. Tri-Central defeated Clinton Central 36-15. In the consolation game, Clinton Central defeated Carroll Blue 29-25 and Tri Central claimed the tournament championship after defeating Carroll White 29-15.

Carroll White team included: Logan Jackson, Zach Turnpaugh, Justin Willoughby, Jim Eller, Branton Leazenby, Michael Strawcutter, Clinton Johns, Alex Plank, Chelton McCarty, and Alex Hickner. Team coach is Don Shively.

Carroll Blue team, coached by John Conn, included: Brock Giddens, Sean Mylet, Cameron Conn, Nigel Thieke, Darrion Wagoner, Bradley Leonard, Dylan Cromer, Cameron Morrow, Josh Rosenbush, and Will Taylor.



NATHANIEL HEBER, son of Albert and Gloria Heber of Delphi was elected into the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Indiana University for excellence in his undergraduate studies. PBK is a national honor society which recognizes outstanding achievement in the arts and sciences.

Heber is working to attain his master's degree in international relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science in England.

JEFFREY P. MANNING, Bringham, has been named to the Bucknell University dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2007-08 academic year. He is a 2005 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School.