

# Burton sets two school records

Andrew Burton on Saturday at the Hoosier Conference swim meet set two Delphi Community High School records.

Burton was second in the 50 freestyle by 1/100 of a second in a school record time of 22.66. He was also a repeat champion in the 100

freestyle with another school record time of 49.73. Kyle Price repeated as the 100 backstroke champion with a time of 57.26.

Burton teamed with Matt Keen, Jared Kelley and Jeremy Sterrett to win the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:36.51.

The DCHS boys' team placed third while the girls' team came in sixth.



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## Oracle wrestlers look to sectional

*Alderman ties school record*

The DCHS wrestling team ended its dual season last week by defeating Lewis Cass 64-6.

## Hughes is HHC champ

Carroll's varsity wrestling team placed fifth in the Hoosier Heartland Conference Meet held Saturday at Clinton Central. Andrew Hughes was Carroll's only conference champ.

Individual results include: 103 - Kelsie Thornburg 4th; 125 - Chase Meade 2nd; 140 - Montana Gangwer 4th; 160 - Hughes 1st; 189 - Josh Holda 3rd; 215 - Tony Ashenfelter 4th; and 285 - Brandon Weber 4th.

## Cougars stage late come-back, win in OT

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The Cougars (5-7) found themselves in a pair of road barnburners over the weekend. They defeated Tri Central (0-13) Friday night in a Hoosier Heartland Conference match-up, 52-49, and then lost to Pioneer (3-10) in overtime, 54-51, on Saturday.

In a game that was tight throughout with 8 ties and 10 lead changes, Carroll was able to lead at all stops - 16-10 after one, 25-24 at halftime, and 39-37 at the end of three.

A Justin Brown basket gave the Cougars the early lead. After a tie, the Cougars pushed their lead out to six at 16-10. Adam Spesard's basket gave Carroll an 8-point advantage early in the second quarter, but Tri Central used a 14 to 5 run to take a 24-23 lead. A two-pointer by Jacob Craig had the Cougars back on top, 25-24, at the half. Despite four ties in the third quarter, the Cougars managed a 39-37 lead at the end of three. Tri Central went on a 7 to 2 run to start the fourth quarter, but a free throw by Adam Tussinger and a fielder by Brad Benson tied the game at 44 all. After ties of 46 and 49, a lay-in by Brown gave Carroll the win.

Brown had a career high 13 points, 5 assists and 8 rebounds. Tussinger had 10 points and 8 rebounds, while Craig had 8 points and 7 boards. Kevin Ives had 8 points and Benson, 6 points and 6 boards.

The Cougars made this game a lot closer than it had to be as they committed 21 turnovers.

**Vs. Pioneer**  
Against Pioneer Saturday, Carroll was as cold inside as it was outside. The Cougars shot only 2 of 10 from the field in the first quarter and were 6 of 21 in the first half, while Pioneer was 11 of 19. The Panthers held a 26-16 lead at half-time.

The Cougars could not get things going. Pioneer used a 12 to 6 burst to go up by 16 points at 38-22. The next four plus minutes saw Carroll have its biggest come-back in years. The Cougars out-shot their opponents 20-0 to take a four-point lead midway in the fourth quarter. Scoring in the run were Jason Hazel 8, Ives 6, Adam Spesard 5 and Benson 1. After gaining the lead, the Cougars could not hold on to it. The Panthers tied the game at 45 by the end of regulation play.

In overtime, Tussinger gave Carroll the early lead, 47-45, but from there, the Cougars were outscored 9 to 4 for the Pioneer win.

Hazel had his best game of the year. He equaled a career high 12 points, leading the Cougars in scoring. He also handed out four assists. Tussinger and A. Spesard had 9 points each. Tussinger also had 9 rebounds and Carson Spesard led the team with 10 boards.

Turnovers again cost the

The Oracles ended regular season 22-9 heading into the sectionals at Lafayette Jeff on Saturday. Eight of the nine losses were to ranked teams and all but two were by less than a ten-point deficit.

Winning for the Oracles were Randy McIlrath, Bob Floyd, Donovan Alderman, Aaron Back, Nathan McTigue, Cory Smith, Hayden Peterson, Tyler Cooper, Braden Atwood, Shane Evans, Daniel Clawson, and Wesley Everett.

Top records heading into the sectional are: Donovan Alderman, who still remains undefeated at 35-0. He has tied Mike Dubes with the most wins by a Delphi wrestler in his career with 135. He also broke his own record of take-downs in a season with 111.

Braden Atwood is 37-1 on the season and Bob Floyd is 35-4.

Cougars - 17. In their last ten games, the Cougars are averaging 19.1 turnovers a game.

The Cougars needed both weekend wins as their schedule gets tougher the rest of the season. Up next will be the undefeated and top-ranked Class 3A Northwestern Tigers at CHS Friday night. Jan. 29 they travel to Clinton Central for a conference match-up. Currently Rossville leads the HHC with a 4-0 record.

### JV split games

Kyle Geheb's 3-pointers helped lift Carroll over Tri Central 48-45 on Friday, but Saturday, the Cougars had their worst outing of the season, losing to Pioneer 45-30. The Cougars are 9-3.

At Tri Central, the hosts jumped out to a 5-0 lead before Carroll stormed back with a 10 to 1 run to take a 10-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. Carroll pushed their lead out to 10 at 18-8 before Tri Central closed to within 4 at 21-17 at half-time. Geheb led Carroll in scoring with 5 treys for 15 points.

A basket by Drake Harper gave the Cougars a 7-point advantage at 31-24 with 1:52 left in the third. Tri Central tied the score at 31 all, but a trey and basket by Drew Yoder put Carroll back up for good at 36-31. Carroll led by as many as 9 points in the final quarter. Geheb hit 7 treys for the night and led all scorers with a game high 24 points. He pulled down 8 rebounds. Primmer Zook had 9 points and handed out 4 assists. Yoder had 5 points.

There was one tie and four lead changes at Pioneer in the first quarter before the hosts took the lead at 9-8. The teams played even in the second quarter and the half ended with Pioneer up 19-16.

A pair of free throws by Geheb pulled the Cougars to within one at 19-18, but a 14 go 5 run by the Panthers pushed their lead out to 10 at 33-23 early in the fourth quarter.

Carroll did not score in double figures in any quarter. Jordan Brumbaugh and Geheb led Carroll with 9 points each.

## Lady Trojans outlast Cougars

By Jim McCarter  
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The Carroll Lady Cougars lost their fourth-consecutive game Saturday afternoon, dropping a 54-46 decision to Hoosier Heartland Conference rival Tri-Central.

The victory gave the 12-6 Lady Trojans the Hoosier Heartland Conference title. Tri-Central made a clean sweep of the conference with a perfect 5-0 record. Carroll dropped to 6-9 overall and 2-2 in the conference. Rossville will visit Carroll Saturday for both teams' final HHC game.

The game was back and

## Wrestling sectional is Saturday in Lafayette

Carroll and Delphi wrestling teams will compete Saturday in the Lafayette Jefferson Sectional. Other teams competing include: Attica, Benton Central, Harrison, Lafayette Central Catholic, McCutcheon, Seeger, and West Lafayette.

Admission is \$5.

The top four place winners in each weight class advance to the regional tournament.

Delphi's Donovan Alderman is undefeated this season with a perfect 35-0 record. Teammate Braden Atwood is 37-1 on the season.

## Oracles split weekend

*JV wins White County Tourney*

By John J. Dunn  
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Playing at home for the second straight weekend, Coach Brian Tonsoni's Delphi team took care of business early during its 58-44 victory over Sheridan Friday, before stumbling to a tough Cass team on Saturday 46-33.

In a better-played game than in its last outing, Delphi seemed a bit sharper and more in step against Sheridan in terms of ball movement, shot selection and team play while showing tremendous balance at the offensive end. Four players finished in double-figures.

The Oracles shot fairly-well from the field at .432 percent (19-of-44), including .400 percent (2-of-5) from behind the three-point arc, and finished with 12 assists against only 12 turnovers.

While not the desired 2-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio, it was a significant improvement from last weekend.

Delphi is now 5-1 this season in games when it shoots at least 43 percent and dishes out at least eight assists.

But without getting too excited about its second win-in-a-row and fifth-in-seven contests through Friday, the opponent was another 1-9 team whose only victory this season was a one-point squeaker at Fountain Central.

It was again a game that Delphi was expected to win, and the good news is that it did just that, taking control of the game early in the first quarter and cruising most of the way to the 14-point margin of victory.

The Oracles took the lead for good at 7-6 with 5:50 remaining in the quarter on a Kyle Bender lay-up that started a 13-0 run that found Delphi in front 18-6 with 2:51 left in the period.

Two Michael Myers' free throws put the Oracles up by 15 points at 22-7 to close the first quarter.

Delphi's biggest lead of the game came early in the second quarter on consecutive baskets from Kory Banes and Matt Lewis, extending the Oracle lead to 19 at 26-7 with 7:27 left, before settling for a 36-22 lead at the half.

The Blackhawks would close to within 10 points at 46-36 at the end of the third quarter, and would actually get as close as eight at 47-39 with 6:31 remaining but would pose no further significant threat. Delphi again



### JV is tourney champion

Delphi's JV won the White County Tourney on Jan. 17 after defeating Frontier 38-18 in the championship game. They defeated Tri County 34-24 in the first round of the tourney they defeated Tri County 34-24. Pictured are: Front: Matt Dent, Cheerleaders Ashley Dirbas, Krysta Reef, Kim Lambirth, Torie Sosbe, Lisa Northrup, Misty Hunt, Abby Diebolt. Middle: Nadia Cediell, Liz Britt, Tyler Smith, Seferino Cervantes, Clay Maxfield, Miriam Castillo. Back: Coach Shawn Means, Tanner Cripe, Zach Condon, A.J. Erskin, Paul Zink, Kris Bender, Joe Britt, Dustin Salyer, Jordan Wagner. Photo provided

converted 4-of-5 free throws in the final two minutes to help put the game away.

Lewis led the balanced attack with 11 points, followed by Myers, Dustin Oliver and Austin Hawn with 10 apiece. Bender added 7 points and 7 rebounds, while Snider had six points and Banes had another strong all-around game leading the Oracles with 8 rebounds and 4 steals, to go along with four points.

The victory was Delphi's ninth-in-the-last-12 games played against Sheridan since the Blackhawks joined the Hoosier Conference prior to the 2000-01 season. They avenged last season's 56-49 loss at Sheridan.

**Vs. Cass**  
Lewis Cass brought a much stronger resume Saturday, entering the contest with a bit deceiving record of 7-4.

Cass's four losses have come to teams with a combined record of 38-7, including losses to Class 3A's #1-ranked Northwestern (11-0) and to Class 2A's #14-ranked Taylor (8-3), as well as to a very strong Class 2A North Miami (9-2) and a close two-point defeat at the hands of Class 3A Rochester (10-2).

In contrast to Friday night, this time it was the Kings' turn to take control of the game early, long-known for their ball control and low-scoring affairs. Cass scored on its first possession and held

the lead for the entire game, including by 13-5 at the end of the first quarter and by 14 points at 26-12 at the end of the half.

Two quick buckets from Myers and Bender to open the second half would pull the Oracles to within 10 with 6:26 remaining in the third quarter, but that would be as close as they would get.

A 6-0 King run to close the third gave Cass its largest lead of the game - 19 at 36-17, which it would match in the fourth period at 38-19 before settling for the 13-point win.

Delphi (5-8) has now lost 11-in-a-row and 14-of-its-last-16 to Cass, with its last win coming at home on Jan. 24, 1998.

Veteran head coach Basil Mawbey, who has a 141-38 record in his 8th year at Cass and is 653-242 in his 38th season overall, led the traditionally-tough Kings to a 19-6 record and a regional championship game last year.

Myers was the lone Oracle in double-figures with 13 points, followed by Oliver's 8. Bender added 5 points and a team-high 5 rebounds, while Hawn had 5 points and Snider 2.

**JV improves to 8-5**  
In addition to the Delphi JV's White County Tournament (WCT) championship last Tuesday, the Oracle JV also defeated Sheridan 43-32 Friday night be-

fore falling to Cass 34-24 on Saturday.

The Delphi JV opened the WCT with a 34-24 win over host Tri-County on Monday night, before beating Frontier 38-18 in the championship contest.

Kris Bender and A.J. Erskin led a balanced Oracle attack against TC with 8 points apiece, with Erskin snaring a team-high 6 rebounds. Dustin Salyer added 7 points, Tanner Cripe 5, Paul Zink 4 and Seferino Cervantes 2.

In the championship game, Cripe busted loose with 15 points, followed by Salyer's 9, Zink's 6, and Bender and Erskin with 4 apiece. Bender led Delphi with 6 rebounds.

Against Sheridan, Zink had a game-high 23 points and 8 boards, followed by Cripe with 7 points, Salyer with 6, Erskin with 3 and Bender and Jo Britt with 2 apiece.

In the loss to the Kings, Erskin led with 6 points and Cripe added 5 and a team-high 5 rebounds. Salyer also had 5 points, while Zink and Bender finished with 4 apiece. Zink added a game-high 5 steals.

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

## Poor shooting muffles Oracle Senior Night

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On Senior Night the Lady Oracles looked like they might end their five-game losing streak, but poor shooting from the field and from the free throw line put a damper on an otherwise festive night when Rossville came visiting and went home with a 50-40 win. Back on the road again at

Sheridan, the Oracles came out on the short end of a 43-31 score.

Against Rossville, Delphi fell behind 2-0 after only 15 seconds had run off the clock. The Lady Oracles didn't hit a first shot until their sixth possession. Despite the slow start offensively, trailing 5-2 halfway through the first quarter, their defense kept them in the game. Connecting on four

of 18 first quarter shots, the Oracles had managed to come back and take the lead 12-10 because three of those made shots were of the three-point variety - one each by Whitney Arion, Erika Hawn and Kristina Barnard.

The second period was tight all the way through with neither team able to get a lead of more than two points. The score was tied at 12, 14, 18

and 20 before Hawn hit another three to put the Oracles ahead 23-20 a minute before half. Rossville hit two quick baskets to regain the lead at 24-23. The game also remained close in the third stanza. Every time that Rossville would hit a basket to go up by three the Oracles would answer with a bucket of their own to cut the lead back to a single point. The

score was tied at 12, 14, 18

The second and third quarters were a virtual standoff. Carroll was led by a pair of freshmen, Quinci Eller and Jess Yoder. Eller scored 10 of her game-high 19 points in the middle two quarters and J. Yoder added 7 of her 9 points during that stretch. After three quarters Tri-Central led by the narrowest of margins, 40-39.

Tri-Central outscored Carroll 14-7 in a fourth quarter that was much closer than the final score might indicate. The Lady Trojans led 46-41 when Sally Adams scored one of the put-backs McCroskey spoke of with 3:47 to go. A 3-pointer from the left wing by Eller cut

the margin to 46-44. Following a bucket by Tri-Central, J. Yoder picked off a Tri-Central pass and went coast-to-coast for a lay up. With 2:38 left Tri-Central's lead was just 48-46.

Unfortunately for the Lady Cougars, Yoder's lay-up proved to be Carroll's final two points of the contest. Tri-Central scored six points in the closing 2:16 to win by eight.

Brazel pitched in 8 points for the Lady Cougars and Abby Reinke pulled down 10 rebounds. Tri-Central had three girls in double figures. Haley Hewitt had 14 points, Kelly Walter scored 11 and 6-foot

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