

# Oracles lose to conference rival

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Sometimes the game of basketball can be a difficult one to figure out.

A lot of Delphi faithful are sharing that sentiment following the Oracles' closely-played 52-48 loss at Twin Lakes last Thursday night.

The fact that the game featured nine ties and 12 lead changes and neither team led by more than five points at any time during the contest may not have been much of a surprise, after all it was a match-up of long-time Hoosier Conference rivals. What was more puzzling was the way the game was lost.

Considering that the Oracles shot an impressive .500 percent (16-of-32) from the field and an even more impressive .846 percent (11-of-13) from the free throw line, compared to the Indians' .408 percent (20-of-49) overall and .600 percent (9-of-15) from the foul line might have most feeling pretty good about earning a win.

Especially when considering that coming into the contest, Delphi had a perfect 4-0 record in games in which it shot at least .500 percent from the field, and was 6-2 in games when it shot

.432 percent or better. The Oracles are 0-8 on the season when shooting less than .432 percent from the field.

In this game, there were other statistics that told a different tale.

Not only did Twin Lakes appear to be the "scrappier" team on the floor, other vital game statistics from the final stats sheet support this observation.

The Indians were able to take hold of 17 offensive rebounds, compared to just five for Delphi, on the way to out rebounding the Oracles overall 26-20.

Delphi, which started an all senior line-up for only the second time this season, also committed 19 turnovers versus just 13 for TL, leading to 11 steals for the Indians to just one for the Oracles in another glaring discrepancy.

Combine those facets of the game, and it produces an extra 18 possessions for the Indians over the course of the contest (+12 offensive rebounds and a +6 turnover margin).

The game was extremely close throughout, tied at 13 at the end of the first quarter and with TL clinging onto a narrow 25-23 lead at the half.

Delphi's biggest lead of the game came early, at 9-4 with 4:08 remaining in the first pe-

riod after a Justin Snider three-point play.

The Oracles would use a strong third quarter to outscore TL 17-11 and lead 40-36 at the break, led by Michael Myers, who scored 11 of his game-high 15 points in the period, including three treys.

Another late-game scoring drought secured Delphi's fate. The Indians outscored the Oracles 11-2 to open the final quarter to take their biggest lead of the game at 47-42 with 2:55 remaining.

Delphi made only one basket in the fourth quarter against TL, a Myers jumper in the lane with 5:35 to play.

The Oracles did make all six of their foul shots in the final quarter to keep the game close, but the Indians converted 7-of-9 freebies to account for their final seven points, sealing the victory.

Delphi (6-12) has lost five of its last six games after a mid-season stretch where it won 5-of-7 after opening the year with five straight losses. The Oracles finish with a conference record of 1-5.

On the bright side, the season trend points to the start of a win streak as the Oracles embark upon the close of regular season and enter postseason play.

Twin Lakes (10-7 overall, 2-2 in conference) has now defeated Delphi six straight times, dating to the Oracles' last win on Feb. 7, 2002, and in 11 of the last 13 contests since the 1995-96 season.

Snider was the only other Oracle in double-figures with 10 points, followed by Kyle Bender and Kory Banes with six apiece, Dustin Oliver had five and Matt Lewis and Austin Hawn had three apiece. Myers led with 6 boards.

### JV just keeps winning

The Delphi JV team also had a see-saw battle against the Indians, coming back from several deficits to pull out a 53-52 squeaker, improving its season record to 13-5.

The Oracles trailed 13-10 at the end of the first quarter and by 11 points at 28-17 at the half-time intermission.

But the feisty Delphi group

narrowed the gap to 40-37 by the end of the third quarter and outscored TL 16-12 during the final period to come away with the one-point victory.

The Oracle JV has now won 8 of its last 9 games.

Tanner Cripe led Delphi with 20 points, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range, and six steals. Paul Zink added 15 points and five steals, while Kris Bender had nine points and a team-high six assists. Dustin Salyer finished with five points and A.J. Erskin had four points and a team-high five rebounds.

Delphi will play only one game again this week, traveling to South Newton on Friday for a 6:30 pm JV tip-off.

## Sport shorts

### Honor rollers get iced

Delphi Community Middle School students who made the semester honor roll were treated to an Indiana Ice hockey game Jan. 26 at Pepsi Coliseum in Indianapolis. A total of 71 students and 11 chaperones enjoyed the event.

Middle school counselor Angela Bieghler said the students deserved some fun.

"We're proud of our students' hard work and effort," she said.

## Call Outs

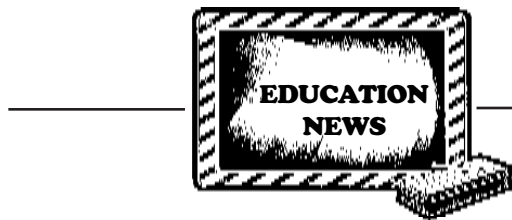
### Delphi Youth Baseball

Delphi Youth Baseball's Summer League last day registration and sign-up time for both players and coaches will be Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Canal Interpretive Center Lobby.

Eligibility includes anyone ages 4-12, using age as of May 1. Level of play includes Pee Wee (ages 4-6), Minor B (pitching machine, age 8-&-under), Minor A (live-arm, age 10-&-under), and Major (live-arm, age 12-&-under) leagues.

Registration cost is \$30 for Pee Wee & \$40 for all other age levels, with \$10 discount per child for families with three or more children enrolled. Practices begin on April 3, with games starting on May 3. Regular season will conclude on June 21.

To register, provide proof of age, uniform size, league desired and fee at sign-up.



NATHAN TRAPP of Flora was named to the fall semester dean's list at Muscatine Community College in Iowa.

Indiana State University has announced its dean's list for the fall 2007 semester. Area students making the dean's list include: ANGIE VEACH of Camden; and HEATHER BRAKEL, ASHLEY GARRISON and BRITTANY LAKE, all of Delphi.

Two Carroll County students were among 26 Muscatine Community College (MCC) Agribusiness & Technology students who recently attended the Postsecondary Agricultural Students of Iowa (PAS) spring conference hosted by Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. The two-day conference focused on professional development, industry net-

working combined with individual and team competitive events.

The MCC swine specialist team placed second with NATHAN TRAPP of Flora the high score individual. He completed a 100 question multiple choice exam and then prepared and presented two different case study problems about the swine industry to a set of judges.

MARK MINNICUS of Delphi participated in the Crop Specialist program. He and his teammate individually completed a 100 question multiple choice quest exam, identified pest and field situations using 50 slides and as a team, solved a complex cropping system problem using data from herbicide labels, nutrient recommendations, and other agronomic information.

## Carroll boys From page 1B

Carroll lost the services of guard Justin Brown for the season with a torn ACL early in the second period.

The Cougars settled down after intermission. They never fell behind more than 19 points and outscored Tipton 23-19 in the half. Late in the game the Cougars went on an 11-4 run to close the gap to 12.

Neither team shot well from the field. Carroll was 13 of 38 for 34%, while Tipton was not much better at 18 of 52, 35%. Tipton out-rebounded Carroll 27 to 20. Adam Tussinger led the Cougars with 6 rebounds and Adam Spesard grabbed 5. Craig had a game-high 16 points for Carroll and A. Spesard added 12.

Tonight (Wednesday) the Cougars (6-10, 2-1) will be at Clinton Central (7-10, 2-2) for a varsity match-up only. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Friday the Cougars are at Taylor and Saturday are back at home against Frontier for Senior Night. Central leads the series 39-33, Taylor leads the series 9-3 and Carroll

leads the series with Frontier, 22-20.

### JV loses to Blue Devils

Tipton held off the (11-6) Cougars with a fourth quarter surge, 59-49.

Both teams came out smoking. There were nine lead changes and two ties in the first quarter before visiting Tipton took the lead for good at 17-16. The Cougars could only muster one field goal in the second period. Tipton took a 12-point lead, 32-20, before four straight free throws pulled Carroll back into single digits before halftime, 32-24.

Tipton outscored Carroll 12-11 to go up 44-35 after three. The Cougars started the fourth period with a 7-0 run as Riley Eller had two baskets and Drew Yoder a trey to put the Cougars back into the game at 44-42. But Tipton came right back with nine unanswered points and claimed the win.

Kyle Geheb and Primmer Zook led Carroll with 11 points each. Riley Johnson and Yoder had 8 each.

## Scoreboard

### Girls' Basketball CLINTON CENTRAL SECTIONAL Class 2A

**Delphi 45, Clinton Central 38**  
DELPHI: Barnard 1-5 3-6 5, Yates 1-5 1-2 3, German 2-6 5-7 9, Arion 4-4 3-4 11, Hawn 2-10 5-7 9, Lake 0-0 1-2 1, Burge 0-0 1-2 1, Kayser 0-1 0-0 0, Rouhier 1-2 4-4 6. Totals 11-33 23-34 45.

CLINTON CENTRAL: Gilbert 2-3 0-2 4, Neal 2-7 4-10 9, Wilson 2-15 1-2 5, Walker 2-8 2-3 4, Conner 0-5 2-2 2, Bowman 3-6 4-8 10, Eli 0-3 0-0 0, Tolson 1-1 0-0 2, Pelling 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 12-48 13-27 38.

Delphi 11 10 9 15 - 45  
Clinton Central 8 13 11 6 - 38  
3-point goals - Delphi 0-5 (Yates 0-1, Hawn 0-4), Clinton Central 1-11 (Neal 1-2, Bowman 0-1, Eli 0-2, Wilson 0-6). Rebounds - Delphi 36 (Barnard 7, Hawn 7), Clinton Central 34. Total fouls - Clinton Central 23 (Gilbert, Bowman), Delphi 22 (Yates).

**Carroll 45, Delphi 30**  
CARROLL: M. Yoder 2-3 0-0 4, B. Yoder 0-3 1-3 1, Reinke 3-7 3-5 9, Eller 3-12 2-2 10, Brazel 3-11 1-2 9, J. Yoder 1-7 2-5 4, Hughes 0-1 0-1 0, Zook 0-0 0-0 0, Griffin 0-0 1-2 1, McCarter 2-8 2-2 7, C. Yoder 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 14-52 12-21 45.

DELPHI: Barnard 1-6 3-4 5, Yates 0-1 1-2 1, German 2-5 2-2 6, Arion 2-11 1-2 7, Hawn 1-6 4-4 7, Lake 0-1 2-4 2, Evans 0-0 0-0 0, Burge 0-0 0-0 0, Rhodes 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Kayser 0-2 0-2 0, Rouhier 1-4 0-1 2. Totals 7-37 13-21 30.

Carroll 7 16 15 7 - 45  
Delphi 8 7 4 11 - 30  
3-point goals - Carroll 5-25 (Eller 2-5, Brazel 2-7, McCarter 1-4, Reinke 0-1, Hughes 0-1, B. Yoder 0-3, J. Yoder 0-4), Delphi 3-18 (Arion 2-7, Hawn 1-5, Kayser 0-2,

Barnard 0-4). Rebounds Delphi 39 (German 10), Carroll 32 (Eller 6). Total fouls - Carroll 22, Delphi 17 (Yates).

Carroll is 12-9; Delphi finishes 5-16.  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Carroll 64, Fountain Central 58**  
CARROLL: M. Yoder 6-9 2-4 14, B. Yoder 0-0 0-0 0, Reinke 1-5 7-8 9, Eller 8-13 3-5 24, Brazel 2-2 3-6 9, McCarter 0-0 1-2 1, J. Yoder 0-1 5-6 5, Griffin 1-1 0-1 2, Hughes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-31 21-32 64.

FOUNTAIN CENTRAL: Krout 0-0 0-0 0, Everett 7-9 7-9 21, Ka. Hesler 3-6 0-0 8, Lindquist 3-10 0-0 6, Ky. Hesler 3-9 2-2 10, Rice 1-6 4-6 7, Robinson 2-3 0-0 6. Totals 19-43 13-17 58.

Carroll 19 11 24 14 - 64  
Fountain Central 11 14 18 15 - 58  
3-Pt. Goals - Carroll 7-9 (Eller 5-7, Brazel 2-2), Fountain Central 7-20 (Robinson 2-3, Ka. Hesler 2-5, Ky. Hesler 2-5, Rice 1-4, Lindquist 0-3). Rebounds - Carroll 25 (Eller 5, Brazel 5), Fountain Central 20 (Everett 6). Turnovers - Carroll 15, Fountain Central 15. Total Fouls - Carroll 16 (M. Yoder), Fountain Central 21.

### Boys' Basketball

#### Twin Lakes 52, Delphi 48

DELPHI: Hawn 1-4 0-0 3, Lewis 1-1 0-0 3, Snider 2-7 6-7 10, Myers 6-11 0-0 15, Bender 2-3 2-2 6, Banes 3-4 0-0 6, Oliver 1-2 3-4 5. Totals 16-32 11-13 48.

TWIN LAKES: Bonnell 0-0 0-0 0, Raderstorf 2-6 0-1 4, Schulteis 4-7 2-5 10, Martinez 4-13 2-3 11, Billings 2-7 2-2 6, Royse 3-7 3-4 10, Runyon 3-5 0-0 7, Glotzbach 1-1 0-0 2, Ellis 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 20-49 9-15 52.

Delphi 13 10 17 8 - 48  
Twin Lakes 13 12 11 16 - 52  
3-Pt. Goals - Delphi 5-13 (Myers 3-7, Lewis 1-1, Hawn 1-4, Snider 0-

1), Twin Lakes 3-12 (Runyon 1-1, Martinez 1-3, Royse 1-3, Billings 0-2, Raderstorf 0-3). Rebounds - Delphi 20 (Snider 5), Twin Lakes 30 (Billings 6). Total Fouls - Delphi 18, Twin Lakes 14.

JV Score: Delphi 53, Twin Lakes 52.  
**Tipton 55, Carroll 41**  
CARROLL: Craig 6-11 1-3 16, Tussinger 0-5 2-2 2, Hazel 0-2 0-0 0, Benson 1-3 1-2 3, C. Spesard 0-0 1-2 1, Brown 1-1 0-0 2, A. Spesard 4-8 4-5 12, Ives 0-4 2-2 2, Yoder 1-2 0-0 3, Zook 0-0 0-0 0, Geheb 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 13-38 (.342) 11-16 (.688) 41.

TIPTON: Elston 5-14 2-3 12, Coleman 4-8 0-1 8, Dye 0-4 0-0 0, Dickey 2-6 0-0 5, Maxey 4-5 0-0 8, Massey 1-3 2-3 4, Jass 3-7 0-0 7, Hoffman 3-3 0-0 9, Bullick 0-0 0-0 0, Bess 0-1 0-0 0, Jacobs 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 18-52 (.346) 4-7 (.571) 55.

Carroll 11 7 12 11 - 41  
Tipton 19 17 11 8 - 55  
3-Pt. Goals - Carroll 4-15 (Craig 3-4, Yoder 1-2, Tussinger 0-1, Geheb 0-1, Hazel 0-2, A. Spesard 0-2, Ives 0-3), Tipton 5-13 (Hoffman 3-3, Jass 1-1, Dickey 1-4, Elston 0-2, Dye 0-3). Rebounds - Carroll 20 (Tussinger 6, A. Spesard 5), Tipton 27 (Elston 8, Dickey 5). Turnovers - Carroll 23, Tipton 20. Total Fouls - Carroll 13, Tipton 18.

**Tipton JV 59, Carroll 49**  
CARROLL: Geheb 4 1-2 11, Brumbaugh 0 0-1 0, Zook 4 2-2 11, Butcher 0 0-0 0, Yoder 2 3-3 8, Johnson 4 0-2 8, Eller 2 2-2 6, Harper 1 0-0 2, Allen 1 0-0 3, Totals 18-52 49. TIPTON: Bess 6 1-2 13, Rich 1 0-0 3, Lively 1 0-0 2, Overdorf 5 2-2 14, Voorhis 4 2-4 10, Jacobs 3 0-0 6, Hunt 0 0-0 0, Hoffman 3 2-1 11. Totals 23 7-10 59.

3-Pt. Goals - Carroll 5 (Geheb 2, Zook, Yoder, Allen), Tipton 6 (Hoffman 3, Overdorf 2, Rich).



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