

# Delphi trio to play in Colt World Series

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Three members of Delphi's Sectional-winning baseball team have earned spots on the Hoosier North roster for the upcoming 2008 Colt World Series, which opens tonight, Wednesday, at Loeb Stadium in Lafayette.

Delphi juniors-to-be Tanner Cripe and Neil Snoeberger, along with sophomore-to-be Austin Hawn successfully made it through the tryout process in early June to become one of the final 17 players chosen for the team made of players from seven area high schools, including Lafayette Jeff, McCutcheon, Logansport, Benton Central, Crawfordsville and Frontier.

Hoosier North has since played nearly 40 games and tournaments throughout the Midwest, starting with a tournament near Dayton, Ohio, on June 12 and continuing through the Colt World Series August 6-13.

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Unlike the automatic bid that is reserved for a "Local Host" team from Lafayette, Hoosier North had to earn its berth into the Colt League's annual signature tournament as the "Area Host" team by winning the "Harry Bradway Classic," a tournament played in Loeb Stadium July 17-20 featuring other Colt League teams from around North-Central Indiana and named after the local Colt World Series leader of over 30 years.

Bradway was instrumental in forming the Colt League in 1958 for those players who were too old for the Pony League and had no other options for summer baseball at their age.

The current Colt World Series field is comprised of ten teams of 15 and 16-year-olds who play under the PONY Baseball, Inc. blanket.

In addition to the two area teams, the tournament will feature international teams

from Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Czech Republic, as well as teams from the United States representing Greensboro, N.C., Central, Mich., McAllen, Texas, and Covina, Calif.

The tournament will start with an Olympic-style format, where the ten teams will be divided into two divisions of five and will be assured of at least four games by playing each of the other teams in their own pool once.

Division assignments are based on order of finish in the previous year's World Series play, and the first and second place finishers in each division then advance to the semi-finals on Tuesday in what then becomes a single-elimination tournament of

the final four teams, with tie-breaking events in place.

The winners of the games from the top two finishers in each pool advance to the Gold Medal Championship finale scheduled for next Wednesday night.

Although the tournament officially starts on Wednesday with games scheduled at 2:30, 5 and 7:30 p.m., Hoosier North is not scheduled to take the field until Thursday at 7:30 p.m. against Central Michigan.

The Area Host team will then continue pool play competition on Saturday at 5 p.m. vs. Greensboro, on Sunday at 5 p.m. vs. Grand Ledge, Mich., and on Monday at 7:30 vs. Covina.

Hoosier North is

coached by Matt Huckstep, a 2001 McCutcheon graduate who is entering his third season as a Benton Central assistant, with assistance from Tyler Rosenbarger, Kyle Rush and Tyler Ness.

Lafayette's Loeb Stadium in the Columbian Park complex first became the host site for the Colt World Series in 1969 and has been the location of choice for every year since a one-year hiatus in 1972 when the tournament was moved to Tampa, Florida.



Neil Snoeberger



Tanner Cripe



Austin Hawn

## HOOSIER NORTH ROSTER

# Player	Position	High School
1 Sean Ford	OF	McCutcheon
3 Jon Tierney	SS	Logansport
4 Mitch O'Malley	C	Benton Central
5 Jon-Marc Ream	OF	Frontier
7 Austin Hawn	OF/P/1B	Delphi
8 Neil Snoeberger	2B	Delphi
11 Dylan Sterrett	P/INF	Frontier
12 Gaven Schreckengast	C	McCutcheon
13 Austin Evans	C	Crawfordsville
14 Tanner Cripe	1B/P	Delphi
15 Brian Chenoweth	P/INF	McCutcheon
17 Nathan Champion	OF/P/1B	Logansport
19 Tanner Rosenbarger	OF/P	Benton Central
23 Travis Demerly	3B/P	Frontier
25 Grant Ream	INF	Frontier
30 Steven Rice	P/1B	Crawfordsville
33 Josh McQueary	P	Lafayette Jeff

Manager—Matt Huckstep  
Assistant coaches—Tyler Rosenbarger, Kyle Rush, Tyler Ness

## Call-outs

### Delphi Little Gridiron

Delphi Little Gridiron Football callout and equipment issue for all in-coming 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders will be held Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Berto Field. For additional information and registration cost, email Jamie Sailors at sailorsj@delphi.k12.in.us.

### Monticello Eclipse Softball tryouts

Monticello Eclipse 12U will hold open tryouts for the 2009 season at Voight Park, Monticello, on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Monticello Eclipse 14U will hold open tryouts for the 2009 season at Voight Park, Monticello, on Aug. 9 and 17. Registration will be at 1:30 p.m. with tryouts from 2 to 4 p.m. both dates.

### Carroll football

Carroll Jr. High football equipment pick-up will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in the auxiliary gym.

### DCHS fall sports

Physicals are required for all participants on or before the start date.

### High School

**Football** practice began Monday and continues through Aug. 14 from 3 to 10 p.m. at DCHS practice field.

**Boys Tennis** practice began Monday from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the DCHS courts (rain or shine). Call Joyce Lawton at (765) 447-1464 or 564-3481 ext. 2300 with questions.

**Girls Golf** practice has begun at the Carroll County Country Club.

**Volleyball** try-outs are being held through Aug. 8 from 3:45 - 6:45 p.m. at the DCHS gym. For more information or questions, contact Suzanne Hughes at volleyball-junkie@hotmail.com.

**Soccer** practice also began Monday. Twice daily practices are being held from 8-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Riley Park Annex.

**Cross Country** practice is under way from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at DCHS. Contact Jamie Houser at (765) 409-3625 for more information.

### Middle School

**7th and 8th grade football** practice will start Aug. 11 after school. Questions may be directed to Dick VanSickle at 564-3148.

**8th grade volleyball** practice will begin Aug. 15 at DCES (Hillcrest) gym immediately after school. Contact Sue Condon at 564-3481, ext. 2001, for more information.

**7th grade volleyball** practice will begin in the auxiliary gym at DCHS after school on Aug. 15. Contact Sue Condon at 564-3481, ext. 2001, for more information.

**6th grade volleyball** will be determined at a later date.

**7th and 8th grade Cross Country** practice is being held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at DCHS. Contact Jamie Houser at (765) 409-3625 for more information.

## TMD Hillclimbing Team wins state championship

### Comet staff report

Vance "Cheezy" Lashley, co-owner of TMD Hillclimbing Team, won the state championship in the 450CC class at Cayuga. The event was held July 26-27.

Lashley raced his CRF 450, running a fast time of 4.3 seconds. He also had a great run in the Open Stock Class, finishing in second place, just under a tenth of a second behind the winner.

Chris Brown, who injured his right foot in Saturday night's race, continued on and earned a first place finish in the Open Stock class (on one foot). He rode again on Sunday and came in third place in the Open Stock class and fifth place in the 450CC class.

Zach "Tiny" Brown earned his first win on Saturday night in the 400CC Stock class. His best finish in the state championship on Sunday was third place in the 400 Stock class. He also finished fifth in the 250CC class.

Kyle "Munch" Lashley was

consistent throughout the weekend. He put in a solid eighth place state finish in the 250CC class and a ninth place finish in the 400 Stock class.

Randy "Dash" McIlrath brought home a fifth place state finish in the 125CC class and a 12th place finish in the 400 Stock class. This is

his first season of racing.

The TMD team will compete Aug. 8-10 in the National Championship Hillclimb in Waterford, Ohio.



State hillclimb champion Vance "Cheezy" Lashley

## Championship team



Flora Heat, in two come-from-behind victories over Camden, claimed the Tri County Jr. Miss B League Championship. The Heat won both games by just one points, 10-9 and 8-7. The team finished the season with a 9-1 overall record. Team members are (l-r): Paige Cook, Hunter Cook and Kaira Ragan. 2nd Row - Stephanie Cutsinger, Allie Hegedus, Katie Capitano, Kristin Spencer, Amy Schnieb. Back - Coach Michelle Barnes, Kayla Kauffman, Lindsey Pickett, Paige Barnes, Katelynn Aldridge and Coach Candy Kauffman. Photo provided

## Service News

### Whiteaker is promoted

Marcie J. Whiteaker has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Whiteaker, a flight chief with 14 years of military service, is in the 99th Security Forces Group, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev.

She is the daughter of Lauretta and Michael Whiteaker of Rossville.

The master sergeant graduated in 1992 from Rossville High School, and received an associate degree in 2007 from the Community College of the Air Force.



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