

Cougars win first-ever HHC soccer championship

The Carroll varsity soccer team won the Hoosier Heartland Conference championship with a 3-2 overtime victory over Central Catholic last Thursday night. The Cougars improved to 5-0 on the season.

With rain on and off throughout the night Carroll's Chase Meade started the scoring just 6 minutes into the game. Meade took a pass from Justin Moffitt and made his way to the goal. Central Catholic answered with a goal of their own on a volley by Peter Gettings. The Cougars finished off first half scoring with 5 minutes left on a 35-yard direct kick off the foot of Michael Myer.

The Cougars held the 2-1 lead until Eliot Zak tied the game with 26 minutes to go in the game. The final 26 minutes saw chances by both teams but no goals. At the end of regulation and through one overtime, the game stayed even. Finally, with 2:37 to go in overtime, Carroll senior Steven Arendsen took a Myer pass and put a left footed shot into the far side net to give the Cougars a 3-2 lead.

A mad scramble was held off by the Cougars, who picked up their first Hoosier Heartland Conference Championship for their varsity soccer team. Cody Abdon had 5 saves in goal for the Cougars and Owen White had 8 saves for Central Catholic.

The Cougars set up their chance at the conference championship by beating Rossville 4-0 earlier last week. Both teams fought hard on the hottest night of the season with temperatures into the 90's. The Cougars scored on a Meade header off of an assist from the head of Myer about 13 minutes into the game. Codey Meade followed up his brother's goal with his own to put the Cougars up 2-0 with about 21 minutes to go in the half. Arendsen got his first goal of the year on a penalty kick with 3 minutes to go in the

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Win HHC title

Carroll's varsity soccer team is the Hoosier Heartland Conference champion. Team members are (l-r): Front – Codey Meade. Middle – Zack Harness, Jeremy Hayes, Tyson Ovalle, Amber Hughes, Alisha Hedrick, Trey Overholser, Jacob Mullins, Jessica Yoder, Megan Grace, Kate Hickner, Alex Atkisson, Stephen Murphy. Back – Tyler Plank, Michael Myer, Sam Parker, Chase Meade, Justin Moffitt, Cody Abdon, Steven Arendsen, Kiel Lester, Dan Budreau, Blake Seward, Assistant Coach Gail Moffitt, and Coach Dave Falkenberg. Photo provided

Cougars hammer Trojans

By Mike Hoffman

Contributing sportswriter

The chant on the sidelines from the Carroll players when their offense and defense are on the field is – hammer, hammer, hammer. The Cougars gave the Tri Central Trojans a 65-0 clawing Friday night. And the Cougars hammered – they outmanned, outplayed and physically manhandled their opponent.

The Cougars remain perfect at 3-0 to start the season, a feat they have not duplicated since the 2004 season.

The Trojans suffered their third consecutive loss of the season. The Cougar defense held TC to just 67 yards rushing and 57 yards passing.

The Cougars amazed the home crowd fans with their play on both sides of the ball. The Blue Machine rushed 35 times for 292 yards and passed for 128 yards for 420 yards.

"We finally opened up a little," Cougar Coach Steve Keown said. "We've been on the verge of busting loose after scoring just 42 points in our first two games. Our offensive line really handled their defensive line."

He went on to say, "our de-

fense out scored our offense," referring to four pass interceptions, six forced fumbles of which three were recovered, a safety and a 69-yard punt return.

"I know they're struggling," added Keown, "but Robby Howell is going to be a fine quarterback, Corbin Fiscus is a good receiver, Justin Grubb and Keegan Pyke ran hard. I'm proud of our guys, especially the way our seniors stepped up."

Drew Yoder scored the Cougars first TD, at 6:35 (1) 6-0 on a 17-yard run. The extra point kick was blocked.

The defense, after a bad snap on fourth down, recorded a safety when they tackled the punter in the end zone. 8-0 CHS. Then at 3:13 (1) Skylar Bagwell scored on a 49-yard run, and the 2-point conversion pass was good. 16-0 CHS, the score at the end of the first quarter.

The Cougars put 21 points on the board in the second quarter. The first score of the quarter came on a 23-yard touchdown run by Bagwell at 4:41 (2), as the kick was good. 23-0 CHS. After a fumble by quarterback Howell, the Cougars wasted no time as Riley Eller found

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Cougar attack

Carroll defensive linemen #51 Josh Pine and #63 Dalton Hicks jar the ball loose from the Tri Central quarterback Friday night. The Cougars easily put the game away, skunking the Trojans 65-0. Bill Stauffer photo

Oracles overmatched by WL

By Todd Swank

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The Oracle football team lost to the 4th-ranked West Lafayette Red Devils Friday night. The lop-sided score was 62-6.

The Oracles are still winless after three games against teams that are a combined 8-1 on the season, with two of the teams ranked in the top ten in the state.

WL took a quick 7-0 lead early on with a 65-yard drive on six plays. WL's second possession was shortened to one play when Brad Roth intercepted a pass by QB Matt Lancaster. The Oracles' AJ Bennett gave the ball right back when he tossed an interception of his own. This time WL needed only three plays to score from midfield. A blocked extra point kept the score at 13-0.

Andy Huber of WL intercepted an AJ Beckett pass and ran 37 yards untouched into the end zone, upping the score to 20-0. On Delphi's next possession Huber again made a nice play and intercepted his second pass of the game and got within 5 yards of the end zone before the Oracles stopped him. Lancaster needed one play to complete a 5-yard TD pass.

WL had scored 27 points in

the first period and had done it on just 11 offensive plays.

The second quarter was much like the first with the Red Devils' line outplaying the Oracles' young linemen on both sides of the ball. WL ran off a 69-yard drive to stretch the score to 34-0. After a Delphi fumble the

Devils again scored quickly from 35 yards out. Another TD by WL and the score was 48-0 at the half.

The score went to 62-0 halfway through the third period. The final Red Devil point of the evening came on a play from the past. After scoring a TD, Adam Volta

made the extra point with a drop kick.

Freshman Matt Brown ran in from one yard out for the Delphi's lone TD late in the game. The extra point was missed.

This game was much like other games this year. The Oracles inability to run the ball allows the defenses to

concentrate on the passing of Beckett, who, when he has time to pass, has had several passes dropped by his receivers.

Delphi falls to 0-3 (0-1 Hoosier Conference) for the year. They visit Twin Lakes (1-1) for their first road game. Start time is 7:30 p.m.

3 Cougars record personal best golf scores

Carroll's Lady Cougar golf team has been playing well and improving all season.

On Aug. 26, the Cougars played Taylor and Eastern in a home match at Angel Hill Golf Course. Carroll won with a 202 over Taylor with a 208 and Eastern 225. Carroll was led by senior Megan Garrison's 41 followed by Taylor Sproul with 47, Malena Zook 52 and Katie Unger 62. Garrison was medalist.

The Cougars had another home match on Aug. 28 against West Lafayette and Frankfort. Carroll shot a team score of 197, but lost to both West Lafayette at 184 and Frankfort at 193. Carroll's scores were Garrison 37, Sproul 48, Zook 49 (a personal best) and Unger 63. Garrison was again medalist.

On Sept. 3, the Lady Cougars traveled to the par 36

Logansport Golf Course to compete against Lewis Cass and Winamac. Carroll finished second with a score of 213. Winamac won with a

199 and Cass came in third with 218. Garrison was medalist with a new personal best and new school record 1 under par 35, Sproul's new

personal best is 45. Katie Unger shot a 68 and Emma Packard 65.

Carroll's season record is 5 wins to 4 losses.

Cougar XC off to a fast start

Carroll high school boys and girls cross country teams have started the 2008 season with some good performances.

Coach Mike Miller, entering his 30th year of coaching cross county, has high expectations for this bunch of runners. "I believe that both teams have an opportunity to get very deep into the tournament this year," he said.

The boys are currently 37-2, picking up invitational wins at the Lou Baker and Comet (Caston) invites. They are currently ranked

10th in the Coaches Poll for small schools, but look to move up in the rankings with strong performances at the New Prairie Invite on Sept. 18.

The girls are currently 32-4, winning the Lou Baker Invite and finishing 2nd at the 20-team Comet Invite. They are currently ranked third in the Coaches' Poll and they, too, look for a strong performance at the New Prairie invite.

Miller added that he is proud to be a part of the tradition of higher standards that

has been established by Cougar sports. "The longevity of my coaching career could not have been possible without the cooperation of the school, the athletes, their parents and my assistants."

Miller is assisted by Larry Henning and Amy Cottrell (both high school), Matt Benner and Michelle Strawcutter (both junior high).

Both high school and junior high teams see action this week at the Cougar (Thursday) and Rensselaer (Saturday) Invitationals.

Carroll Cougar Players of the Week

Offense Defense



S. Bagwell D. Yoder

Sp Team Scout



C. Kelly E. Glascock

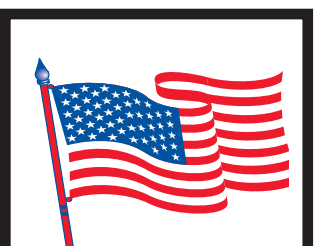
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