

Carroll claims Caston Tourney win



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Carroll's varsity soccer team won the Caston Tournament on Saturday for the third time in four years.

The Cougars started the day playing Southwood High School from Wabash. With a much improved Southwood team and the Cougars playing a little short-handed, Southwood gave the Cougars a great fight. Carroll got on the board first with a goal by Michael Myer just 41 seconds into the game on an assist to

Steven Arendsen. Southwood came back with 2 goals of their own to take a 2-1 lead at the half.

The Cougars came out with 2 goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half, both scored by freshman Blake Seward. Seward's first goal of his career came 1 minute into the half off of an assist from Myer. His second goal came 8 minutes into the half to put the Cougars up 3-2.

Myer finished off a solid

performance with his second goal of the game with just over 5 minutes left, giving the Cougars a 4-2 win and a shot at Caston for the championship. Cody Abdon had 9 saves for the Cougars.

The championship game pitted the Cougars against Caston on their field for the second time in nine days. The start of the game for the Cougars could not have been scripted any better. Just over a minute into the game Myer

placed a corner kick on goal and it snuck through the hands of the Caston goalie. The Cougars had a 1-0 lead. Thirty seconds later the Cougars kept the pressure on and Chase Meade put a long throw-in on goal that made it through the hands of the Caston goalie for a quick 2-0 lead. Less than 2 minutes later the Cougars added a third goal on a penalty kick off the foot of Kiel Lester. That completed the scoring

for the half and gave the Cougars a solid 3-0 lead.

Meade got on the board again with a direct kick that sailed over the goalie. After Caston got on the board with a goal of their own, Carroll's Trey Overholser scored his first goal of the year. The Cougars took the game 5-1.

Senior keeper Abdon had 6 saves. Myer was named tournament MVP, finishing the day with 3 goals and 1 assist for the Cougars.

The Cougars lost 2-0 to Faith Baptist at home last week in a hard fought battle.

The Cougars are now 10-2 and are at home for the last time this year Thursday against Delphi.

Garrison swings way into her 4th regional

Carroll senior Megan Garrison successfully defended her sectional title, firing an outstanding round of even par 72, five strokes better than her nearest competitor.

With the win she advances

to the Lafayette Regional for the fourth year in a row.

"Things started a little shaky with three putt bogeys on the first two holes," said her coach and father, Erin Garrison. "Then she got

things going, finishing the first nine with a one under par 35. The second nine was a good steady round as well ending with a one over par 37 with a bogey on the 18th hole."

The Carroll girls golf team competed in the Lafayette Sectional Saturday at the par 72 Lafayette Municipal Golf Course. The Lady Cougars played some of their best golf of the season, said Garrison, but came up short finishing sixth out of 8 teams with a 393 score.

Carroll's scoring was rounded out by Taylor Sproul with a 97, Malena Zook 104, Kirstin Arkwright 126 and Katie Unger 120. Sproul and Zook both lowered their scores from last year's sectional and Unger shot her best round of the season.

"Seniors Sproul, Zook and Garrison have been an instrumental part of this three-year-old program and finish their Carroll career with a three-year record of 25 wins and 14 losses," Garrison added.

Saturday's regional will also be played at Lafayette Municipal.

Knights give Cougars first loss

By Mike Hoffman
Contributing sportswriter

The 4-1 Central Catholic Knights overcame a 14-7 deficit early in the game to shut out the Cougars the rest of the game and claim a 63-14 victory. The loss was the Cougars' first for the season.

Carroll won the toss and elected to defer, kicking off to the Knights. The Cougar defense held and the Cougars took over. The Cougars scored first on a 1-yard run by Riley Eller. Skylar Bagwell's PAT

kick was good, 7-0 CHS. On the subsequent kickoff CC's Bryan Brinson ran the ball back 95 yards for the score. The game was tied at 7-7.

Bryan Brinson killed the Cougar "D" with his razzle-dazzle plays. He scored 2 TDs in addition to the kickoff return - in the second quarter on a 58-yard run and in the third quarter scored on a 7-yard pass play. The first quarter ended with a 7-7 tie, and the Cougars were in the game.

The Cougars scored again in the second quarter when Carson Spesard caught a 5-yard pass from Eller. Bagwell's PAT was good, 14-7 CHS. As luck would have it, that was all Carroll's scoring for the rest of the game.

CC's offense went to work and put 28 points on the scoreboard in the second quarter. Jake Milakis scored on runs of 16, 2 and 6 yards. CC led 35-14 at halftime.

In the second half the Knights made a defensive adjustment and put pressure on Eller, basically shutting down Carroll's offense. The Cougar defense couldn't contain CC's offense either as the Knights put 28 points on the board in the second half (21 - 3rd and 7 - 4th).

CC rushed for 278 yards and passed for 195 yards for 473 total yards. The Knights have won 16 consecutive home games, plus possibly their fifth straight Hoosier Heartland Conference championship. They were also without their ace running back who could be back at Sectional time.

The Cougars were just not clicking. They made mistakes such as not blocking the kickoff return and hesitating for too long. CC's defense was down field quickly, stopping Carroll's
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Members of Carroll girls golf team are (l-r): Malena Zook, Kirstin Arkwright, Megan Garrison, Emma Packard, Katie Unger, and Taylor Sproul. Photo provided

Gophers put snag in Oracle Homecoming

By Todd Swank
Contributing sportswriter

The setting was perfect for the Delphi Oracles to get their first victory of the 2008 season on Homecoming Friday. The weather was beautiful and the opponent came into the game with a 2-2 record against less than stiff competition. Despite trailing by 14 points at one time the Clinton Prairie Gophers came back for a 19-14 win.

Early scoring opportunities were wasted by the Oracles. They took the opening kickoff and drove to the Gopher 20-yard line, highlighted by a 48-yard pass from Dustin Salyer to Karson Bender. A false start followed by a sack made it third and 28. A 13-yard pass from Salyer to Bender wasn't enough and on fourth down the Oracles decided to go for it. They ended up turning the ball over on downs after failing to get the needed yardage.

Roy Anderson stopped the Gophers on third and one with a jolting tackle to force a punt. This time the Oracles had a first down at the Gopher 12-yard line when they again shot themselves in the foot. An illegal procedure penalty and a holding call surrounded a one-yard gain to put the ball back to the 27-yard line. On second down Salyer completed a pass to Braden Atwood for 15 yards. Salyer's next attempt was intercepted by the Gophers and returned to the 30. The Oracles had blown two chances to take an early lead.

It took the Oracles special teams to finally put some points on the board when

Brad Roth blocked a punt and Salyer picked it up and ran for a touchdown. A David Furnes kick put the score at 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Tanner Lynde of Delphi opened the second by sprinting 37 yards before getting tackled at the 20. This time the Oracles converted the opportunity into points. Salyer hit Bender with a floater in the right corner of the end zone for the 2-touchdown lead.

Clinton Prairie used up eight minutes of the clock on a 14-play drive that was capped by a two-yard score with barely three minutes left in the half. The ended 14-7, but easily could have been much larger.

The Oracles started the second half just like they started the game. Their drive stalled at the Gopher 16 and a field goal try never got off the ground when the holder couldn't get the ball spotted for the kicker. The Gophers wasted little time taking advantage. Alan Barker ran through the Oracle line and appeared headed for a touchdown before Salyer caught him from behind after 53 yards. A 21-yard pass followed by a missed extra point and the Oracle lead was trimmed to 14-13 midway through the third. A Salyer pass was intercepted and only a Daniel Clawson tackle stopped it from being returned for a TD. Clinton Prairie needed five plays to go ahead 19-14. A two-point conversion was a no good.

Considering how the season is going the Oracles could have given up, but, in-



Delphi running back Tanner Lynde gets around Clinton Prairie's line for a second quarter first down Friday night. The Gophers spoiled the Oracles' Homecoming, defeating their hosts 19-14. Bill Stauffer photo

stead moved the ball inside the Gopher 20 early in the final period. But, once again they came up short when Salyer was sacked on fourth down.

Delphi's last chance to earn a victory ended when Salyer attempted a Hail Mary pass from midfield that was intercepted with a minute left, sealing the game.

Delphi travels to perennial powerhouse and #1 ranked Sheridan for a game with a 7:30 p.m. start.

Van Matre works PGA Tour

Ryan Van Matre, DC, MS(c), has been contracted by the Professional Golf Association (PGA) to provide chiropractic services to PGA Tour golfers.

Van Matre was hired to work several events on the PGA Tour and Champions Tour. He recently worked at the Buick Open in Grand

Blanc, Mich., and the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro, N.C.

The PGA provides two physical therapists, one chiropractor and one athletic trainer at each of its venues. Van Matre said that he was tapped to work on the PGA Tour because of his sports medicine experience with professional athletes.

"My patients usually roll their eyes when I say where I'm going for the weekend," he said. "Then I tell them that I begin treating golfers at 5:30 in the morning and usu-

ally don't finish until 6:30 or 7 in the evening. Most injuries are sprains/strains, tendonitis and low back and neck pain. The players generally know what works best for them such as manipulation, Active Release Techniques or stretching and corrective exercises."

Van Matre is director of Indy Spine and Rehab, P.C. with offices in Delphi and Carmel.

"Everyone asks me if my golf game has improved," added Van Matre. "I just say that I'm not quitting my day job."



Homecoming queen Senior Brittney Atwood was crowned Delphi Community High School Homecoming Queen Friday night during half-time festivities of the Delphi-Clinton Prairie football game. She was escorted by Bob Floyd. Members of her court include seniors Amber Caputo, Krysta Reef and Nicole Springer, junior Samantha Mayhew, sophomore Brittney Abbott, and freshman Justine Alderman. Photo by Portraits by Lori

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