

County rivalry renewed in season opener

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Basketball fans will get a double-dose of the Delphi-Carroll rivalry this season as the schools are slated for two regular season games, as well as a third potential match-up at Sectional tournament time.

In an effort to get back to an annual tradition from several years ago, the two schools added a "home-and-home" series to the season schedule in an attempt to better showcase the rivalry, increase home game gate

attendance and reduce travel costs to an opposing school that would be further outside of the immediate area.

This season, the first meeting will feature a "double-header" with the girls varsity basketball teams tonight, Wednesday, at Carroll, with the girls contest starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by the boys game at 8.

For the past several years, the girls have had the Wednesday night date before Thanksgiving to themselves for their annual event, but with the addition of a second

match-up to the boys' schedule, it presented an opportunity for both to share in the traditionally-heavily attended pre-holiday date as both boys teams' season opener.

Double-headers of this type have grown in popularity throughout the state in recent years and have become a featured marquis event for some schools.

Each team's faithful will have a chance for a preview of the 2008-09 boys campaign after the two schools split their head-to-head contests last season, with Delphi

prevailing 67-65 in a hard-fought regular season thriller, and Carroll taking the Sectional semi-final 53-38 en route to their Sectional championship.

Carroll boys head coach Jeff Hodson enters his eighth season at the helm at Carroll and 18th overall, coming off of last season's 10-13 record that was highlighted by a 56-54 victory over Seeger in the Sectional finale.

Head Coach Brian Tonsoni is entering his ninth overall season and his third at Delphi with a young team hoping to

improve upon last year's 6-15 campaign.

Both boys teams have already held their IHSAA-approved "controlled scrimmages," but Wednesday night's match-up will be the first game that officially counts on the season schedule.

The Carroll and Delphi boys Junior Varsity teams opened the season on Tuesday night at Delphi in another double-header with the girls which finished too late for print in this week's edition of the *Comet*.



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Lady Cougars big 2nd half fuels victory over Sheridan

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The Lady Cougars entered their game Monday evening against Sheridan with a 1-2 mark, looking to get to .500 for the young season. Their goal was accomplished with a feisty second half performance, posting a 45-36 win

against the Lady Blackhawks.

The first half of the game was slow and plodding as neither squad could muster much offense. Cold shooting kept the Cougars from building a lead. However, excellent defense by the Cougars kept Sheridan from getting any separation. Sheridan led 13-11 at the end of one quarter

and 17-15 at halftime.

The third quarter saw two different teams emerge from the halftime break. Carroll came out with more energy on both ends of the floor. Aggressive drives to the basket led to lay-ups and fouls on the visitors. The Lady Blackhawks were able to keep pace through the first 3 minutes of

the third quarter until sophomore Jess Yoder hit a 3-pointer with 3:40 to play and gave the Cougars the lead 26-24.

The Cougars would not trail again. Sheridan turned the ball over on their next possession and Abby Reinke scored on an inbounds play building the Cougars' lead to 28-24. Two free throws and a 3 pointer by Yoder gave the Cougars a 33-26 lead at the break.

The fourth quarter saw much of the same action. Carroll repeatedly drove to the basket and either scored or was fouled. The Cougar lead grew to 45-28 with just over two minutes to play. Coach Mike McCroskey emptied his bench and the reserves finished the game.

Carroll turned the ball over several times in the final two minutes; however, the outcome was already decided. Yoder finished with a game

high 20 points, followed by 12 from Reinke and 9 from Quinci Eller. The Cougars out-rebounded the Blackhawks 25-18 for the game.

Both varsity squads host county rival Delphi Wednesday evening. The ladies tip at 6:30 p.m. and the boys follow at 8. These should be excellent games.

Settle for tourney runner-up

The Lady Cougars tipped off the Tri-County tournament

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Volleyball award winners



Those receiving awards at the Carroll volleyball banquet were (l-r): Front - Alisha Turnpaugh, JV mental attitude; Katelynn Aldridge; Laura Bott, varsity mental attitude. Back - Mikayla Keller, JV most improved; Heather Bott, Conference honorable mention; Hannah Scott, varsity MVP. Photo provided

Garrison to play for Indiana Tech



Carroll senior Megan Garrison has signed a letter of intent to play golf for Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne. She received a full four-year academic/golf scholarship and will major in accounting. Garrison won the Lafayette Golf Sectional the past two years and advanced to the regional the past four years. She was recently named an Academic All-State Honorable Mention by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association. Her dad, Erin Garrison (seated right) is her coach. Also attending the signing were her mother, Kelly Garrison (seated left), and standing, principal Charles Huckstep (left) and athletic director Shaun Rose (right). Comet photo

Teacher receives MAC Grant



Carroll teacher and yearbook advisor Pat Spence, right, has received a \$489 McDonald's MAC Grant to bring digitized media to the yearbook staff. The grant funds will purchase two digital cameras and cases, along with batteries and memory cards. Mrs. Spence has already been working with student Erin Brickhouse (pictured) on digitized media. Also pictured is Mark Hammons, owner-operator of the Delphi, Monticello, and Logansport McDonald's restaurants. MAC (Make Activities Count) Grants are provided by McDonald's Restaurants of Central Indiana for hands-on educational activities that supplement regular classroom curriculum. Those interested in the next round of grants, in the fall of 2009, can apply at mcindiana.com. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Patriots stop Oracle ladies

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In their home opener the Seeger Lady Patriots got off to a fast start against the Oracles and never trailed enroute to a 47-38 victory.

Delphi had five turnovers in its first six possessions to fall behind, 10-0, in the first two minutes of the game. The Oracles first point came when Kari Lake made one of two FT's with 5:40 remaining in the opening period. A basket by the Patriots Elizabeth Budreau at 1:40 made the score 17-3. Hannah Strasser scored to start a run for the Oracles. In the last minute of the quarter Whitney Arion and Danni Burge each made a three point shot followed by another basket by Burge, this one good for two, to close the gap to 17-13 at the end of one.

Arion made it twelve points in a row when she opened the scoring in the second. The score was now 17-15 and the

Oracles were on a run. It didn't last long enough as the Patriots ended a five-minute scoring drought when Erin Kincade sank a troy to stop the Oracle run. That basket by Arion would be the only points for Delphi in the second quarter. In a game of streaks the Patriots would close out the half on a seven point run of their own. The Oracles trailed 24-15 at the half.

The streak continued into the third for the Patriots. They scored the first six points to take their largest lead of the game at 30-15. The Oracles needed one of those scoring streaks that had highlighted the first half. Arion again broke the ice in the scoring column with a three point shot. Jordayn Jargstorf cut the lead to ten a short time later. But five points was all that the Oracles could muster on this run as the Patriots quickly put a stop to it. Two FT's by Chanler Norman and

a basket by Arion would get Delphi within 35-28 to end the period.

A basket by Norman brought the Oracles to within 39-33 with three minutes left in the game, but that was as close as they would get. Take away the ten point disadvantage that the Oracles started with and the outcome of this game could very well have been a win instead of a loss.

Vs. North White

After a slow start by both teams that found Delphi ahead 15-13 at the half, the Oracles outscored North White 30-14 in the 2nd half to improve to 2-1 on the season.

Arion scored 14 of her game-high 17 points in the second half and pulled down a team-high tying seven rebounds to lead a balanced Delphi attack.

North White's Lynette Griffin was the only Viking in double-figures with 11 points.

Everett, Atwood are champions at Chesterton Super Duals

The Delphi wrestling squad started off the 2008-2009 season at Chesterton over the weekend. The Oracles ended 1-4 on the day.

Team scores per round were: Delphi 33, Chesterton 34; Delphi 24, McCutcheon 42; Delphi 32, Munster 39; Delphi 21, Elkhart Memorial 55; and Delphi 63, Lowell 24.

Individually, the Oracles had two champions. At 285,

Wes Everett went 5-0 with three pins and at 171, Braden Atwood went 5-0 with four pins. Atwood was voted by the coaches as the outstanding heavy wrestler of the meet.

Winning three matches on the day for the Oracles were 119 - Stephen Back, 160 - Brandon Delaney, and 189 - Daniel Clawson. Winning two matches were 135 - Tan-

ner Lynde, 140 - Corey Smith, and 145 - Aaron Back.

Winning one match on the day for the Oracles were 112 - Randy McIlrath, 112 - Cesar Cervantes, 125 - Blake Price, 130 - Adam Cunningham, 152 - Kyle Lashley, and 215 - Ken Myers.

The Oracles will wrestle next on Tuesday at Carroll at 6 p.m.

Carroll wrestlers open season at tournament

The Carroll Cougar wrestling team competed in its first matches of the season at a tournament Saturday at Taylor High School. Also present were teams from Mississinewa, Taylor, Grant, Wabash, Eastern, and Madison.

Though a young team consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores, Carroll wrestlers as a whole did well. Senior wrestler Josh Holda wrestled in the 189-pound

weight class with a 3-2 record. Sophomore Montana Gangwer wrestled 4-1 in the 152-lb class. Freshman wrestler Trey Overholser unfortunately finished early in the tournament due to a leg injury in his fourth match, but finished with a 3-1 record. Overholser had the fastest takedown in his first wrestling match ever, 10 seconds.

Other awards given were to Cody Kelly, a sophomore

wrestling at 135 lbs, who received his team's One Bad Cat Award. Junior Joey Prater, wrestling at 160 lbs., received the fastest pin with 10 seconds.

Senior wrestler Chase Meade could not attend due to a soccer showcase. He is expected to compete at the next meet.

Upcoming meets include: North White on Monday and at home versus Delphi Dec. 2.



Competitive match

Carroll senior Josh Holda has the advantage against his Madison Grant opponent in Saturday's Super Duals at Taylor. Holda, wrestling in the 189-pound weight class, won three of five matches. Eastern's team posted a perfect 5-0 record for the day. Photo provided