

DCHS 400 free relay team breaks 32-year-old record

Delphi's 400-meter freestyle relay team of Andrew Burton, Jeremy Sterrett, Jared Kelly and Kyle Price, broke a 32-year old school record last Wednesday at home against Twin Lakes. The record dates back to 1977.

The new record time is 3:27.86.

Burton's father, Brian Burton, was a member of that '77 state-qualifying relay team that set the previously unbroken benchmark. He is now an assistant swim coach and the team's scorekeeper. He was on hand to witness the feat by his son's team. Also witnessing the feat was TLHS assistant swim coach Ed Glick, who was an Oracle swim coach in '77.

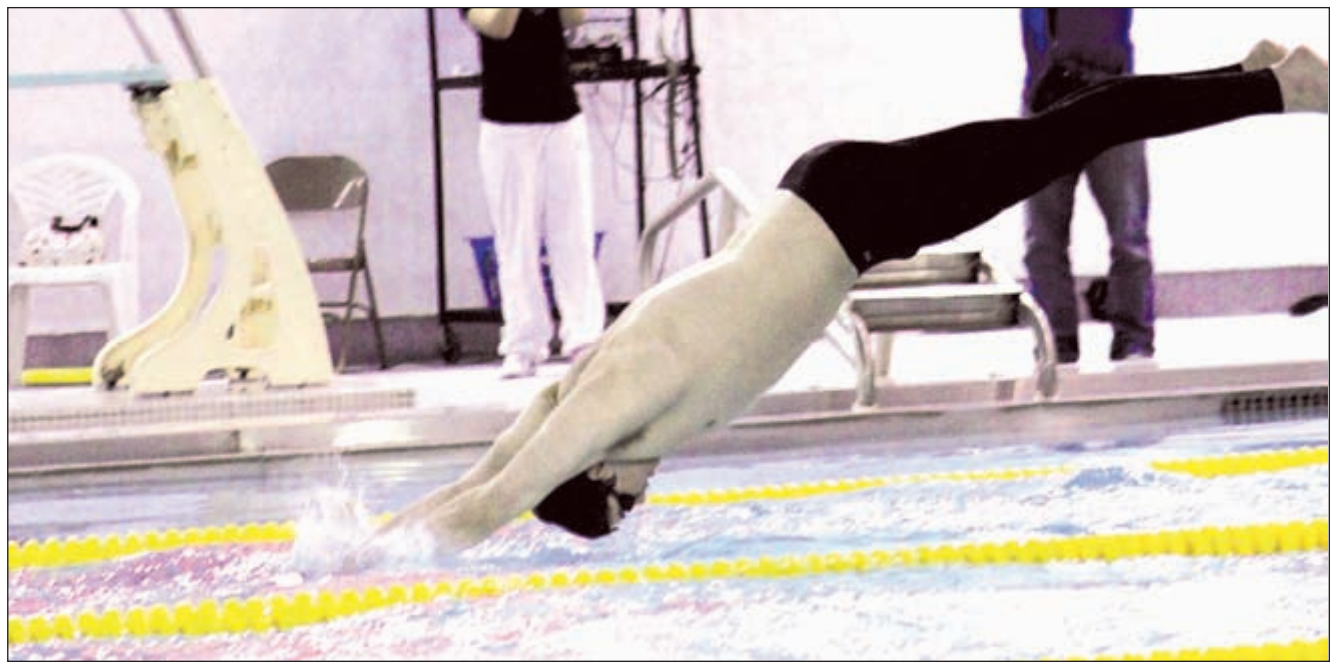
Not only did they break a long-standing record, but the varsity boys defeated an un-

dermanned Indian team 122-49. The girls, however, came up short to the host Indians, 112-74.

Brianna Walters and Monica Hutsell were double winners for the girls.

Burton, Sterrett and Andy Flora were triple winners. Kyle Price, Jared Kelley, Brent Kremer were double winners and Austin Goodman and Clint McLeland had a win apiece.

Both teams defeated Clinton Central Thursday night with the boys winning 111-69 and the girls, 97-88. Hutsell was a double winner while Annie Mose picked up the girls' other first. For the boys, Burton, Kelley and Kyle Price were quadruple winners, Sterrett had three firsts, McLeland, Alex Price, Kremer and Goodman each placed first.



He's off!

Oracle swimmer Andrew Burton, seen entering the water, holds more records than any swimmer in DCCHS history. He has set five individual records and three as a member of relay teams. Bill Stauffer photo

Lady Cougars win two, lose one after long holiday break

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After taking a three week break from basketball games during the holidays, the Lady Cougars returned to the hardwood on Friday to challenge the Clinton Central Bulldogs. This game was close for the first quarter, but the Lady Cougars pulled away in the second stanza and ran away with a 62-42 victory over the Bulldogs.

After dispatching the Bulldogs the evening before, the Lady Cougars battled the Winamac Warriors on Saturday afternoon. The Cougars found the host Warriors much harder to handle, dropping this game 71-39.

Carroll's ladies rebounded Monday night, defeating Maconaquah by 29 points, 54-25. Clinton Central, now

coached by Jennifer Jacoby, gave a valiant effort in the first quarter, trailing 11-9 at the break. Carroll used a 21-12 second quarter to expand their lead to 11 points at the half, 32-21. Carroll sophomore Quincy Eller had a 14-point first half and completed the game with 23 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists. The third quarter saw more of the same action as Carroll used a swarming press that created turnovers that they converted into lay-ups. The Cougars built their lead to 21 points by the close of the period at 51-30.

Clinton Central committed 25 turnovers for the game. They managed to stay even with the Cougars through the fourth quarter. Carroll coach Mike McCroskey used his bench personnel for much of the final quarter, holding onto

a 20-point lead during the final minutes. Eller was helped along the way by fellow sophomore Jess Yoder with 17 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists and junior Abby Reinke with 10 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Also making the scoring column was senior Lucy Zook with a season high 7 points. Zook was in the right place at the right time and received passes from Carly Yoder and Kate Hickner and finished the lay-ups.

Vs. Winamac

Against the Lady Warriors, Carroll played as poorly as the score would indicate. The Warriors used Carroll's same philosophy against the Lady Cougars, using a swarming press to create turnovers and then feed the ball into their post. Winamac forced Carroll into 31 turnovers and Carroll had no answer for Redweik as

she scored at will and ended with 32 points.

Coach McCroskey changed the lineup at half and went with C. Yoder and Hickner to begin the third quarter. This resulted in their best defensive effort against the Warriors, holding them to 14 points for the period. Carroll was able to keep Winamac's lead at 20 points for the quarter.

The fourth period saw the host Warriors trounce the Cougars. They created more turnovers and converted them into baskets. Winamac was able to neutralize Eller, Yoder and Reinke for the entire game. Eller led the way with 15 points and Yoder followed with 13 points and 6 rebounds.

Vs. Maconaquah

The Lady Braves arrived at CHS Monday night with some height and an aggressive man-to-man defense. They left

with a 29-point loss to the Cougars.

Carroll used its same *modus operandi* as in previous victories, a swarming press that creates turnovers in the backcourt. Although the turnovers were not large in number, Maconaquah committed 18 for the game; Carroll converted most of them into points. Led by 23 points and 7 rebounds from Eller and 16 points, 2 assists and 6 steals from J. Yoder, Carroll jumped on the Braves early. The Cougars built a 10-0 lead just 2 minutes into the game. From this point on Carroll was in control. Their first quarter lead stayed at 8 points until the Braves scored at the close to make it 19-13 at the first break.

The Cougars expanded their lead in the second period by grabbing defensive rebounds and quickly getting up the

floor. Carroll's press created several turnovers that were converted into baskets. Carroll used 42% 3-point shooting to build a 32-19 halftime lead. Carroll outscored Maconaquah 24-0 for the game from behind the arc.

The second half was all Cougars as they out-scored the Braves 22-6 for the half, building a 31-point lead midway in the fourth quarter. The reserves cleaned up the final 5 minutes of the action, forcing some turnovers and getting some point production from C. Yoder. She added several steals and rebounds to go with her 4 points. Reinke added 9 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists.

Next up for the Cougars (9-4) will be a visit to Caston on Saturday. The JV will tip at 6 p.m.

Hornets gain revenge over Oracles

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After a full three weeks off from game competition for the holiday break the Oracles reverted back to some early season nuisances in their return to action over the weekend. The Oracles came up short in both games, to Northwestern 58-41 on Friday and to Rossville on Saturday, 85-57.

Turnovers and keeping control of the basketball were an issue Saturday night and cold-shooting was a detrimental culprit on Friday, while troublesome first halves were ubiquitous in both contests.

If not for the first halves of both contests, Delphi was only outscored by a combined score of 64-60. But, as in all sports, it is the full game that

counts, as do all 32 minutes of a high school basketball game.

The Hornets exacted a measure of revenge from last-season's heart-breaking loss to the Oracles in the waning seconds on their home floor. In the first half of play, Rossville took a 43-22 lead at halftime, and used a full-court, trapping defense to force Delphi into a season-high 26 turnovers.

After averaging just over 11 miscues per game over the last four games, the Oracles suffered a relapse they had not seen for awhile, committing 16 turnovers in the first half and 24 after three quarters.

"We must get better in handling the press," head coach Brian Tonsoni said. "We need to make better decisions with the basketball."

"It is time for us to show some toughness and resolve and get things fixed," he added. "The kids work hard and now we must work on playing smart."

Delphi took its only lead on its first possession of the game as Tanner Cripe found Dustin Salyer on a back-door cut for a lay-up. The Oracles would keep it relatively close, trailing only 16-11 after two Austin Hawn free throws with 2:53 remaining in the first period, until Rossville started a 33-11 run over the next 11:23 of the game, including the final four points of the quarter to take a 20-11 lead at the first break.

A second quarter funk also returned for the Oracles who were outscored 23-11, including a 10-0 stretch that put the Hornets up 34-17 with 2:17 remaining. Another Hornet 9-

1 spurt over the final 1:40 of the half had RHS capitalizing on easy baskets after numerous ball-handling blunders in the backcourt.

Rossville (5-5) opened the second half where it left off, scoring the first six points in the first 30 seconds of the half to force a Delphi timeout with a commanding 49-22 lead.

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Taking it to the hoop

Delphi Junior Justin Snider splits the defense and scores in the second quarter against Rossville Saturday night. The Oracles fell behind early and never could catch up with Rossville winning the contest 85-57. Bill Stauffer photo

Tipton overwhelms Lady Oracles

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The Tipton Lady Blue Devils visited Delphi Saturday with a varsity roster entirely made up of underclassmen. The six sophomores and six freshmen sprang out to a big first quarter lead and coasted the rest of the way in a 58-41 win.

Most coaches will say that teams need some upperclassmen to show the kids how to

play the game and provide leadership, but this Blue Devil team is teaching itself. In winning for the eighth time in 12 games, Tipton spoiled the first game of 2009 in the DCCHS gym to put the Oracles' record at 5-8 for the year.

Thanks to great shooting by Tipton, at the end of one period the Oracles were behind by ten at 19-9. Things didn't get any better later. Whitney Arion hit a trey for the Ora-

cles to start the second period. Another Arion three and buckets by Randee Schultz and Kari Lake would be all the offense the Oracles could muster while the Blue Devils were scoring at will to lead at the half 42-19.

Though the game was out of reach Delphi did show some improvement in the second half. Delphi's Ladies managed to break through the press that had bothered them throughout the first half for some easy buckets. Jordayn Jargstorf got free enough to score six third quarter points with help from Danni Burge, who added three. Delphi had outscored Tipton 9-8 in the

third quarter.

Even though the Blue Devils held an insurmountable advantage their coaching staff kept the press on in the final period. While some teams might have folded up, this version of Oracles kept playing and again outscored the visitors by a 13-8 score. Arion and Hannah Evans would lead the fourth quarter in scoring with six and three points respectively.

Arion led the Oracles in scoring with 12 with Jargstorf adding 10.

The Lady Oracles' next game is Jan. 15 at home against Clinton Central with a 6 p.m. start.

Meade breaks wrestling record

Chase Meade broke the 100+ wins mark for Carroll wrestling last week. The four-year Cougar wrestler went undefeated for the day at the Lafayette Jeff Invitational.

Teammate Cody Kelly got the fastest takedown in 7 seconds and fastest pin in 25 seconds.

The team defeated conference rival Central Catholic at the Invitational for the second time this year with a score of 48-30. Carroll also defeated Attica 66-12.

Josh Holda also went undefeated on Saturday. He put in a gritty performance in spite of an illness just days before the invitational. Kelly, Jared Collins, Montana Gangwer, and Kameron Casto were all 4-1 for the day. Trey Overholser and Cody Meade both finished with scores of 3-2.

The team will be at Tri Central on Saturday for another invitational, with a 9 a.m. start time.



Working for a pin

Carroll senior wrestler Josh Holda (on bottom) is working his opponent at Saturday's West Lafayette Invitational. Holda compiled a perfect 4-0 record for the day. Photo provided

Oracle wrestlers win big over West Lafayette

Delphi wrestling team soundly defeated the Red Devils of West Lafayette 68-6 last week, raising their dual meet record to 16-9.

Winning for the Oracles were: Brandon Delaney won by decision at 160 pounds. Braden Atwood won by a first period fall at 171, as did Daniel Clawson and Travis Yoakum at 189 and 215, respectively. Wes Everett won by forfeit at 285. Austin Jones lost a close decision by

a score of 6-9 at 103. At 112, 119, and 125 the trio of Bobby Floyd, Randy McClrath and Cody Alderman all won by forfeit. At 130, Nathan McTigue won by a major decision 9-0. Cory Smith lost a tight match 1-2 at 135. Tanner Lynde at 140 pinned his man in the first period. Aaron Back also pinned his man in the first at 145.

The Oracles will travel to North Newton Saturday for a duals tournament.