

Oracles to compete Saturday in sectional

The Oracles hosted five other teams for a duals tournament last Saturday. Portage (ranked #10) came out on top 5-0. Delphi was second at 4-1. With Calumet and Twin Lakes 2-3, and Frankfort and Lawrence Central 1-4.

Delphi Athletic Director Dan Dawson put the "Bad



Everett

Weather Duals" together in a week.

Individual champions for the Oracles were: 103 - Austin Jones, 145 - Aaron Back, 171 - Daniel Clawson, 189 - Braden Atwood, and 285 - Wesley Everett.

Individually for the Oracles winning one match each were: 112 - Raul Flores, 130 - Nathan McTigue and 285 - Casey Penn. Winning three matches for the Oracles were 112/119 - Bob Floyd, 125 - Cody Alderman, 135 - Cory

Everett, Atwood remain undefeated

Smith, 152 - Dayton Rummell, and 215 - Travis Yoakum. Winning four matches for the Oracles were 103 - Austin Jones, who won on a tie breaker, 140 - Tanner Lynde, 160 - Brandon Delaney, and 285 - Wes Everett.

Winning all five matches were Back, Clawson and Atwood.

Also competing for Delphi were Kyle Lashley at 152 and Ken Myers at 215.

Everett allowed his practice partner, Casey Penn to wrestle one of his matches. Penn dominated the match with two takedowns and a quick pin. He has wrestled for the Oracles for four years but has always been behind Everett.

Everett for the season is 33-0. He has pinned all of his opponents; all in the first period. He also set the school record this year for career pins with 86 and counting.

Team scores were: Delphi 55, Frankfort 15; Delphi 60, Calumet 15; Delphi 27, Portage 49; Delphi 55, Lawrence Central 9; and Delphi 70, Twin Lakes 12.

Last week the Oracle wrestling squad traveled to Lewis Cass. The Oracles prevailed 67-12. Winning for the Delphi team were: 103 - Austin Jones, 112 - Cesar Cervantes, 125 - Floyd, 130 - Alderman, 135 - Smith, 140 - Lynde, 145 - Back, 152 -



Atwood

Rummell, 160 - Lashley, 171 - Clawson, 189 - Atwood, and 285 - Everett.

Everett and Atwood remain undefeated on the season.

The Oracles head into the Lafayette Sectional this weekend with a 21-10 dual meet record. Of the ten losses seven have been to top 20 teams.

Undefeated streak continues for Cougars

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The Class 2A No. 8 Carroll Cougars (9-0) matched their best start in school history with a pair of wins at home over the weekend. They defeated Tri-Central (0-12) 55-42 Friday and Pioneer (3-8) 90-44 Saturday.

The 9-0 start also tied the record for consecutive wins set by the 1991-92 Carroll team that started 9-0 before losing to Winamac. The 1994-95 team also had nine consecutive wins (Dec. 30-Feb. 10).

Friday night's game against Tri-Central was Carroll's first in 20 days due to three cancellations. The affects of the lay-off were not evident early as the Cougars took an 11-2 lead and held a 16-8 advantage after one.

In the second period, the affects of the long lay-off came to the front. Carroll could only muster 6 points in the quarter and with a 21-12 lead midway in the quarter, they were outscored 10-1 by the Trojans. The visitors had

tied the game at 22 by halftime.

A bucket by Adam Spesard and a trey by Riley Eller gave Carroll a 27-22 lead early in the third quarter, but Tri-Central fought back with a 9-2 run to take its first lead at 31-29. The Trojans led 33-30 before the Cougars used an 8-2 run of their own to reclaim the lead for good at 38-35 after three.

The Cougars continued their run in the fourth quarter with 12 unanswered points to take a 50-35 lead. Adam Spesard took over with 8 points and Carson Spesard and Brad Benson had 2 points each in the run.

"Our defensive rotation in the first 20 minutes was just awful," said Coach Jeff Hodson. "We gave them the baseline and let them get too many offensive rebounds. Tri-Central did a good job all night and took (Riley) Eller out of the game.

Adam Spesard had a double-double with 18 points (14 in the second half) and 14 rebounds. Drew Yoder had 11 points. Eller was held to 7

points, but handed out 5 assists. Carson Spesard had 4 assists and 7 rebounds.

Saturday night it was all Carroll. The visiting Panthers were no match as the Cougars

put together a total team effort for their best game of the season.

The Cougars were up 24-8 after one quarter, 49-23 at half-time, and 76-36 at the end of three quarters. Coach Hodson used his bench for the final eight minutes of play.

On the defensive end, Carroll forced Pioneer into 29 turnovers, had 15 steals, and out rebounded the visitor's 34-23. The Cougars held the Panthers to 13 of 36 shooting (36%) and on the offensive end, handed out 24 assists and hit 37 of 61 (61%) from the field.

Individually, Carroll put their players in double figures. Eller had a season-high 26 points (19 in the first half) and handed out 6 assists. Adam Spesard had 12 points; Yoder added 10 points, 4 steals and 4 assists; and Carson Spesard and Tim Ruby had 9 points each. Carson also pulled down 6 rebounds. Kyle Geheb had 8 points and 6 rebounds and Noah Allen had a good floor game with 6 assists, 4 steals and 6 points.

Carroll travels to 3A Northwestern (7-3) Friday night.

JV splits games

The young Cougars fell to 7-2 on the year after splitting weekend games. Friday, Tri-Central came from behind to beat the Cougars 35-32, while Saturday, it was the Cougars who came from behind to defeat Pioneer 38-35.

Against Tri-Central, Carroll was up 11-8 after one and pushed its lead out to 18-11 at half-time. Carroll was outscored 24-14 by Tri-Central in the second half. Carroll had no one in double figures as Ruby, Chad Griffin and Riley Johnson had 6 points each.

It was more of the same Saturday against Pioneer. Carroll led 14-10 at the first stop and 22-19 at intermission. In the third quarter, there was a lead change and two ties before Pioneer took a 33-27 advantage. Ruby scored Carroll's final 8 points of the game to give the Cougars the win.

Ruby led all scorers with 21 points. Griffin added 8 points.



Carroll homecoming royalty
Seniors Josh Holda and Kaitlin Kennedy were crowned Carroll homecoming king and queen at last Friday night's game with Tri Central. Their court included Thomas Gillam, Riley Eller, Mason McCain, Adam Spesard, Megan Ayres, Alisha Hedrick, Lauren Bowman, and Megan Garrison. Photo provided by Carroll yearbook staff

Oracles break school records at Hoosier Conference Meet

Oracle Kyle Price won the 100 backstroke for the third consecutive year at the Hoosier Conference Swim Meet held Saturday. His time of 55.26 ties the school record set by Kevin Stevens in 1983. Jeremy Sterrett, Jared Kelley, Price and Andrew Burton were not only conference champs in the 200 free relay, they knocked over 2 seconds off the school record with a time of 1:33.11.

Burton was conference champ and broke his school

record in the 100 butterfly with a time of 53.97. Andrew Flora won the fourth conference crown in diving with a score of 331.70.

Price teamed with Clint McLeland, Burton and Sterrett to break the 200 medley relay school record with a time of 1:43.19 for second place.

The boys team came in third, just 6 points behind runner-up Rensselaer. The girls team moved up to a fourth place finish after plac-

ing sixth last year.

Earlier in the week both Delphi teams swept county rival Carroll, with the boys winning 114-68 and the girls, 111-72. Delphi was led by triple winners Brianna Walters and Annie Mose while Monica Hutsell was a double winner. Haley Richardson and Megan Tenwinkel each placed first. Carroll was led by Olivia Wenisch who had four firsts while Emily Schneckloth and Sarah Wilkinson each had two firsts.

Triple winners for Delphi boys were Burton, McLeland, Alex Price and Flora while K. Price and Austin Goodman were double winners. Brent Kremer, Kelley and Kendall Baker each placed first. Carroll boys were led by double winner Brock Richardson.

The swim teams split against Rensselaer as the boys won 95-90 while the girls lost 102-83. Carrington Wallace took diving for the girls' only fist place. The boys 200 medley relay team of K. Price, McLeland, Burton and Sterrett knocked over a sec-

ond off the school record with a time of 1:43.68. K. Price and Burton were double winners while Kremer and Flora each placed first. Burton broke his school record in the 50 free with a time of 22.20.

The boys season record is 9-1 while the girls are 7-4.

Three quarters not enough for Oracle ladies

By Todd Swank
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The Lady Oracles were on the road for the last time during the regular season at Rossville. They returned home on the short end of a 45-39 score.

Delphi outscored the Hornets for most of the game (37-35), but the game was decided in the pivotal third quarter. Rossville held Delphi without a field goal and only two points, a pair of free throws by Hannah Strasser, while putting ten points on the board.

Whitney Arion sank two buckets, one a trey, to start the game. Leading 5-3 at the six-minute mark it looked like a good start for Delphi. The Oracles had 11 more possessions in the opening period. A basket by Jordayn Jargstorf among a streak of ten turnovers or missed shots kept the Oracles close at the end of one at 8-7.

Delphi's defense was keeping them in the game. They only trailed by one even after they opened the second period with two more turnovers. Kari Lake finally scored, followed quickly by another Arion basket to put Delphi ahead. In a span of just over two minutes Jargstorf scored six points to keep the Oracles even at 17. Just before halftime, Arion put the Oracles up 19-17 heading into the locker room.

Evidently the Rossville coaching staff had access to the thermostat in the Delphi locker room because the Oracles came out for the second half colder than the weather outside. The aforementioned free throws by Strasser were the only thing that went near the net in the third quarter. Seven turnovers and 0 for 10 shooting turned a two-point

lead into a six-point deficit after three.

It took ten seconds for Rossville to make the score 29-21 and put Delphi into a deeper hole. Chanler Norman finally hit a field goal to start the Oracles after a ten minute drought that began in the first half. Arion and Dani Burge each had 6 points in an 1-point final period by the Oracles, but the defense that had kept them in the game earlier disappeared. The Hornets were scoring 18 of their own

to keep the Oracles from erasing the deficit until the final horn sounded on a 45-39 Hornet victory.

Arion led all scorers with 15 points followed by Jargstorf with 12. Burge had 6, Norman, Strasser and Lake each added 2 for the Oracles.

The JV lost 35-21 with the third quarter being their achilles heel when they were outscored 13-2.

Vs. Sheridan

It seems logical that a team

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Hustle pays off
Point guard Whitney Arion (left) picks up an assist early for the Oracles against Rossville. It was a hard fought contest but the host Hornets came away with the 45-39 win. Bill Stauffer photo

Oracles fall short in road contests

By John J. Dunn
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Playing away from home for the second straight weekend, Delphi continued to fight hard but came up short in road losses at Sheridan 65-53 on Friday and at Cass on Saturday, 40-25.

Despite some tough results for the team this season, expectations have got to con-

tinue to be consistent with reality - this is a very young team, with very little varsity experience. They face a significant height disparity every night they take the floor against older, more experienced veteran-laden teams that almost always will enjoy the benefit of a size advantage.

While not making excuses or trying to predetermine out-

comes - this team is going to give its opponent everything that it has every night out this season.

It might require a couple extra doses of patience and a couple extra levels of understanding the game, but it is exciting to think of the future for this upstart team as time will bear and the experiences of today will help to build a

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Lady Cougars drop two HHC games

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Carroll hosted a Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser on Senior Day Saturday against the visiting Tri-Central Trojans. Proceeds from the gate and concession stand as well as free-will donations went to the American Cancer Society.

The teams warmed up in pink t-shirts and all the coaches wore the same t-shirts throughout the game. (They all looked fantastic!! Pink is a great color, even for men!)

Tri-Central used an aggressive defense to make the Cougars earn every basket they made. This was a good game by both teams. Ultimately, Tri-Central would leave with the hard-fought 50-49 win over the Lady Cougars. This game was as close as the score indicates.

Carroll stayed with the Lady Trojans throughout the game, matching points, rebounds and free-throws. Tri-Central started quickly, taking an early 5-2 lead. The Trojan lead stayed at three with back-to-back scores by each team, 7-4. The quarter closed with TC leading 9-7. Most of the scoring for TC was done inside with their big bodied ladies moving around the Cougars for rebounds and put-back baskets.

Carroll countered in the second period with better post defense. The Lady Cougars were able to make some shots and draw fouls and went into halftime tied at 22.

The third quarter saw the see-saw battle continue. Carroll would score and keep the

game close, then TC would score and open a small lead. Carroll would counter and close down the lead. Tri-Central led at the quarter break 31-29.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Cougars struggled to find TC's Hewitt girls and they made the Cougars pay. TC opened with a 3 from Haley Hewitt and two free throws to open a 36-29 lead just 1 minute into the quarter. Abby Reinke made two free throws for Carroll and TC's Rachel Hewitt drilled a 3-pointer to give TC a 39-31 lead. Carroll began to fight back with drives and scores and they picked up the defensive intensity.

Quinci Eller and Jess Yoder each scored a couple of baskets around a 2 pointer from TC and the lead was down to 41-38. The last three minutes of the game saw time-outs and strategy from both coaches. The Lady Trojans made some late 3-pointers to keep the lead and finished the game by making 4 of 4 free throws. A last second 3-pointer by Jess Yoder closed the score to 50-49.

Carroll was led by Jess Yoder's 16 points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals. She was helped by Eller with 11 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals and Reinke with 6 points, 10 rebounds and 3 assists. Also in the action was senior Amber Hughes with 9 points and freshman Kate Hickner with 4 points and 2 assists.

Carroll honored its seniors before the game with introductions and biographies of each player. The four seniors are Lucy Zook, Malena Zook,

Hughes, Alisha Hedrick and Sarah Griffin.

Vs. Central Catholic

This was an ugly game for both teams. Neither team shot well - Carroll was 30% for the game while Catholic shot 32%. Ultimately, Carroll lost this game from the free throw line, making only 6 of 17 for 35% for the game. They limped home with a 28-24 loss to the Lady Knights.

The game started slowly with lots of physical defense from the Knights. Carroll controlled the first half, leading 9-6 at the first quarter break and 16-10 at the half. The second half was even more physical as the Knights got away with lots of hand checks against the Lady

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