

Oracles continue hot start

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After the first full week of the young season, the Delphi baseball team continues to turn some heads and earn some respect after improving its record to 4-1 with a 13-3 win over Rossville and a doubleheader sweep of Fountain Central, 7-4 and 6-1.

On the heels of last season's success and their fast start to this year, the Oracles have received enough votes to secure the State's Class 2A #11 ranking in this week's Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association poll, even after suffering a defeat last Thursday to Lewis Cass, 9-5.

Vs. Rossville

Against Rossville on Wednesday, Delphi again used a big inning early to take control of the contest, this time with nine runs in the bottom of the 3rd to extend its lead to 12-0 after three com-

plete innings.

The Hornets committed four errors and walked five in the marathon 3rd as the Oracles sent 14 batters to the plate, highlighted by Tanner Cripe's 2-run double and Neil Snoeberger's RBI single. These were Delphi's only two hits in the inning full of miscues.

Dustin Salyer led off the game with a triple and added a double in his next at-bat in the bottom of the 2nd to lead the Oracles 8-hit attack en route to the 6th inning victory by the 10-run rule.

Tyler Willis (1-0) allowed only three hits and struck out four to earn the victory on the mound.

Vs. Fountain Central

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Fountain Central, Delphi again jumped in front early, scoring two runs in its first at-bat and four more in the 2nd inning to take a 6-0 lead that it would not relinquish.

Again, much of the offense was due to its opponent's blunders as the Mustangs hit four batters, walked three and committed three errors in the first two innings of the game. The Oracles did much of their damage on only two hits, an RBI single from Snoeberger and a single from Ralph Overman during the rally.

Dayton Rumell, Salyer and Cripe added singles to the 5-hit attack, while Snoeberger (1-0) went six innings, striking out five and allowing only two runs to earn the win on the hill.

In the second game, which was Delphi's fifth straight at home to open the season, the Oracles took an early lead in the bottom of the 2nd inning. Two passed balls and a wild pitch allowed Rumell to cross the plate following his bases



Heeeee's out!

Delphi's Dustin Salyer is tagged out at home in the first inning at home against Rossville. The Oracles went on to defeat the Hornets 13-3. Bill Stauffer photo

on balls as Fountain Central again walked five, hit two batters and committed two errors in the contest to continue to put itself in disadvantageous situations.

Delphi, who never trailed in the contest, scored two in the 4th and three more in the 5th to put the game out of reach, led by a 2-run single from Cripe and RBI singles from both Snoeberger and A.J. Beckett, who was the lone Oracle with two hits in the

game.

Cripe (1-0) pitched a complete game, striking out three and allowing only one earned run to earn the win.

Vs. Lewis Cass

Against Cass, the Oracles played like their opponents had to date, allowing eight runs in the first two innings while committing four errors. They included an infield error on the lead-off batter, another on a pick-off play on the second batter to set the tone

early, followed by a dropped routine fly ball to the outfield, then a fourth again on the lead-off batter in the 2nd to add insult to injury, with only two earned runs allowed.

Delphi did rally to score five runs in the 4th inning following a King pitching change, led by an RBI double from Snoeberger, an RBI single from Shane Hyman and singles from both Salyer and Overman.

Cripe later added a double

to account for the five Oracle hits.

Tomorrow's game at 4:30 p.m. at Class 1A's #1-ranked Frontier begins a tough stretch for the Oracles that includes another road contest at Clinton Prairie at 5 p.m. on Friday, before returning home to host county-rival Carroll at 5 p.m. on Monday and Peru at 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Delphi's game at Class 3A's #16-ranked Frankfort has not been rescheduled at this time.

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Lady Oracle Softball off to 4-0 start

The Delphi Lady Oracle softball team got off to a quick start with plans to repeat their Sectional championship and more. This year's team will be led by seniors Brittney Atwood, Leslie Kayser, Morgan Lavy and Aspen Wallace and a solid crew of underclassmen.

Vs. Lewis Cass

The Lady Oracle's first game of the year was against defending state champion Lewis Cass on the Lady King's home diamond. The Oracles came away with a 1 to 0 victory by playing error-free defense behind a strong pitching performance by Atwood. Atwood struck out 10 Lady King batters and al-

lowed only 4 hits, not more than one per inning. The Lady Oracles had base runners on base in all but one inning but were unable to push a run across home plate until the fifth inning when Carli Rouhier had a hard hit single and was advanced to third base by Atwood. Chanler Norman got the RBI on a line drive up the middle.

Vs. Clinton Central

The next night the Lady Oracles were home against the Clinton Central Lady Bulldogs. Atwood was again on the mound for the Lady Oracles who backed her up with excellent defense. The Bulldogs had only four hits for the evening, two in the

first inning and two in the final fifth inning. The Oracle bats on the other hand exploded in the third when Jordyn Bieghler led off with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt my Lavy. The next five batters all safely went on until Kayser cleared the bases with her first home run of the year. The Oracles scored six runs in the third and four more in the fourth to win the game 10-0. Carli Rouhier had 5 RBIs in the game.

Vs. Rensselaer

Saturday morning the Lady Oracles traveled to Rensselaer for a conference double header and defeated the Lady Bombers 17-0 in the first

game and 10-0 in the second. These two games were dominated by the Oracle pitchers. In the first game Atwood pitched a perfect game, not a single Bomber reached base. Atwood threw ten strike outs, only five Bomber batters hit the ball, none out of the infield. The entire Lady Oracle team found its way to base at some point in the game, and all but one Oracle scored at least one run.

In the second game freshman Caitlin Schock got her first career start, also shutting out the Bombers and missing a perfect game of her own when one Bomber reached first base on an error. Schock faced only 16 batters in the

five inning game, striking out 14 of them. The Oracle bats were again strong as again all the line up got on base at some time during the game. All but one of the RBIs in this game were recorded by the bottom half of the Oracle line up, with Danni Burge getting three of them. Aspen Wallace got the first Oracle triple of the year and drove in two runs.

The Lady Oracles will play three times this week with a Tuesday night game against Tri County, a Thursday night varsity/JV double header at West Lafayette and home double header against Benton Central at 10 Saturday morning.

Delphi runs past Western Boone

The Delphi Community High School boys' and girls' track and field teams opened the year last Wednesday by hosting Western Boone. Both teams came out victorious with the boys winning 82-50 and the girls coming out on top 71-61.

The Oracle men dominated the action by winning 12 of 16 events. Matt Wilcox led the way by finishing first in the 400 meter dash, 200 meter dash, long jump and 1600 meter relay. Joining Wilcox in victory lane were triple winners Ryan Everett, Kris Bender, and J.D. Huffer. Jordan Wagner added two first place performances and Nathan Dubes, A.J. Erskin, and Zach Schnepf each added a victory.

The girls were paced by freshman Ariel Isley. Isley finished first in the 1600 meter run, 3200 meter run and the 3200 meter relay. Sophomore Grace Currie had two firsts. Single blue ribbon winners were Hannah Evans, Denise Kendall, Tiahna Cartron, Olivia George, Jonell Randle, Allee Flora, and Shawneci Windell.

The Oracles also ran last Thursday traveling to Twin Lakes to take on the Indians and West Lafayette Red Devils. The boys took second and the girls placed third. George finished first in the high jump and Wilcox again was victorious in the long jump.

SilverSneakers class offers fitness, fun and friends

By Jennifer Archibald
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A SilverSneakers® Mardi Gras king and queen were crowned at the Carroll County YMCA last Wednesday.

Winners were Barry Wheeler and Kathryn Reef.

The Mardi Gras theme was chosen as a way of promoting the Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness Program at the Y. The king and queen were chosen by who came the most times to the SilverSneakers class and/or other fitness facilities at the Y from Jan. 1 to March 31.

Wheeler participated 38 times, and Reef, 55 times. They were each given a duffel bag as a prize.

SilverSneakers is a national fitness program designed specifically for older adults and taught by certified instructors.

It has been offered at the local Y since last summer. Classes are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:15 to 10 a.m.

Instructors are Sherry Hensley (Mondays and Wednesdays) and Dianna

Fred (Fridays).

Hensley said 12-15 come on a regular basis. She said she would like to see more attend because of the health benefits.

"They do exercises on chairs, but also get up and down," she said. "They do low to medium impact exercises, each at their own pace."

"Equipment is provided by SilverSneakers," Hensley added. She said some of the items used are elastic cords, hand weights, and small inflatable balls.

Some of the benefits of the class, according to Hensley, are muscle flexibility, cardio, range of motion, stretching, and balance.

Not only is the exercising good for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and helping prevent heart disease and other conditions, but Hensley said people come in for specific reasons, too.

"Some have attended the class after having back surgery, knee replacement, a stroke, or to relieve stress," she said.

"They've said it's good to See SilverSneakers page 3B



SilverSneakers king and queen

Barry Wheeler and Kathryn Reef were named Mardi Gras king and queen of the SilverSneakers® Fitness Program at the Carroll County YMCA. Standing behind them is Sherry Hensley, SilverSneakers instructor. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

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