

Ladies record #12 shutout

Delphi's Lady Oracle softball team had a busy week with six games, including four shutouts for 12 on the season.

Vs. Rossville

Delphi over powered the Lady Hornets, winning this game 11-0 in five innings, played at Rossville. Brittney Atwood was on the mound and collected her ninth win of the season in this one hit shut out. Atwood also had 9 strikeouts.

The Lady Oracles collected 17 hits. Whitney Arion led the way going 4 for 4 and scoring 4 runs. Right behind was Chanler Norman who was 3 for 3 while Morgan Lavy and Danni Burge were 2 for 3. Arion, along with teammates Carli Rouhier and Leslie Kayser, slugged doubles.

Vs. Sheridan

The Lady Oracles were on the road for the second night in a row against Hoosier Conference foe Sheridan. The Lady Oracles won the game 4-0 for their second shutout in as many nights. The Oracles were led defensively by senior catcher Kayser, who made three diving catches behind the plate to grab Lady Blackhawk foul balls and threw out one of the few Blackhawk base runners as she attempted to steal third base. Luckily, Kayser was playing great defense as the rest of the infield committed one error each.

Most nights the Lady Oracles play close to error free defense so a dominating performance on the mound helped them get through the game. Freshman Caitlin Schock allowed only two hits and threw 8 strikeouts to collect her fourth win of the season.

At the plate Arion, Norman, Burge and Brittney Rhodes all had doubles, Arion had two herself. Norman, Burge and Rhodes collected the RBI for the evening.

After their only night of rest for the week, the Lady Oracles hosted Sheridan with the Oracles taking the 8-0 victory for their third shutout in a row. Atwood got the win, giving up 3 hits and throwing 9 strikeouts. Atwood's record increased to 10-2. No Blackhawk player got beyond second base.

At the plate the Lady Oracles collected ten hits by 9 different batters with senior Aspen Wallace being the only Oracle to get two hits. Norman and Rouhier both had

triples with Rouhier's coming in the third inning when the Oracles exploded for 6 runs. At one point in the 3rd inning, 5 Oracles in a row reached base.

Vs. Central Catholic

On this night the Lady Knights of Central Catholic used bunts to push two runs in, the last one in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat the Oracles 2-1. Freshman Schock, who got her second loss of the season, pitched a great game, giving up 3 hits and collecting 5 strikeouts.

The Lady Oracles were held to six hits but were unable to string any hits together. In the first inning Arion scored the Oracles' lone run. Arion got a lead off single, sped to third on a sacrifice bunt by Norman, and scored on a passed ball. The Oracles looked to be in good shape to score more as they loaded bases on a double by Schock, a walk by Burge and single by Rhodes but were unable to push any more runs home.

In the fourth inning Norman made her way to third with one out, Burge attempted to bunt her home but Burge was called out at first and after a big collision at home plate Norman was called out too. Rhodes was stranded on third the next inning. The Lady Knights' runs were scored by sisters Ashley and Brittney Adams. Sophomore Ashley scored the first Knight run in the fourth after a single

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Hands-on government education

Delphi Community High School student delegates will participate in the annual Hoosier Girls and Boys State program sponsored by the American Legion in June. Pictured are (l-r): Kara Schwarzkopf, Eric Barnard, Neil Snoeberger and Sami Mayhew. Back - Mark "Tyler" Willis, Andrew Martin, Kris Bender and Tanner Cripe. Comet photo by Debbie Lowe

Delegates attend Hoosier State

Comet staff report

The Hoosier Girls and Boys State program, sponsored by the American Legion, will be at Trine University in Angola June 13-20 for boys and June 21-27 for girls. This year, two junior girls and four junior boys from Camden, Delphi and Flora were chosen to attend.

Hoosier Boys and Girls State was designed to educate Indiana juniors in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The week-long living and learning

experience provides opportunities to gain first-hand knowledge through simulated city, county and state political events.

Delegates must be enrolled as a junior in either a Indiana high school or state certified home school, be in the upper half of their class academically, have an interest in government, be honest and possess leadership abilities and good character.

In addition to learning about politics, students are eligible to receive a variety of scholarships to in-state colleges and universities.

Martin wins national scholarship

Travis Martin, a Carroll Junior-Senior High School senior, has been named a recipient of a Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship (PLA), co-sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and Herff Jones, Inc.

Across the nation, 100 state PLA winners were chosen from among more than 3,100 applications. Martin and the other state winners will each receive a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Participating high school principals from across the country could nominate one senior high school student to compete in this year's program. Winners were selected on the basis of their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs,

achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record.

They also were required to write an essay.

"The qualities recognized by the PLA scholarship and demonstrated by Martin have

never been more important than now," said Rosa Aronson of the NASSP. "Academic excellence represents an aspiration for all students, leadership exemplifies an essential skill to possess in the 21st century, and service to others symbolizes the spirit of America. Students like Martin stand out to bravely face the challenges of

today and lead us to a better tomorrow."

In recognizing leadership in cocurricular activities as well as academic performance, the PLA scholarship recognizes the importance of a well-rounded education. Cocurricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Carroll Junior Senior High School, Martin has been ranked in the top 10 of his class, served as FFA chapter president, Junior Class president, Senior Class vice president, and a member of Student Council and National Honor Society. He has also participated in football, track, Pep Club, Spanish Club, Math Team, and Battle of the Books. This fall he plans to attend Purdue University to study agriculture

economics and management.

NASSP, the preeminent school leadership organization, serves as the national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders. The organization promotes the intellectual growth, academic achievement, character development, leadership development, and physical well being of youth through its programs and student leadership services. NASSP administers the National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society, the National Elementary Honor Society, and the National Association of Student Councils.



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~ Wired for his work ~

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Overholser

Dennis Overholser's hobby and career are interconnected. At home, he builds street rods in his shop. At work, he is executive vice president,

in charge of product development, for a company that makes automotive electrical products.

Today he drives a 1936 Ford panel truck and a 1938 Chevrolet, which he built. He uses them for promoting his company and street rodding.

Overholser lives and works in Fort Worth, Texas, but his interest in old cars started back when he was in high school in Carroll County. He was raised on a farm outside Cutler and went to Carroll High School.

"Back then, Mike Bishop, Ray Sheagley, Dave Creasy and I would meet in an old cleaned-out chicken house to discuss cars," Overholser recalls.

"In the fall of 1963 I pur-

chased my first hot rod, a 1933 Ford three-window coupe with no engine or transmission. The summer of 1964 I unloaded boxcars of bagged fertilizer to buy a 1953 flathead engine and transmission. In the spring of 1965, my mom and I went for the first ride."

Overholser graduated from Carroll in 1965 and attended Nashville Auto Diesel College. After six months of school, he returned home to Cutler.

"On Jan. 26, 1966, the U.S. Air Force took me off the farm and made me a real automobile mechanic after sending me through electronics school," Overholser said.

When he returned from the Air Force, he worked with Dick Crume at his garage in Burlington until he and his wife, Beverly, moved to Fort Worth.



Latest project

This rendering shows what Dennis Overholser's latest project will look like. He's building a Truckster out of a 1978 Ford pickup. It will have a 1953 Mercury flathead engine, a C4 Ford automatic transmission, a Ford Maverick rear end, and a Ford model "A" truck bed. He will display it at the 2009 SEMA show in Las Vegas in November. Illustration provided

"My goal after the military was to build a 23 T Roadster. I collected parts during the next three years and after being discharged, I built my next hot rod in about eight months," he said.

From 1970 to 1990 Overholser worked as a mechanic for a Ford tractor dealership. During that time he said he built several street rods and helped friends with their street rod projects.

He left the tractor dealership to begin engineering wiring systems for the street rod market with a company that he co-founded and is still with today.

Overholser said the company has undergone name changes through the years to better reflect its services and expanded products. It started out as Perfect Performance Products. A magazine editor composed an ad for the company and used the words "Painless Wiring." The name stuck, and the company officially went by that until 1999. That year the name was changed to Painless Performance Products to reflect a product line that included

more than wiring. Overholser said today the company offers more than 500 different products.

"We started out mostly in the street rod market with chassis wiring harnesses that will re-wire an entire vehicle, but have diversified our product line to include products for the four-wheel drive market (Jeeps), drag racing, circle track racing (dirt and asphalt track cars), custom car market (1949-1964), classic truck market and the muscle car market (Camaros and Mustangs)," Overholser said.

"Our largest market at this time is the four-wheel drive market using chassis and transplant harnesses. The bottom line is that if you have a classic car or truck of some kind, we probably make electrical products for it."

The company sells wholesale to rodding companies and major auto parts chains.

Johnny Rutherford, three-time Indy 500 winner, has been a spokesman for Painless Performance in the past. Overholser said Rutherford, also of Fort Worth, is a good friend of his.

"I have gone over to his house and helped him work on his 1934 Ford coupe several times," Overholser said.

As part of his position at Painless, Overholser promotes the company's products at consumer shows around the country. He also has traveled through his involvement in street rod clubs and organizations.

"Street rodding has taken me to all of the 48 continuous states plus Alaska and Hawaii in the past 35 years," he said.

His travels include coming home a couple times a year to visit family and friends. Overholser is the son of Max and Doris Overholser of rural Bringham.

Overholser is a lifetime member of the National Street Rod Association and the Lone Star Street Rod Association. He has been a director for the

Texas Show Car Association since 1978, and has served on the board of directors of the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA). In 1999 he received the Industry Recognition Award by the Street Rod Marketing Alliance. His company also has received many industry awards.

"I'm currently building a Truckster out of a 1978 Ford pickup," Overholser said. "It will have a 1953 Mercury flathead engine, a C4 Ford automatic transmission, a Ford Maverick rear end, and a Ford model 'A' truck bed. It is to be displayed at the 2009 SEMA show in Las Vegas in November."

Overholser summed up what he loves about street rodding.

"It's a family sport where you have the opportunity to travel all over the country in your old car and meet new friends and swap tall tales," he said. "Some people like to fish, some like to bowl, but I like building and driving old cars and getting thumbs up in the process."



Déjà vu

Street rodder Dennis Overholser finished building this 1936 Ford panel truck in 1996. He uses it for promoting his company and street rodding. The truck is pictured in front of Overholser's shop at home. His shop was made to look like a '60s Texaco station. Photo provided



First street rod

Dennis Overholser is pictured with his first street rod, a 1933 Ford three-window coupe. It was called a "hot rod" back in the '60s, when Overholser built it as a teenager. Photo provided