

# Delphi wins its first Sectional volleyball title



## Sectional champs

The Lady Oracle Volleyball Team won the first sectional title in the school's history. They defeated Fountain Central in three sets to claim the championship. Team members pictured are (l-r): First Row - Brittiany Nelson, Danielle Burge, Haley Lynde, Samantha Mayhew. Second Row - Ashley Gray, Kara Laxson, Chanler Norman, Ste-

Delphi Lady Oracles won their first-ever Volleyball Sectional championship last weekend at Fountain Central. They began their road to victory on Thursday when they beat the host team, Fountain Central, in three sets, 25-10, 25-17, 25-10.

Coming into the sectional the Oracle team was playing some of its best volleyball of the season. "All three teams - freshman, junior varsity and varsity - have been working extremely hard the past two years," said Coach Suzanne Hughes. "The girls have been

in the weight room, playing league volleyball in the summer, in the gym three days a week throughout the summer, and going to various camps on their own and as a team. Working this hard for two years, being in shape and working as a team has paid

fany Mayhew, Brittiani Rhodes. Third Row - Jordayn Jargstorf, Jordyn Bieghler, Carrington Wallace, Caitlin Schock, and Justine Alderman. Fourth Row - Assistant Coaches Ashley Brodar and Dave Gilbert, Head Coach Suzanne Hughes. Photo by Jana Rouhier Photography

off. The coaching staff really pushes the girls to play to their potential and to do their best."

The team knew it was going to have to bring its "A" game on Saturday morning to play the Clinton Central Lady Bulldogs. They started out the first set on fire and dominated 25-14. The Bulldogs could not stop the Lady Oracles offense. The Oracles came out aggressive in the second set, but the Bulldogs put up a fight and the set went back-and-forth, point-for-point until the Oracles pulled ahead and won 25-21. The Delphi team knew it could pull out a victory now. The girls believed in themselves and their teammates. But the Bulldogs were not ready to

give up. They proved that in the third set by coming out and out-hustling the Oracles with a score of 19-25. That was enough to spark the senior leaders of the Delphi team to take over and lead the team to a hard-fought 26-24 win in the fourth set and send them to the sectional title match.

Stats for the Oracles were: Brittiany Nelson - 34 kills, 21 digs, 3 aces, 2 blocks; Danni Burge - 20 digs, 1 kill; Haley Lynde - 2 kills, 15 digs, 1 block; Sami Mayhew 5 kills, 1 dig; Jordyn Bieghler - 6 digs, 1 ace; Jordayn Jargstorf - 13 kills, 3 blocks; Caitlin Schock - 54 assists, 10 digs; and Carrington Wallace - 3 kills, 5 digs, 3 blocks.

The final match put the

Seeger Patriots against the Lady Oracles. Delphi had not seen Seeger in regular season.

The team started out slow but picked up the intensity and won Delphi Community High School's first volleyball sectional title in 3 sets, 25-22, 25-19, 25-19, and in less than one hour.

Stats for Delphi were: Burge - 8 digs, 3 aces; Nelson - 15 kills, 4 aces, 8 digs; Mayhew - 7 kills; Lynde - 3 digs, 2 kills, 1 block; Bieghler - 4 digs; Jargstorf - 5 kills, 1 block; Schock - 26 assists, 2 digs; and Wallace - 6 kills, 3 digs, 3 blocks.

The Oracles will travel to Bluffton Saturday to take on Wayne Bishop Luers at 12:30 p.m. in regional play.

## Rebel air show ends Carroll's season

By Mike Hoffman  
Contributing sportswriter

A 15-20 mile per hour wind and a light mist made it a rough game to play for the Cougars Friday night at South Newton. The Rebels proved they are a very good football team, defeating the Cougars 30-7 in the first round of Sectional play.

The scouting report indicated the Rebels like to throw the football and that is what they did. Senior quarterback Tyler Lowe completed 13 of 27 passes with one interception for 235 yards. He threw four touchdown passes to his favorite receiver, Jordan Purdy. Purdy had caught five TD passes the week before in the Rebels' last regular season game.

Carroll's lone score of the game came from the defense. Defensive back Chad Griffin

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### Working for yardage

Carroll running back Dylan Hamilton bowls over a South Newton defender Friday night. The Cougars could not contain the Rebels who won the first round sectional contest 30-7. Bill Stauffer photo

## Carroll soccer honors players

Carroll Varsity Soccer Team's awards banquet was held last week with the MVP, Cougar Award, Most Improved and All-Conference winners being named.

The Cougars finished the

year 5-11-1, but had a good year overall winning the Hoosier Heartland Conference for the second year in a row and playing well against two undefeated teams near the end of the season.

The Cougars will graduate three players from this year's squad of 20, but have a lot to look forward to with a young team.

The MVP and Cougar Award went to Michael Myer, who led the Cougars with 12 goals and 9 assists. Most Improved was first year player, senior Hunter Upton.

The Cougars had four players make 1st Team All-Conference: Myer, Jarvis Simmons, Tim Ruby and Jeremy Hayes. Two Cougars received Honorable Mention: Dan Budreau and Stephen Murphy.

Myer was also selected 1st Team All District and will represent Carroll in a Showcase weekend Nov. 21 and 22. He is the first Carroll player ever selected for first team and is one of only two small school players selected. Myer was also named ISCA All-Academic for the second year in a row.



Michael Myers and Hunter Upton

## Round two goes to Tipton

By Todd Swank  
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Playing the Tipton Blue Devils for the second week in a row, the Delphi Oracles again fell short, this time in the first round of the Sectional playoffs, 41-13.

The Blue Devils may have been looking past the Oracles after defeating them last week, 49-0, or maybe the Delphi boys just decided to play a better game. Either way, the Devils had to work a lot harder to send the Oracles home with their seventh loss in ten games. The game wasn't decided until the fourth period when Tipton scored two TDs to finally put the score out of reach.

## Starbuck wins age group at Chicago Urbanathlon

Comet staff report

Wabash College sophomore and Logansport native Sam Starbuck recently finished the Men's Health Urbanathlon in Chicago first in his age group of 18 and 19 year olds.

Of the more than 5,000 competitors, Starbuck finished in 92 minutes for a placing of 282nd overall.

The Urbanathlon is a rigorous race and obstacle course that incorporates challenging urban obstacles at downtown Chicago landmarks like Navy Pier, Shedd Aquarium, and Soldier Field.

The course is 12 miles with obstacles located approximately every three miles.

Some of the obstacles were a one-mile stair climb, stutter-stepping through tires, 12

Both teams must have been thinking of deja vu when the game started. Tipton took a 7-0 lead four minutes into the game. It took less than a minute after the Oracles got the ball to put the previous rout in the past. After their first run lost four yards, Delphi ran for three first downs on as many rushes to make Tipton coach Aaron Tolle call an early timeout. Whatever Tolle said, it worked, because after moving the ball to the Tipton 20 with a first and five situation. Delphi was only able to muster two yards on three plays. On fourth and three at the 18 a Tanner Cripe pass fell to the ground to turn the ball over. It was the first of six turnovers by the Ora-

cles. But, credit the Delphi coaching staff for trying to win, four of those turnovers were on fourth down situations that failed. The first period ended with Tipton holding the lead at 7-0.

Early in the second quarter Delphi advanced the ball to the Tipton nine yard line with a first and goal. Three running plays netted them no yards and on fourth down the Oracles lined up in the wildcat. Braden Atwood took the snap and with a receiver open at the goal, Atwood, who was being rushed threw the ball behind the receiver for a turnover. Just like with their opening drive in the first, the Blue Devils scored a TD the first time they had the ball in the second quarter. Tipton's

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monkey bars, and hurdling over two parked taxi cars.

The event raises money for the Challenged Athletes Foundation and is used to help pay for prosthetics for athletes who have lost limbs due to paralysis.

Starbuck is an infielder for the Little Giants baseball team. He also serves as president of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

His dad Ron Starbuck and grandparents Marion and Patricia Starbuck reside in Rockfield.

## Correction

The photo caption in last week's Comet about the Delphi volleyball team's Dig Pink event misidentified the player in the larger of the two pictures. She is Jordayn Jargstorf.



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