

Cougars knock off Cass and Rossville

Raise over \$5,000 for cancer research

By Patrick Hickner
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The Lady Cougars hosted the Kings from Lewis Cass Thursday. In an ugly basketball game the ladies played just well enough to win, 38-28. They shot 45% from the field, had more rebounds (23-19) and played better defense than their guests.

The Kings used a charge in the last two minutes against the Carroll reserves to cut a 19-point lead to 10 by the end of regulation.

Carroll started better against the Kings than they have in recent games, outscoring the guests 14-7 through the first quarter. Cass jumped out early with a 3 and a 2 around a layup by Quinci Eller to take an early 5-2 lead. Two baskets by Carroll, a 3 by Jess Yoder and another 2 from Eller and the Cougars took the lead and

never looked back. The second quarter the Cougars turned up the pressure and built a 26-12 halftime lead. Yoder had 14 of her game high 16 points in the first half.

The Cougars started the second half like they would bury the Kings, expanding their lead to 19 points at the quarter break, 35-16. Carroll used defensive pressure to force turnovers and then converted on the offensive end. The Carroll reserves played most of the final period and were outscored 12-3 to bring the final margin to 10 at 38-28.

The scoring column for Carroll was simple, Yoder had 16 points, 6 rebounds and 4 steals; Eller had 11 points and 3 steals; Abby Reinke chipped in 4 points, 10 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals and Kate Hickner completed the scoring for Carroll with 7 points and 12 de-

flections.

Vs. Rossville

Jess Yoder continued her hot shooting, scoring 29 against the Hornets in a 55-32 win that gave the Cougars their 14th win against 3 losses. This was the Coaches vs. Cancer game. The host Cougars and the community raised over \$5,000 to be used in the fight to cure cancer. More impressive than the win was all the pink on the floor and in the stands.

Carroll opened the game with stingy defense and found the hot hand in Yoder and kept feeding her the ball. The Cougars jumped out 14-2 in the first quarter. The second period was more of the same. Rossville opened with three baskets to cut the lead to 14-8 before Yoder took over again, scoring 12 in the quarter and pushing Carroll's lead to 32-15 at the half.

Carroll opened the lead to 18 points midway through the third quarter at 39-21 and maintained that margin at the break 41-23. Carroll closed the game by out-scoring the Hornets 14-9 in the 4th period and posted the 55-32 victory.

Leading Carroll in scoring was Yoder with 29 points and 2 steals, Reinke chipped in 10 points, 11 rebounds and 4 steals, Eller added 7 points, 11 assists and 4 rebounds, Hickner had 5 points and 8 deflections and Carly Yoder contributed 4 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals.

Carroll is 14-3 for the season. Sectional play begins Tuesday at Fountain Central. Carroll finishes the regular season this week, hosting three games - Tri-County on Tuesday, Culver Academy on Thursday, and Lafayette Central Catholic on Saturday.

Carroll vs. Delphi in girls' basketball Sectional

By John J. Dunn
Contributing sportswriter

For the third consecutive year, Carroll and Delphi will square off in the girls' basketball Sectional.

The IHSAA draw for the 35th annual State Tournament was held Monday night at Conesco Fieldhouse, and it was announced that the county rivals will square off in the early game Friday night, Feb. 12, in the Class 2A Sectional at Fountain Central.

The two-time defending Sectional champions have eliminated the Oracles in Sectional play each of the

past two seasons and won this year's regular season matchup 42-24 played on Nov. 25 in Delphi.

The Cougars have a five-game winning streak over the Oracles, dating to Delphi's last win over Carroll on Nov. 22, 2006, at home by a score 34-25.

Seeger and Clinton Central will open Sectional 37 play on Feb. 9, with the winner facing Fountain Central, which drew the bye, in the second game on Friday night.

The Sectional championship game featuring the semi-final winners will be Feb. 13.

Lady Oracles suffer two losses

By Todd Swank
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The Lady Oracles played two road games last week and went 0-2, first losing a rematch against the Tri-County Cavaliers, 48-40, and following that with their fourth loss in a row against West Lafayette, 44-23. The reeling Oracles hope to regain their winning formula with three games this week before the sectional starts next Tuesday at Fountain Central.

After losing the championship game of the White County Tourney to Tri-County ten days earlier by ten points (41-31), Delphi had hoped to be ready for the now familiar Cavaliers. Tri-County thought the same thing as Megan Dixon scored 20 points to lead the way to a 48-40 win.

The Oracles led 4-0 early but two offensive rebounds by TC resulted in Dixon getting a put back to give the Cavaliers the lead six minutes into the game. Delphi went

nearly five minutes without scoring while TC built an 8-4 advantage. Dani Burge finally scored for the Oracles to stop the drought just before the end of the quarter.

Whitney Arion hit two free throws to open the second quarter, tying the game at eight. Dixon then hit a long shot that gave the Cavaliers a lead they would never relinquish. She hit two more buckets in a row as TC built a 17-12 lead. In the last minute Arion and Rande Schultz scored two points each to keep the Oracles close (21-16) at the half.

With their backs against the wall the Oracles needed to come out and take control to open the third, but it was the Cavaliers who dictated the action. TC stretched the lead to 28-16 in less than three minutes. Arion started the scoring for Delphi with an old-fashioned three-point play. That play started a run for Delphi that didn't stop until Dixon hit for TC three minutes later. During the nine-point run that brought Delphi within three at 28-25, the Oracles misfired on four

of six free throws and at least two layups. So instead of trailing 30-25 after Dixon's basket the Oracles could have held an advantage. Going to the final period the Oracles were behind by seven at 34-27 and would get no closer than six points.

Vs. West Lafayette

West Lafayette's Lady Red Devils took control early and never looked back in their 44-23 trouncing of Delphi. The Oracles could have used some of the intensity being displayed just down the road at Purdue's Mackey Arena that night to slow down the Red Devils.

Only a Summer Sutton free throw kept the Oracles from being skunked the first five minutes of the game as WL built an 11-1 margin. Arion finally made a field goal with just under three minutes to play in the first quarter. Trailing 14-3 entering the second quarter, Arion drove to the basket on consecutive possessions to score for the Oracles. WL quickly called a timeout to talk. Arion would only score three more points the rest of the

game. The Red Devils were all watching Arion out of the corner of their eyes and dropped off their man to help stop the dribble drive. WL's team quickness allowed them to help on Arion but still harass the rest of the team into five of 21 shooting. Brittany Rhodes would be the Oracle to make the first basket in over five minutes of play before the half. WL had a comfortable 22-11 lead.

The third period ended with the Oracles trailing 36-15. Jordayn Jargstorf and Sutton each sank a field goal. The Oracles played the Red Devils even the final period at eight points each, but by then the game was decided.

Delphi falls to 9-8 for the year with a 1-2 conference record.

The JV squad did not fare much better, losing to Tri-County 21-18 and to West Lafayette 46-31.

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The Oracles again were clutch down the stretch from the foul line, hitting 12-of-14 (.857 percent) over the final 4:23 of the game, while connecting on 22-of-26 (.846 percent) freebies for the game.

"We did not execute offensively as well on Saturday," Tonsoni said. "We scored enough to win, but we need to tighten up our execution and decision making."

"We scored a lot off of our defense," he added. "And we again shut down their leading scorer, holding him to just three points."

Delphi used a balanced attack led by Wagner with 14 points, followed by Hawn with 12, Bender and Brown with 8 apiece, Salyer 7, Cripe 5, Murray 4, Zach Condon 2 and Cole Whitaker 1.

Cripe again led with a game-high 8 assists, with Hawn adding team-highs of 5 rebounds and 4 steals.

The Oracles (7-5) travel to Carroll Friday night in the back-half of the home-and-

home series with the JV game starting at 6:30 p.m., before heading to Rensselaer on Saturday with the JV tip-off at 6 p.m.

JV splits weekend

The Delphi JV team (6-6) lost a close one to West Lafayette 31-27 on Friday, before rebounding with a 40-25 victory over South Newton Saturday.

Whitaker led the way with 12 points against WL, followed by Murray with 6, Karson Bender and Ricky Windell with 4 apiece and Codey Sattler with 1. Windell had a team-high 6 rebounds.

Murray led with 13 points, 8 boards and 4 blocks against SN, Sattler added 8 points, Whitaker and Windell 6 apiece, Bender, Erik Carpenter and Cody Lohrman 2 apiece and Blake Walters 1. Carpenter added 5 assists.



Upward Flag Football & Cheerleading Leagues
Living Faith Church of the Brethren is now accepting registration for its Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading Leagues, a Christ-centered sports ministry for boys and girls K5 through sixth grade.
The spring football/cheerleading season will open Sat., April 3, and run through Sat., May 22. Players will also have a weekly one hour practice. All games and practices will be held at the church at 310N. 250W. Flora.
Football players will need to attend one of the following evaluations: Wed, Feb. 3 at Delphi Middle School from 6-8pm or Thurs., Feb. 4 at Carroll Elementary from 6:30-8:30pm. Cheerleader orientations will also be held at these times.
Preregistration cost is \$50/Football & \$55/Cheerleading if received before time of evaluation or orientation. Registration received after Feb. 4th will be \$60/Football & \$60/Cheerleading. **Final registration deadline is Feb. 13.**
Registration forms may be picked up at the church office, 310N. 250W., Flora, Tues-Fri. 9am-4pm.
For more information, call the church's office at 574-967-4216 or email: livingfaithcob@embarqmail.com

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Indiana Shockwaves.

Her Shockwave team won four consecutive NSA World Series championships from 2003-'06 and earned a berth in the 2006 ASA World Series where they finished 7th, with the distinction of being the only team not from California to finish among the top 8.

In 2009, the Shockwaves continued their tradition of playing some of the best competition in the country, including high-profile tournaments in Boulder, Colo., and Sioux Falls, S.D., on their way to a 4th place finish in the ASA World Series.

In 2008, in recognition of their accomplishments, Arion, four of her teammates and long-time coach and mentor Troy Werner were in-

ducted into the NSA Youth Hall of Fame.

Since 2003, Werner-coached Shockwave teams that Arion has been a part of have compiled an overall record of 468-62-5, with four NSA state championships and an ASA state championship in addition to the four NSA World Series titles.

In her two years at Delphi, Arion has been a two-time All-Hoosier Conference performer and team MVP, while also being a *Journal and Courier* Class 1A & 2A 1st Team All-Area and Hoosier Conference selection in basketball.

She is the daughter of Jimmy and Christina Arion of Delphi.

DCSC students compete in vocal and piano contest

Comet staff report

Students from Delphi Community Middle and High schools competed Jan. 30 in the district solo-ensemble contest at Harrison High School in Lafayette.

Middle school students earned the following medals:

Gold - Vocal Solos: Morgan Bennett, Baylee Brown, Jessica Brown, Mikyla Carr, Autumn Freeman, Bobby Jo Hayes, Madison Hodge, Dakota Smart, Nicole Smart

and Lacie Tomson.

Silver - Vocal Solos: Mary Ann Krieg and Brook Milburn.

Bronze - Vocal Solo - Aneilya Carbaugh.

Gold - Piano Solo: Kate Layman.

Gold - Group: Courtney Brown, Payton Flora and Carly Watley.

Silver - Group: Baylee Brown, Aneilya Carbaugh, Mikyla Carr, MaryAnne Krieg and Brooke Milburn.

Bronze - Group: Aneilya

Carbaugh, Mikyla Carr and Brooke Milburn.

High school students earned the following medals:

Gold - Vocal Solo - Kayla Norman.

Silver - Vocal Solo - Karli Edging.

Gold - Piano Solo - Alexas Smith.

Gold - Vocal Solos: Erika Matricia and Elizabeth Rowen who advanced to State Jan. 20 and Delphi Community High School Entertainers for a Madrigal.

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Winter Sports Summaries

Carroll 7th girls off to fast start

The 7th grade Lady Cougars started their season Jan. 18 with an 18-4 win over Caston. Five players contributed to Carroll's balanced scoring.

Two nights later they defeated Western twice. In the first game Bayleigh Filbrun and Courtney Atkisson both scored in double figures to lead the Cougars to a 34-13 victory. The Lady Cougars won the second game 32-8 behind Cassidy Carman's 18 points.

On Jan. 26 they continued their winning ways with a 20-11 win over North White. Carly Kingery led the way with 10 points.

The Lady Cougars moved to 5 wins and 0 losses with a 42-10 victory over Frontier last Thursday. They had a balanced scoring attack with eight girls contributing.

In all five games the girls have shown great defensive effort, only allowing an average of 8 points per game, said coach Tom Hedde.

Delphi wrestlers place in folkstyle open

Three Delphi wrestlers competed in the Normonco Folkstyle Open on Sunday in Crawfordsville.

Fifth grader Dylan Hart and 2nd grader Brooks Sailors both placed 2nd. Hart wrestled in the Novice 100-lb. weight class and Sailors wrestled in the Bantam 65-lb. weight class. 4th grader Tyron Watson placed 4th in the Novice 65-lb. weight class.

Coaches are Clay Hart and Casey Watson.

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