

# Sports

## Tigers hope to be exciting and aggressive

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"We hope to be an aggressive and exciting baseball team," new Carroll High School coach Rich Stoffers said Friday morning. The Tigers, who were 6-14 last year, open their season Saturday night with an 8 p. m. game at Scranton. A junior varsity contest was originally planned, but that has been canceled.

"We really have been emphasizing the fundamentals, the basics," Stoffers said. "We hope to execute and be sound defensively. We don't want to beat ourselves."

"Also, we want to be aggressive with the bats and run the bases," Stoffers added.

Stoffers is no stranger to the area. He graduated from Ar-We-Va High School. He was all-conference in baseball three years there and later played at Boone Junior College and one year at Buena Vista.

Stoffers' assistant, Tony Weiler, also has a good baseball background. He was an all-state selection at St. Mary's Remsen and later played minor league ball. He teaches at Templeton.

"The attitude and hustle has been good," Stoffers said. "The kids have been willing to work and we've been going long and hard."

Stoffers says the team has good overall speed and the infield looks fairly strong, especially up the middle.



Rich Stoffers



Tony Weiler

"We got a long ways to go, but the hitting looks pretty good," Stoffers said.

The weaknesses are a lack of experience and a lack of depth in pitching and in the outfield, according to Stoffers.

Scott Hackett and Roger Bock head the pitching staff. Hackett will also play short and Bock will play third, short and do some catching.

Stoffers also has Tracy Buck to pitch. Buck also will play first base.

"With all the games we have, we need six pitchers," Stoffers commented.

Duane Onken will be the catcher. "He has good leadership ability and a good

arm and is a power hitter," the Tiger boss said.

Ed Vanderheiden will also do some catching.

Stoffers calls John Dirks a "super player" at second base. "We're expecting a lot from him and he is a good leader."

Stoffers said Jim White is doing a good job at second and said that White will also play third.

Other infield candidates at second, short and third are Bill Peterson and Keith Petersen.

The outfield looks set with Jason Sanford in left, freshman Chris Wilkins in center and Scott Forbes, with a strong arm, in right.



### Carroll baseball lettermen

Carroll opens their season with an 8 p. m. game at Scranton Saturday. The Tigers hope to improve on last year's mark. Lettermen from left, Jim White,

Roger Bock, Scott Forbes, Duane Onken, Scott Hackett, Tracy Buck and Stewart Grundmeier. Missing are Jason Sanford and Keith Petersen.

Times Herald Photos By Caroline Bruggeman

#### CARROLL BOYS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
May 26	Scranton	T	JV-V
May 30	Lake City	T	V
June 1	Breda	H	JV-V
June 6	Denison	H	JV-V
June 7	Kuemper	H	JV-V
June 8	L-V-A	T	V
June 11	Manning	H	JV-V
June 13	Jefferson	T	JV-V
June 15	St. Edmond	H	JV-V
June 16	Carroll Tournament		
June 17	Carroll Tournament		
June 18	Audubon	T	JV-V
June 20	Perry	H	JV-V
June 22	Denison	T	JV-V
June 23	Kuemper Tournament		
June 24	Kuemper Tournament		
June 25	Schleswig	H	JV-V
June 27	Manning	T	JV-V
June 28	Kuemper	T	JV-V
June 29	Jefferson	H	JV-V
July 2	St. Edmond	T	JV-V
July 6	Audubon	H	JV-V
July 7	Perry	T	JV-V

## Defense keys Sonics, 92-82

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Whatever kind of defense the Seattle SuperSonics were using, legal or illegal, it certainly was effective.

Badgering Washington with traps and double teaming — a tactic which some of the Bullets said merely masked an illegal zone — the SuperSonics scored a 92-82 victory Thursday night and evened the National Basketball Association's championship series at 1-1.

The next two games of the best-of-seven series will be played in Seattle, at the Kingdome on Sunday and at the Coliseum Tuesday night, with the SuperSonics now claiming the homecourt advantage.

"The key to the game was defense," said Seattle center Jack Sikma, who had 14 points and 13 rebounds in a bruising battle with Washington's Wes Unseld. "Defense is the start of our offensive game."

"We're not a great shooting team," said guard Dennis Johnson, who had 20 points

and six assists, "but our defense is first-class. We work very hard on it. As long as we have the defense working for us, we know we can win."

Johnson's theory was put to a severe test when the SuperSonics, after leading 46-33 midway through the second quarter, missed 14 consecutive shots and fell behind 56-49 early in the third period.

At this point, the Seattle defense stiffened and the SuperSonics ran off 11 straight points for a 60-56 lead. During that stretch, Washington missed five shots, had two blocked, and lost possession once on a steal.

Gus Williams scored four of his game-high 23 points during the streak. Sikma had four and John Johnson three of his 17.

"We had a little lapse in the second quarter," said John Johnson. "We've got to make them give up the ball. When Elvin Hayes or Bobby

Dandridge hold the ball for 15 seconds, it's like a surgeon getting ready to operate."

Washington's two high scorers were blanked over the final 10 minutes, however, and the Bullets shot only 38 percent in the second half. Dandridge finished with 21, after going 3-for-11 from the field in the second half, and Hayes had 20.

"We didn't function well against their zone defense," said Washington Coach Dick Motta. "We are going to have to regroup and sharpen up against their zone if we are going to win this series."

Hayes also talked about the zone, but Dandridge took a different view. "It wasn't an illegal zone like Atlanta and New Jersey use," he said. "It was just double teaming."

Seattle Coach Lenny Wilkens said of the zone talk: "I hate to hear that. It's a terrible thing to say. We trap and double team, but we don't play a zone."

## Class AA track meet could go to the wire

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The way Jim Miller sees it, the Class AA boys state track meet literally could go down to the wire.

Miller is the coach at Waterloo East, one of the contenders in what is expected to be a wide open AA title chase. He says the championship may not be decided until the final event.

"There are a lot of good teams around Iowa this year," Miller said. "I wouldn't at all be surprised if it goes down to the mile (1,600-meter) relay, unless somebody gets hot and breaks it open earlier."

Joining Waterloo East as contenders for the Class AA title are defending champion Davenport Central, Clinton, Waterloo West and Ames, which beat East to win the Big Eight Conference title.

Iowa Falls could repeat its Class A title of 1978 and Kanawha is in good position to successfully defend its Class C crown. Packwood Pekin, Sioux Center and Le Mars Gehlen should fight it out for the Class B title won last year by Kingsley-Pierson.

The 1979 meet opened Friday with only two finals in all four classes — the discus and 3,200-meter relay. Finals also were scheduled in the Class B and C long jump and Class AA and A pole vault.

Also on Friday's schedule were preliminaries in the 110-meter high hurdles, 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes, and 400-meter relay.

Davenport Central ran away with last year's AA title, but that's not expected to happen this time around.

"We've got as good a chance as anyone else, but there's no clear-cut favorite," Miller said. "Whoever gets hot is the team that's going to win it."

"Our talent is in the places where we can do our best. If the kids perform as they are capable, we could score some points."

East's strength is its sprinters — Cordell Smith and Paul Robinson in the 100, Randy Lee in the 200 and Kim Sykes in the 400. The Trojans also have swift units in the 400 and 1,600 relays.

Smith won the high school 100 at the Drake Relays and

East took the 1,600 relay at Drake.

Long jumper Wade Harrington leads Central's bid to repeat as AA champion. Harrington set a state record with a leap of 23-feet-10 earlier this spring and also qualified in the 100. Football star Roger Craig is a threat in the 110-meter high hurdles and 400-meter lows.

Defending champions returning in AA are Mike Diment of Des Moines Hoover in the 1,600 meter run, Ken Rose of Mason City in the 800 and Sioux City North high jumper John Arnaud.

Also back is Clinton's John Hutch, who won the 165-meter low hurdles a year ago. That event has been replaced by the 400-meter hurdles.

Dean Fogarty of Marshalltown is the favorite in the hurdles, however. He won both events at Drake and was voted the outstanding high school performer.

Waterloo West's Mark Nanke is trying for an unusual double. He is one of the favorites in the shot put and also qualified in the 100.

Iowa Falls won last year's Class A title on the strength of its relay teams and the Cadets are strong in that area again, qualifying units in four of the five baton events — 400, 1,600, 1,600 medley and 3,200.

Four 1978 champions return to defend their titles. They are Tim Mueting of Denison in the 1,600, Shenandoah's Wally Duff in the 3,200, Humboldt pole vaulter Dave Monaghan and Marty Kauzlarich of Centerville in the 800. Duffy won the 3,200 at Drake last month.

With Mueting back and Dave Wiebers running well in the 400, Denison could challenge Iowa Falls for first. Mueting and Wiebers also run on Denison's strong medley relay team.

Double winner Steve Arens of Le Mars Gehlen leads the Class B returning champions. Arens won the 200 and high jump last year and is a contender in both events.

Also back are Pekin's Steve Greiner in the 800, Jeff Nielsen of Britt in the 100 and Arnie Doden of Buffalo Center-Rake in the shot put.



### Pitching prospects

Carroll High's two top pitching prospects are shown warming up. They are Roger Bock (left) and Scott Hackett. The Tigers open their season Saturday night with a game at Scranton, starting at 8 p. m.

## Zekers win in 8 innings

BREDA — Two of the three games in the Zeker slow pitch tournament Thursday night went into extra innings.

The host Zekers beat the Coon Rapids Brewers, 9-5, in eight innings and Brend's of Auburn edged Robo Car Wash of Carroll, 6-5, in eight innings.

In one other game, Mel's Angels of Halbur dumped Dedham, 16-2, in five innings.

In action Sunday, C.B. Tap of Willey will play Mr. D's of Glidden at noon; Maple River will meet Red Carpet at 1; the Arcadia Merchants will take on Reuter Implement at 2; Carroll County Tire will face Lou Walsh at 3; the Halbur Merchants will meet the Gusto Grabbers at 4; Denny's will go against Wilkins NAPA Pros at 5; the Zekers will meet Brend's at 6; and Mel's will play Scranton at 7.

After Sunday's games, the next games played will be on Thursday, according to Bob Pasbender.

### Sports Transactions

By the Associated Press

**BASEBALL**  
National League  
HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed Ken Forsch, pitcher, on the 21-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of Bert Roberge, pitcher, from Columbus of the Southern League.

**FOOTBALL**  
National Football League  
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed Jeff Nixon, free safety.

Canadian Football League  
EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Signed Don Hopwo 1, defensive tackle; Wyle Turner, cornerback; and Larry Doty, halfback.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Signed Charles Foster, line-backer.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed Frank Babb, Rod Wood and William Fisher, linebackers.

**HOCKEY**  
National Hockey League  
BOSTON BRUINS—Released Don Cherry, coach, from his contract.

**SOCCER**  
American Soccer League  
LOS ANGELES SKY-HAWKS—Named Geoff Davis head coach.

**COLLEGE**  
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY—Named Ernie Nestor assistant basketball coach.

## Fire Balls, Putters hold muny leads

The Fire Balls hold the lead in the American League, while the Low Putters lead in the National League after two weeks of play in the Men's Thursday Golf League at the municipal course.

Steve Nuckels shot a 36 for low scratch honors in the American League Thursday, while Larry Berning was low net with a 31.

Maury Dion and Gene Ruchti shot 38s for low scratch honors in the National. Ruchti also had the low net score with a 30.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
The Standings:  
Fire Balls ..... 172-353  
Caddie Cleaners ..... 168-357  
Hi drivers ..... 182-369  
Chippers ..... 174-377  
Duffers ..... 187-388

Divot Diggers ..... 192-389  
Low Scratch: Steve Nuckels 36.  
Low Net: Larry Berning 31.  
national league

The Standings:  
Low Putters ..... 169-350  
Flag Blasters ..... 175-354  
Rinky Links ..... 173-357  
Short Tees ..... 175-358  
Par Shooters ..... 176-360  
Carpet Baggers ..... 180-365  
Low Scratch: Maury Dion and Gene Ruchti 38.  
Low Net: Gene Ruchti 30.

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