

Wildcats Give it Their All

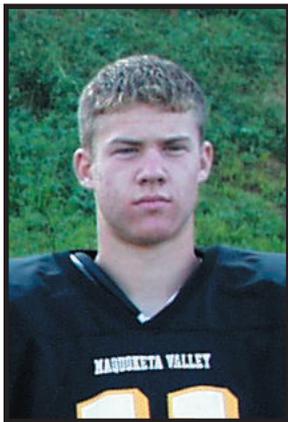
by Miranda Knake

Last Friday night the Cats traveled to Solon. After a tough game Solon came out on top with a final score of 34-29. The Wildcats overall record is 4-2.

Although the Cats didn't score during the first quarter, they did add up points in the last three. They had a total of 162 rushing yards. Again quarterback Justy Feldt made up the 220 passing yards and scored two touch downs.

"Coach Frake does an excellent job of calling the offense," stated Coach Drew. "We moved the ball on the ground effectively. That helped open up the pass. Justy Feldt is making very good decisions from his Quarterback position. He knows when to throw the ball away and he knows when to tuck it and run. He has matured into a very good leader."

Our lead receiver was Robbie Mohr with 68 yards. Following him was Jonny Thomas who scored two touch downs and had a total of 57 yards. Shawn Roling followed with 35 yards and Mike Sibel with 32 yards. Travis Klostermann totaled 28 yards.



Quarterback Justy Feldt has helped lead the team to a 4-2 record.

Dustin Helmrichs led in rushing with 65 yards and one touch down. Feldt was close behind with 50 yards. Mohr achieved one touch down and rushed 39 yards. Travis Klostermann rushed four yards, Brent Klostermann went two yards, and Blake Humpal had two yards as well.

"We knew that we weren't going to stop Solon's offense," commented Coach Drew. "Our goal was to make them work for everything and not give up the big plays.

Solon got a few big plays in the first half and was able to run the ball for 230 yards in the first half. Our defense stepped it up in the second half and limited Solon to only 64 yards rushing. If not for the 83 yard touch down pass late in the game, they wouldn't have had any second half passing yards."

The defense was led by Dustin Glew and Chad Ries who each had a total of nine tackles. Nathan Burger and Helmrichs each succeeded in eight tackles and one fumble recovery. Humpal made seven tackles at the game and Mohr made five. Travis Mollenhauer and Brian Hillebrand both had four tackles. They were followed by Travis Klostermann, Jeremy Ronnebaum, and Mike Sibel, each having two tackles. The following players made one tackle at the game versus Solon: Nick Smock, Tristan Miles, Jorge Ramirez, Brian Sibel, Thomas, and Roling.

"It is too bad we weren't able to win this game," remarked Coach Drew. "Solon made a big play when they had to and pulled out the victory. We played a very good game tonight but came up on the short end on the scoreboard. Our kids played hard for 48 minutes and did what we asked of them. I am very proud of this football team."

Tonight the Cats head to Monticello. Make plans to go watch the Wildcats!

Wildcats Down Cascade 3-1 in Tri-Rivers Volleyball Play

The Wildcats traveled to Cascade and came home with a 25-15, 25-18, 19-25, 25-15 win. The win puts their conference record at 2-3 and overall record at 6-14. The Wildcats pretty much controlled the entire match. Even during the game they lost they gave up a late lead. "Overall we played well enough to win. We made several mental errors in the game we lost and I told the kids we needed to be tougher, and we were in game 4. I thought we got great hustle and decision making out of our senior setters, Krystal Johnson and Heather Weber, and continued solid play out of several hitters including seniors, Lisa Jesenovec, Cassie Bawek, and Lynn Nefzger.

Leading the team in kills was Lisa Jesenovec with 14. Krystal Johnson led the Wildcats with 12 assists. Jesenovec had the most blocks with 7. Leading in aces was Jesenovec and Sheila Wenthold both with 4 each. Leading in the number of digs was Jesenovec with 15 and Sara Glanz with 12.

Unfortunately the JV team and the fresh/soph team both lost 0-2.

Wildcats Sweep North Linn

The Wildcats controlled the entire match and came away with a 3-0 sweep beating the Lynx 25-17, 25-19, 25-17. The win evened their conference record at 3-3 and puts their overall record at 7-14. It is always good to win on the road especially in the conference. "I told the team that we played well enough to win, but that we really need to play at the level we are capable of each night out." Overall our setters did a nice job of distributing the ball to our hitters and I was especially happy with our back row play. We were really consistent with our passing and serve receive and the girls did a better job of communication with each other. I thought Sara Glanz, Lisa Jesenovec, Lynn Nefzger, and Sheila Wenthold all stepped up.

Leading the Cats in kills was Lisa Jesenovec with 10 and Kara Lechtenberg with 8. Krystal Johnson led the team in assists with 14. Jesenovec led in the number of aces with 3. Leading in blocks was Jesenovec with 3. Lynn Nefzger led the team in digs with 12 and Lisa Jesenovec close behind with 10.

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