

Cross Country Runs Team At Jesup

by Abby McDonald

"The courses for both the boys' and girls' races were changed from last year. The boys seemed longer and the girls' was rumored to be 500 meters short!! (Apparently a coach from another school measured it during the meet to see.)" Coach Mensen stated of the last cross country meet at Jesup. "Therefore," she added, "we could not judge improvement from last season or last meet based on times."

According to scores, however, the girls' team placed better than last year, scoring 192 points. This earned them sixth place out of 17 full teams. The first runner in for the varsity team was Amanda Harris, earning 10th place. She ran a time of 13:59. Coming in next was Amy Conrad in 31st place, running the clock at 14:35. Right behind her was Jennifer Nurre, who ran a time of 14:36 and placed 32nd. Kelli Dabroski was in 46th place. Her time was 15:00 flat. Running 15:52 was Michelle Tumey, who earned 73rd place. At 16:46 was Laura Orcutt, who placed 96th.

The JV girls only ran two runners, so there wasn't a team score. Bonny Jaeger was the first girl in. She ran a time of 17:55 and got 57th place. Next in was Casi Orr at 80th place, running a time of 21:09. "It was odd running without a shoe," she said.

She lost one of her shoes at some point in the race after the first mile.

Josh Cummings was the only runner for the boys' JV team. He placed 38th with a time of 22:41.

Boys' Varsity ran five, with Mark Beatty coming in first for the boys. He ran a time of 18:13 and received 21st place. At 44th was Tyler Willey, who ran a time of 19:05. Coming in at 54th was Adam Ries. His time was 19:24. In 76th place was Jordan Keith, whose time was 20:04. Running the clock at 20:30, Kyle Fangman came in at 87th place. The boys scored 12th out of 19 teams, with a score of 282 points. Maquoketa Valley also had two young runners in Jesup's Fun Run. Jordan and Justine Nurre ran, and both enjoyed the meet. Justine mentioned that she had fun and "passed a big girl at the end who was probably in junior high." Jordan said that he "liked going down the hill." The team also ran at West Delaware this Wednesday. Scores and times will be reported in next week's Echo. Please support the cross country team at Mount Vernon this evening! The races start at 4:30. Next week on Thursday is the Tri-Rivers Conference meet, so please come and cheer on the team at the Fillmore golf course!



Kyle Fangman aims for the finish line.

JV Wildcats Fall to Solon

by Brittney Mead

Last Friday night the Wildcats played Solon at Solon. The final score was Wildcats 26, Solon 43.

Leading in passing was Donny Nordmann with five completions on 19 attempts for 71 yards. Derek Offerman had two completion on six attempts for 41 yards.

Brian Wegmann, Donny Nordmann, and Derek Offerman were the leading rushers. Brian had 8 attempts for 62 yards and got one touchdown. Donny had nine attempts for 52 yards and got 1 touchdown. Derek had 4 attempts for 46 yards and got 1 touchdown.

"We played a hard fought game and we felt as though our run-pass game matched up quite well with their strong running game," stated Mr. Marting.

The Wildcats had three leading receivers: Jeremy Dircks, Casey Lechtenberg, and Brian Wegmann. Jeremy had three receptions for 70 yards. Casey had

one reception for 30 yards, Brian had one reception for six yards.

Mr. Marting said, "We gave up crucial field position twice which accounted for two quick Solon scores and what I believe made the game. Statistically we were very close with 309 yards to Solons 331, but the stat that matters is the score."

Neal Johnson, Donny Nordmann, Derek Offerman, Peter Ries, Brian Wegmann, Jeff Hass and Jacob McDowell were the leading Wildcats tacklers. Neal had three solos, six assists while Donny had three solos and three assists. Derek had 3 solos and 2 assists, Peter had 4 assists, Brian had 2 solos and 7 assists, Jeff had 6 assists, and Jacob had 6 assists.

Mr. Marting said, "I believe that we were able to move the ball well in the second half, but unfortunately we just ran out of time."

Tonight the Cats will play at Monticello. GOOD LUCK!



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