

The Cats Are Back!

by **Miranda Knake**

It's that time of year again. The girls varsity basketball team is back for another season. Their first game was against CPU at home on December 5th. The Cats won 52-30.

"We had a kind of a rough first game of the season," stated Coach Pestka. "We had good defense, but poor rebounding and poor shooting."

The lead scorer against CPU was Amy Conrad who made 13 points. Angie Dircks and Kelli Dabroski each scored 10 points. Ashley Nordmann made three of four free throws and two shots for nine points. Allison Ford scored four points at the game.

The second game of the season was against Western Dubuque, again at Delhi. The Wildcats were victorious with a final score of 65-31.

Top scorers were Nordmann and Megan Kramer, each achieving 20 points. Dabroski followed with 11 points from five shots and one free throw. Dircks was 100 percent in free throws and made one shot for six points. Conrad scored four points and Ford and Angie Peters both made two points against Western Dubuque.

"We had a very strong second game of



Allison Ford puts up a strong defense against a CPU player.
(photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

the season," remarked Coach Pestka.

Nordmann had five blocked shots at the game, Dabroski had seven rebounds, and Ford had seven assists. Dircks made seven

rebounds and five assists. The team had an average of 56.2 percent in free throws.

The next game for the girls is at home against Starmont. Go Cats!

Wrestlers Start Off Season 1-1

by **Alex Kracke**

Last Thursday, the MV wrestling team traveled to Starmont to open the season. The Wildcats beat a very good Starmont team 39-34 and lost to a tough North Linn squad 36-45.

Winning for the varsity team were Mark Beatty at 112 (pins at :23 and :37), Leon Wilson at 119 (pins at 2:12 and 2:57), Brian Wegmann at 152 (4-3 and pin at 2:44), Neal Johnson at 171 (pins at :53 and :34) and Brian Hillebrand at heavyweight

(pins at 3:45 and :30).

Splitting for MV were Randy Murray at 125 (win by forfeit, pinned at 3:29), Brian Jacobsmeyer at 160 (win by forfeit and pinned at :34) and Andrew Kracke (pinned at 2:37 and win by forfeit).

Also competing by not winning were Jordan Kramer at 103, Pete Ries at 130, Dustin Glew at 135, Adam Graybill at 140, Jared Murray at 145 and Tyler Koob at 189. Koob lost by injury default.

The wrestlers competed against Center Point-Urbana and Cascade at CPU Thursday night. Results will be in next week's issue.



Brian Wegmann puts the pressure on a Starmont opponent.
(photo by Bonny Jaeger)