

Boys Go 4-1

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The boys basketball team is getting a workout with all the games it's played recently. Alburnett, Marion, Ed-Co and Beckman all suffered MV's wrath, while Monticello put its bid in for a share of the conference title with a win over MV.

"This was a well played game by the Cats with all players seeing plenty of action. In the second quarter, we executed the best we have all year," commented Coach Rundquist on the 83-66 win over Alburnett on Friday, January 30th. Jonny Thomas led in points with 28, followed by Kyle Henry 19 (five 3-pointers), and Robbie Mohr 14.

Thomas pulled down a season high 18 boards and Henry added nine.

Justy Feldt led the Cats in assists with nine, and Mohr had a game high of five steals.

The Cats ended January by defeating the Marion Indians at Marion on the 31st with a score of 80-56. Four players ended up in double figures. Jonny Thomas had 21 points, Kyle Henry, 18, Justy Feldt, 14, and Robbie Mohr, 12. Also scoring for the Cats were Blake Humpal, eight, Donny Nordmann, and Jake Norlin both with two and Chris Klaren, one. Thomas again led in rebounds with 11 and Henry had nine.

Mohr had the game high nine assists along with five steals.

Coach Rundquist was pleased with the game commenting, "One of our early goals was to capture the number one seed in our district, which we accomplished with this in at Marion."

Last Tuesday night the Cats suffered their first loss of the season, with Monticello beating MV 53-50. "Monticello played an exceptional ballgame and totally outplayed and out hustled us," said Coach Rundquist. "When you fail to rebound and take care of the basketball your chances for success is very limited and we did neither."

Henry led in scoring with 15 while Robbie Mohr added 14 points with seven assists. Thomas led in rebounds with nine. The Cats shot 40% from the field. The Panthers forced MV to shoot from the outside and the Cats had seven three-points: Feldt with three, Mohr with two and Nordmann and Henry each chipping in one.

Despite the snowy roads, the Cats braved their way to Colesburg and defeated Ed-Co 70-36.

"We were fortunate that we were able to play this game since we didn't have school on Friday," stated Coach Rundquist. "That was a major concern heading into this game and I believe our first half performance was due to this situation."

The Cats shot only 50% from the field, but held Ed-Co to 25%. "Ed-Co was patient on offense, and we were not," Rundquist stated. The Cats only led by three at halftime.

The Cats poured it on in the second half, scoring 45 points and holding Ed-Co to 14.

Thomas led in points with 23 with Mohr, Nordmann and Henry adding 10 each. Humpal and Mohr had a team high of five assists a piece.

The victory trail next led the Cats to Beckman last Saturday night. Although they were only ahead by two at halftime, the Cats won 75-63.

"This was another intense rivalry and both teams were shooting lights out in the first period," stated Rundquist. "The third period was perhaps the best defensive performance to date with the Cats allowing

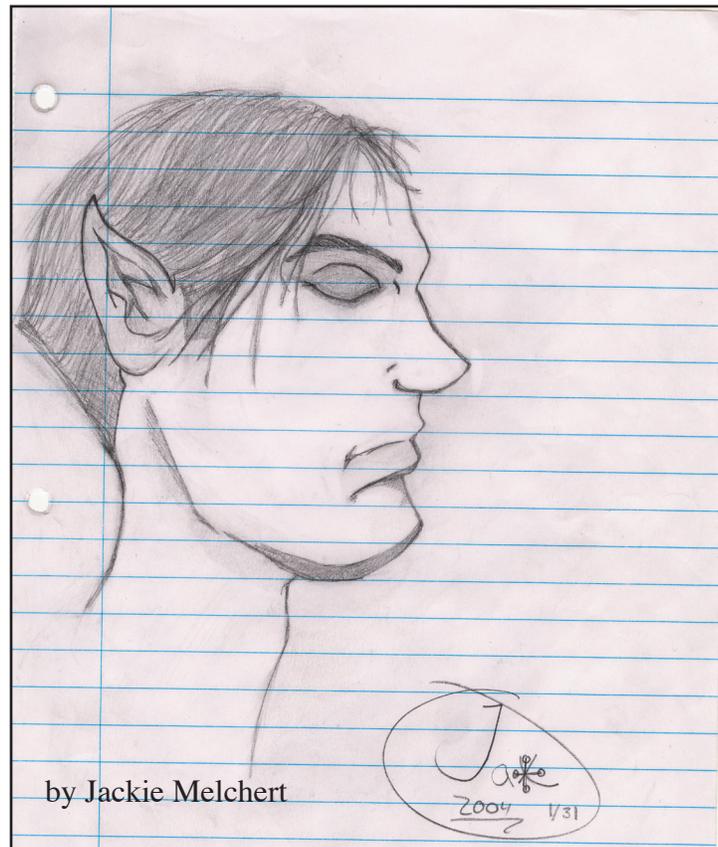


Donny Nordmann puts some defensive pressure on an Alburnett player.

one field goal for the first six minutes and outscoring Beckman 21-8."

Mohr led the scoring with 25 points while Thomas had 24 points and 13 rebounds. Humpal contributed 10 assists.

After last weekend, the Cats are 16-1 overall and 12-1 in the conference. Results from last night's game against Anamosa will be in next week's Echo. The Cats take on CPU this Friday at home.



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