

Sports Connection

District Play All the Way by Miranda Knake

February 18th the Cats met up with Beckman once again. A blow out game, the Wildcats won 71-37.

"This was a good District game," commented Coach Pestka. "It was a good, solid game for all the girls."

Kelli Dabroski led in scoring with 17 points from eight goals, including one three point shot. Angie Dircks also made a three point shot and earned 15 points for the Cats. Allison Ford made five shots and four free throws for 14 points and Ashley Nordmann made five shots and two free throws for 12 points. Megan Kramer achieved seven points at the game and Krista Steger succeeded in four points--also making a three point shot. Amy Conrad made one shot for two points.

Percentages were high at this game. The girls' free throw percentage was 62.5 percent and their goal percentage was 56.8 percent. There were 19 turnovers at the game and 27 rebounds.

Saturday the Cats traveled to Monona to play MFL. Again the Wildcats reigned victorious with a final score of 56-35.

Dircks led the team scoring 18 points at the game. She was followed by Dabroski who succeeded in 15 points. Nordmann made three shots and one free throw for nine points and Ford made one shot and three free throws for five points. Close behind them was Kramer with four points, Conrad with three points, and Angie Peters with two points.

Percentages were high at this game as well. Their free throw percentage was 73.3 percent and their goal percentage was 55.2 percent. They had 18 turnovers at the game and 30 rebounds.

"Good defense and good rebounding led to this District victory," stated Coach Pestka.

The Cats also defeated South Winn Tuesday night 65-48. The game summary will be in next week's Echo.

Continue to support the Wildcats as they take on Solon tonight in Manchester. Game time is 7:00pm.

Beatty Represents the Cats at State



After taking a break from wrestling to recover from an illness, Mark Beatty (112) was able to pour it on at the State meet this week. He defeated Daniel Hiserote from Sargeant Bluff-Luton 9-1 Wednesday night. He won 5-3 over Jimmy Lancaster of DeWitt Central Thursday night. He competes in the semifinal round Friday afternoon. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

Boys JV/Frosh Squads Finish with Winning Records

Following MV's basketball tradition, the boys JV and Freshman teams both had winning seasons this year. The JV record was 10-8 and the Freshman squad won nine while losing four.

Coach Frake was optimistic about these teams.

"Overall, I think it was a positive season," Coach Frake stated. "The main thing is that the players improved throughout the year, learned something about the game and themselves and had fun."

Coach Frake stated there were several highlights of the season.

For the JV team the biggest victories would be the win over Beckman and a payback victory over North Linn after being defeated the first time we played, according to Coach Frake.

Coach Frake stated the best part of the freshmen season is always the ending tournament at Iowa City High. "Being able to compete against larger schools to prove that some of the best basketball is played in smaller school districts."

He also commented on the quality of the athletes. Both teams played with few players left on the bench. "The number of players might not be high, but this team was always enjoyable to be around and coach.

"These two teams have the ability to play with any opponents they face, but you have to be ready to play every night," Frake concluded. "When the team came prepared to play, there were positive results. With confidence and continued hard work, these young men should have successful futures."