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CATS TAKE IT TO THE COURT!

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ON TO STATE! On the 24th and 27th of February the Varsity Girls Basketball team played two teams in the Regional Finals. The Cats have a record of 23-2.

February 24th the Cats took on South Winneshiek. The Wildcats stayed ahead in all four quarters and ended the game with 65 points compared to 48 points.

"This was a great win," commented Coach Pestka. "Each win is different."

Kelli Dabroski led in scoring with 20 points from five shots and ten free throws. Allison Ford earned 16 points for the team and right behind her was Angie Dircks with 15 points. Ashley Nordmann made four shots for eight points and Megan Kramer made two shots for four points. Amy Conrad made two free throws for two points at the game.

High percentages showed again that evening. 80.7 percent for free throws and 55 percent for goals. There were 18 turnovers at the game and 28 rebounds.

Maquoketa Valley's section was full February 27th at West Delaware High School. The Wildcats were facing Solon. The team couldn't have asked for a better cheering section as they struggled through the game and won in the final seconds. The score: 56-54, MV WILDCATS!!!!

"This was a very physical game," stated Coach Pestka. "The entire team played extra hard, especially when we were down by 10 points."

Amy Conrad was just what the Cats needed Friday night. She earned 19 points for the team. Dircks brought in 14 points for the team and Dabroski put nine points on the board. Nordmann made three shots and one free throw for seven points and Ford made one shot for two points. After having a tough night, Megan Kramer made the winning shot for the Cats with the assist from Dabroski. Overall Kramer succeeded in five points.

So here we go fans, back to state! The next game for the Wildcats is Monday,



Members of the state qualifying basketball team include: front: Amy Conrad and Angie Peters; back: Sarah Stelken, Megan Kramer, Angie Dircks, Kelli Dabroski, Ashley Nordmann, Allison Ford, Krista Steger, Melissa Wegmann and Coach Tom Pestka.

March 8th in Des

Moines against Garner-Hayfield. Game time is 8:00 P.M. Show your school spirit

and fill our cheering section! Remember, school will dismiss at 2:30 on Monday and start one hour late on Tuesday.

Beatty Takes Fifth Place at State



Mark Beatty got to repeat taking a place on the winners' stand Saturday night at Vets in Des Moines. Mark finished fifth after defeating Mark Sandy of Spirit Lake Park. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)