

Cross Country Competes at North Fayette

by Abby McDonald

On Saturday, September 13, the Maquoketa Valley Cross Country team traveled to North Fayette to run in their invitational.

Out of 17 placing teams, the Varsity girls placed eighth with 238 points. Amanda Harris was the first MV runner in at 11th place and a running time of 17:21. Following her was Amy Conrad in 32nd place (18:06), with Kelli Dabroski close behind in 36th (18:17). Michelle Tumey was the next runner in at 73rd place and a time of 19:22. Jennifer Nurre and Laura Orcutt followed in 86th and 88th place, and Jacque Sternhagen finished in 117th place. Jennifer's time was 19:45 and Laura was just two seconds behind her. Jacque's run was 22:36.

The JV girls team didn't have enough runners to qualify as a team, but four runners did compete. The first girl in was Bonny Jaeger, who placed 82nd with a time of 24:11. Next was Casi Orr in 83rd place with a time of 24:15, followed by Rachel Rave at 87th, and Kelsey Melchert in 91st place. Rachel's time was 25:08, and Kelsey's was 26:30.

All six boys ran on one team, so MV didn't have any JV runners for the boys race. The first runner in was Mark

Beatty with a time of 16:28. He placed 30th, with Tyler Willey behind him at 49th place. Tyler's running time was 19:13. Following Tyler was Jordan Keith, who placed 89th, with a time of 20:41. Kyle Fangman placed 94th, followed by Josh Cummings and Jeff Nurre, placing 121st and 124th respectively. Kyle's time was 21:20, Josh's time was 23:10, and Jeff's time was 23:36. The team total was 383, putting them at 16th place out of 19 total teams.

"Five out of the six boys improved their times from the first meet of the season AND from what they had run at this meet last season," Coach Mensen stated. "The results of this meet make me even more optimistic for the rest of the season."

The cross country team also competed on Tuesday evening. Results will be in next week's Echo. Please support the runners Friday night at the Fillmore golf course at the Cascade Invitational!



Michelle Tumey and Kelli Dabroski compete in the meet at Starmont. (photo by Jessi Preussner)

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Pack Attack!

by Miranda Knake

The Cats move into the season with a record of 1-1 after playing Alburnett last Friday night. The final score of the evening was 33-8, Wildcats.

"This is a good win against a very good Alburnett ball club," stated Coach Drew. "They were big up front and their skilled players were quick and fast."

The Wildcats had a total of 130 rushing yards at the game. Quarterback Justy Feldt achieved 236 passing yards compared to Alburnett's 43 passing yards. Feldt made two touchdowns.

Coach Drew commented, "They didn't allow us to be as successful in our running game as we would have liked to have been so we had to rely on our passing game to open things up."

Robbie Mohr was top receiver during the game with a total of 82 yards. Jonny Thomas scored one touchdown and

had a total of 63 yards. They were followed by Mike Sibel who gained 51 yards making one touch down. Shawn Roling had a total of 20 yards from one reception.

"We improved on special teams this week," said Coach Drew. "We cannot allow the ball to touch the ground on returns, but overall, our guys are taking a lot of pride in being on special teams."

Mohr also led in rushing with a total of 51 yards. Right behind him was Feldt with 39 rushing yards. Brent Klostermann and Dustin Helmrichs racked in the yards rushing for 23 and 20 yards.

"I saw an improvement defensively," Coach Drew noted. "We are starting to understand team defense and how everyone flows as one. We had some nice gang tackles. Individually, we need to finish tackles better."

Dustin Glew was our leader on the defense last Friday night with a grand total

of 14 tackles. Following him were Nathan Burger with eight tackles and Chad Ries and Helmrichs with seven tackles. Brian Hillebrand made six tackles and Blake Humpal and Jorge Ramirez each achieved five tackles. Humpal also made one interception for a touch down against the Pirates (75 yard run)! Travis Mollenhauer and Travis Klostermann each had four tackles and Doug Nadermann followed in suit with three tackles. Several players made two tackles: Jeremy Ronnebaum, Andrew Kracke, Mohr, and Thomas. Feldt made one tackle and had one interception, Nick Smock and Scott Conrad also each made one tackle.

Coach Drew sums it up, "The encouraging thing is I see growth in our football team."

The Wildcats play at Cascade against the Cougars. Be there for the "cat" fight!