

Sports Connection

Cats Rock the Court: Boys Ranked First in State

by Miranda Knake

The basketball season is rolling along, no thanks to the weather in the area. Last week, the boys teamed moved up to a first place ranking in class 2A. This "target on their back" didn't seem to have an adverse effect on them as they, as well as the girls, rolled past teams such as East Buchanan, West Delaware, and Cascade.

January 18th the girls traveled to East Buchanan. The Wildcats returned home with another victory. The final score of the game was 68-54. The Cats had an impressive free throw percentage of 86.6 percent and goal percentage of 55 percent. They had a total of 31 rebounds and nine turnovers at the game.

Michelle Tumey led in scoring with 19 points from six shots and seven free throws. Following her were Kelli Dabroski with 15 points and Amy Conrad with 14 points. Krista Steger added eight points from two shots and four free throws that evening. Sarah Stelken and Melissa Wegmann each made three shots for six points at the game.

"The team played really well," stated Coach Pestka.

January 22nd the Cats paid a visit to the West Delaware Hawks. After a tough fight, the Wildcats came out on top once again with a final score of 59-52.

"This was a good, solid game for our team," remarked Coach Pestka.

Dabroski led the team with 27 points from ten shots including two three point shots, and five free throws. Conrad added 16 points from three shots and ten free throws. Wegmann achieved six points and close behind her were Megan Kramer and Tumey with six points each. Steger put in two points at the game.

Turning to our other varsity team, the boys also took on the Hawks January 22nd. They brought home a victory with a final score of 67-55. The Wildcats had nine turnovers at the game and 37 rebounds.

"I was pleased by the way my players



were able to elevate their game against a quality opponent," commented Coach Rundquist.

Jonny Thomas was the lead scorer against the Hawks with 23 points from six shots and eleven free throws. Blake Humpal put 18 points up on the board from five shots including four three point shots and four free throws. Robbie Mohr added 13 points and Donny Nordmann added nine points. Jake Norlin made two shots for four points that evening.

January 25th the Cats traveled to Cascade. The Wildcats goal percentage was at 50 percent and their free throw percentage was 73.3 percent. The final score of the game was 65-44, Cats!

Thomas once again led in points with 16 points. Close behind him were Humpal and Mohr, each adding 12 points to the score. Nordmann made five shots for ten points and Norlin also put in 10 points from three shots and four free throws. Jeremy Dircks and Philip Roling each achieved two points against the Hawks and Chris Klaren added one point to the score.

"This was a great defensive effort against a quality coached ball club," remarked Coach Rundquist. "Great team win."

You can see the Cats in action again this Saturday against Marion. It's a home game, so fill up the bleachers for our Wildcats!

Brett Huber brings the ball up the court during the Cascade game Tuesday night. The Cats won 65-44. (photo by Kathie Palmersheim)

Football Players Receive Special Recognition

Congratulations to Robbie Mohr who was selected to play in the 2005 Iowa Shrine Bowl. Robbie was a 1st Team All-State selection by The Des Moines Register and 2nd Team All-State selection by the Iowa Newspaper Association

(INA). Robbie, who Rushed for more than 1300 yards, was a running back and Defensive Back on Maquoketa Valley's District Championship and playoff qualifying football team. He is the son of Bob and Mary Mohr of Hopkinton.



Congratulations to Jake Norlin who has been recognized by the Iowa Football Coaches Association as an Academic All-State Football Player. Jake was a starting Offensive Guard and Defensive Linebacker on Maquoketa Valley's playoff qualifying football team. He was also a team Captain. Jake was recognized by the



Iowa Newspaper Association (INA) as a 3rd Team All-State Offensive Lineman and by the Des Moines Register as a 2nd Team All-State Offensive Lineman.

Jake is the son of Tom and Peggy Norlin of Hopkinton.