

# Sports Connection

## Wildcats Lose Tough One to Monticello: 3-2

The Maquoketa Valley girls fell to the Panthers in a good five game match, losing games one & two, 25-19 and 25-21, then winning games three & four, 26-24 and 25-23, and then falling in the 5th game 15-10.

Coach Doyle said, "All in all this was our best performance of the season. We played hard, we played smart, we played well as a team, and we left everything on the court. I have to give credit to the Panthers, they came in here and probably played one of their best matches of the year to get the win."

Coach Doyle noted that his team had three areas of distinctive improvement that night.

"First we passed better, we communicated well on the floor, and we really got after them with our blocks at the net. I told the girls that we made a big jump tonight and that we if can continue to play as a team we will have a chance to win each time out. We had a great effort from everyone tonight, especially from our seniors."

The loss leaves the Wildcats River Division record at 0-2 and their overall re-

cord at 4-11.

Offensively Kristen Evers led the team in kills with 12 on 30/35 attacks, Michelle Boge added 10 on 23/28 attacks, Sheila Wenthold and Allison Evers each added seven kills on 19/21 & 15/20 attacks respectively. Carrie Goldsmith led the team in setting with 28 assists on 84/88 attempts. Wenthold led the team in serving with six aces on 25/27 attempts, Jordan Gibbs added four aces on 25/25 attempts, K. Evers added three aces on 17/20 attempts, Boge added two aces on 15/17 attempts, and Melissa Wegmann added an ace on 9/9 attempts.

Defensively the team was led in blocks by A. Evers with seven including two stuffs and three assists in nine attempts, K. Evers added five blocks including three stuffs and an assist in six attempts, Boge had three blocks including two assists, Goldsmith and S. Wenthold each added two blocks both getting one stuff and an assist. Sheila Wenthold led the team in digs with 10 on 12 attempts, Boge had nine digs on 12 attempts, Gibbs and Amanda Nefzger each had eight digs on 10 and 11



**Allison Evers puts one down against Monticello. (photo by Brian Wilson)**

attempts respectively, Staci Wenthold added seven digs on nine attempts, and Goldsmith added five digs on nine attempts.

The girls will play North Linn at home on Tuesday. Support the Cats!

## Cats Blast Blazers in Nailbiter Finish

by **Miranda Knake**

Last Friday night the Wildcats of Maquoketa Valley took on the Beckman Blazers in Dyersville. The Cats battled through four quarters and came out on top in the end with a final score of 31-28.

"This was an excellent win against a very good Beckman ball club," stated Coach Drew.

The Wildcats had a total of 313 rushing yards at the game as well as 101 passing yards. The Cats' record is now 2-2 after defeating the Blazers.

"We had a great offensive night, producing 414 yards of total offense," remarked Coach Drew. "Coach Frake did a good job of mixing the pass with the run. We had two running backs with over 100 yards: Robbie Mohr with 194 yards and Nathan Burger had 124 yards. That is a

tribute to the offensive line as well: Jake Norlin, Brian Wegmann, Jorge Ramirez, Brian Sibel, Calvin Strum, and Casey Lechtenberg."

Quarterback Blake Humpal scored one touch down against the Blazers and made up the 101 passing yards. Jacob Bawek made one reception for 30 yards and Travis Klostermann made one reception for 14 yards.

"Robbie Mohr was involved in every point by scoring three rushing touch downs," said Coach Drew. "He caught one touch down pass from Blake Humpal, kicked two extra points, threw a two-point conversion pass to Jeremy Dircks, and kicked a huge 35 yards field goal to win the game."

The defense was led in tackles by Chad Ries with twelve. Neal Johnson add-

ed eight tackles and one quarterback sack to his credit. Burger made seven tackles and one fumble recovery at the game. Jake Norlin, Mohr, and Wegmann each achieved six tackles and Curtis Thommen, Ramirez, and Bawek each made four tackles. Klostermann had three tackles and one fumble recovery that evening and Brian Sibel made two tackles. Casey Lechtenberg, Philip Roling, and Jeremy Dircks each made one tackle and Lechtenberg achieved one quarterback sack. Humpal had one interception at the game as well as Donny Nordmann.

"Our defense didn't paly as well as I would have liked, but we were very physical," commented Coach Drew. "We hit them hard and that creates fumbles and mistakes by your opponent."

The Wildcats travel to Camanche tonight. Make the trip to support the Cats!