

Sports Connection

Cross Country Keeps on Running

by Casi Orr

The cross country team ran at West Delaware last Tuesday. The varsity girls placed 8th with 222 points. The winner came in at 14:42 and Krapfl came in at 15:46 at 11th, Harris in at 16:29 in 31st, Nurre at 16:56 in 54th, Dabroski at 17:02 in 58th, Conrad at 17:22 in 68th, Tumey at 17:22 in 71st, and Helle at 19:18 in 123rd.

Coach Mensen said, "Kelli, Michelle, Tyler, Adam, and Jordan ran faster on this same course than last year. Jordan improving nearly a minute and Michelle over a minute!! Kelli ran 36 seconds faster, but placed 6 places back. Callie Broke the school record which was held by Erin Williams and it was 15:50!"

The boys' team ran rather well also, they placed 16th. The winner came in at 16:29. Willey came in 47th at 18:24, Ries in 76th at 19:03, Keith in 98th at 19:46, Nurre in 99th at 19:47, Murray in 136th at 23:17, and Nurre in 139th at 24:04.

The JV girls ran well also, Ford in 70th at 20:56, Conrad in 85th at 22:17, and Jaeger in 90th at 23:16.

On Saturday the team ran at North Linn. The girls placed 10th and received 256 points. The winner, Ellen Ries, finished in 15:46, with Krapfl in 12th at 16:03, Harris in 33rd at 16:42, Dabroski in 65th at 17:44, Conrad in 72nd at 17:44, Tumey in 74th at 17:47, and Helle in 111st at 19:33.

JV girls did well too, Ford in 45th at 20:20, Conrad in 71st at 23:17, and Jaeger in 73rd at 23:32.

"Due to illness and State band contest, we were short several runners, mostly boys. I saw great performances from Callie, Amanda, Michelle, and Kallyn. Ellen Ries, the leader, was about 30 seconds from her best time and these five girls were closer to their best too, so that shows that they ran well. Because the times on this course were slower for everyone, this is one way I can judge how well they ran. Jordan ran well, considering he had no teammates to help or push him on," said Coach Mensen.

Jordan came in at 104th in 20:03.

Thursday the team participated in Conference. More on that in the next issue.

Wildcats in Volleyball Action

The Cats lost a conference match on the road to a very good CPU team 25-15, 25-15, & 25-22 October 7th.

Coach Doyle was pleased with the overall effort of the team, "We competed for every point, and we had a chance to win the third game. I have to credit CPU, they played very well and have an outstanding player in Jenny Buelow."

Offensively the team was led in kills by Michelle Boge with nine on 17/21 attacks, Kristen Evers had six kills on 18/21 attacks, Allison Evers and Carrie Goldsmith each had three kills on 5/6 and 8/10 attacks respectively. Jordan Gibbs added two kills on 5/5 attacks. Goldsmith led the team in assists with 14. Gibbs and Wenthold tied for the lead in aces with two each on 14/15 & 15/16 serves respectively.

Defensively the team was led in digs by Wenthold with seven, Gibbs had six, and Boge had five. K. Evers led the team in blocks with four including two stuffs.

The M.V. girls traveled to Bettendorf and played three matches in pool play against very good competition. Coach Doyle told his team that playing in this tournament against mostly 4A teams was like playing in the State Tournament.

"We played three 4A teams in our pool, with two of them ranked in the top 10," stated Coach Doyle. "Even though we lost three matches today all of the girls played hard and competed for every point, today was a great learning experience for us. We got to see some outstanding volleyball and have a better idea of what we need to do to play at that level consistently."

The girls opened play against Bettendorf and lost 21-6 & 21-9. Next they played Iowa City High and lost 21-2 & 21-12. In their final match the girls lost to West Des Moines Valley 21-5 & 21-13.

For the day Michelle Boge led the team in kills with seven, Kristen Evers added five kills, and Sheila Wenthold and Allison Evers each added two kills.

Goldsmith led the team in assists with 13. K. Evers led the team in aces with three. Krista Steger, Jordan Gibbs, and Abby Jurgens each added an ace.



Krista Steger and Kristen Evers go up for a block against Anamosa. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

Defensively Wenthold led the team in digs with nine, Gibbs added eight, Boge and Jurgens added three each. A. Evers led the team in blocks with six.

The Maquoketa Valley girls volleyball team ended its regular season schedule with a home loss to the Anamosa Raiders 25-19, 25-12, & 25-12. The match was controlled from the outset by the Raiders.

Coach Doyle noted, "They played well and we did not, plain and simple."

Michelle Boge led the team in kills with six, Carrie Goldsmith had three kills, and Krista Steger added two kills. Goldsmith led the team in setting with eight assists and Jordan Gibbs added three assists. Sheila Wenthold led the team in serving with three aces; Gibbs added two.

Kristen Evers led the team in blocks with three, Steger and Allison Evers added two blocks each. Gibbs led the team in digs with six, Sheila Wenthold and Staci Wenthold added five digs each, and Abby Jurgens added four digs. Goldsmith and Amanda Nefzger added 3 digs each.

The loss leaves the Wildcats with a 1-7 conference record and 5-18 overall record. The Wildcats will host the conference tournament on Saturday the 16th.