

MV Wins Cat Fight

by Miranda Knake

The Wildcats head down the District highway with another win last Friday night against the Cascade Cougars. The outstanding final score of the game was 48-0. The Wildcats showed impressive numbers, including zero fumbles at the game. Looking at some of Cascade's statistics, they only had 47 rushing yards, but their passing yards totaled 134.

"The offense produced outstanding numbers on the ground rushing for 398 yards," Coach Drew stated about the offense.

Quarterback Blake Humpal made up the 65 passing yards at the game. Travis Klostermann made two receptions for 20 yards and Casey Lechtenberg made one reception for 45 yards. Robbie Mohr rushed a total of 214 yards and made three touch downs for the Cats. Nathan Burger rushed 102 yards and made one touch down that evening. Klostermann rushed 77 yards and achieved two touch downs. Neal Johnson rushed a total of eight yards and made one touch down.

"Defensively, we need to contain Cascade's passing game," commented Coach Drew, "our kids adjusted well and didn't give up any long plays."

Johnson led the defense with eight tackles and one fumble recovery. Klostermann was close behind with seven tackles and Brian Wegmann added four. Jake Norlin, Curtis Thommen, and Burger all made three tackles and Burger made one interception as well. Donny Nordmann also had an interception and succeeded in two tackles. Jacob Bawek, Jeremy Dircks, and Mohr each had two tackles and Jacob McDowell made one tackle that evening. Jorge Ramirez had one tackle at the game and made one fumble recovery.

The Wildcats enter another cat fight tonight with the Monticello Panthers in Monticello. Enjoy your early out and then spend the evening cheering on the Cats!

Nathan Burger muscles his way through the Cascade defense last Friday night. (photo by Carrie Goldsmith and Sheila Wenthold)

Wildcats Go 0-3 in the Tri-Rivers Conference Volleyball Tournament

The Wildcats hosted the conference volleyball tournament last Saturday. In pool play the Cats opened up against the Valley Division champion Ed-Co and fell in two games 21-12 & 21-9. In the opener the Vikings played well and controlled the match. Coach Doyle noted that overall the team played well.

"We made a few changes to our lineup and we passed and serve received better than we had all year."

In their next match the Cats lost to the Raiders from Anamosa 19-21, 21-15, & 15-12. This was a match that went back and forth the whole way.

"We won the first game and had our chances in both games 2 & 3, we just fell a little short," stated Coach Doyle.

In their final match the Cats fell to E. Buchanan 21-17, 19-21, & 15-10. Coach Doyle noted that they had their chances to win this match too, and were unable to finish.

"We played hard today and we played well enough to compete and have a chance to win and that is a positive," the coach remarked.

The Wildcats overall record is 5-21, they opened district play on Thursday October 21st. They traveled to take on Wapsie Valley in Fairbank.

Offensively for the day Sarah Stelken led the team in kills with 12 on 30/39 attacks, Michelle Boge and Kristen Evers each added 11 kills on 42/45 and 33/42 attacks respectively. Allison Evers had seven kills on 18/20 attacks, and Krista Steger added six kills on 22/27 attacks. Carrie Goldsmith led the team in assists with 30, and Jordan Gibbs led the team in aces with

six on 34/36 serves. Goldsmith had five aces 22/23 serves, Sheila Wenthold had four aces on 20/25 serves, and K. Evers had three aces on 12/18 serves.

Defensively, Wenthold led the team in digs with 22/26, Gibbs had 16/19, Boge had 14/15, Goldsmith had 12/15, Abby Jurgens had 9/13, and Amanda Nefzger added 7/9. Steger led the team in blocks with six including three stuffs and three assists. K. Evers, Boge, and A. Evers all added five blocks.

Starmont won the tournament going undefeated that day and defeating CPU 2-1 in the final.

The Maquoketa Valley girls volleyball team ended its regular season schedule with a home loss to the 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."

The loss left the Wildcats with a 1-7 conference record and 5-18 overall record.

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, Abby Jurgens added four digs, Goldsmith and Amanda Nefzger added three digs each.

