

Wildcats Make Their Mark

by Miranda Knake

The Wildcats have done it again! The Cats played Monticello last Friday night and brought home another victory! The final score was 40-14.

"This was an important win as it sets us up for an opportunity to win a District Championship," stated Coach Drew.

Quarterback Blake Humpal passed 60 of the 86 passing yards for the Wildcats. Robbie Mohr passed the remaining 26 yards at the game. Nathan Burger rushed 143 yards and made two touch downs for the Wildcats. Mohr rushed 122 yards and made two touch downs as well. Neal Johnson rushed 26 yards and made one touch down at the game and Travis Klostermann rushed 19 yards and made one touch down. Humpal added 12 yards in rushing and Jacob Bawek rushed 11 yards.

"Our offense continued to move the ball well racking up 333 yards rushing," commented Coach Drew. "That is a credit to everyone playing their role and playing as a team. Robbie Mohr broke the 1000 yard threshold this week, a very impressive feat for him and our entire offense."

In receiving, Donny Nordmann made two receptions for 48 yards at the game. Travis Klostermann made two receptions for 32 yards and Mohr made one reception for six yards that evening.

"Our special teams have improved so much throughout the season and are a difference maker; setting up field position and limiting other teams' return yards," stated Coach Drew. "This will be key as we play against Center Point-Urbana."

The defense was led by Burger who succeeded in nine tackles and one fumble recovery. Klostermann made seven tackles at the game and one interception. He was followed by Mohr who made five tackles. Jacob Norlin, Jacob Bawek, and Nordmann each made four tackles. Norlin also made one quarterback sack and Bawek made one fumble recovery. Four players achieved three tackles against the Panthers: Jorge Ramirez, Chad Ries, Casey Lechtenberg, and Johnson. Ries also made one quarterback sack at the game. Philip Roling made two tackles and one fumble recovery that evening. Humpal had one interception at the game and Jacob McDowell made one quarterback sack. McDowell also made a tackle at the game as well as Pete Ries, Brian Sibel, Curtis Thommen, and Brian Wegmann.

"Defensively, they were successful moving the ball through the air using short passes," stated Coach Drew. "I believe in the bend but don't break philosophy, our players did that and kept them scoreless until the fourth quarter."

The Cats travel to CPU tonight. Make the drive and cheer on the Wildcats!!!



Curtis Thommen brings down a Monticello ball carrier at last Friday's game. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

Wildcat Netters Fall to Wapsie Valley in District play 3-0, Boge and Goldsmith Named to All-Conference Team

The Maquoketa Valley Volleyball team ended their season with a loss to Wapsie Valley falling in three games 25-22, 25-12, & 25-7. Playing a team on their home floor in Districts is usually tough and tonight they did a nice job of controlling the match.

Coach Doyle noted that his team played well in game one and had a chance to win but we made a few too many mental errors and missed a couple of serves.

"After we lost the first game we did not really challenge them for the rest of the match."

The Wildcats end their season with an overall record of 5-22.

Offensively Michelle Boge and Sarah Stelken tied for the team lead in kills with five each on 20/21 and 16/20 attacks respectively. Kristen Evers and Carrie Goldsmith each had three kills on 11/13 and 9/11 attacks respectively, and Allison Evers and Jordan Gibbs added two kills on 6/7 and 4/4 attacks respectively. Sheila Wenthold and Gibbs tied for the team lead in aces with one each on 12/12 and 10/11 serves. Goldsmith led the team in assists with nine on 47/49 sets.

Defensively Boge led the team in digs with six, Wenthold and Abby Jurgens each added five, Goldsmith and Gibbs added four each. A. Evers led the team in blocks with three including two stuffs, K. Evers also added three including one stuff, and Boge, Goldsmith, and Krista Steger all



All-conference team members: Michelle Boge, second team, and Carrie Goldsmith, honorable mention

added two blocks including one stuff each. Great season girls! Go Cats!