

Great Run at Jesup by Harriers

by Casi Orr

The girls' team had an awesome run at Jesup, finishing 5th out of 18 teams. With the winner finishing in 14 minutes and 20 seconds. Callie Krafl came in 14th in 15:58, Kelli Dabroski came in 24th at 16:20, Amanda Harris came in 25th at 16:22, Jennifer Nurre came in at 16:27, Amy Conrad came in at 43rd in 16:46, and Michelle Tumey came in 71st at 17:39.

The JV girls ran rather well also, with Mekell Helle coming in at 25th in 19:12, Kallyn Ford came in at 36th in 19:47, Amanda Conrad came in at 71st in 22:03, and Bonny came in at 74th in 22:14.

Coach Mensen was happy, "Again, I was pleased with the performance of the kids. Many ran their best times ever and both teams did well. We are performing where we should be for this time of the year, constantly improving, more than most of the competition."

The boys' team finished beating four teams and the leader came in



Amanda Harris pushes herself on the Jesup course. (photo by Shelley Conrad)

at 16:22. Tyler Willey came in at 27th in 17:56, Adam Ries came in at 44th in 18:18, Jordan Keith came in at 79th in 19:35, Jeremy Nurre came in at 88th in 19:35, and Jeff Nurre came in at 116th in 21:22, and Jared Murray came in at 120th in 23:17. The cross country team ran at West Deleware on Tuesday night and will run Saturday morning at North Linn. Way to go team, keep up the great job!

Cats Catch Camanche

by Miranda Knake

The Wildcats traveled to Camanche last Friday and came home with another victory! The Cats scored in every quarter except the fourth while Camanche only scored in the first quarter of the game. Scoring included runs from Nathan Burger, Donny Nordmann, Robbie Mohr and an interception return by Travis Klostermann. The final score of the night was 43-7.

"There were a lot of distractions that could have prevented us from being productive Friday night," stated Coach Drew, "the long bus ride, the bad weather, the 30 minute delay during the JV game, but the players were focused when the game started and played very well in all phases of the game."

Quarterback Blake Humpal totaled 70 passing yards making one touch down for the Wildcats. Travis Klostermann achieved a total of 47 yards from two receptions at the game and Jacob Bawek added 10 yards with one reception. Donny Nordmann, back in the action, went 13 yards from one reception, making a touch down. Robbie Mohr rushed a total of 168 yards and made two touch downs. Nathan Burger was close behind in his total yards with 142 and also made two touch downs for the Cats. Bawek rushed 24 yards and Humpal rushed 17 yards. Following them were Neal Johnson with 14 yards and Klostermann with six yards.

"We moved the ball well on the ground," remarked Coach Drew, "racking up 351 yards rushing the ball

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and 421 yards of total offense." "Our defense played very well. Camanche challenged us by spreading us out, but we had very few mix-ups and limited them to 161 yards of total offense including -1 yards rushing."

The defense was led by Jacob McDowell and Bawek, each achieving five tackles. McDowell also had one quarterback sack. Close behind them in tackling was Burger with four tackles. Jake Norlin, Jeremy Dircks, Johnson, Humpal, Klostermann, and Nordmann all had three tackles at the Camanche game. Norlin made a fumble recovery that evening as well. Jorge Ramirez and Phillip Roling both added two tackles to the defense as well as Chad Ries, who also made a fumble recovery at the game. Brian Wegmann, Curtis Thommen, Pete Ries, Brian Sibel, and Casey Lechtenberb all succeeded in one tackle. Lechtenberg also made one quarterback sack.

"This was an important win as we move into a game against the third ranked team in the state. We are where we wanted to be in the district race at this point in the season. We need a lot of loud and crazy fans as Solon comes to town for a key district match-up."-- Coach Drew

The Wildcats battle with Solon tonight here at home. Coach Drew says we need LOUD and CRAZY fans for tonight's game...and I think Maquoketa Valley fans might just fit that description! Fill the stands for the WILD-CATS!