

Sports Connection

Cross Country Team Takes Seventh at State

by Casi Orr

The wind was blowing and the temperatures were dropping at the State Cross Country meet last Saturday, but the spirits of the girls cross country team were soaring. The team finished seventh out of 15, with freshman Callie Krapfl placing 15th.

"It seems strange to think back and realize that was a higher placing than [Callie's] first three meets where she was still learning her pace," commented Coach Mensen.

Callie's time was 16:04, while the winner's time was 15:19. Amanda Harris finished 52nd in 16:48, Kelli Dabroski 57th in 16:54, Jennifer Nurre 71st in



Kelli Dabroski pushes herself at the State meet. (photo courtesy of Pete Temple)

17:10, Amy Conrad 84th in 17:23, Michelle Tumey 98th in 17:43 and Mekell Helle 127th in 20:32. The total number of runners was 129.

Coach Mensen said she was pleased with how the team ran. "My expectations were to finish in the top ten, but wasn't sure how much higher they could finish. Considering that six of the top seven teams were from eastern Iowa, we finished as high as we were capable of. It just goes to show how competitive it is in this area of the state, especially when you throw in the top 1A and 3A schools that we are often competing against. In fact, after a discussion with another eastern Iowa coach Friday night, I told the girls that the meet probably wouldn't be much more competitive than many of the meets we compete in throughout the season."

Awards to be given at the banquet on Monday, November 8, 2004. Go Cats!

Football Team Wins District with CPU Shutout

by Miranda Knake

The Wildcats' success continues after defeating CPU last Friday night! The final score of the game was 17-0! Prior to the playoffs, the Cats' record was 7-2.

The Wildcats had a total of 246 rushing yards at the game while CPU had 72 rushing yards total. Each team had a fumble at the game and average punt yardage was 33.7 for the Cats and 31 yards for the Pointers. The Pointers also had 56 passing yards. The Cats scored in the first and second quarters of the game.

"The head official told me after the game that this is the best offensive line he has ever seen," remarked Coach Drew. "We had this same officiating crew at Monticello. That is a great compliment to our players and they have worked hard to earn it."

Quarterback Blake Humpal added up the 61 passing yards for the team. Jacob Bawek made one reception for 19 yards and Travis Klostermann made one reception for 18 yards. Robbie Mohr earned 15 yards from one reception and Donny Nordmann made one reception for nine yards. Nathan Burger led in rushing with a total

of 56 yards. Klostermann rushed six yards, Humpal rushed three, and Brian Jacobs-meyer rushed one yard.

"Our defense played their roles well and limited Center Point's high powered offense to a total of 128 yards," commented Coach Drew.

Brian Sibel led the defense with nine tackles and one quarterback sack. Close behind him was Chad Ries with eight tackles and Jake Norlin with seven tackles. Brian Wegmann, Mohr, and Klostermann all succeeded in five tackles and Wegmann made one interception as well. Philip Roling made four tackles at the game. Jacob McDowell achieved three tackles and Curtis Thommen, Jorge Ramirez, Casey Lechtenberg, Humpal, and Burger each made two tackles. Nordmann also made one interception at the game.

"I am very proud of this football team," stated Coach Drew. "They understand the team concept and that is what makes them successful."

The Cats played Wednesday night against Waterloo Columbus. That story will be in the next issue. GO WILDCATS!

CROSS COUNTRY COMING TO AN END

by Casi Orr

You girls ran great
No matter where you ran.
Practices not the best
even though they were fun!
New routes,
New friends,
Last year for seniors,
Last year for the Real
MV CC Team.
1st for JH,
1st for Freshmen,
We shared some great times,
Carb loads and laughs,
Plenty of laughs,
But now the season is over.
Made many accomplishments,
Placing great at Conference,
3rd in districts,
Getting to state,
Placing 7th,
Life is great.