

MV Football: Taking the Field!



Returning letterwinners to the football team are Jorge Ramirez, Blake Humpal, Nathan Burger, Jacob Bawek, Travis Klostermann, Curtis Thommen, Robbie Mohr, Jake Norlin, Brian Sibel, Chad Ries and Lee Manson.

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School is back in session and naturally so is the Maquoketa Valley football season.

The Wildcats have a positive outlook for this season. "We should be a competitive football team," stated Coach Drew. "We have some quality players at each position. As good as I believe we should be. We have a very rigorous schedule and open with an always tough 3A Marion on the road game and then come home to play Starmont, a team that has a lot of experience and athleticism. Our district includes up and coming Cascade, MFL and Camanche as well as District favorites Beckman, Solon, Monticello, and Center Point-Urbana. I believe Maquoketa Valley will be a possible contender for the District Championship, but it will be a challenging feat."

Highlighting the team, we have several returning letter winners. They include Seniors Robbie Mohr (1st team All-District), Jake Norlin (2nd team and Academic All-District), Blake Humpal (Honorable Mention and Academic All-District), Nathan Burger (Honorable Mention and Academic All-District), Chad Ries (Honorable Mention and Academic All-District), Jacob Bawek, Travis Klostermann, Lee

Manson, Jorge Ramirez, Curtis Thommen, and Junior Brian Sibel.

Concerning the strengths of our football team, Coach Drew stated, "Our team's strength will be athleticism. Robbie Mohr returns as a three year starter and All-District Offensive Running Back. Blake Humpal will take over the Quarterback duties while Nathan Burger will also line up in the backfield. We should have good depth at the all receiver positions with Wing Backs Travis Klostermann and Jacob Bawek returning. The offensive line returns three players with experience, Jake Norlin, Jorge Ramirez and Brian Sibel.

"Defensively, we have experienced linebackers Norlin, Burger and Ramirez returning. Defensive linemen Ries, Thommen, Manson and Sibel return and our defensive backfield returns Mohr, Humpal, Klostermann and Bawek."

This team sounds ready for their busy season, but we can't forget about their other top prospects joining the varsity team. They are Juniors Jerrett Helmricks, Neal Johnson, Casey Lechtenberg, Jacob McDowell, Donny Nordmann, Pete Ries, Philip Roling and Brian Wegmann.

Cats, watch out for the MV Varsity Football Team at a field near you!

Cross Country Squad Welcomes Back Eight Letterwinners

The cross country season opens officially Thursday as the MV harriers head to MFL Mar-Mac for its first meet.

The girls team welcomes back seniors Amy Conrad, Kelli Dabroski, Amanda Harris and Bonny Jaeger; juniors Casi Orr and Michelle Tumey; and sophomore Jennifer Nurre. Sophomore Mekell Helle and freshmen Amanda Conrad, Kallyn Ford and Callie Krapfl are newcomers to the team.

The boys team will be lead by seniors Jeff Nurre and Adam Ries and juniors

Jordan Keith and Tyler Willey. Senior Jared Murray and freshman Jeremy Nurre are first year runners.

Coach Sara Mensen returns to guide the team. Kim Nieman, Shelley Conrad and Jessi Preussner are the staticians/managers.

Returning letterwinners for the cross country team include Kelli Dabroski, Amanda Harris, Amy Conrad, Michelle Tumey, Jennifer Nurre, Tyler Willey and Jordan Keith and Adam Ries (not pictured).

Young Volleyball Team Ready for Action



Michelle Boge and Sheila Wenthold lead the volleyball team as returning letterwinners.

After losing 11 of last year's seniors, this year will be a rebuilding one for the Cats.

Coach Doyle has high hopes for his young squad who will be led by seniors Michelle Boge, Sheila Wenthold, Carrie Goldsmith and Kristen Evers.

Rounding out the varsity team are juniors Kendra Krause, Natasha Klaren, Staci Wenthold, Krista Steger, Amanda Nefzger and sophomores Jordan Gibbs, Sarah Stelken and Melissa Wegmann.

Doyle said he hopes for a top-three finish in the River Division of the conference. He's also like to see the team serve at or above 90 percent and improve their all-around passing skills.

Doyle said he's got an enthusiastic and hard working team of good listeners. "It's a good good, a good combination."

Doyle picks CPU will be the toughest team in the conference.

