

Sports Connection

Cross Country Runs On

by Casi Orr

Last Tuesday the cross country team ran at Starmont. The varsity girls ranked 9th out of twenty teams. The team's score was 249 and the winner was West Delaware who had 76 points. The girls times: Jennifer Nurre finished 37th at 17:45, Callie Krapfl in 40th at 17:48, Kelli Dabroski in 53rd at 18:03, Amanda Harris in 58th at 18:09, Amy Conrad in 61st 18:20, and Michelle Tumey in 69th at 18:37.

The JV girls ran well too, with Mekelle Helle finishing in 42nd place at 21:26, Kallyn Ford in 71st at 22:47, Bonny Jaeger in 81st at 24:09, Amanda Conrad in 82nd at 24:17, and Casi Orr in 86th place at 24:45.

The boys team finished seventh out of twenty-two teams, the winner of the race finished ahead of 125 runners at 16:48. Our boys came in as the following:

Tyler Willey in 47th at 19:28, Adam Ries in 65th at 20:12, Jordan Keith in 99th at 21:41, Jeremy Nurre in 104th at 21:51, and Jeff Nurre in 117th at 22:49.

Coach Mensen had a few things to say about the race and the team. "The underclassmen are really showing that they are still learning how to run the race. I am seeing the greatest improvements in my freshmen and sophomore runners. Michelle showed the greatest improvement of all the girls racing. I am excited about the progress that she has made this year. Freshmen Jeremy Nurre also has been improving at a great rate during this early part of the season. This is a very competitive meet, with our girls being only the second unrated team to finish. Eastern Iowa seems to be loaded with even more talent than usual this year. The cross country team ran at Cascade on Homecoming night."

The girls team came in tenth place out of fifteen and the boys team came in seventh out of eighteen. The varsity girls' race winner finished ahead of 115 runners and at 15:37. Jennifer Nurre came in 43rd at 17:55, Kelli Dabroski in 55th at 18:09,



Tyler Willey leads the MV pack at the CPU meet. (photo by Shelley Conrad)

Amy Conrad in 60th at 18:20, Amanda Conrad in 71st at 18:40, Mekell Helle in 108 at 21:35, and Kallyn Ford in 114th at 22:34.

In the boys' race, the boys ran well. "I hate this course because of the up hills, I love this course because of the down hills," Jeff Nurre said after he finished.

Tyler Willey came in at 62nd place at 20:51, Adam Ries in 74th at 21:10, Jordan Keith in 108th at 22:51, Jeremy Nurre in 115th at 23:35, and Jeff Nurre in 121st at 25:22.

The junior varsity girls ranked as follows: Bonny Jaeger in 118th at 23:39, Amanda Conrad in 124th at 24:47, and Casi Orr in 128th at 25:56.

Coach Mensen said, "Tough meet teams and course. Homecoming week, the kids ran as well as they could taking those things in consideration. We look forward to the next meets such as the CPU meet and the Indee meet which are smaller meets."

Last but not least the junior high girls ran well, just as well as the high school did. Carly Supple in 14th at 15:47, Sam Strum in 42nd at 17:26, and Emmy Preussner in 43rd at 17:33.

The team ran in CPU on Tuesday night and will run on Saturday at Independence. Come show your support!

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The Wildcats competed in the seven team round robin tournament in Manchester. The girls opened the day with a victory over E. Buchanan in 3 games losing the first game 21-16 and then taking the next two 21-19 & 15-7.

Coach Doyle noted that in the first game the team was real sluggish but were able to turn it around and get the win. In their next match the Wildcats fell to Ed-Co 21-10 & 21-12.

"Against the Vikings we never got on track, especially our passing and we had too many serving errors as well," commented Coach Doyle.

The next match was against 3A Independence where we lost 4-21 & 13-21. The girls played hard but were out-sized and beat at the net too often to really get into that one. The Wildcats lost a tough one in their next match against Valley of Elgin losing. They lost the first game 21-17, won the second 21-19, and fell in the final game 15-13. This was a good match for us, we competed hard for the entire match and were able to come back in game two to get the win, and we had our chances in the last game. The next match was against the home team Hawks ranked #2 in Class 3A. We lost both games 21-4 & 21-7.

"Before we started I told the girls to go out and compete and we did just that. We faced a very good team with outstanding height and several power hitters and even though we got beat we played hard to the end. In their final match of the day the Wildcats faced another 3A team falling to Oelwein 21-14 & 21-14. We finished the day with a loss but again we played hard and communicated better on the floor. The Wildcats overall record now stands at 4-9," stated Coach Doyle.

Offensively for the day the Cats were led in kills by Michelle Boge who had 19 on 63/70 attacks, Krista Steger had 14 on 40/47 attacks, Sheila Wenthold and

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