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Western Dubuque wins County Meet

Bobcats compete at Drake Relays

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Western Dubuque's girls competed at the 2023 Drake Relays, in Des Moines, last week.

Individually, Brynn Walters was ninth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.48, and Ava Ramler was 27th with a time of 12.98.

The foursome of Claire Stuntz, Ramler, Lucy Ehlers and Walters competed in two relays, finishing 11th in the 4x100 (50.03) and 16th in the 4x200 (1:45.73).

"We were really happy with how Drake turned out," said coach Josie Limmex. "We ran season-best times in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays."

The Bobcats won the Dubuque County Meet, at Dalzell Field, April 23, edging Hempstead by a single point.

Western Dubuque finished with 129 points and Hempstead 128. Dubuque Senior was third with 104, Wahlert Catholic fourth at 101, Cascade fifth with 77 and Beckman Catholic finished with 38.

The Bobcats won a pair of field events. Macy Kalb was first in the long jump (16-3.25) with Erica Erzen second (16-0.25). Michaela Silich was first

in the shot put (36-10) with Maci Cook second (35-2). Silich was fifth (90-0) and Cook sixth (89-0) in the discus.

Walters won the 200 (25.63) and was second in the 100 (12.62). Ava Goins was fourth in the 200 (27.36) and Ramler fourth in the 100 (13.04). Alley Graber was third (1:03.40) and Kasey McIlrath fifth (1:08.82) in the 400.

Kalb was third (17.42) and Natalie Leisen sixth (18.24) in the 100-hurdles, Bella Meyers fifth in the 800 (2:38.13), Alyssa Klein fifth in the 1,500 (5:13.27) and Gabby Kaiser sixth in the 400-hurdles (1:22.23).

Ramler, Stuntz, Ehlers and Walters were first in the 4x100 (50.44), Stuntz, Ehlers, Natalie Soppe and Alley Graber second in the sprint medley (1:57.49) and Ava Goins, Stuntz, Ehlers and Ramler second in the 4x200 (1:49.50).

Natalie Leisen, Isabel Leisen, Kalb and Kendall Jacobi finished third in the shuttle hurdle (1:15.04), Isabelle Graber, Klein, Paige Koetz and Meyers were fourth in the 4x800 (10:22.85), the 4x400 unit of Alley Graber, Goins, Koetz and Soppe was fourth (4:19.62) and Erzen, Katie McKenna, Koetz and Isabelle Graber finished fifth in the distance medley (4:44.88).

"We've got two weeks left until districts and we can't wait to see how the girls compete with some amazing competition," Limmex said.



Beth Lutgen • Staff Photo

Claire Stuntz hands off to Lucy Ehlers during the sprint medley at the Dubuque County Co-Ed.

WD wins County Co-Ed, excels at Drake Relays

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It was an impressive week for the Western Dubuque boys' track and field team last week, as the Bobcats followed up a championship performance at the Dubuque County Meet with some solid work at the Drake Relays.

At Drake, the Bobcats competed in five relay events. The 4x200 team of Caleb Klein, Dillon Aulwes, Grant Glausser and Ian Fagan earned a sixth-place finish with a time of 1:28.89. Klein, Aulwes, Tyler Horstman and Fagan were ninth in the 4x400, finishing in 3:24.49. Horstman, Jaden Then, Brandon Decker and Ashton Hogrefe were ninth in the shuttle hurdle relay in 1:01.93.

Kaleb Rowland, Drew Burds, Glausser and Brock Carpenter took 11th in the 4x100 in 43.30. In the distance medley, Horstman, Burds, Nathan Williams and Quentin Nauman were 14th, finishing in 3:35.73.

Individually, Hogrefe was 14th in the 110-high hurdles (15.05) and Daviyon Gaston 20th in the long jump (19-10).

"The boys performed very well against elite competition," said coach Tom Jasper. "They left very hungry and eager to perform at a high level in the championship part of the season."

Western Dubuque ran away with the team title of the Dubuque County Meet, win-



Beth Lutgen • Staff Photo

Tyler Horstman leads off WD's shuttle hurdle relay at the Dubuque County Co-Ed.

ning seven individual events and three relays while scoring a total of 196 points. Hempstead was second with 120, Dubuque Senior third with 111, Wahlert Catholic fourth with 84, Cascade fifth at 56 and Beckman Catholic sixth with 15.

"This was by far our best team performance. Our guys really put it all together in all events," Jasper said. "Our kids take a lot of pride in performing against our county opponents."

Individual winners for the Bobcats were: Jackson Skrtich in the long jump (20-0.75), Brock Carpenter in the 200 (22.39), Ian Fagan in the 400 (50.55), Ashton Hogrefe in the 110-high hurdles (14.99) and 400-hurdles (56.82), Isaiah Hammerand in the 1,600 (4:33.69) and Quentin Nauman in the 3,200 (9:42.87).

Caleb Klein was second in the 400 (50.56). Nathan Williams was third in the 800

(2:05.94). Derek Fangmann finished third in the 1,600 (4:40.28) and fourth in the 3,200 (10:09.96). Fagan finished fourth in the 200 (23.10). Kaleb Rowland was fifth in the 100 (11.70), Jaden Then fifth in the 110-hurdles (16.46) and Colin McDermott fifth in the 400-hurdles (59.37).

The shuttle hurdle team of Tyler Horstman, Then, Brandon Decker and Hogrefe was first (1:01.14), Rowland, Drew Burds, Grant Glausser and Carpenter won the 4x100 (43.20). Horstman, Nauman, Dillon Aulwes and Ryan Digmann won the 4x400 (3:36.28).

Klein, Burds, Glausser and Williams were second in the sprint medley (1:36.46), Talon Bonnette, Bradley Brosius, Owen Habel and Digmann were second in the distance medley (3:51.81), the 4x200 unit of Aulwes, Burds, Horstman and Ben Wernimont was second (1:33.11) and Jackson Doyle, Caiden Begle, Lucas Ingles and Symon McDermott were third in the 4x800 (9:05.79).

In the field events, Wernimont was third in the long jump (19-0.50), Joe Boge third (134-11) and Eli Harbaugh fifth (128-10) in the discus, Anthony Mellers third (46-11.75) and Mitchel Kemp sixth (44-11.25) in the shot put, with Then fifth (5-6), Skrtich sixth (5-4) and Bonnette seventh (5-4) in the high jump.

Blazers take title at Bellevue quad

BY BEC WILLENBORG
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Another meet, another win for the Beckman boys' golf team as the Blazers swept the field at the Bellevue Golf Course, April 24.

The Blazers' 158 outpaced Bellevue at 199, Maquoketa Valley at 238 and Marquette at 283.

With all six Blazers finishing in the top eight, they counted Nate Offerman's medal-winning 37, Luke Harwick's third place 39, Noah Boge's 40 (fourth) and TJ Thier's 42 (fifth). Brady Bockenstedt and Jonah Recker did not count with 45 and 46 (seventh, eighth).

Bellevue's Jensen Wedeking shot a 38 for meet runner-up and they added 53 from Colt Scheckel, and double 54s from Owen Putman and Cal Bonifas.

Maquoketa Valley's Toby Grimm came in sixth with 45, joined by 62 from Zach Leytem, 63 from Jake Geller and 68 from Sebastian Charles.

Marquette's low was 53 from Spencer Roeder and they had to count all of the four scores they could field, Charlie Lane 72, Jaylen Theisen 75 and Jaden Dondlinger 83.

"Overall, it was a pretty good round for the guys today," said coach Darin Michels. "We just need to stay focused and keep improving as we work to the end. Nate struggled some off the tee but always managed to scramble well and finished strong."

The Blazer JV team took a 184-217 win from the Bellevue squad, with Joe Engler's 44, double 46's from Lucas Oltmans and Mitchel Clemmen and 48 from Matthias McDermott. Bryce Sieverding's 43 was low for the home team.

The following day they were at West Liberty Golf Course for a 12-team meet and tied for the top spot with Clear Creek-Amana at 314. The tiebreaker went to the sixth player's total and the Blazers settled for second.

Offerman fired 75 (36-39) to place third in the overall medal competition. Harwick was a stroke back at 76 (39-37), Boge added 78 (36-42), Thier 85 (43-42). Not counting were Bockenstedt 87 (44-43) and Recker 90 (44-46).

Regina's Mikey Takacs led the individual scoring with a one-over 73 (34-39), followed by CCA's Alex Courtright 74 (35-39), Offerman, Harwick, Tipton's Tristan Sorgenfrey

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Calendar

BECKMAN

- Boys Golf**
- Thursday, May 4 at Preston Valley Golf Course, 4 p.m.
 - Monday, May 8 vs. Anamosa, 4 p.m.
 - Sectionals: Wednesday, May 10 at Monticello Golf Club, 10 a.m.
- Girls Golf**
- River Valley: Wednesday, May 3 at Muscatine Municipal, 10 a.m.
 - Thursday, May 4 at Preston Valley Golf Course, 4 p.m.
 - Monday, May 8 vs. Anamosa, 4 p.m.
- Boys Soccer**
- Friday, May 5 vs. West Branch, 5 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 6 at Vinton-Shellsburg, TBA
 - Monday, May 8 vs. Monticello, 6:30 p.m.
- Girls Soccer**
- Thursday, May 4 at West Branch, 5 p.m.
 - Monday, May 8 vs. Monticello, 5 p.m.
- Co-Ed Track**
- River Valley: Thursday, May 4 at Tipton, 4:30 p.m.

MAQUOKETA VALLEY

- Boys Golf**
- Sectionals: Wednesday, May 10 at Guttenberg Country Club, 10 a.m.
- Girls Golf**
- Tri-Rivers: Monday, May 8 at Hart Ridge Golf Course, 10 a.m.
- Co-Ed Track**
- Tri-Rivers: Thursday, May 4 at Central City, 4 p.m.

WESTERN DUBUQUE

- Girls Golf**
- Thursday, May 4 at Brown Deer Golf Course, 2:15 p.m.
 - MVC Divisional: Monday, May 8 at Ellis Golf Course, 9:30 a.m.
- Boys Soccer**
- Friday, May 5 vs. Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 7 p.m.
 - Monday, May 8 vs. West Delaware, 7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, May 9 at Iowa City, City High, 5:15 p.m.
- Girls Soccer**
- Friday, May 5 at Cedar Rapids Kennedy (Coe College), 7:30 p.m.
 - Monday, May 8 vs. West Delaware, 5:15 p.m.
 - Tuesday, May 9 vs. Iowa City, City High, 7 p.m.
- Boys Tennis**
- Thursday, May 4 vs. Dubuque Senior, 4 p.m.
- Girls Tennis**
- Thursday, May 4 at Dubuque Senior, 4 p.m.
 - Friday, May 5 at Cedar Rapids Prairie, 4 p.m.
- Boys Track**
- MVC Divisional: Thursday, May 4 at Iowa City West, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Track**
- MVC Divisional: Thursday, May 4 at Iowa City, City High, 4:30 p.m.

Sports Brief

RUDEN SCORES ACE AT DGCC

Dave Ruden scored his first-ever hole-in-one, and the first of the season at the Dyersville Golf and Country Club, in men's league play April 25.

It was on the par three No. 3 hole when he hit 9-iron to the green.

"It looked good from the start and rolled right at the pin from a bounce on the green at about 15 feet in front of the flag. The guys behind me said, 'Hey, that baby's going to go in. Watch it,'" said Ruden. He added, "I thought, 'Gee, I hope I have enough money for it.'"

He was playing league with partner Dave Steger against Ron Hoeger and Bill Digmann and won two of their three points.

QUAD: Fast greens in Bellevue prove to be a tough challenge for the team

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74, West Liberty's Ty Jones 75, Boge, West Liberty's Cole Daufeldt 79, CCA's Carson Nash and Zach McCarty 79, 80.

In the team race it was CCA and Beckman 314, West Liberty 324, Tipton 346, Mid-Prairie 350, West Branch 357, Wapello 365, Durant 367, Winfield-Mount Union 373, Regina 375, Camanche 381 and Wilton 405.

Michels added, "The greens were our worst enemy today. They were by far the fastest

we've played all year and the guys couldn't get a ball to hold on their chips and approaches. If you landed on the green, the ball rolled off and if you landed short, they didn't get on because of the elevation, so it was quite a challenge. We didn't adjust very well to the speed and slope which also caused havoc.

"Overall, we played well since only Nate and Noah had ever seen the course before. We also found out how important just one stroke can be in this game and to never give up even if you're the fifth or sixth

Tough week on the pitch

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Four games in 24 hours, one a double overtime penalty kick decision, handed the Beckman boys' soccer team three losses.

Three of the four games were in Davenport at the Assumption Catholic Invitational, April 29. The Blazers got an opening win over Notre Dame of Burlington, 5-0, in what coach Mirek Laskowski termed "kind of a surprise, given we had played that double OT game the night before at home. They had tired legs and it was early in the morning. But they played a superb game. They didn't take a lot of shots but made them count this time. We had a great percentage of completion, especially on that field at Davenport, a regulation full-size soccer field."

Luke Schieltz had one shot, one goal, as did Dylan Recker. Matthew Florence had two shots, one goal, one assist and Parker Domeyer had three shots, two goals. Trent Arens had one shot, two assists. Adam Gaul notched a save, "because our defense played so well. They never let any shots get through," added Laskowski.

After that game, they faced off with Regina for a 1-0 loss after holding the team from Iowa City to a 0-0 first half. "We always play better when we play Regina," said Laskowski. "Again, there were not a lot of shots, but Regina did get loose about six minutes into the second half, slid it down the side and scored. We had our



Bec Willenborg • Staff Photo

As Regina forward Jack Hoover goes down, Brady Salter takes the ball away.

chances to tie the game, but each one just missed, including a shot by Matthew with just seconds to go that was just a fraction of an inch off." Gaul made four saves in the game.

The third game of the day was against Waterloo Columbus and "was basically our JV team because several of the players left for the Prom," smiled Laskowski. The Sailors took a 3-1 win after building a 2-0 first-half lead.

"Our goal in the second was off a free kick that was as good as any professional soccer shot on TV," said Laskowski. "Brady Salter took the kick and was just between their set wall and the next player kicking it straight to Parker Domeyer who pivoted and shot to the goal. It was perfectly beautiful execution."

Domeyer had two shots, Jake

Schmidt one, Gaul seven saves.

"Those 24 hours taught us a lot and I also found out a lot about my JV players. They are going to give us some very needed depth," added Laskowski.

The double OT game was against Prince of Peace, April 28, at home. The Clinton team led 2-0 after the first 10 minutes because "we were not in the game. We were just walking around the field. It took us 64 minutes to start playing and I don't really know why," said Laskowski. "It was an ugly game."

Prince of Peace was up 3-0 when the Blazers finally hit in the 25th minute of the second half. Eleven minutes later, the game was knotted at 3-3 and "we had so many chances in the final minutes to win. But the first OT went scoreless and the second OT was

just like it, despite a great shot in the final seconds from Matthew that I think the keeper's fingernail deflected."

In the penalty kick portion, Arens matched the first Sailor score, as did Schieltz. The third Sailor missed and Carter Hageman "shot one over the cross bar. Adam saved the next Sailor shot but Jake did the same as Carter. "We never miss two straight with high shots," bemoaned Laskowski. "The final Sailor scored and put pressure on Matthew, who missed when he telegraphed his shot to the keeper for the save. Not only do we never miss two, three is unheard of. But it happened."

The week didn't begin well for the team, who took their injury-riddled crew against Regina at home April 24 for a 2-1 loss.

The Blazers were actually in control of the game to begin. They led 1-0 after Florence took a pass from Brenndan Engler to the net in the 16th minute. "We were passing well, keeping the ball away from them, really in control," added Laskowski. But the Regals took advantage of a mistake with six minutes left and tied the game by halftime.

The winner came with about 14 minutes left. "It was one of the best games we've played. We had a couple of good chances to tie but they were just off. And Adam played a spectacular game for his first start, making 10 very big saves. He kept us in it."

They notched just three good shots, one each from Schieltz, Recker and Schmidt.

Moser School sets annual recital

The Moser School of Dance and Gymnastics, celebrating over 50 years of teaching the area youth, will present its Dyersville area annual dance and gymnastics recital Sunday, May 7, at noon in the Beckman Catholic gym.

Moser students ages 3-18 will be performing a variety of dance and gymnastics routines during the performances. Area students have been studying with the Moser School on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from September through May upstairs at the City Hall in Dyersville. The public is welcome to attend.

The Moser School has three seniors this season who will be performing in their senior showcases — Savannah Freese, Libby Knipper and Elizabeth Recker.

• Savannah Freese, daughter of Kirk and



LIBBY KNIPPER



ELIZABETH RECKER

Niki Freese, of Monticello, has studied 13 years with the Moser School in tap, jazz/hip hop and gymnastics. She has competed for the Moser School for nine years

• Libby Knipper, daughter of Doug and Lynne Knipper, of Dyersville, has studied with the Moser School 14 years in tap, jazz/hip hop and gymnastics and has also competed for nine years.

• Elizabeth Recker, daughter of Jamie and Amy Recker, of Fayette, has studied tap, jazz/hip hop and gymnastics with the Moser School

15 years, competing for 12.

Carmen Moser Payne, Edgewood, Debbie Moser, Dyersville, Bernita Moser, Kattie Payne Schulte and Luka Marie Schulte, Strawberry Point, all serve as coaches for the Moser School.

"Our three seniors are great role models for all who come in contact with them. If they choose a different path next season, we will miss their talent, their dedication, and their willingness to voluntarily perform and/or compete at our various shows or meets throughout our seasons showing their progress. We will miss our very talented dancers and gymnasts, but above all, we will miss our friends," the coaches said.

Registration for summer and fall is currently ongoing. Contact dmoser@iowatelecom.net or cpayne@windstream.net for more information.

The Moser School of Dance and Gymnastics offers classes in Dyersville, Monticello, Manchester, Independence, Strawberry Point, Clermont, Elkader, Guttenberg and Edgewood.

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An eight-team tourney at Monticello gave the Blazers a rebound win April 26. Beckman's 297 was 21 strokes better than runner-up Marion at 318. Third was a distant Tipton at 342, followed by Cascade 343, Monticello 348, Anamosa 372, North Cedar 377 and Edgewood-Colesburg 405.

Harwick holed out for eagle on his 18th hole (No. 10), tying the school mark of 68 (36-32) for the second time this season. Offerman added 74 (36-38), Boge 77 (39-38) and Bockenstedt 78 (40-38). Thier and Recker did not count with 80 (41-39) and 92 (47-45), but Thier did make the top 10 individual list.

Offerman won a one-hole playoff for second, topping North Cedar's Jaydon Nabb. Fourth went to Lawson Berndt of Marion, followed by Boge, Bockenstedt (winning playoff), Marion's Josh Null 78, Tipton's Tristan Sorgefrey 78, Marion's Nathan Whalen 80 and Thier.

The team set another school record with this score. "Even though it was higher than our 293 (+13, at home last week),

we were just +9 today," said coach Darin Michels. "And it was the lowest score ever at the Monticello Invite.

"Luke fired a great back nine, ending with his chip in. He was a lot better off the tee today and it showed; he had just one bogey today. Nate also played great today, winning the playoff for runner-up on the first hole. He struggled a little off the tee, which caused several punch shots and wasn't able to attack the greens as much as he would like.

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spectful rounds and are just one or two holes away from being outstanding. Eliminating the doubles and triples is a work in progress. (Brady won his playoff for sixth in one hole, TJ went two holes.)

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Don Zieser • Staff Photo

Addy Jones chips to the flag during the Western Dubuque Invitational, at Thunder Hills Country Club, April 23.



Molly Kraft sends the ball to the green.

Bobcats place fourth in home tourney; second in CR

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Hosting a nine-team event April 24 at Thunder Hills, the Western Dubuque girls' golf team placed fourth, a single stroke out of third.

Linn-Mar's stellar 323 surprised Pleasant Valley for the title, 11 strokes back at 334. Third was Wahlert at 346, a stroke ahead of the Bobcats at 347, fifth went to North Scott 364, followed by Bettendorf 375, DeWitt 396, Senior 399 and Hempstead 439.

McKenna Stackis paced the Bobcats with a seventh-place 82 (42-40). Addy Jones added 86 (45-41), Cece Ball 87 (43-44) and Natalie Fangmann 92 (46-46). Not counting were Molly Kraft 101 and Ava Hosch 106.

Grabbing the meet medal was Linn-Mar's Morgan Rupp with a two-over 73 (38-35). Runner-up came from Pleasant Valley, Maura Peters 75 (40-35), just in front of teammate Isabella Steele at 76, followed by Linn-Mar's Quinn Dunkle 78, Wahlert's Katelyn Vaassen 82, Linn-Mar's Ava Kline 82, Stackis, North Scott's Kaycee Newman 83, Wahlert's Ava Kalb 85 and Jones to round out the top 10.

Linn-Mar added a 90 from Nina Mercure. Pleasant Valley also counted an 89 from Elliana Danielsen and 94 from Anna Weinberger. Wahlert's counters included Julia Busch at 86

and Payton Portzen at 93.

Coach Brooke Klostermann said, "We didn't play the best as a team and we know what we need to work on. There were a lot of course management errors and a lack of focus around the greens. We go back to work tomorrow."

April 27 found the Bobcats at the par-32 Airport National layout in Cedar Rapids, where they took second, firing a 158 that was just two strokes off the winning 156 shot by Cedar Rapids Prairie. Waterloo West was third at 173 and Jefferson fourth at 189.

Stackis claimed the runner-up medal with a 37, followed by double 40s from Fangman and Jones and a 41 from Ball. Three scores did not count: Hosch at 46, Kraft 53 and Leah Cosley 55.

Prairie's Addie Berg took the medal with a one-over 33, followed by Shelby Reck's 40, Cora Nunemaker's 41 and Kendal Erger's 42. West counted 42 from Ally Landers, 43 from Olivia Wittmayer, and double 44s from Addi Risetter and Grayson Nielsen. Jeff's counters were 41 from Ava Erger, 45 from Kylee Thomas, 50 from Kiyaree Cooper and 53 from Rachael Johnson.

Klostermann added, "The girls did a great job striking the ball and hitting fairways, but on a course this short, we still need to improve our short game before the conference Super Meet Monday."

Blazers compete at County Co-Ed

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Abby Knepper led the Beckman girls at the Dubuque County Co-Ed Track Meet, April 24, with runner-up finishes in both the 100-meter hurdles and the shuttle hurdle relay, along with a third-place finish in the 400-hurdles.

Against the county teams, with more athletes, the Blazers both finished sixth in their fields, the girls with 38 points, the boys 15.

Knepper accounted for 22 of those 38, with her PR finishes in the 100- and 400-hurdles (17.23, 1:11.46) and her anchor of the shuttle hurdle with Kaitlyn Besler, Claire Heinrichs and Kayla Burkle (1:14.93), a season-best time for the four.

Izzy Lutgen was a steady fourth in high jump (4-4), as was Besler in the 100-hurdles (18.15). Julia Mertz placed fifth in the 3,000 (11:42.54), as did the distance med team of Anna Sperfslage, Rebecca Goerd, Judith Williams and Kennedy Recker (5:02.53) and the sprint med squad of Gianna Westhoff, Briseyda Rodriguez, Madison Goedken and Recker (2:11.58). Mertz was just out of the points in the 1,500 (5:32.36).

In the team race, Western Dubuque eked out a 129-128 win over Hempstead, Senior was third with 104, followed by Wahlert 101, Cascade 77 and BHS 38.

For the boys, Arturo Venegas and Morgan Schulte came in fourth in shot (45-11.5) and discus (131-7), a PR for Schulte.

Coming in fifth in the 4x800 were Andrew Schlarman, Danny Dudzik, Adam Gaul and Andrew Salrin (9:16.71).

Schlarman ended in sixth in the 1,600 (4:54.09) as did Eli Kluesner with a PR in the 400 (56.73).

Western Dubuque completed the sweep with a win and 196 points, far away from Hempstead 1210, Senior 110, Wahlert 84, Cascade 56 and Beckman 15.

Coach Todd Troutman commented, "Once again, we were missing a couple of our runners, so it was nice that this meet allowed multiple entries in individual events, especially the throws. All our throwers got to compete and had some nice performances. Morgan raised his disc by seven feet and is now over 130, which makes him very competitive. Arturo is staying consistently around 46 in the shot.

"For the boys, we didn't have the numbers to put together many relays, so the kids who competed in the open events all did a nice job of dropping their season-best times. For the



Beth Lutgen • Staff Photo

Kennedy Recker runs the anchor leg on Beckman's sprint medley relay.



Eli Kluesner runs to sixth place in the 400 at the Dubuque County Co-Ed, April 24.

girls, we were able to fill more events and got everyone a chance to compete in two or three. They also did a nice job of setting new PRs."

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April

Athlete of the Month is

Julia Mertz

Beckman Catholic

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Bobcats play four meets in three days

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On April 25, the Western Dubuque boys' tennis team traveled to Marion to take on the Linn-Mar Lions, who won 8-1.

In No. 1 singles, Zach Mersch defeated Kayden Singh 6-2, 6-0. In No. 2 singles, Garrett Bauermeister topped Brayden Wickham 6-1, 6-3. In No. 3 singles, Jackson Kramer defeated Blake Wickham 6-1, 6-0. In No. 4 singles, Brock Whitham took out Jagger McCool 6-2, 6-3. In No. 5 singles, Nick Carney defeated Zain Heiderscheit 6-1, 6-0. In No. 6 singles, Gavin Gates won over James Greenwood 6-1, 6-0.

After going down 6-0 after singles, the Bobcats fought back to get a doubles win.

In No. 1 doubles, Bauermeister/

Kramer defeated Singh/Bradyen Wickham 6-2, 6-0. In No. 2 doubles, Calix Carpenter/Michael Lemos topped Blake Wickham/McCool 6-2, 6-7, 10-7. In No. 3 doubles, Heiderscheit/Greenwood gave the Bobcats their lone win over Andy Tran/Samraat Zagade 6-3, 4-6, 10-7.

On April 27, the Bobcats hosted the Cedar Rapids Kennedy Cougars and fell, 6-3.

In No. 1 singles, Kyle Crock defeated Singh 6-2, 6-4. In No. 2 singles, Brayden Wickham took out Seth Woods 4-6, 7-6, 10-1. In No. 3 singles, Aaron Johnson defeated Blake Wickham 7-6, 6-7, 10-8. In No. 4 singles, McCool topped Carson Lang 4-6, 7-6, 10-6. In No. 5 singles, Micah Jauhiainen defeated Heiderscheit 6-1, 6-3. In No. 6 singles, Jack Novak won over Greenwood 6-3, 6-0.

After losing four of the six singles matches, WD would need to sweep the doubles to win the meet.

In No. 1 doubles, Woods/Jauhiainen defeated Singh/Blake Wickham 7-5, 6-3. In No. 2 doubles, Brayden Wickham/McCool gave them a needed win over Crock/Lang 6-3, 6-2. In No. 3 singles, Novak/Sam Bloomquist defeated Heiderscheit/Greenwood 6-0, 6-2.

On April 29 the Bobcats hosted a doubleheader against the Cedar Rapids Xavier Saints and the Cedar Rapids Prairie Hawks.

In the first meet, WD took on Xavier, the No. 2 team in 1A and fell 9-0.

In No. 1 singles, Singh lost 6-1, 6-3. In No. 2 singles, Brayden Wickham fell 7-6, 6-1. In No. 3 singles, Blake Wickham lost 6-3, 6-1. In No. 4 singles, McCool went down 6-3, 6-1. In No. 5 singles, Heiderscheit lost 6-0, 6-1. In

No. 6 singles, Greenwood dropped a 6-0, 6-0 decision.

In No. 1 doubles, Singh/Blake Wickham lost 6-2, 6-2. In No. 2 doubles, McCool/Brayden Wickham lost 6-4, 7-5. In No. 3 doubles, Greenwood/Decklin McCool lost 7-5, 6-3.

In the second half of the doubleheader, WD took on the CR Prairie Hawks, dropping a 6-3 decision.

In No. 1 singles, Singh lost to the fourth-ranked player in the state, Anthony Schulte 6-1, 6-0. In No. 2 singles, down 1-5 in the first set, Brayden Wickham rallied to force a tiebreaker and win 7-5, topping Cale Gaskill 7-6, 6-3. In No. 3 singles, Michael Reyes defeated Blake Wickham 6-3, 7-6. In No. 4 singles, Michael Day took down Jagger McCool 6-3, 7-5. In No. 5 singles, Carson Sorg defeated Heiderscheit 3-6, 7-5, 11-9. In No. 6 singles, Greenwood defeated Chase Beightler

7-5, 2-6, 10-7.

After losing four of six singles, the Bobcats found themselves needing to sweep doubles for the second time this week.

In No. 1 doubles, Schulte/Day defeated Brayden and Blake Wickham 6-2, 6-2. In No. 2 doubles, Singh/Jagger McCool defeated Reyes/Sorg 6-2, 6-2. In No. 3 doubles, Beightler/Gaskill defeated Heiderscheit/Greenwood 6-1, 6-2.

"We were very busy this week, but I thought as a team, we had a couple very competitive meets, against Prairie and Cedar Rapids Kennedy. I was very impressed with Brayden Wickham in singles this week and it looks like he is really shaping into post-season form. Our No. 2 doubles has also been very solid and consistent," said coach Jackson Healey.

Knipper competes at Drake Relays

Wildcats fare well at trio of meets

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Maquoketa Valley senior Erin Knipper competed at the 2023 Drake Relays, in Des Moines, April 28, finishing 21st in the shot put with a distance of 35-3.50.

"Erin has put a lot of work into being among the best in Class 1A and the state," said throwing coach Jason Helle. "All of her hard work paid off with the honor of throwing at the Drake Relays."

"I am so proud of the way she represented MV and the throws program. While she didn't have a PR at this meet, it was a great opportunity and experience. She continues to be a great leader for the younger throwers to learn and grow from."

All of the Wildcats had a busy week on the track, competing at Center Point-Urbana, Anamosa and Cascade.

In Center Point, April 24, the Wildcats finished sixth. Solon dominated the team scoring with 188 points, followed by Denver at 109, North Linn 82, Alburnett 62, Jesup 54, Maquoketa Valley 43, Springville 20, CPU 15 and Clear Creek-Amama eight.

Knipper was a winner, throwing 37-1 to take top honors in the shot put, while Macee Nolan was eighth (29-9).

Lily Huber, Lili Bauers, Lanni Beaman and McKenna Thompson were third in the 4x200 relay (1:53.76). Thompson, Bauers, Taryn Burbridge, Beaman were fourth in the sprint medley (1:57.04). Huber, Thompson, Izabella Hheffernan and Beaman took fourth in the 4x100 (53.64). The 4x400 unit of Huber, Bauers, Saige Hunt and Thompson was fourth (4:30.38).

Individually, Burbridge was third in the 400 (1:03.69) and fifth in the 200 (28.35). Isabel Imler finished fourth in the 3,000 (12:53.76) and seventh in the 800 (2:46.96).

"The girls have had an awesome early part of the season," said coach Creig Dunlap. "I haven't had a group that has been off to such a good start since I started coaching here at MV. They are talented and hungry — a good combination."

At the Anamosa Raider Relays, April 25, the Wildcats' 4x200 team posted its best time of the season by two seconds to win with Huber, Hheffernan, Thompson and Beaman (1:51.54). Huber, Thompson, Beaman and Burbridge finished second in the 4x400 (4:16.26).

"The biggest surprise of the night was the 4x200 team. These girls have been good, they just haven't put down a good time," said Dunlap. "The 4x400 relay team is one of the fastest in the state in Class 1A and keep finding ways to improve their time."



Contributed Photo
Erin Knipper competes in the shot during the Drake Relays.



Beth Lutgen • Staff Photo
MV's Lily Huber hands off to Lanni Beaman during the sprint medley at the Cascade Co-Ed.

Huber, Bauers, Thompson and Beaman were sixth in the 4x100 (53.46) and the sprint medley team of Thompson, Bauers, Beaman and Huber was seventh (1:59.80).

Knipper made it two in a row in the shot put, winning with a throw of 38-0 with Nolan eighth (30-6). Maddy Kemp was fourth in the discus (96-2). Imler was seventh in the 800 (2:46.41).

Cascade won its own meet with 131 points, April 27, and Midland was second with 91. Maquoketa finished with 85.5, Edgewood-Colesburg 68, North Cedar 65, Maquoketa Valley 61, Beckman Catholic 59.5, Bellevue 45, Easton Valley 33, Calamus-Wheatland 28, Springville 21 and Northeast 19.

The Wildcats won three relays: Huber, Hheffernan, Bauers and Thompson in the 4x200 (1:52.09), Huber, Thompson, Beaman and Burbridge in the 4x400 (4:14.23), and in the sprint medley, Huber, Beaman, Thompson and Burbridge (1:56.82).

The 4x100 unit of Huber, Beaman, Hheffernan and Thompson was second (52.77), while Hheffernan, Bauers, Beaman and Imler were third in the distance medley (4:41.71).

Burbridge won the 800 (2:28.67), Hunt was fifth in the 400 (1:09.60), Hheffernan seventh in the 200 (29.27) and Imler seventh in the 1500 (5:43.60).



Bec Willenborg • Staff Photos
Beckman's Trista Schmidt battles with Northeast's Callie Leu for the ball.



Maria Kruse battles Northeast's Cenady Soenksen for control of the ball.

Blazers split week on pitch

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A game at Central DeWitt April 27 resulted in a 1-0 loss for the Beckman girls' soccer team despite an 8-5 advantage in shots.

"We matched up very well with DeWitt, outshooting them 8-5 overall," said coach Greg Keegan.

"We just couldn't get that quality cross. We had beaten our outside defenders quite often, but we couldn't seem to drop it in front of the net. Trista (Schmidt) was being double-teamed since she's our leading scorer and couldn't get much going either."

"DeWitt was quite physical and the game just became all about that, taking us out of our normal thought patterns. We usually get around 30 shots per game and we were reduced to eight. Credit to their physicality, but the game just got to be less and less about soccer as it went on."

Ava Burkle got three shots, Alexie Hogan two, Schmidt, Kaylee Lehmann and Maria Kruse one. Sarah Roling made two saves.

Things quickly righted themselves with a home meet against Northeast April 28 for a 10-0 Mercy Rule win. The Blazers broke quickly to a 6-0 first-half advantage, controlling the game from the start.

Just two minutes in, Schmidt connected on a corner kick from Hope Naber. At the 28:50 mark, Hogan drilled a penalty kick to make it 2-0. Schmidt scored 14 minutes later when she finished a rebounded ball off a Lehmann attempt that bounced off the keeper and into Schmidt territory. Ellie Brown made it 4-0 less than a minute later from the far right side of the net, off another Lehmann rebound. Burkle converted another Naber corner at 7:25 and Hogan hit from the far right into the far left corner with 42 seconds left in the half to make it 6-0.

Schmidt completed her hat trick with a goal to open the second that she dribbled up the middle and slid in away from the keeper. Hogan scored at 49:36 from near the PK mark and Brown converted a ball over the top of the defense from Breanna Coohey at 51:27. The ending goal completed Hogan's hat trick when Ellie Recker sent it wide for an easy finish.

"It was good to get production out of many players in this one," added Keegan. "We were able to try some players in different roles to, hopefully, be able to adapt to other teams in the future."

Hogan had 15 shots, Lehmann five, Schmidt four, Naber, Brown and Burkle two, Hannah McDermott one. Roling got two saves.

Bobcats make 2A rankings



Alice Hilbert moves upfield during the Bobcats' 5-0 loss to Linn-Mar, at Buchman Field, April 25.

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Strong early-season play has resulted in Western Dubuque appearing in the most recent Class 2A girls' soccer rankings.

The Bobcats, 4-4, sit at No. 14 with another week of tough opponents in the Mississippi Valley Conference ahead, facing Cedar Rapids Washington and Cedar Rapids Prairie.

"The team is excited to be ranked No. 14 in 2A, but knows they have to fight to maintain their ranking and finish out the season strong," said coach CeCe Zangara.

Class 3A No. 7 Linn-Mar handed the Bobcats a 5-0 loss, at Buchman Field, April 25, but this was no run-away.

The Lions scored eight minutes in to take the lead, and added a goal at the 13:33 mark to lead 2-0 at the half. Linn-Mar's depth was evident in the second half, as the Lions scored three times to cement the win.

A solid Iowa City West team took care of business on its home field, April 27, breaking open a game that was 1-0 at the break to defeat the Bobcats 3-0.

With the win, West improved to 3-2 in the MVC and 4-6 overall, while Western Dubuque fell to 1-4 in MVC play.

"The Bobcats had a tough schedule last week against Linn-Mar and Iowa City West," Zangara said. "Against both teams, the girls battled and played really well. They never gave up, and by the end of the week, we had new girls in some big positions."

Bobcats battle on soccer pitch

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There's never a night off in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Just ask the Western Dubuque boys' soccer team.

The Bobcats are stuck in the midst of a six-game losing streak and have been shut out in the five most recent losses, including 7-0 at Linn-Mar, April 25, 10-0 at home to Iowa City West, April 27, and 2-0 in a county rivalry match at Wahlert Catholic, April 28.

It was the Wahlert match that was difficult to stomach for the Bobcats, as the Eagles, who entered the contest winless, picked up a goal 34 seconds into the first half and added a penalty kick goal midway through the first period to do all the scoring they would need.

"I really liked our second-half team. If I'm being completely honest, we've played so many teams that are significantly better than we are, and now we are finally playing a team we should be able to beat," said coach James Suarez. "We took that for granted. I think we came out thinking that since we played Linn-Mar and all these other teams, these guys will be easy pickings."



Western Dubuque's Maxwell Ingalsbe takes a shot during the Bobcats' 2-0 loss, at Wahlert Catholic, April 28.

"They forgot that Wahlert is also in the MVC, and this is their senior night. Wahlert came out swinging and I think we were on our back foot the whole time."

After a listless first 40 minutes, Western Dubuque played with purpose after the break.

The Bobcats worked for several opportunities to score, but when Brody Staner's header 14 minutes into the second half defied gravity and was tipped away by the Wahlert keeper, the Bob-

cats' most serious scoring threat ended.

"I think it was a lot more communication and a lot more coordination. It was a lot of individual ball in the first half. We had guys that had space and dribbled it as long as they could when we had passing lanes and we ended up giving up turnovers," Suarez said. "In the second half, we made some adjustments, switched up our formation a little and pointed out there was no center guy."

We picked that up and we were able to hold that formation."

The Bobcats face another similar team in Cedar Rapids Washington this week.

"First of all, we can't take Washington for granted. We did that with Marquette, and we did that with Wahlert. That obviously is not going to work," Suarez said. "Washington's in a similar boat with I believe two wins. We need to keep that teamwork together and keep communicating."

Suarez had high praise for his goalkeeper and for a newcomer to the varsity lineup.

"This is biased, obviously, because he's my goalie, but Schuyler Ridenour is one of the best, if not the best, goalies in Iowa. If you look at his stats he's top three in saves," Suarez said. "He's stepped up every single time he's been put into a situation. He shows every single game he deserves to be all-conference."

"Freshman Boston Scherbring was originally supposed to come in as a reserve," added Suarez. "We ran into a situation where he had to go out there and he thrived. He was the loudest one out there, and that shows a lot about his leadership qualities."

The Final Score

BOWLING

COBRA CLASSIC 4/18

Meat & Potatoes	305.5	174.5
Bill's Tap	284.5	195.5
Managed Solutions Group	245.5	234.5
Dirty Ernie's	241.5	238.5
Fidelity Bank & Trust	235.5	244.5
J.P. Scherrman's	229.5	250.5
Fangman's	203	277
The Cobra Strikes	175	305

High scores: Scott Pillard 279, 727; Chet Deflieger 276; Dick Specht 719; Managed Solutions Group 1099; Bill's Tap 3108.

COBRA MERCHANTS 4/21

Neyen Feed-N-Seed	292	188
Tumbleweed's	269.5	210.5
Wanna See-My Becker	258.5	221.5
Stickum Tackle	247	233
Sadler Power Train	238	242
McGrath	223	257
Funnigan's	218	262
Cobra Lanes	174	306

High scores: Mike Roloff 280, 709; Mark Nadermann 268; Lucas McDermott 717; Funnigan's 1165; Neyen Feed-N-Seed 3207.

GOLF

ROLLING KNOLLS TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S - 4/18

Walkers	10
Cardinals	10
Sandbaggers	8
Knollers	8
Rebels	6
Carts Only	4
Drivers	2
Golf Illusions	2
Levis	0
Mulligans	0

2-man low gross: BJ Kluesner/Scott Mescher 33
2-man low net: Joe Hermesen/Jerry Jasper 32.8
Low team net: Knollers 32.8

ROLLING KNOLLS TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S - 4/25

Cardinals	19
Walkers	13
Drivers	12
Sandbaggers	11
Carts Only	11
Knollers	9
Levis	7
Mulligans	7
Rebels	6
Golf Illusions	5

2-man low gross: Andy Foxen/Scott Mescher 33, Tom Jackson/Dan Rubner 33
2-man low net: Jim Derr/Phil Gravel 32.2

DGCC MENS LEAGUE: WEEK TWO

Reicher-Reicher	5.5	.5
Pettinger-Boeckenstedt	5	1
Kruse-Deutmeyer	4.5	1.5
Manchester-Hinerichsen	4.5	1.5
Engelken-Frye-Domeyer	4	2
Olberding-Willenbring	4	2
Jacque-Offerman	4	2
Ertl-Boeckenstedt	4	2
Drey-Beckett	4	2
Engler-Schlarmann	3.5	2.5
Tauke-Salter	3	3
Cannon-Fitzgerald-White	3	3
Bell-Theisen	3	3
Olberding-Schmitz	3	3
Knepper-Schroeder	2.5	3.5
Westhoff-Schnier	2.5	3.5
Boeckenstedt-Prier	2.5	3.5
Wieneke-Meyer	2	4
Kreeb-Gansemer	1.5	4.5
Ruden-Steger	1.5	4.5
Clausen-Smith	1	5
Bell-Overman	.5	5.5
Hoeger-Digman	0	6
Knepper-Recker	0	6

Low scratch: Rick Engelken 34; Brent Hinerichsen/Terry Manchester 76
Low net: Engelken, Jason Reicher, Dan Tauke, Jeff Jacque 31; Reicher/Rod Reicher 64

Olberding-Bockenstedt	6	0
Healey-Huston	6	0
Weber-Boge	5.5	.5
Alden-Trumm	5	1
Olberding-Wessels	4.5	1.5
Osterhaus-Blush	4	2
Goerd-Nefzger	4	2
Salter-Brehm	3.5	2.5
Oberbroeckling-Donahue	3.5	2.5
Wachendorf-White	3.5	2.5
Meyer-Loeffelholz	3.5	2.5
Oberbroeckling-Oberbroeckling	3	3
Maiers-Maiers	3	3
Hinerichsen-Hoeger	3	3
Gibbs-Fangman	2.5	3.5
Engelken-Ames	2.5	3.5
Parsons-Wedewer	2	4
Weber-White	2	4
Lueken-Callendar	1.5	4.5

Jones-Bockenstedt-Hummel	1.5	4.5
Manchester-Doyle	1	5
Boeckenstedt-Wolf	1	5
Willenborg-McCool	0	6
Boeckenstedt-Singsank	0	6

Low scratch: Tyler Engelken, Mark Wessels 34; Wessels/Olberding, Wachendorf/White, Olberding/Alden 76
Low net: Wessels 32; Wessels/Olberding 66

DGCC MENS LEAGUE: WEEK THREE

Reicher-Reicher	8.5	.5
Pettinger-Boeckenstedt	8	1
Jacque-Offerman	7	2
Tauke-Salter	6	3
Cannon-Fitzgerald-White	6	3
Bell-Theisen	6	3
Westhoff-Schnier	5.5	3.5
Engelken-Frye-Domeyer	5	4
Drey-Beckett	5	4
Olberding-Willenbring	5	4
Olberding-Schmitz	5	4
Kruse-Deutmeyer	4.5	4.5
Manchester-Hinerichsen	4.5	4.5
Ertl-Boeckenstedt	4	5
Wieneke-Meyer	4	5
Engler-Schlarmann	3.5	5.5
Knepper-Schroeder	3.5	5.5
Ruden-Steger	3.5	5.5
Boeckenstedt-Prier	3.5	5.5
Bell-Overman	2.5	6.5
Kreeb-Gansemer	1.5	7.5
Clausen-Smith	1	8
Hoeger-Digman	1	8
Knepper-Recker	0	9

Low scratch: Larry Olberding 36; Bell/Theisen, Tauke/Salter 79
Low net: Steve Salter 30; Westhoff/Schnier 64
Olberding-Bockenstedt 8.5 .5
Olberding-Wessels 7.5 1.5
Goerd-Nefzger 7 2
Oberbroeckling-Donahue 6.5 2.5
Healey-Huston 6 3
Alden-Trumm 6 3
Oberbroeckling-Oberbroeckling 6 3
Weber-Boge 5.5 3.5
Salter-Brehm 5.5 3.5
Gibbs-Fangman 5.5 3.5
Osterhaus-Blush 5 4
Maiers-Maiers 5 4
Wachendorf-White 4.5 4.5
Meyer-Loeffelholz 4.5 4.5
Engelken-Ames 4 5
Weber-White 4 5
Hinerichsen-Hoeger 3 6
Lueken-Callendar 2.5 6.5
Jones-Bockenstedt-Hummel 2.5 6.5
Boeckenstedt-Wolf 2.5 6.5
Willenborg-McCool 2 7
Parsons-Wedewer 2 7
Manchester-Doyle 1 8
Boeckenstedt-Singsank .5 8.5

Low scratch: Justin Weber 30; Weber/Ryan White 72
Low net: Sam Oberbroeckling 30; Oberbroeckling/Paul Oberbroeckling 65

SOCCER

IGHSAU GIRLS' RANKINGS 4/27

Class 3A - Waukee Northwest, 2. West Des Moines Valley, 3. Johnston, 4. Ankeny, 5. Dowling Catholic, 6. Pleasant Valley, 7. Linn-Mar, 8. Ankeny Centennial, 9. Bettendorf, 10. Waukee, 11. Muscatine, 12. Dubuque Hempstead.
Class 2A - 1. Dallas Center-Grimes, 2. North Scott, 3. Waverly-Shell Rock, 4. Independence, 5. Pella, 6. North Polk, 7. Lewis Central, 8. Spencer, 9. Bondurant-Farrar, 10. Cedar Rapids Xavier, 11. ADM, 12. Marion, 13. Norwalk, 14. Western Dubuque, 15. Central DeWitt.

Class 1A - 1. Des Moines Christian, 2. Nevada, 3. Van Meter, 4. Davenport Assumption, 5. Gilbert, 6. Underwood, 7. Sioux City Bishop Heelan, 8. Hudson, 9. Denver, 10. Center Point-Urbana, 11. Dike-New Hartford, 12. Panorama, 13. Solon, 14. Harlan, 15. Beckman Catholic.

IAHSSCA BOYS' RANKINGS 4/30

Class 3A - 1. Des Moines Hoover, 2. Marion, 3. Dallas Center Grimes, 4. ADM, 5. Humboldt, 6. Spencer, 7. Norwalk, 8. Urbandale, 9. Fort Madison, 10. Carlisle.
Class 2A - 1. Assumption, 2. Gilbert, 3. Bishop Heelan, 4. Webster City, 5. Nevada, 6. Glenwood, 7. Greene County, 8. Center Point-Urbana, 9. Williamsburg, 10. Perry, 11. Knoxville, 12. Grinnell, 13. Benton, 14. Harlan Community, 15. Decorah, 16. Chariton.

Class 1A - 1. Gladbrook-Reinbeck, 2. Regina Catholic, 3. West Branch, 4. Western Christian, 5. West Liberty, 6. Treynor, 7. Des Moines Christian, 8. Underwood, 9. West Central Valley, 10. Prince of Peace, 11. Pella Christian, 12. Beckman Catholic, 13. St. Albert, 14. Mediapolis, 15. Denver, 16. Columbus Catholic.

Wildcat boys', girls' golf teams compete

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A four-team tournament at Bellevue Golf Course, April 24, gave the Maquoketa Valley boys' golf team a third-place finish.

Beckman far out-paced the field as expected with a 153, 41 strokes in front of the home team at 199. The Wildcats fired 238, Marquette 283.

Toby Grimm led the Wildcats with a sixth-place 45, tied with Beckman's Brady Bockenstedt (non-counting in his team total). MV added a

62 from Zach Leytem, 63 from Jake Gellerson and 68 from Sebastian Charles. Tyler Mineart and Logan Beaman did not count with 70 and 75.

Beckman's Nate Offerman claimed the meet medal with a one-over 37. Bellevue's Jensen Wedeking took the runner-up medal with 38, a stroke in front of Beckman's Luke Harwick at 39. Beckman's Noah Boge and TJ Thier took the next two spots with 40 and 42, followed by Grimm and Bockenstedt, Beckman's Jonah Recker at 46 (non-counting for the team total), Bellevue's Cole Scheckel

and Marquette's Spencer Roeder at 53 to round out the top 10.

Bellevue added double 54s from Cal Bonifas and Owen Putman. Marquette, with just four golfers, was forced to count all of them: Roeder, Charlie Lane 72, Jaylen Theisen 75 and Jordan Bondlinger 83.

"It was a nice, calm weather day at Bellevue today," added Coach Ron Besler. "The boys put together a good effort on an unfamiliar course for this young group of golfers. Toby continues to score well as we approach the postseason next week. I am really happy with

our progress to this point."

Back home April 27, the team fell to both East Buchanan and Easton Valley, 167-201-224. Grimm's 41 was a stroke out of the medals, taken by East Buchanan's Hayden Nelson and Ben Hesner, both with 40. Other MV counters were Leytem with 50, Charles 62 and Beaman 71.

For EB, besides the two medalists, a 43 from Owen Reck and 44 from Noah Valenzuela counted. For EV, Lucas Heister was low with 45, followed by Keagan Lee with 48, Nolan Sandholt 51 and Easton Rathje 57.

"This competition was against some of the best you can ask for," said Besler. "I was proud of the way the guys performed and stuck to their own game. We are looking forward to the conference meet and hoping for some good weather to go with it."

The girls were also at this meet and the Wildcats came in third there too, to EV's 194 and EB's 200, with a 234. Medals went to 45s from EB's Brooklyn Kelchen and EV's Jenna Roling.

Low for the Wildcats was Kaela Clemen at 53, in front of Isabella Mensen 55, Kaya

Knipper 57 and Emily Hogan 69. Other counting scores for East Buchanan were Jaeden Hellenthal 48, Ava Shannon 52 and Maya Huegel 55. For Easton Valley it was Addie Farrell 47, Addie Fier 50 and Josie Wood 52.

Coach Tim Andrews added, "It was a beautiful night at Hart Ridge against some of the best competition in the state. Our girls gave a good effort tonight and kept a positive attitude. We are looking forward to a good week of practice heading into the conference meet next Monday."

Wildcats host invitational

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Seven teams met in Delhi, April 24, for the 2023 Wildcat Boys' Invitational, and Maquoketa Valley finished a strong second. The Wildcats are working into form at just the right time.

"The conference meet is Thursday," said coach Pat Meehan. "I think we are ready for it."

North Linn scored 169 points to win, with the Wildcats finishing at 126, Jesup 115, Edgewood-Colesburg 74, Starmont 62, Clayton Ridge 27 and East Buchanan three.

MV won two events. Lance McShane was the winner in the 400-meter dash (53.07). The 4x800 relay team of George Livingston, Arion Rave, Matthew Schaul and Dashawn Strickland was also first (8:42.66).

Carter Klaren, Rave, Kash Hunt and McShane were second in the shuttle hurdle relay (1:06.35). Colin Smith, Dylan Knipper, Brady Wall and Kenyon Baker were third in the distance medley (4:23.43). In the 4x400, Livingston, Strickland, Tate Intorf and Schaul took third (3:49.92).

Intorf, Smith, Schaul and Strickland were fifth in the 4x200 (1:44.96) and Klaren, Wall, Hunt and Intorf fifth in the 4x100 (50.45). Smith, Preston Salow, Dylan Knipper and Nathan Beitz won the 4x100 weightmen's relay (52.20) and Smith, Hunt, Klaren and Tate Intorf were sixth in the sprint medley (1:48.79).

Rave was second (17.31) and Klaren third (18.74) in the 110-high hurdles, Livingston second in the 800 (2:09.17), McShane second (24.49) and Wall fifth (25.77) in the 200.

Rave finished second in the 400-hurdles (1:02.27). Schaul second in the 1,600

(4:42.93). Kenyon Baker was fourth in the 3200 (12:29.85). Beitz eighth in the 100 (13.76).

McShane was second (18-8.50) and Wall fourth (17-0.25) in the long jump. Strickland was third in the high jump (5-2). Knipper was third (39-3) and Beitz fourth (38-4.5) in the shot put. Beitz was fourth (100-0) and Salow seventh (92-7) in the discus.

The Wildcats finished fifth in the Cascade Co-Ed, April 27. Dubuque Senior led the way with 126 points and Cascade was second with 119. Midland was third with 84, Northeast finished with 83.5, Maquoketa Valley 83, Ed-Co 72, Beckman Catholic 48, Central City 34, Calamus-Wheatland 34, Springville 27 and North Cedar 21.50.

"We had another good meet with contributions from everyone," Meehan said.

Klaren, Rave, Hunt and McShane won the shuttle hurdle relay (1:04.94). The 4x400 unit of Schaul, Strickland, Wall and Intorf was third (3:43.86). Intorf, Smith, Strickland and Livingston were sixth in the 4x200 (1:43.40).

Smith, Hunt, Klaren and Intorf finished sixth in the sprint medley (1:47.80), Smith, Knipper, Wall and Baker were seventh in the distance medley and in the 4x100, Klaren, Wall, Hunt and Intorf were eighth (49.52).

Individually, Schaul won the 800 (2:08.74). McShane was first in the 400-hurdles (56.43) and second in the 400 (51.59). Rave was third (17.33) and Klaren sixth (18.90) in the 110-high hurdles. Rave was fifth in the 400-hurdles (1:01.05) and Baker sixth in the 3200 (11:58.42).

In field events, McShane was second (19-5.50) and Wall sixth (17-9) in the long jump. Strickland was seventh in the high jump (5-0). Knipper eighth in the shot put (39-11.75).



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Kash Hunt runs the third leg of MV's shuttle hurdle at the Cascade Co-Ed.



Lance McShane runs to a second-place finish in the 400 at Cascade.

Blazers place seventh at Cascade meet

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At the Cascade Co-Ed Track and Field Meet, April 27, the Beckman girls came in seventh in their 12-team field and the boys were seventh among their 10 teams.

For the boys, the throwers continue to score the majority of their points, with Arturo Venegas and Morgan Schulte accounting for 23 of the team's 48 points. Venegas finished first in shot (44-8.25) and eighth in discus (110-1). Schulte was first in discus (142-9) and seventh in shot (40-8.25).

Andrew Schlarman took the title in the 3,200-meter run (10:38.33) and was sixth in the 1,600 (5:01.03).

Eli Kluesner finished fifth in the 400 (55.34) and sixth in the 200 (24.38).

The 4x800 team of Adam Gaul, Danny Dudzik, Andrew Salrin and Cole Luenman ended fourth (9:46.31).

In the JV races, the sprint medley team of Brady Salter, Derek Hoeger, Julien Kramer and Ben Westhoff came in third (1:53.05). The 4x400 team with Salter, Gaul, Westhoff and Dudzik was fourth (4:06.66).

Dubuque Senior took the title with 126 points, outdistancing Cascade 119, Midland 84, Northeast 83.5, Maquoketa Valley 83, Edgewood-Colesburg 72, BHS 48, Central City 34, Calamus-Wheatland 34, Springville 276 and North Cedar 21.5. In the JV standings, the Blazers were second, behind Senior 18, BHS 11, Cascade 10, Midland eight and Ed-Co six.

For the girls, three seconds highlight-



Beth Lutgen • Staff Photos
Beckman's Madelyn Reiter competes during the 800.

ed their finishes: Julia Mertz in the 1,500 (5:15.91), Abby Knepper in 400-hurdles (1:11.00) and the shuttle hurdle team of Kaitlyn Besler, Claire Heinrichs, Kayla Burkle and Knepper (1:15.00).

Thirds went to the 4x800 with Mertz, Maria Dudzik, Madelyn Reiter and Kennedy Recker (10:51.66) and Rebecca Goerdt in long jump (13-11).

Izzy Lutgen tied for fourth in high jump (4-4). Knepper was fifth in 100-hurdles (PR-18.50).

Coming in sixth were several events: Reiter in the 800 (PR-2:46.36), Maria Dudzik in the 1500 (5:42.76), the 4x100 team of Besler, Judith Williams, Goerdt and Heinrichs (55.40), the 4x200



Andrew Schlarman races his way to a first-place finish in the 3,200 at Cascade.

with Besler, Williams, Goerdt and Anna Sperflage (1:58.96, both season-bests) and the sprint medley with Sperflage, Haley Kluesner, Briseyda Rodriguez and Williams (2:08.13).

The JV sprint medley team of Gianna Westhoff, Lutgen, Madison Goedken and Burkle placed third (2:14.43).

In the team standings, it was Cascade 131, in front of Midland 91, Maquoketa 85.5, Ed-Co 68, North Cedar 65, MV 61, BHS 59.5, Bellevue 45, Easton Valley 33, Cal-Wheat 28, Springville 21 and Northeast 19.

The JV squad was third behind Cascade 20, Midland 16, BHS six, North Cedar five and Ed-Co four.

Beckman tops Bellevue, wins six-team meet at Indee

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Playing the friendly confines of the Dyersville Golf and Country Club to begin the week, the Beckman girls' golf team topped Bellevue with ease, April 24, 193-265.

Shea Steffen and Maddie Schmitz copped the meet medals with 44 and 46. Madly Kruse added 51 and Gracie Hinerichsen 52. Alyssa Goerdt and Paige Domeyer did not count with double 57s.

A small Bellevue crew counted Morgan Meyer's 52, double 69s from Adalyn Leach and Alyvia Wagner and 75 from Ali Yadoff.

According to coach Jim Sheston, "Bellevue was a little short-handed and it was the first trip to Dyersville for any of their players. Our team played better than last week though the temperature kept dropping through the meet. Shea set the pace with five pars.

The Blazers ended their week April 28 at Indepen-

dence by winning a six-team meet. Their 367 was 24 strokes clear of runner-up Center Point-Urbana at 394, followed by Waverly Shell Rock 398, Vinton-Shellsburg 433, Independence 438 and Marion (score unavailable).

Steffen fired 89 (44-45), good for third in the medal race. Kruse added 90 (44-46, fourth), Schmitz 92 (51-41, fifth) and Goerdt 96 (50-46, eighth). Domeyer fired a non-counting 105 (50-55) "her best score of the season," according to coach Jim Sheston. "And Gracie had a great second round to finish at 113."

Meet low went to Waverly's Breena Bodensteiner at 83 with runner-up Addison Weber from CPU at 88.

"We left Indee with 10 medals," added Sheston. "It was a good haul. This week will be a tough one, four meets in four days, including two tournaments. Hopefully, we stay greedy and accumulate more hardware."

Bobcats stay busy on the tennis court

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With eight matches scheduled in two weeks the Bobcats were ready for a busy second half of April, but one match was postponed.

On April 20 the Bobcats took on Cedar Rapids Jefferson at home, falling 6-3 to the J-Hawks.

The next day WD hosted Iowa City Liberty in a rescheduled meet where they lost, 8-1, but got a big win at No. 3 doubles from Grace Coyle and Madison Feldmann.

For their third match in as many days, the Bobcats traveled to Waterloo West, West winning 6-3.

"I thought we played our best tennis of the year against Jefferson, despite the team score. That's a tough, experi-

enced, and athletic team, and we pulled three matches out.

Even in the singles matches we didn't win, we competed and pushed our opponent in at least one set. Saw a lot of good swings. Reece Adams and Grace Coyle won at No. 5 and No. 6 singles, respectively, and Gen Orr and Claire McGrane winning 9-7 at No. 3 doubles after falling behind 1-5," said Coach Sam Nieman.

On April 25 the Bobcats hosted the Linn-Mar Lions, who won 9-0.

April 27 WD traveled to Cedar Rapids to take on the Kennedy Cougars, looking for a closer result in this one. The Bobcats fell to the Cougars 6-3.

To finish off the week, the Bobcats traveled back to Cedar Rapids, this time to take on Xavier, who won 9-0.

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Moser students who fared well in Jewell and/or Waverly include: front from left, Ella Digmann, Autumn Domeyer, Hannabelle Erickson, Carley Hillebrand and Miya Pitz; back row, Taylor McAllister, Summer Haas, Lily McCarthy, Rosalie Blahnik, Bo McCarthy, Lauren Gogel, Jeffrey Breier, Kennedy Kirsch, Parker Kirsch, Kinleigh Smock and Parker Pitz.



Moser students who fared well in Jewell and/or Waverly include: front from left, Fallyn DeShaw, McKinlee Connolly, Nova DeShaw, Kian Payne, Everly Runde, Stella Reicher and Anna Vaske; second row, Harper Scherrman, Katie Lueck, Kyla Ries, Grace Pederson, Brynlee DeShaw, Mya Reitinger, Hayden Langel, Kalei Pederson, Paige Vaske, Mallory Steffen and Brielle Ries; back row, Vanessa Petsche, Ava Nolan, Izzy Lutgen, Libby Knipper, Kennedi Bevans, Sienna Steffensmeier, Elyse Konrardy and Sarah Petsche.

45 Moser gymnasts take first at Waverly

Forty-five students from the Moser School of Dance and Gymnastics finished first at the USTA Power Tumbling meet held in Waverly, March 19. There were 17 teams entered with around 450 athletes competing throughout the day.

Allysa Sadewasser, Carley Hillebrand, Mya Reitinger, Tucker Erickson, Kendall Wagner, Hayden Reimer, Delaney Brown, Addison Norton, Adalyn Ostrander, Rachel Kaufman, Lucas Sadewasser, Mattie Johnson, Madelyn Bockenstedt, Gracelynn Clark, Amelia Miller, Paige Vaske, Jenna Yest, Mackenna Fisher, Jadin Stephenson, McKinley Wulfekuhle, Kennedi Benesh, Lexi Martin, Claire Manning, Imogen Milroy, Kenzie Lee, Beckett Goldsmith, Gunner Davis, Greyson Manning, Vanessa Petsche, Olivia Weston, Ana Leah Raber, Lauren Stoffel, Lily McCarthy, Kinleigh Smock, Vivian Honkomp, Ellie Lechtenberg, Lennox Miller, Luke Wulfekuhle, Bo McCarthy, Grace Cornwell, Reagan Nylund, Parker Kirsch, Harper Scherrman, Kylie Martin and Jolie Weston all earned first-place trophies.

Additional place finishers included: second — Annie Gulick, Hannabelle Erickson, Ava Nolan, Autumn Domeyer, Miya Pitz, Lailah Moyle, Aaliyah Corcoran, Jayda Even, Carly McDonald, Sara Petsche, Emi Harmon, Payton Morrow, Brooklynn Cline, Anna Vaske, Zane Glowatz, Jeffrey Breier, Brynlee DeShaw, Mallory Steffen, Kennedy Kirsch, Hadley Amfahr, Hadlee Erickson, Isabella Krieg, Olivia Nylund, Ky'Lynn Raber, Arianna Pottebaum, Amaya Pottebaum, Kian Payne, Parker Pitz, Cora Fuessley, Aurora Opitz, Brielle Ries, Delaine Holt, Willow Nelson and Margaret Reicher; third — Izzy Lutgen, Libby Knipper, Mya Peyton, Avery Brown, Lennox Moser, Lindsay Ruchti, Kendall Friedlein, Kamden Ostrander, Elizabeth Hilliard, Grace Pederson, Grace Stoffel, Ava Mactaggart, Bryer Goldsmith, Hazel Nelson and Faye Honkomp; fourth — Kennedi Bevans, Mylie Elliot, Abbigail Stoffel, Lily Hall, McKenna Casey, Allison Klingman, Ruby West, Jewel



Moser students who fared well in Jewell and/or Waverly include: front from left, Lennox Miller, Zane Glowatz and Payton Morrow; second row, Ahnalynn Rave, Carly McDonald and Lily Hall; back row, Addison Norton and Lindsay Ruchti.

Hemry, Scarlett Benesh, Taylor McAllister, Kloie Dugan and Maxwell Bockenstedt; fifth — Sienna Steffensmeier, Elyse Konrardy, Lauren Gogel, Summer Haas, Kalei Pederson, James Hoffland, Hayden Langel, Everly Runde, Olivia Pasker, Emery Reed and Eliza Reicher; sixth — Laura Pierschbacher, Morie Johnson, McKinlee Connolly, Addison Reed, Avery Lerch, Britton Goldsmith, Jovie Felton and Fallyn DeShaw; seventh — Ella Digmann, Julia Kuennen, Kyla Ries, Ahnalynn Rave, Derbi Holt, Mila Davis and Stella Reicher; eighth — Rosalie Blahnik, Katie Lueck and Kora Diminqueo.

At the USTA Power Tumbling Meet in Jewell, April 19, the Moser School had 17 first-place finishers, including two high-point award winners.

Avery Brown and Vivian Honkomp finished first in their respective levels and earned the high point award for having the highest score of the entire level, regardless of age.

Mya Reitinger, Aaliyah Corcoran, Laura Pierschbacher, Rachel Kaufman, Jenna Yest, Katie Lueck, Kendall Friedlein, Jadin Stephenson, Imogen Milroy, Mckinlee

Connolly, Gunner Davis, Jada Honkomp, Olivia Pasker, Isabella Kreig, Kora Diminqueo and Faye Honkomp all finished first.

Additional place finishers included: second — Izzy Lutgen, Delaney Brown, Paislee Hansel, Emi Harmon, Brooklynn Cline, Aubrey Oakland, Kamden Ostrander and Aurora Opitz; third — Allison Klingman and Avery Lerch; fourth — Megan Pierschbacher, Asanti Britton, Adalyn Ostrander, Gracen Hein, Ahnalynn Rave and James Hofland; fifth — Ruby West, Mila Davis and Jewell Hemry.

The Moser School is coached by Carmen Moser Payne, Edgewood, Debbie Moser, Dyersville, Bernita Moser, Kattie Payne Schulte and Luka Marie Schulte, Strawberry Point.

"Moser athletes have set new goals and will continue to train and work hard to achieve to the best of their ability to meet those goals for the upcoming meets," the coaches said. "We are so appreciative of our very loyal, hard-working and dedicated Moser team members and their families, sub-beginner through elite levels."



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