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Bobcats finish 11th at state

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Western Dubuque shot rounds of 340 and 321 — for a two-day total of 661 — to finish 11th, in the Class 4A State Golf Tournament, at Elmcrest Country Club, in Cedar Rapids, Oct. 7-8.

"I think the guys were a little nervous being at the state tournament for the first time. They might have been in awe a little bit and maybe weren't totally focused on golf as much as we should have been," said coach Ben Wilson. "To a certain degree, I think they were just happy to be there, and that's ok. It happens."

Cool and breezy conditions greeted the 12 teams on the first day of the tournament and, after day one, Waukee led a tightly bunched top of the leaderboard at 302, with Indianola and Johnston finishing at 304 and MVC power Cedar Falls at 306.

The Bobcats, starting on the back nine's par-three 182-yard 10th hole, struggled to get much going during round one. Tyler Skrtich was low man for WD with an 83, Jackson Webber carded an 84, Brock Wilson 86, Jackson Skrtich and Brayden Webber 87, and Nolan Vaske 91.

"No excuses, but that par three is a tough hole to start on," Wilson said. "It was windy, it was cold and there were a lot of people around."

Owen Sawyer, of Cedar Falls, was the first-round leader with an even-par 70, while Kennedy's Reid Hall and Waukee's Tanner Dinnebier were right behind at 71.

The season's first hard freeze led to a delayed start of round two, but with winds less of a factor, nine of the 12 teams on the course posted lower scores on Saturday.



Jackson Webber hits a tee shot during the state competition.

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Johnston and Cedar Falls were neck and neck all the way, both finishing at 291 for the day. Johnston's two-day 595 just nipped the Tigers at 597, while day one leader Waukee faded to third, at 615, after finishing at 313 in round two.

Indianola's day-two 312 led to a fourth-place finish at 616, Pleasant Valley was fifth (619), Cedar Rapids Xavier sixth (622), Southeast Polk seventh (623), and Waukee Northwest eighth (623), followed by Dowling Catholic (626),

Wahlert Catholic (648), Western Dubuque (661) and Sioux City Bishop Heelan (664).

Kennedy's Hall held off a second-day charge by West Des Moines Valley freshman Braeden Nelson to win the individual state title. Both fired



Tyler Skrtich hits an approach shot at Elmcrest Country Club.

even-par 70s, with Hall's total of 141 besting Nelson's 142 by a shot.

Southeast Polk's Sam Wahlman went low with a day-two 69 to finish third at 143, Sawyer carded a 73 to take fourth at 143, and Dinnebier was fifth at 144.

Jackson Webber had a nice round on day two, shooting a 77 to finish 40th overall with a total of 161. Tyler Skrtich scored an 81 to finish 52nd (164), Brayden Webber's second round 80 was good for 58th (167) and Brock Wilson improved three strokes with an 83 to finish 65th (169). Jackson Skrtich shot 84 to finish 69th (171) and senior Vaske finished with a two-round total of 191.

"We did not play well on Friday, but the guys responded in a big way on Saturday. We didn't make a big push up the leaderboard, but we moved up in front of Heelan. The guys played so much better," said Ben Wilson. "The guys went in with a better mindset and were a lot more focused on our game

plan and how we wanted to attack the course."

Improved course management led to better scores, according to Wilson.

"The guys were just aiming for the center of the greens and letting our putters do the work. They left themselves in better spots and that made a big difference."

Getting a taste of state meet competition was a fitting conclusion to a fine season for the Bobcats. The future couldn't be much brighter for this team.

"The other teams down there were so good, we knew it was going to take a Herculean effort to even be in contention. It didn't go well for us, but we made it and no one can take that away from the boys," Wilson said. "We only graduate one senior. The guys fully expect to be back and in contention next year. Now that they've had a year to experience this and take it all in, there's no reason we can't be back and be one of the teams in the mix next year."

Bobcats take easy win from Waterloo East

BY BEC WILLENBORG

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Western Dubuque's football team decided to win big for homecoming this year and took very little time beginning an overwhelming victory over winless Waterloo East, Oct. 7.

A touchdown run from the seven by Grant Glausser with just over two minutes gone in the game began a stream of scores that put the Bobcats up 48-0 at halftime. They went on to win 55-22 to make it four straight wins going into the district championship game at Waverly-Shell Rock next week.

Five minutes later, Ryan Digmann blocked a punt attempt and ran it in for their next touchdown, making it 14-0 on Caleb Abresch's second of eventually eight good extra-point kicks.

The Bobcat defense stuffed the Trojans in the early going, and negative yards on every series was a matter of fact. They were held to three straight three-and-outs. Glausser scored again, breaking loose for a 41-yard tally on the first play of the Bobcats' fourth possession, a minute lat-

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JUSTIN PENNER
HEAD COACH

er, 20-0. Forcing East to punt for a fourth straight series, the Bobcats took it on the 47 and needed five plays to make it 27-0 when Kaleb Reed scored from the 13 with 56 seconds left in the first quarter.

Glausser scored again, two minutes into the second, but they needed Reed's tally at the 7:49 mark, also the first play of their series, to turn on the continuous clock, 41-0.

Another short East possession ended in a punt and Carson Burger used just two plays to reach the end zone on a 28-yard score, 48-0 by halftime.

In the second half, a bevy of Bobcat reserves got their chance to play and answered an East score with a solid series that culminated in another Reed tally, 55-8. East eventually tacked on two more

touchdowns and threatened to score another but Brandon Decker grabbed the pass to end the game.

"The good thing about this game is we stayed healthy, nobody got hurt," smiled coach Justin Penner. "That and we got a lot of guys in the game, gave them playing experience. Even when East scored, it gave us as coaches a chance to coach those guys in a game-scoring situation. A whole bunch of players got better tonight and used their opportunities. It's fun when things go well."

"Next week will be a tougher game and it's for the district championship. That's the emphasis this week."

WD's statistical leaders were: passing — Brett Harris 5-of-8 for 63 yards, Connor Maiers 3-of-7 for 35; receivers — Ian Fagan 1-for-27 yards, Daviyon Gaston 1-for-17, Reed 1-for-16, Anthony Mallers 1-for-12, Colin McDesmott 1-for-10, Caleb Klein 1-for-8, Carson Anglin 1-for-7, Decker 1-for-1; rushing — Reed 9-for-119, Glausser 10-for-86, Burger 3-for-36, Digmann 4-for-33, Brandon Potter 2-for-10, Maiers 1-for-1; kickoff returns — Gannon Hickie 1-for-25, Fagan 1-for-20, Drew Burds 1-for-17; kickoffs — Abresch 9-for-447.



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Daviyon Gaston gains 37 yards and a first down for the Bobcats after catching a Brett Harris pass early against Waterloo East.

Calendar

BECKMAN

Cross Country

- No meets are scheduled

Football

- Friday, Oct. 14 at MFL MarMac, 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

- RVC: Thursday, Oct. 13 at Northeast, 6 p.m.
- Regionals: Wednesday, Oct. 19 vs. Northeast, 7 p.m.

MAQUOKETA VALLEY

Cross Country

- No meets are scheduled

Football

- Friday, Oct. 14 vs. North Linn, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

- Tri-Rivers: Thursday, Oct. 13 at home, 4 p.m.
- Tri-Rivers: Saturday, Oct. 15 at Central City (pool runners-up and winners from Tuesday), 10 a.m.
- Regionals: Monday, Oct. 17 at North Linn, 7 p.m.

WESTERN DUBUQUE

Cross Country

- MVC Divisional: Thursday, Oct. 13 at Irv Warren Golf Course (Waterloo), 4 p.m.

- State-Qualifying: Wednesday, Oct. 19 at site to be determined, 4 p.m.

Football

- Friday, Oct. 14 at Waverly-Shell Rock, 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

- No games are scheduled

Sports Briefs

LUKANS TIE FOR WEEK FIVE OF FOOTBALL CONTEST

Madi Rose Lukan and Gina Lukan, both of Marion, tied to win week five of the Dyersville Commercial football contest. The two entries both had four wrong and tie breakers that were four away from the tie breaker score of 166. Madi Rose Lukan's tie breaker was 162 and Gina Lukan's tie breaker was 170. They each will receive \$12.50. Four entries had four wrong in this week's contest.

Week six winners will be announced in the Oct. 19 edition to allow for mailed entries to be received.

The week six game winners were: 1. Sumner-Fredericksburg, 2. Western Dubuque, 3. Maquoketa Valley, 4. MFL MarMac, 5. West Branch, 6. Illinois, 7. Kansas State, 8. Tennessee, 9. UCLA, 10. Notre Dame, 11. Houston, 12. Purdue, 13. Texas, 14. Dallas, 15. Houston, 16. New England and 17. Philadelphia. Tie breaker 184.

Moser attends USTA National Congress

Debbie Moser instructor at the Moser School of Dance and Gymnastics attended the 2022 USTA National Congress and Clinics in Peoria, Ill., Sept. 23-25.



DEBBIE MOSER

USTA Congress consists of technical meetings, workshops in all levels sub-beginner through elite levels, coach's certification classes and tests, rule proposals, state chair meetings, judge's courses, safety meetings, ethics meetings, award recognitions and the Congress meeting.

The Moser coaches are Safety Certified, USTA certified, background checked, Safe Sport certified, Dance Educators of America tested/certified, and have been teaching the area youth for 50 plus years in dance and gymnastics.

Instructors Carmen Moser Payne, Edgewood, Kattie Payne Schulte and Luka Marie Schulte, Strawberry Point, head the Moser competition team.

Bernita Moser, Strawberry Point, was on the USTA Ethics Board for 17 years (2003-20); Debbie Moser, Dyersville, has been USTA president for 18 years (1994-2012), on the technical board for 28 years, a NTJC judge for the USTA 21 years and has been state USTA chair for eight years.

Moser coaches during their 50 plus years have coached numerous state and national champions sub-beginner through elite levels.

Blazers run at Hawk Invite

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With 25 schools present, the 42nd annual West Delaware cross country Invitational went off without a hitch as far as the Beckman girls were concerned. They Blazers fifth overall with 154 points.

Center Point-Urbana won the race with 88, followed by Clear Lake 100, Mount Vernon-Lisbon 103, Tipton 106, BHS, Marion 176, Waverly-Shell Rock 202, Jesup 220, CR Xavier 237, Western Dubuque 242, North Fayette Valley 252, Cascade 276, West Delaware 285, Anamosa 364, Oelwein 422, Bellevue 479, Alburnett 512, Vinton-Shellsburg 516, Starmont-West Central 557 and East Buchanan 569. Four incomplete teams also competed: Ed-Co, Maquoketa Valley, Springville and Independence.

Julia Mertz paced the team with personal-record in a school-record time of 19:55, good for seventh place. Also counting were Abby Knepper 21st (20:54), Madelyn Reiter 24th (21:05), Maria Dudzik 27th (21:15) and Ellie Recker 83rd (23:25). Libby Knipper ran to 118th (25:53) and Kennedy Recker was 125th (26:50).

The individual winner was Lourdes Mason, of Mount Vernon-Lisbon, in 18:35.

"We love racing here," said coach Tyson Squiers. "The majority of our team's PRs are from this meet. It's the perfect setup for a great race. The course is set up to be fast and it's the point in the season where everyone is realizing the end is near. We typically come here to run fast. It's a great tune-up before the conference meet."

"We knew our girls would finish a bit back from where they typically finish because of (an injury to) Maria (Kruse). But fifth was a strong performance. Julia's PR was not only a school record, it was the first sub-20 run by a Beckman girl. Abby, Ellie, Libby, Julia, Maria and Chloe all ran PRs, with Libby getting the biggest gain, 1:25 over her old time. The girls raced extremely well with a different level of strength and confidence that is just exciting to watch. They raced exactly the way they should leading into the end of the season."

In the boys' race, the Blazers settled for 21st on a tie breaker with NFV, both at 510. Marion took the title with 50, fol-



Mike Putz • Staff Photos
Adam Gaul heads toward the finish line at the West Delaware Invitational.

lowed by Western Dubuque 89, Tipton 118, MV-Lisbon 176, CPU 185, V-S 193, Oelwein 231, Waverly-SR 244, Anamosa 248, Cascade 252, Clear Lake 254, Bellevue 302, West Delaware 316, Jesup 407, MV 413, Springville 447, Xavier 478, Starmont-WC 495, East Buchanan 508, NFV, BHS, Independence 586 and Alburnett 636.

Jacob Schlarmann paced the boys in 73rd (18:33), followed by Andrew Schlarmann 89th (18:52), Adam Gaul 96th (19:02), Danny Dudzik 123rd (19:55), Joe Schneider 141st (20:29). Also running were Spencer Rea 145th (20:47) and John Paul Grebner 147th (20:52).

Winning the boys' race was Marion's Jedediah Osgood with a time of 15:29.

"This was the boys' best race of the year to date. Our finishing place may not accurately reflect that, but our times were the best we've had all season. This was a talented and deep field of runners and our kids competed very well."

"Isaac, John Paul, James, Zach, Cole, Adam, Danny and Andrew Salrin all earned PRs and Adam solidified his sixth spot on our top 10 list. Our 5-9 runners were only 30 seconds apart and our top



Ellie Recker keeps pace in front of a pack of runners.

four are all under 20 consistently. There was a time we used to celebrate if one person got to that mark. Our boys looked strong and confident and focused on what their end goals are," added Squiers.

The JV girls ran an incomplete team. Jordan Thier ran 61st (25:39) and Mallory Rea was 79th (26:43), Chloe Goedken 85th (26:54), and Marie Grebner 89th (27:07).

Tipton won the race with the top six runners, led by Mack Walter in 21:46 and a perfect team score of 16.

In the boys' JV race, the Blazers finished 16th with a score of 397. MV-Lisbon won it with 33 and CPU's Bradley Jones took the individual title with 17:51.

Andrew Salrin paced the Blazers in 63rd with a time of 20:48. He was followed by Riley White 70th (20:59), Isaac Westhoff 112th (21:57), Cole Luensmann 116th (22:15) and Zach Helle 153rd (24:14). James Roberts also ran, 171st (25:51).

Squiers concluded, "We take on the River Valley Conference Tuesday (Oct. 11) for the first time since leaving the WaMaC, at Kickers Soccer Park in Iowa City. We haven't run there in about six years. We are excited for our debut there."

Bobcats run at MVC Super Meet

Boys take seventh, girls 13th

BY BETH LUTGEN

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Western Dubuque's cross country teams battled some tough competition at the Mississippi Valley Conference Super Meet on the Seminole Valley Course, Oct. 6, where the Bobcat boys were seventh and the girls 13th.

Isaiah Hammerand raced to a third-place finish in 15:33 to lead the Bobcat boys.

"Isaiah ran well. The two kids that beat him are currently ranked two-three in class 4A, so he's right there with some of the best the state has to offer," coach Mark Digmann said.

Quentin Nauman 23rd (16:21), Derek Fangmann 28th (16:26), Drew Meyer 53rd (17:02) and Levi Meyer 78th (17:51) rounded out the counting five for WD. Brody Staner placed 89th (18:14), Thomas Blair 95th (18:51), Preston Kremers 98th (18:51), Coy

Messer 101st (19:03) and Jimmy Hoover 104th (19:19).

"We were the best 3A team in the field and finished ahead of one of the 4A ranked teams. It's good to get this experience ahead of the state meet in terms of the size of the race and the competition," Digmann said. "Knowing you can run well and might not be in the top half of the teams is a little discouraging, but our kids continue to go out and compete to the best of their ability and see where the final results end up when they are done. The competition and meet doesn't really seem to bother them."

Iowa City, City High earned the MVC boys' team title with 51 points. Cedar Falls was second (77), Cedar Rapids Kennedy third (90), Hempstead fourth (106), Cedar Rapids Prairie fifth (134), Iowa City West sixth (156), Western Dubuque seventh (174), Linn-Mar eighth (207), Iowa City Liberty ninth (230), Dubuque Senior 10th (290), Waterloo West 11th (301), Wahlert 12th (350), Cedar Rapids



Mike Putz • Staff Photo
Isaiah Hammerand glances back to see where other runners are as he heads into the final stretch at the West Delaware Invitational.

WD competes at 4A State Golf Tournament



Brayden Webber hits a tee shot during the state golf tournament.



Brock Wilson chips onto the green during day one of the Class 4A State Golf Tournament. *Mike Putz • Staff Photos*



Jackson Webber putts at Elmcrest Country Club.



Coach Ben Wilson, right, and Tyler Skrtich strategize during the state meet.



Jackson Skrtich sends a putt toward the hole.



Nolan Vaske rolls a putt toward the pin at Elmcrest Country Club in Cedar Rapids.



Daryl Schepanski • Staff Photos
Alli Scherbring blocks an Anamosa attack.

Blazers trounce Anamosa there

BY BEC WILLENBORG
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A quick three-game victory went to the Beckman volleyball team at Anamosa Oct. 4, 25-13, 25-18, 25-14.

It was one termed “one of our more complete matches of the season,” according to coach Todd Troutman. “We controlled the tempo of play for a majority of the match and our side of the game was working so they never really got into an offensive flow. Our serve receive put us in very good position most of the night. Their defense was pretty focused on sliding toward Jenna (Lansing), so we were able to run a quick tempo offense through our middles most of the match.

“I also thought our defense had one of their best nights in terms of setting a solid block and putting ourselves in the seams to dig anything that got around our blocks. We are doing a much better job of reading through the net to

adjust to what their hitters are showing us than we did earlier in the season.”

Beckman’s leaders against Anamosa were: serving — Shea Steffen 20-of-20, Mia Maiers 8-of-8, Shelby Pirc 7-of-7, Elizabeth Kerper 3-of-3, Lexie Hogan 15-of-16, Jenna Lansing 10-of-12; aces — Lansing seven, Steffen four, Pirc two, Hogan and Maiers one; blocks — Alli Scherbring four, Steffen and Pirc three, Osterhaus two, Lansing one; digs — Hogan 20, Osterhaus 15, Lansing and Nicole Goedken seven, Maiers three, Maddie Schmitz two, Scherbring, Kerper and Pirc one; kills — Lansing and Scherbring nine, Osterhaus seven, Pirc four, Hogan, Kerper and Steffen one; assists — Steffen 24, Hogan and Pirc one.

The Blazers move to the tournament portion of their season with the River Valley Conference test Oct. 13 at Northeast. Oct. 19 they begin Class 2A regional play against the Rebels of Northeast at home.

Bobcats win Valley Division title

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Western Dubuque sewed up the Mississippi Valley Conference Valley Division regular season title with a 3-1 win over Hempstead, in front of a nearly packed house on senior night, in Epworth, Oct. 4.

It was another typically tough MVC match for the Bobcats, who finished 7-0 in the conference and 19-5 overall, as Hempstead fell to 7-16.

“I think we’re going to get a few of these tough matches in the conference tournament,” said coach Megan Scherrman. “We’re just waiting for pairings to come out to see what our fate holds, but until then, we just work to get better every day. That’s our job right now.

“Whatever it takes, we get it done. We struggled a little this weekend, and that was our conversation. Hold each other accountable and do our jobs. That was what our practice was about yesterday, and I thought they did a good job of executing that today.”

The Bobcats took set one in a 25-14 run-away. It was the Erica Ernzen show early, as the 5’4 senior’s fourth kill gave Western Dubuque an 8-2 lead. It was 13-4 after a nice stretch of play by the Bobcats that included two Franny Heiberger kills, a Libby Lansing ace, and scores by Ally Reuter and Hailey Wulfekuhle.

After Hempstead made a run to get within 14-8, setter Ava Demmer found Wulfekuhle, Erica Ernzen and Lansing before Ella Meyer put WD up 18-8 with an ace serve. Four Mustang service errors and a ball handling error saw the Bobcats at set point, and Heiberger’s kill ended game one.

Hempstead opened set two with plenty of energy, and led 9-6 before Demmer scored on a nice dump kill and another Heiberger kill. An Isabel Ernzen ace and Erica Ernzen’s tip kill followed by a Wulfekule score capped a 6-1 run to give WD a 12-10 lead.

Both teams struggled with service errors mid set, and it was 18-16 before Demmer and Reuter paired up twice on quick kills to give the Bobcats a 21-16 advantage. After a time out, the Mustangs scored twice to narrow the gap, but it was a Heiberger, Isabel Ernzen and Erica Ernzen encore to move to set point, and Hempstead’s fifth service error of the set ended things at 25-19.

A pair of Meyer ace serves, a Lansing quick kill and block put the Bobcats up 6-0 to open set three, and it looked like it would be an early dismissal for Hempstead. But the Mustangs had other ideas, and finally evened things up at 14-14.

Wulfekule’s ace and another Lansing quick got WD back on track to lead 17-15, but three consecutive ace serves by Hempstead’s Dani Kurth capped a 4-0 run to put Hempstead up 19-17. Erica Ernzen’s ace, three Lansing kills and a Reuter quick regained the lead at 23-22, but the Mustangs



Don Zieser • Staff Photo
Western Dubuque’s Franny Heiberger attacks during the Bobcats 3-1 MVC win over Hempstead, Oct. 4.

scored the final three points to grab a 25-23 set win.

If there was any doubt in the minds of the Western Dubuque faithful, the Bobcats put that to rest pretty quickly in set four. Two of Freiberger’s seven kills in the set put WD up 7-2, and it was just a formality from that point on.

Demmer, Reuter and Lansing found the right combination in the middle for a 19-10 lead, and Heiberger scored kills for the final three points in a 25-14 win.

Demmer was on target all night, with 51 assists, as the Bobcats hit .437 on the night, and all five hitters had at least eight kills.

“Hempstead definitely watched some film. They were on Hailey on the right side, and they should have been,” said Scherrman. “I was proud of our outsiders for stepping up in that situation when Hailey was getting that double block on her.”

Western Dubuque’s statistical leaders against Hempstead were: kills — Heiberger 14, Lansing 13, Reuter and Wulfekuhle 10, Erica Ernzen eight, Demmer two; assists — Demmer 51, Meyer three, Reuter and Wulfekuhle one; digs — Meyer 41, Er-

ica Ernzen 15, Isabel Ernzen 10, Demmer and Brynn Walters seven, Wulfekuhle two, Reuter and Heiberger one; blocks — Erica Ernzen and Lansing one; ace serves — Meyer three, Isabel Ernzen two, Demmer, Lansing and Wulfekuhle one; serving efficiency — Demmer 21-of-21, Wulfekuhle 14-of-15, Meyer 17-of-19, Isabel Ernzen 10-of-11, Erica Ernzen 15-of-17, Lansing 10-of-13; team serving — 87-of-96 (90.6%).

Western Dubuque won 3-of-5 matches in a six-team round robin tournament hosted by Cedar Rapids Prairie, Oct. 8.

The Bobcats picked up wins over Southeast Polk (21-14, 21-15), Class 2A, No. 12 Wilton (21-11, 21-15) and West Branch (21-13, 12-21, 15-11). Class 5A, No. 8 Johnston defeated WD (23-21, 21-14) and Prairie took a 2-1 win over the Bobcats (21-16, 19-21, 15-12).

Western Dubuque’s statistical leaders at Prairie were: kills — Lansing 31, Heiberger, Wulfekuhle and Erica Ernzen 26; assists — Demmer 94; digs — Meyer 62, Demmer and Erica Ernzen 23; blocks — Lansing 13, Heiberger seven, Reuter, Demmer and Wulfekuhle four.

BOBCATS: A competitive meet CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2B

Washington 13th (390), Cedar Rapids Jefferson 14th (417) and Cedar Rapids Xavier 15th (437).

Alyssa Klein raced her way to a 12th-place finish in 19:36 in the varsity girls’ race.

“I thought she ran extremely well,” Digmann said of Klein’s finish. “When you look at the fact that eight of the top-12 places came out of Dubuque county, including all the top-five finishes, it gets even more impressive. Hempstead and (Dubuque) Senior are for real, and she was ahead of Hempstead’s No. 5 and in the middle of the Senior group. She continues to run well, and I hope she can finish the season in Fort Dodge.”

Bella Meyers 61st (20:50), Paige Koetz 93rd (22:46), Carson Koerperich 100th

(23:15) and CeCe Smith 111th (24:52) rounded out the WD counting five. Kylie Nauman finished 113th (25:58).

“We competed well. It’s tough to place well in a meet this competitive and a meet this big. We need to keep focusing on the 3A teams in the field and make sure we can get to their level in the next couple of weeks,” Digmann said.

Hempstead won the MVC girls’ title in dominating fashion with 24 points. Dubuque Senior was second (57), Cedar Falls third (125), Linn-Mar fourth (126), Cedar Rapids Prairie fifth (127), Iowa City, City High sixth (163), Iowa City West seventh (167), Iowa City Liberty eighth (260), Cedar Rapids Kennedy ninth (278), Cedar Rapids Xavier 10th (288), Cedar Rapids Washington 11th (291), Wahlert 12th (310),

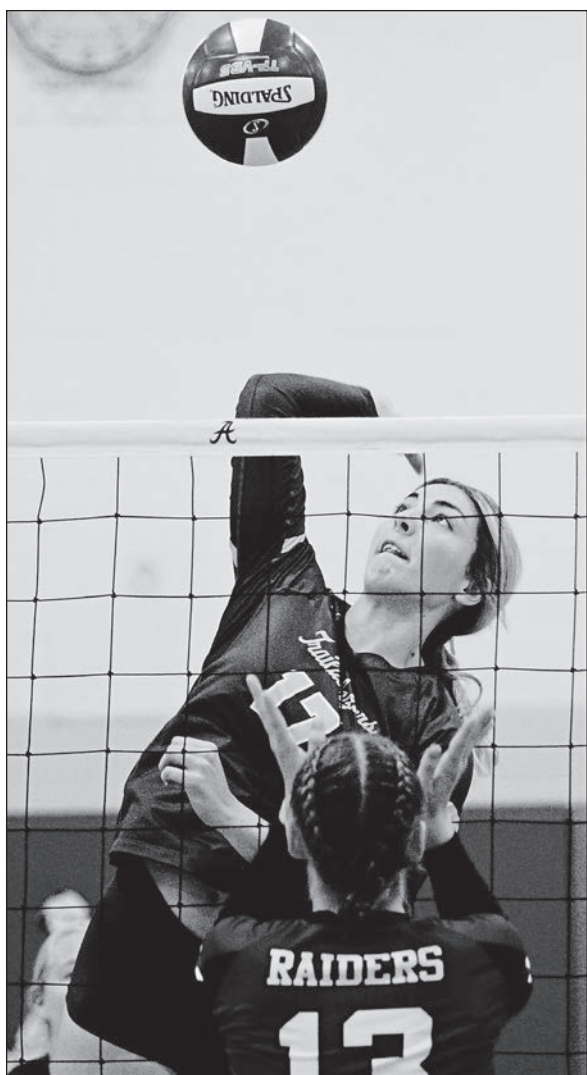
Western Dubuque 13th (327) and Cedar Rapids Jefferson 14th (426).

In the junior varsity girls’ race, Teagan Kelchen was 99th (30:36), and Cambrie Pitz 102nd (30:43).

Jackson Doyle was 83rd in the boys’ junior varsity race in 19:55. Tyler Bedtka was 86th (20:00), Jamarious Lucius 103rd (20:30) and Nathan Casey 124th (21:39).

Katy Brunsmann was 34th in the girls’ freshmen/sophomore race in 24:19. Julia Adamson was 54th (25:37), Naomi Schlueter 67th (27:07) and Rachel Castro 71st (27:17).

In the boys’ freshmen/sophomore race, Kolt Pace placed 101st (20:38), Charlie Zimmerman 134th (21:50), Brayden Eberling 163rd (23:45) and Jake Boge 168th (24:26).



Daryl Schepanski • Staff Photo
Shelby Pirc goes up for an attack against Anamosa.

Wildcats defeat Pirates on Senior Night



Haley Ronnebaum battles at the net against Alburnett's Alivia Miller.

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Two similar matches for Maquoketa Valley ended with two very different results as the Wildcats defeated Alburnett at home on Senior Night, Oct. 6. After falling to the Pirates in the first game, 25-22, Maquoketa Valley won the next three, 25-5, 25-15, 25-21.

In the opening game, the Wildcats never led as Alburnett jumped out to a 12-3 lead. Maquoketa Valley got within 23-22 before the Pirates scored the final two points.

Maquoketa Valley won decisively in game two, scoring the final 13 points in the match after leading 12-5.

The Wildcats led 9-3 in the third game, before Alburnett got within two at 9-7. But Maquoketa Valley extended their lead to 18-8 on their way to the win.

The fourth game was a back-and-forth affair, with the game tied 19-19 before Alburnett took a 21-19 lead. But the Wildcats forged a 21-21 tie before a kill by Leah Reicher, two kills by Grace Richter and a block by Reicher gave the Wildcats the win.

Richter and Lanni Beaman led the way with 13 kills, followed by Haley Ronnebaum with nine, Reicher six, Kennedy Rausch five, Alexis Halverson three, Jada Knipper and Kaya Knipper one.

Rausch dished out 37 assists, Keira Leytem six, Lili Bauers five, Jada Knipper, Lily Huber, Ronnebaum and Richter one.

The Wildcats ended with 11 blocks, four by Richter, three by Ronnebaum, two by Halverson and one by Beaman and Richter. Bauers led with 20 digs, with Jada Knipper and Leytem adding seven, Rausch six, Richter four, Ronnebaum three, Beaman, and Halverson two and Huber and Reicher one.

Maquoketa Valley went 92-of-94 serving, with Bauers 20-of-20 (two aces) Jada Knipper 18-of-18, Ronnebaum 17-of-17, Richter 12-of-12 (two aces), Rausch 11-of-11, Huber 4-of-4, Halverson 7-of-8 (two aces) and Leytem 3-of-4.

"Overall, I was happy with the girls," said coach Abby DeGroot. "We had multiple hitters with double-digit kills. We made a game time switch on a line up change and I was very proud of the girls rolling with it and getting the job done



Grace Richter delivers a kill against Alburnett.

in the next three games."

The Wildcats lost at East Buchanan Oct. 4, taking the first game 25-17, before losing the next three 26-24, 25-13, 25-20.

Haley Ronnebaum led with 10 kills, with Richter having seven, Beaman three, Bianka Ronnebaum, Halverson and Reicher two, Leytem and Rausch one.

Leytem led with 16 assists, Rausch seven, Kelsey Hoeger two, Bauers, Bianka Ronnebaum and Halverson one.

Haley Ronnebaum and Halverson had three blocks, Bianka Ronnebaum, Reicher and Rausch one. Bauers had 18 digs, Bianka Ronnebaum 11, Rausch seven, Huber six, Jada Knipper four, Haley Ronnebaum three, Beaman two and Hoeger and Halverson one.

Bianka Ronnebaum was 8-of-8 serving, Haley Ronnebaum 20-of-22 (two aces), Rausch 12-of-13 (one ace), Bauers 10-of-13, Richter 8-of-10 (three aces), Jada Knipper 5-of-8 (one ace), Hoeger 3-of-3, Huber and Leytem 2-of-2, Halverson 1-of-1, Beaman 1-of-2.

"We did not go out and attack," said DeGroot. "East Buchanan did a good job and kept swinging. We started to tip and not put the ball down. We missed a lot of serves, just giving away free points. We have to work together and do the job each night to win."

Blazers fall to Sumner-Fredericksburg

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Beckman Catholic's football Blazers took the early lead on a Nick Wulfekuhle run of 73 yards but couldn't keep it, falling Oct. 7 at home to Sumner-Fredericksburg, 38-7.

Early in the second quarter, Trent Arens was stuffed in the end zone on a punt attempt for a safety, making it 7-2 and, a little over a minute later, S-F's leading running back Noah Henderson gained 44 of his night's 178 yards to score, making it 9-7. They didn't look back.

Sumner-Fredericksburg scored again, just before halftime, with a quarterback pass to Trace Meyer, one of only four they completed on the night, to lead 16-7 at the break. The Cougars used a running game to stifle the Blazers, with five different rushers gaining over 20 yards. They totaled 353 to the Blazers' 120 rushing yards.

For the Blazers, it was all downhill from there. Sumner-Fredericksburg scored in the third on another blocked punt and then added two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Coach Mark Atwater ex-



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Eli Kluesner gains yards for the Blazers earlier this season against Postville. He had 71 receiving yards against Sumner-Fredericksburg.

plained, "We really struggled to get any sort of hold on their rushing game. We couldn't get the stops we needed and they really got their game going.

"Offensively we just couldn't keep TJ (Thier) upright to give him opportunities to make plays. They

brought a lot of pressure and had a great plan for us up front.

"We need to continue to improve and try to build for the future of the program.

Everyone knows we are in a tough spot right now but that can't be our excuse. We need to have a great week of prep

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HEAD COACH

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Beckman's statistical leaders were: passing — TJ Thier 7-of-17 for 91 yards, one INT; receiving — Eli Kluesner 4-for-71, Michael Dinan 2-for-16, Luke Schieltz 1-for-4; rushing — Wulfekuhle 11-for-93, one TD, Schieltz 3-for-27, Isaac Burlage 4-for-16, Arens 1-for-(-1), Thier 4-for-(-15); tackles — Wulfekuhle 10.5 (six solo), Luke Harwick 7.5 (seven), Burlage seven (three), Joe Engler 6.5 (five), Arens six (two), Morgan Schulte 5.5 (three), Benton Boge and Tanner Ostwinkle four (three), Kluesner three (one), Schieltz 2.5 (two), Thier and Evan Domeyer one (one), Erik Boge and Cole Hirsch .5; punts — Arens 3-for-75; kickoff returns — Kluesner 1-for-8, Boge 1-for 3.

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Blazer swimmers help Wahlert win

BY BEC WILLENBORG
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Wahlert swimmers conquered the Dubuque Senior swim team Oct. 4, 99-76, to end their dual season at 5-2.

The Wahlert girls won eight of 12 events and Blazers contributed to those wins. Kelly Snyder was a member of the winning 200-medley (1:58.60) and the 200-free (1:51.02). She also won the individual 100-breaststroke in 1:16.96 and came in second in the 200-IM (2:32.17).

Jessie Then took third in

both the 200-IM (2:34.82) and the 500-free (6:18.23). She was part of the second-place 400-free team (4:01.02) and the third-place 200-medley B (2:11.84).

Mary McKean also joined the third-place 200-medley B and took sixth in both the 50-free (30.03) and the 100-free (1:08.04).

Judith Williams was on the 200-free B team that came in third (2:03.49) and won the JV 50-free (31.20) as well as placed third in the JV 100-free (1:12.48).

Betsy Halligan took third in the JV 200-IM (3:21.58) and

first in the JV 100-breaststroke (1:42.78).

Coach Emily Snyder added, "This was an exciting intra-city dual meet where we had a lot of great swims and many close races.

"The swimmers have been working hard both in and out of the pool with lifting and dry-land. We are coming into the taper portion of the season where we rest, focus on technique and get the girls to the fast championship part of the season. Our next meet is the City Championship Oct. 18 at the Loras College San Jose Pool."



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Jessie Then swims the 200-yard individual medley during Wahlert's swim meet against Dubuque Senior at San Jose Pool at Loras College, Oct. 4.

Bobcat boys take second at West Delaware

WD girls are 10th

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Western Dubuque's boys' cross country team raced its way to a second-place finish at the West Delaware Invitational at Hart Ridge Golf Course, Oct. 4.

Isaiah Hammerand led WD around the course with a second-place finish in 16:02. Quentin Naumann sixth (16:32), Derek Fangman 11th (16:51), Drew Meyer 18th (17:12) and Brody Staner 52nd (18:04) rounded out the counting five. Levi Meyer was 63rd (18:22) and Preston Kremers 98th (19:03).

"It was a little good news/bad news for the boys," Digmann said. "I didn't think we ran particularly well, but the effort was still good enough for a runner-up finish to Marion. I was hoping we'd be a little closer to them, but at the end of the day, we competed with everything we had on Tuesday and that was the best they could give on that day. We'll be OK."

Marion won the boys' team title with 50 points. Western Dubuque was second (89), Tipton third (118), Mount Vernon-Lisbon fourth (176), Center Point-Urbana fifth (185), Vinton-Shellsburg sixth (193), Oelwein seventh (231), Waverly-Shell Rock eighth (244), Anamosa ninth (248), Cascade 10th (252), Clear Lake 11th (254), Bellevue 12th (302), West Delaware 13th (316), Jesup 14th (407), Maquoketa Valley 15th (413), Springville 16th (447), Cedar Rapids Xavier 17th (448), Starmont-West Central 18th (495), East Buchanan 19th (508), North Fayette Valley 20th (510), Beckman 21st (510), Independence 22nd (586) and Alburnett 23rd (636).

Alyssa Klein led the Bobcats with a ninth-place finish in 20:09. Bella Meyers 33rd (21:25), Carson Koerperich 64th (22:40), Paige Koetz 72nd (22:54) and Isabella Graber 80th (23:16) rounded out the scoring five.



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Carson Koerperich keeps her focus during the West Delaware Invitational.

CeCe Smith was 109th (24:55).

"We're continuing to get better. Paige broke 23 for the first time in her career. Isabella ran her first varsity meet coming off injury and Alyssa continues to run well up front. I don't know if there's enough time left in the season to get where we want to be, but they're working hard to get there," Digmann said.

Center Point-Urbana earned the girls' team title with 88 points. Clear Lake was second (100), Mount Vernon-Lisbon third (103), Tipton fourth (106), Beckman fifth (154), Marion sixth (176), Waverly-Shell Rock seventh (202), Jesup eighth (220), Cedar Rapids Xavier ninth (237), Western Dubuque 10th (242), North Fayette Valley 11th (252), Cascade 12th (276), West Delaware 13th (285), Anamosa 14th (264), Oelwein 15th (422),

Bellevue 16th (479), Alburnett 17th (512), Vinton-Shellsburg 18th (516), Starmont-West Central 19th (557) and East Buchanan 20th (569).

WD earned a sixth-place team finish in the junior varsity boys' competition. There were 18 complete teams. Thomas Blair finished 16th (19:17), Coy Messer 17th (19:19), Jimmy Hoover 18th (19:21), Kevin Landa 41st (20:11), JT Lucius 62nd (20:45), Kolt Pace 72nd (21:00), Charlie Zimmerman 91st (21:25) and Jackson Doyle 101st (21:36).

The Bobcats placed 10th of 13 complete teams in the junior varsity girls' competition. Katy Brunsmann led WD with a 19th-place finish in 23:37. Julia Adamson was 66th (25:55), Naomi Schlueter 77th (26:28), Rachel Castro 83rd (26:49), Teagan Kelchen 128th (31:30) and Cambrie Pitz 130th (31:49).

Wildcats complete two-meet week

BY BETH LUTGEN
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Maquoketa Valley opened cross country action last week at Hart Ridge Golf Course for the West Delaware Invitational, Oct. 4.

"We performed quite well," coach Pat Meehan said. "Most ran close to their best times, if not their best times. The improvement in performances are coming at the right time. The conference meet is (this) week, and the following week the state-qualifying meet takes place. We are looking to finish the season strong."

The Wildcat varsity boys' finished 15th as a team. Matthew Schaul led MV with a 24th-place finish in 17:22. George Livingston 46th (17:57), Arion Rave 79th (18:37), Toby Grimm 127th (20:01) and Brady Eike 146th (20:50) rounded out the scoring five. Kenyon Baker was 148th (20:56).

Marion won the boys' team title with 50 points. Western Dubuque was second (89), Tipton third (118), Mount Vernon-Lisbon fourth (176), Center Point-Urbana fifth (185), Vinton-Shellsburg sixth (193), Oelwein seventh (231), Waverly-Shell Rock eighth (244), Anamosa ninth (248), Cascade 10th (252), Clear Lake 11th (254), Bellevue 12th (302), West Delaware 13th (316), Jesup 14th (407), Maquoketa Valley 15th (413), Springville 16th (447), Cedar Rapids Xavier 17th (448), Starmont-West Central 18th (495), East Buchanan 19th (508), North Fayette Valley 20th (510), Beckman 21st (510), Independence 22nd (586) and Alburnett 23rd (636).

In the varsity girls' race, Taryn Burbridge placed 14th (20:35) and Isabel Imler 88th (23:34).

Allison Hogan was 81st in the junior varsity girls' race (26:43). McKenna Bush placed 108th (28:25) and Keely Recker 124th (30:44).

At the middle school race at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, Jayden Schwandt finished in 15:03 in the eighth-grade boys' race.

Owen Smith finished in 16:07 in the seventh-grade boys' race and Henry Livingston 29:59.

In the seventh-grade girls' race, Audra Burbridge won the individual title in 13:00. Taylor Salow finished in 14:24, Breanna Bush 15:38 and Rylee Reed 19:49.

Sellah Ambundo finished in 18:27 in the eighth-grade girls' race.

The Wildcats closed out the week at the North Linn Invitational, Oct. 8, where the varsity boys placed 12th.

Schaul led the Wildcats with a 20th-place finish in 17:05. Livingston 43rd (17:57), Rave 58th (18:31), Grimm 84th (19:44) and Baker 92nd (20:14) rounded out the scoring five. Eike was 94th (20:30).

Marion won the boys' team title with 73 points. Solon was second (81), Tipton third (120), Grundy Center/Gladbrook-Reinbeck fourth (124), Iowa City Regina fifth (127), Vinton-Shellsburg sixth (129), Washington seventh (134), Williamsburg eighth (172), North Linn ninth (267), Benton Community 10th (278), Starmont-West Central 11th (292), MV 12th (293), Hudson 13th (332), Alburnett 14th (393) and Independence 15th (433).

In the junior varsity girls' race, Hogan placed 58th (26:03) and McKenna Bush 67th (26:51).



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Isabel Imler takes over a runner.



Matthew Schaul keeps his eyes up as he navigates his next move at the West Delaware Invitational.

MV finished fourth of five complete teams in the middle school girls' race. Audra Burbridge recorded another individual title in 13:04. Salow was 12th (15:00), Breanna Bush 29th (16:37), Ambundo 36th (17:48) and Reed 42nd (19:44).

In the middle school boys' race, Schwandt finished 43rd (15:43) and Smith 44th (15:52).

"It was a successful meet in that most athletes ran close to their best times or their best times of the year," Meehan said.

Wildcats clinch playoff spot with win over Starmont

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Maquoketa Valley's football team clinched a spot in the playoffs with its 38-24 win at Starmont Oct. 7. The Wildcats can finish no worse than fourth in their district.

The Wildcats and Stars fought to a 12-all tie in the first quarter. Then the Wildcats took over and reeled off 18 unanswered points by halftime, leading 30-12 at the break. Lance McShane went over the 1000-yard mark in the game, running for 235 yards on 35 carries.

The Stars closed the gap slightly in the third quarter with a touchdown but the Wildcats matched it in the fourth, getting a touchdown and two-point conversion to negate a late Starmont score.

Coach Trevor Arnold was pleased. "This was a homecoming third win in a row for us. When you are coming off a 1-7 season (2021) and people outside the program have low expectations, you tend to be on everyone's list of homecoming opponents.

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"Offensively, we moved the ball all night. Lance had a monster night, even returned an interception 43 yards for a score at the end of the first half. Despite his collecting most of our yards, everyone has a role in the offense and, in order for us to move the ball, everyone has to do their job.

"Up front we were able to expose Starmont over playing our strong side and we came back with counter which was a big play all night for us and has been all year. We put pressure on their quarterback all night and ended with 11 tackles for loss. Despite giving up three big plays for Stars' touchdowns (72, 61, 40 yards) and the interception return for score, they didn't get much going offensively.

"Our youth and lack of discipline on a few plays allowed for those big scores but a majority of the night we played extremely well on defense. We need to keep tightening the screws there so we can defeat a really good

North Linn team this Friday and the (teams) the weeks after in the playoffs.

"At this point, we still haven't played a complete game for four quarters. We have some games where we have played really well for stretches but there have been times where we are our own worst enemy. We need to avoid those things going forward because every team we play the rest of the way will expose us if we do."

Individual stats include: passing — TJ Cook 4-of-16 for 80 yards and one TD, one INT; receivers — McShane 3-for-48, two TDs, Brady Wall 1-for-32; rushing — McShane 35-for-235, Cook 3-for-13, Taten Intorf 2-for-7; tackles — McShane 4.5 (four solo), Wall and Aidan Salow 4.5 (three), Carter Klaren and Devin Meeks three (two), Dylan Knipper 2.5 (two), Lukas Chesnut two (two), Anderson Holtz, Ford Domeyer and Nathan Beitz one (one); recovered fumble — Beitz; interceptions — Wall and McShane; kicking — Beitz 6-for-138; punts — Beitz 4-for-135; two-point conversions — Intorf, Cook, Klaren, McShane.

The Junior Varsity Report

Young Blazers race at West Delaware

Running in the West Delaware Cross Country Invitational at the Delaware County Fairgrounds Oct. 4, several Beckman Blazers finished well.

In the girls' seventh-grade race, Miya Pitz came in fifth (13:46) and Sienna Rahe sixth (13:47). Kate Goerdt was 31st (15:26), Eleanor Brehm 34th (15:30) and Paige Osterhaus 35th (15:31).

Running in the eighth-grade girls race was Autumn Domeyer, who finished 24th (14:17).

Racing for the seventh-grade boys, Nathan Schlarmann finished 24th (13:23) and Hayden Heisler 44th (14:12).

Seventh-grade Blazers split

Ending their schedule of September matches, the Beckman seventh-grade girls split two matches.

The Blazers fell to Cascade Aquin Sept. 26, 21-16, 21-16, 15-2, before rebounding Sept. 29 against Bellevue, 21-9, 21-16, 15-4.

Against Aquin, the individual stats were: aces — Jenna Sperflage six, Taylor Luensmann five, Shea Fangman four, Brianna Blush, Maggie Cassidy and Anna Hoeger three, Aubrey Brunsmann, Vivienne Rahe, Lauren Recker and Ava Scherbring two, Addy Coohey and Reese Reitzler one; kills — Cassidy and Luensmann three, Hoeger two, Blush, Coohey, Fangman, Rahe, Reitzler, Scherbring, Hannah Heiderscheid and Melissa Simon one; blocks — Blush two, Cassidy, Fangman, Hoeger, Luensmann, Recker and Scherbring one; assists — Rheanne Bollweg three, Brunsmann, Fangman, Recker, Sperflage and Brynn Burlage

two, Hoeger, Reitzler and Scherbring one.

Against Bellevue three days later, the win included the following individual stats: aces — Burlage 10, Sperflage eight, Reitzler, Hoeger and Fangman seven, Recker six, Scherbring and Cassidy five, Simon, Luensmann, Brunsmann and Blush two, Bollweg, Rahe and Nova Patzner one; kills — Blush seven, Sperflage six, Reitzler and Cassidy five, Recker and Luensmann three, Hoeger two, Bollweg, Brunsmann, Burlage, Coohey, and Rahe one; assists — Blush, Cassidy and Reitzler five, Recker and Sperflage three, Simon, Heiderscheid, Fangman, Coohey, Burlage and Brunsmann two, Bollweg, Hoeger, Luensmann, Patzner and Julianna Venegas one.

Young Blazers fall to Wilton

When Jack Wessels scored in the second half on an end-around run of 57 yards, the Beckman Catholic junior high Blazers averted a shutout to Wilton, Oct. 4, 48-6, at Wilton.

The Blazers struggled to gain yards in the game. "In the first half, we had six positive yardage plays and 11 with zero or negative yards," said co-coach John McGuire. The Wessels TD was set up by a 24-yard kick return from Tate Ries to the 43, giving them good field position.

They began the game with an inside kick from Mason Smith that was recovered by Luke Kruse at the 50. They gained a couple of yards on a Smith run but the Beavers held firm and a high snap stifled the Blazer series at their own 33. The Beavers took over and scored on the next play to begin their romp.

Individual stats include: rushing — Wessels 6-for-72, Smith 4-for-23, Ries 5-for-36; punts — Colton Burkle 2-for-60,

Ries 1-for-35; kickoffs — Smith one inside, 1-for-40; kick returns — Ries 2-for-74, Wessels 2-for-46, Chase Koelker 1-for-18; defensive — Ries seven tackles, Smith five, Wessels three, Burkle and Nolan Pike two, Kruse, Isaac Geistkemper, Ian Deutmeyer, Eli Recker, Colin Engelken and Peyton Schmitz one; fumble recovery — Wessels.

JV Blazers knock off Sumner-Fredericksburg

Beckman's junior varsity football team played a two-quarter contest against Sumner-Fredericksburg Oct. 7 at home and won, 9-7.

Both of their scores came in the second frame, the first on a Dylan Recker pass to Chase White for 12 yards with 4:09 left. Julian Kramer made the PAT, then stuffed S-F's quarterback Kinnick Gordon in the endzone for a safety a minute later, making it 9-0.

The Blazer defense held S-F to a -12 total yards on 11 plays, while the Blazers used 31 plays to tally 118 yards in the lopsided contest.

Beckman's leaders were: passing — Carter White 4-of-8 for 26 yards, Recker 1-of-1 for 12, one TD; receivers — Chase White 3-for-34, Cody Hageman 1-for-8, Recker 1-for-(-1); rushing — Carter White 6-for-30, Isaac Burlage 8-for-22, Ethan Gaul 5-for-17, Chase White 1-for-8, Recker 2-for-3; tackles — Erik Boge two (two solo), Hageman two (one), Kramer 1.5 (one), Carter White, Derek Hoeger, Cole Hirsch one (one), Ethan Gaul one, Shawn Brunsmann, Aidan Womer and Shane Deutmeyer 5; punting — Hageman 1-for-25; punt return — Chase White 1-for-1; kick return — Burlage 1-for-5.

The Final Score

BOWLING

THIS WEEK IN BOWLING

Men's high game: TJ Sauser 289; Andy Foxen 278, 246, 222; Al Becker 242, 235; Tyler Engelken 240; Cory Deutmeyer 236; Ron Jasper 235, 226; Todd Bildstein 227; Paul Oberbroeckling 225; Riley LeGrand 223; Gary Portz 222; Randy McAllister 222; Scot Mescher 221; Cory Schuster 220.

Men's high series: Andy Foxen 716, 632; TJ Sauser 655; Scot Mescher 645; Cory Deutmeyer 641; Ron Jasper 639, 614; Mark Feldman 625; Tyler Engelken 615; Al Becker 611; Terry Recker 600.

CLASSIC LEAGUE - 9/27

Bill's Tap 86 34
Fidelity Bank & Trust 72.5 47.5
Dirty Ernie's 66.5 53.5
Fangmann's 65 55
Meat & Potatoes 59 61
Managed Solutions Group 50 70
J.P. Scherrman's 44 76
The Cobra Strikes 37 83
High scores: Jeff Zapf 267, 676; Bill Rauen 258; Matt Connolly 670; Meat & Potatoes 1040; J.P. Scherrman's 2979.

CLASSIC LEAGUE - 10/4

Bill's Tap 96 54
Fidelity Bank & Trust 91.5 58.5
Dirty Ernie's 86.5 63.5
Fangmann's 74 76
Managed Solutions Group 71 76
Meat & Potatoes 69 81
J.P. Scherrman's 64 86
The Cobra Strikes 48 102
High scores: Dick Specht 279, 691; Russ Kramer 269, 727; J.P. Scherrman's 1059, 3068.

JEFF'S AUTO SERVICE

Portz Pro Shop 93 57
Engler/Oberbroeckling Insurance 82 68
Victory Ford 79.5 70.5
Link Truck Line 77 73
7 Hills West 74.5 75.5
Animal Health International 68.5 81.5
Citizen State Bank 66.5 83.5
High scores: TJ Sauser 289, 655; Engler/Oberbroeckling Ins. 994, 2858.

KC PINSHAKERS

Friedlein-Benn 8 4
Klostermann-Kress 8 4
Klostermann-Oberbroeckling 7 5
Elgin-Torrance 6 6
Shaull-Krapfl 6 6
Holst-Kern 1 11
High scores: Fred Benn 247, 669; Tanya Kress 149, 379; Friedlein-Benn 704, 1900.

MERCHANTS LEAGUE - 9/29

Sadler Power Train 79 41
Neyen Feed-N-Seed 77 43
Cobra Lanes 66 54
Tumbleweeds, Inc. 64.5 55.5
Stick'um Tackle 61 59
Wanna See My Becker 60 60
McGrath 40 80
Funnigan's 32.5 87.5
High scores: Al Heiberger 289, 762; Kody Klein 280; Keith Neyen 725; Neyen Feed-N-Seed 1113, 3061.

CROSS COUNTRY

IATC RANKINGS - 10/4

Boys 3A - 1. Pella, 2. North Polk, 3. Marion, 4. Winterset, 5. Western Dubuque, 6. Gilbert, 7. Glenwood, 8. Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 9. Carlisle, 10. Solon, 11. Lewis Central, 12. Clear Creek Amana, 13. Washington, 14. ADM, 15. MOC Floyd Valley, 16. CPU, 17. South Tama, 18. Sioux Center, 19. Decorah, 20. Vinton-Shellsburg.

Boys 2A - 1. Des Moines Christian, 2. Danville-New London, 3. Tipton, 4. Waukon, 5. Okoboji, 6. Oelwein, 7. Grundy Center-Gladbrook-Reinbeck, 8. Denver, 9. Monticello, 10. Pella Christian, 11. Mid-Prairie, 12. Forest City, 13. Western Christian, 14. Unity Christian, 15. Anamosa, 16. Williamsburg, 17. Mediapolis, 18. New Hampton, 19. Chariton, 20. Clarinda.

Boys 1A - 1. Iowa City Regina, 2. ACGC, 3. Woodbine, 4. Bellevue, 5. Ogden, 6. Council Bluffs St. Albert, 7. IKM, 8. Fort Dodge St. Edmond, 9. East Marshall, 10. North Linn 11. Sibley-Ocheyedan, 12. Madrid, 13. Cascade, 14. Riverside, 15. Sioux Central, 16. Lake Mills, 17. Clayton Ridge, 18. North Mahaska, 19. Columbus Community, 20. Valley Lutheran.

Girls 3A - 1. Pella, 2. Ballard, 3. Solon, 4. Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 5. ADM, 6. Gilbert, 7. Glenwood, 8. Harlan, 9. North Polk, 10. Iowa Falls- Alden/AGWSR, 11. Sioux City Bishop Heelan, 12. Washington, 13. Clear Creek-Amana, 14. Center Point-Urbana, 15. Spencer, 16. Atlantic, 17. Clear Lake, 18. MOC-Floyd Valley, 19. Wahler, 20. Sioux Center.

Girls 2A - 1. Monticello, 2. Mid-Prairie, 3. Van Meter, 4. Albia, 5. Williamsburg, 6. Tipton, 7. Denver, 8. Des Moines Christian, 9. Unity Christian, 10. Beckman Catholic, 11. Cherokee, 12. Sumner-Fredericksburg, 13. Okoboji, 14. Clarinda, 15. George-Little Rock/Central Lyon, 16. New Hampton, 17. Pella Christian, 18. Jesup, 19. Pocahontas Area, 20. Union.

Girls 1A - 1. Logan-Magnolia, 2. Earlham, 3. South Winneshiek, 4. Sibley-Ocheyedan, 5. Alta-Aurelia, 6. Pekin, 7. Hudson, 8. Fort Dodge St. Edmond, 9. ACGC, 10. Grand View Christian, 11. North Linn, 12. North Iowa, 13. Iowa City Regina, 14. Madrid, 15. Cascade, 16. Wapsie Valley, 17. IKM, 18. Woodbine, 19. Martensdale-St. Mary's, 20. Ogden.

FOOTBALL

CLASS A, DISTRICT 4

Bellevue 42, South Winneshiek 28
East Buchanan 71, Clayton Ridge 0
Maquoketa Valley 38, Starmont 24
North Linn 35, Hudson 0

CLASS 1A, DISTRICT 4

MFL MarMac 33, Cascade 20
Sumner-Fredericksburg 38, Beckman 7
Waterloo Columbus 55, Postville 0

CLASS 4A, DISTRICT 2

Marion 14, Decorah 12
Waverly-Shell Rock 52, Mason City 10
Western Dubuque 55, Waterloo East 22

BECKMAN BENCHWARMERS

WEEK 4 WINNERS

High scores: first place — Elaine Ishman, Marion, \$500, 125 points; second — Steve Willenborg, Dyersville, \$150, 124 points; third — Sharon Osterhaus, Dyersville, \$100, 123 points; fourth — Lloyd Konzen, Dyersville, \$70, 121 points; fifth place (tie) — Duane Streif, Elgin, \$45 and Gabe and Liam Jaeger, Hiawatha, \$45, 120 points; seventh — Cindy Wachendorf, Guttenberg, \$40, 119 points; eighth (tie) — Arlene Fangman, Farley, \$15 and Dan Sigwarth, Shullsburg, \$15, 118 points.

Low score: Donna Wilhelm, Dyersville, \$25, 31 points.

VOLLEYBALL

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Class 4A: 1. Cedar Rapids Xavier, 2. North Scott, 3. Marion, 4. Western Dubuque, 5. Indianola, 6. West Delaware, 7. North Polk, 8. Norwalk, 9. Bondurant-Farrar, 10. Clear Creek-Amana, 11. Lewis Central, 12. ADM, 13. Knoxville, 14. Charles City, 15. Sioux City Bishop Heelan.

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Bobcats advance to Class 4A State Meet

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Early this season, Western Dubuque coach Ben Wilson said he believed the Bobcats had the talent to be one of the best golf teams in the state.

That proved to be true, as the Bobcats fired a round of 314 to finish third in a state-qualifying meet, at Thunder Hills Country Club, Oct. 3, and earn a spot in the Class 4A State Meet, at Elmcrest Country Club, in Cedar Rapids, Oct. 7-8.

"We were up and down the whole year. We'd play well and then have a bad meet and were just kind of all over the place," said Ben Wilson. "We always knew we had the talent and just had to put it together today and honestly, we started out playing pretty poorly today. It didn't look like we were going to have a chance, but the guys really buckled down and finished strong the last six or eight holes."

Cedar Falls and Wahlert Catholic finished at 305 to advance, with Cedar Falls earning the top spot on a fifth-man tiebreaker. The Bobcats took advantage of playing on their home course to nip Mississippi Valley Conference heavyweights Linn-Mar and Cedar Rapids Prairie, who finished at 317.

Cedar Rapids Jefferson was next in a tightly grouped field with a total of 318, Iowa City Liberty was seventh (320), with Cedar Rapids Kennedy eighth (321) followed by Central DeWitt (326), Dubuque Senior (327), Hempstead (328), Mason City (348), Waterloo West (369) and Waterloo East (375).

"There were a lot of really good teams here. The field was so deep this year," Ben Wilson said. "We knew we could hang with pretty much anybody in the field and the guys just believed we could beat every team here. You just have to just put it together on one day."

Individually, Cedar Falls senior Owen Sawyer took the top spot with a round of 72, while Hempstead's Wil Sigwarth was second on a card back with a 72. Reid Hall, of Kennedy, Wahlert's Ben Dolter and Patrick Fitzgerald all finished at 74. Sigwarth and Hall are individual state meet qualifiers, as the top two players from non-qualifying teams advance.

"I'm just proud of the effort we had late. We knew it was going to be close and that we would have a chance," said Ben Wilson. "The guys know the course and wanted to come out here over the weekend and practice in the conditions we would be playing in. They knew exactly where we needed to hit it to win, and we had a plan to attack the course and attack the pins."

Tyler Skrtich led Western Dubuque scoring with a solid round of 76.

"The plan was to shoot low, get those birdies and have no big numbers on the card," he said. "I was good off the tee and hit the ball great, but the putts weren't falling. This feels great — everyone's wanted to do this and we couldn't have done this without everyone else."

Brock Wilson finished at 78, and will be playing in his second state tournament after qualifying individually last season.

"It feels great to share the experi-



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Western Dubuque's Tyler Skrtich hits toward the ninth green. He led WD with a 76.



Brock Wilson rolls a putt at Thunder Hills Country Club, Oct. 3.



Jackson Skrtich hits an approach shot during the Class 4A State-Qualifying Meet.

ence with the team. After missing by two or three strokes last year and the last few years, people didn't really expect this from us," he said. "We've been building confidence and it's just enjoyable to play our home course and make it. I scrambled around and had a lot of ups and downs for par. I hit good drives every once in a while to keep me in play."

Jackson Skrtich played well and carded a 79, while Jackson Webber's 81 was a crucial fourth score. Brayden Webber finished at 84 and the Bob-

cats' lone senior, Nolan Vaske, fired a round of 88.

"We've been struggling to get to the state tournament for four years. It seems like we always came up just short," Vaske said. "It's great we finally pushed through and made it. Our expectation was we were going to have to shoot in the 290s, but 314 got us through. At the end of the day, we snuck in for the third slot."

After sending individuals through to the state meet in recent seasons, it was all hands on deck for this year's



Nolan Vaske chips to the ninth green during the Class 4A State-Qualifying Meet.

Bobcats to qualify the entire team.

"I think it means a lot to our coach and our players," Vaske said. "When you go as a team, you can just feel the energy."

"We came really close my freshman and sophomore years and just missed by a few strokes, so this feels good," said junior Jackson Webber. "There have definitely been a few teams ahead of us throughout the year, so we finally showed up when it mattered. Obviously, it's a big advantage to play on our home course.

We're all members here, so we play here a lot."

Now it's on to Elmcrest Country Club in Cedar Rapids, the home of Masters and British Open champion Zach Johnson. The state meet is slated for Friday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 8.

"These kids are so talented. I've seen them out here playing since they were in fifth grade," Ben Wilson said. "We knew we had an opportunity to be pretty good. I'm just happy for them. It's what they've been working for."

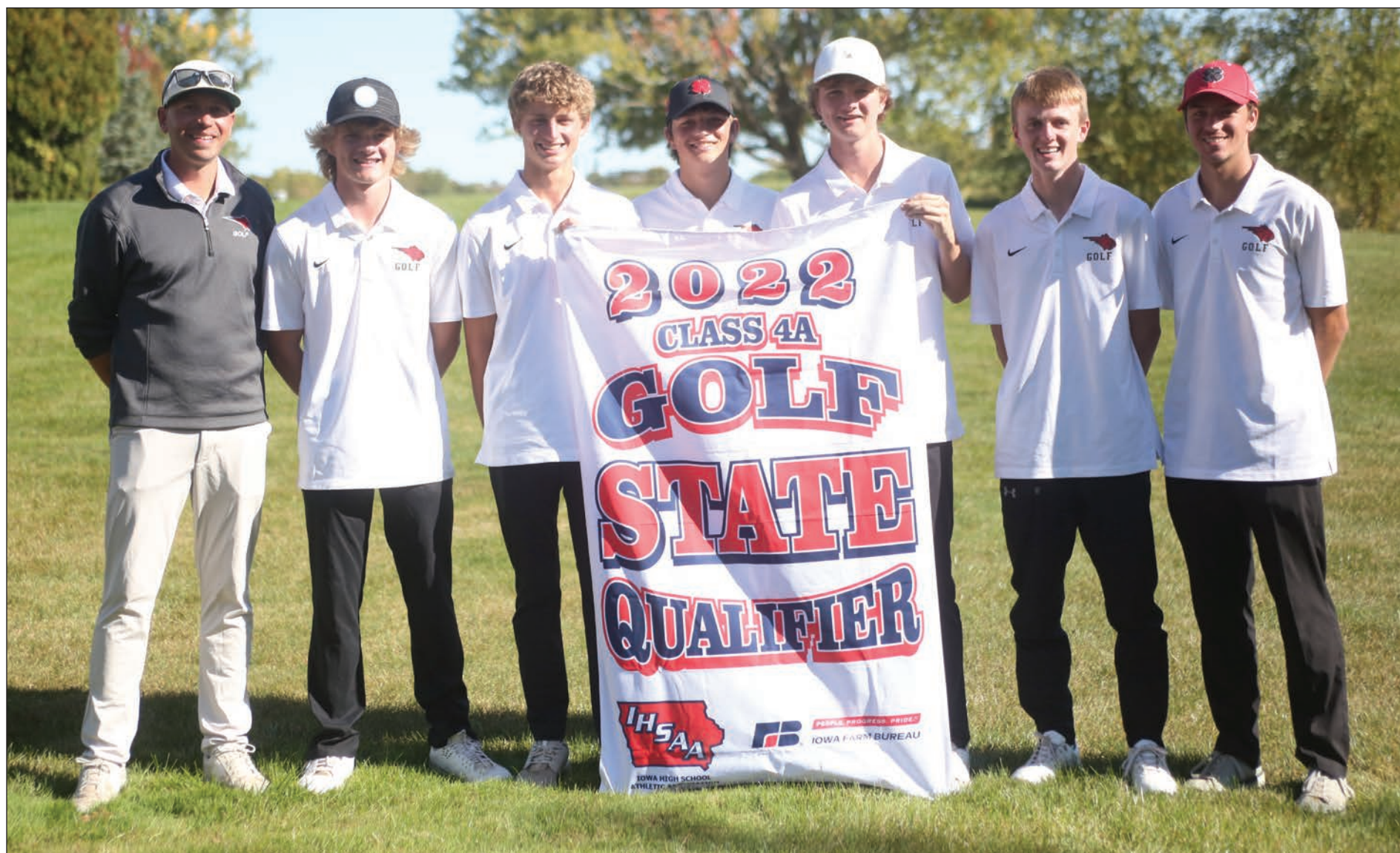
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COACH BEN WILSON

Congratulations, WD Bobcats



Class 4A State Golf Qualifiers



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Western Dubuque's Class 4A state-qualifying boys' golf team: from left, coach Ben Wilson, Brayden Webber, Nolan Vaske, Tyler Skrtich, Jackson Webber, Brock Wilson, Jackson Skrtich.



Brayden Webber chips to the pin.



Jackson Webber rolls a birdie putt during the state-qualifier.

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