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## Fourth Ranked Dogs Ground Hawks Bulldogs Take Home First Ever Division Title

-By Kim Scheitlin

The #4 Bulldogs rolled past Central Lee 54-19 on Friday, October 14, at Central Lee. The Bulldogs are now 8-0 overall and 6-0 in their division.

Mepo took less than four minutes to score against Central Lee. Holding the Hawks on their first possession of the game, the Bulldogs took the punt and starting in good field position. The Bulldogs scored on a 30-yard pass from Jesse Ertz to Taylor Zippe to put points on the scoreboard. Jacob Darbyshire's extra point attempt was good, and the Bulldogs led 7-0 with 8:19 on the clock in the first quarter.

The Hawks were forced to punt again on their next possession. A bad punt by Central Lee gave Mepo starting position on the Central Lee 44-yard line.

On second and ten, Dalton Scott rushed for nine yards to give the Bulldogs third and inches. Scott rushed for 34 more yards to set up 1<sup>st</sup> and goal on the five-yard line. Scott barreled through the Hawk's defense on the next play to score the Bulldog's second touchdown with 5:52 remaining in the first quarter, leading 14-0.

The Hawks managed a first down on their next possession, but were once again forced to punt by the stingy Bulldog defense. The punt was fumbled, however, and Central Lee took over on the Mepo 21-yard line. The Hawks scored a touchdown five plays later to make the score 14-7 with 1:32 left in the first quarter.

After the kick-off, the Bulldogs started on their own 26-yard line. On the first play of the series, Ertz connected with Darbyshire for 33 yards and moved the ball into Central Lee territory on the 41-yard line. On second and two, Ertz found Darbyshire again for 33 yards, and the Bulldogs scored their third touchdown of the first quarter. Darbyshire missed the extra point, but with 28.5 seconds on the clock in the first quarter, Mepo led 20-7.

Central Lee's offense was held on the next possession, and the Bulldogs took over on their own 48-yard line. Ertz passed to Darbyshire for 13 yards to reach Central Lee's side of the field. On the next play, Janssen rushed for another first down, then Chase Miller received a pass good for four yards, and

two rushes by Janssen gave the Bulldogs their fourth touchdown with 7:01 left in the second quarter.

After the kick-off, Central Lee's offense had to start on its own five-yard line. Three plays later, a tipped pass landed in Zippe's hands, and the Bulldogs took over on Central Lee's 18-yard line. On the next play, Ertz connected with Seth Bietz for 18 yards and another Mepo touchdown. Darbyshire's kick was good to give Mepo a 34-7 lead with 5:56 left in the first half.

Central Lee's offense managed just four yards on its next possession, and the punt took a Bulldog bounce to set Mepo up at midfield on the 50-yard line. Seven plays later, Ertz found Janssen in the endzone, and the Bulldogs had another touchdown.

Central Lee scored on a 47-yard pass to make the score 40-13 with 1:02 remaining in the half, and Mepo started its offense on its own 47-yard line. One 53-yard pass later from Ertz to Janssen made the score 47-13 at halftime.

The Bulldogs scored again when Mike Rubey recovered an endzone fumble to give Mepo a 54-



Several Central Lee defenders attempt to drag down Seth Bietz. -Photo By Kim Scheitlin

13 lead in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, the Hawks scored their final touchdown of the game to end the game 54-19.

"We played pretty well on offense in the first half. I thought our offensive line did a nice job of opening up some big holes to run through. They also did a great job of protecting

Jesse, and he was able to make plenty of plays in the passing game. Our receivers did a nice job of getting open and making plays down the field. Defensively, we played pretty well except for a few breakdowns with pass coverage. It was a good win. This was a big win for us because we were able to

clinch a district title. Our next goal is to finish up the regular season unbeaten with an outright district title," commented Coach Brian Borison. The Bulldogs play their final divisional game at home against Davis County (4-2 in the division and 6-2 overall) on Friday, October 21, at 7:30.

Score By Quarters:	1	2	3	4	Final
Mediapolis	20	27	7	0	54
Central Lee	7	6	0	6	19

**Stats:** Rushing: Janssen 5-36 (1 TD), Scott 4-45 (1 TD), Ertz 5-34, Buster 10-74, Moehle 5 for -6, Bietz 2-5. Receiving: Darbyshire 5-103 (1 TD), Janssen 3-77 (2 TD), Miller 1-4, Vorwerk 1-34, Bietz 1-18 (1 TD), Zippe 1-30 (1 TD). Passing: 12-18 for 286 yards (5 TD) (1 INT). Punting: Janssen 1 blocked. Tackles: Moehle 1, Janssen 14, Rubey 2 (1 sack), Fedoris 4, Wyss 1, Bietz 3, Armstrong 8 (1 TFL), Scott 4, Drain 5 (2 TFL), Beckman 8, Darbyshire 2, Wagenbach 1, Shadle 3, Miller 2 (1 TFL), Buster 2, Zippe 2 (1 INT for 30 yds), Ertz 1, Calvert 1 (1 sack), DeWitt 2

### Bulldogs Outdistance Competition At Central Lee Meet Dillon Timmerman Takes Individual Title

-By Kim Scheitlin

Getting its second first place finish of the season, the Bulldogs' cross country team outdistanced second place Keokuk by 18 points to take the team title on Tuesday, October 11 at Green Acres Country Club in Domellston. The girls' team finished fourth.

Two Bulldogs finished in the top ten. Dillon Timmerman got his third consecutive first place finish to lead the boys, while Caleb Hemphill finished seventh. Dayo Ajose finished 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cody McNeil was 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Koll Johnson was 32<sup>nd</sup>.

For the girls, Tayo Ajose was sixth, and four of her teammates (Allison Hedges, Emily Allen, Shannon Sisco, and Kelly Marolf) crossed the finish line at the same time to take the 29<sup>th</sup>-32<sup>nd</sup> places.

**Boys' Team Scores:** 1. Mediapolis, 85; 2. Keokuk, 103; 3. Ft. Madison, 105; 4. Van Buren, 116; 5. Illini West, 118; 6. West Hancock, 146; 7. Holy Trinity, 181; 8. Danville-New London, 188; 9. Central Lee, 222.

**Girls' Team Scores:** 1. Danville-New London, 67; 2. WMU, 86; 3. Holy Trinity, 88; 4. Mediapolis, 128; 5. Van Buren, 140; 6. West Hancock, 165. Central Lee did not have a team score.

**Times and Places:** Boys: Timmerman 17:54 (1<sup>st</sup>), Hemphill 18:55 (7<sup>th</sup>), McNeil 20:16 (23<sup>rd</sup>), Ajose 20:14 (22<sup>nd</sup>), Johnson 20:41 (32<sup>nd</sup>), Aamodt 23:49, Campbell 23:49, Keitzer 24:19. Girls: Ajose 19:20 (6<sup>th</sup>), Hedges 22:11 (30<sup>th</sup>), Allen 22:11 (29<sup>th</sup>), Sisco 22:11 (31<sup>th</sup>), Marolf 22:11 (32<sup>nd</sup>), Harris 20:04, Kelly 32:22



Cody McNeil      Koll Johnson      Sarah Carlson      Hayley Buettell      Brenton Fjeld      Garret Hinson

## Cross Country Teams Host Invitational

-By Kim Scheitlin

Years ago, the Mediapolis cross country teams hosted their own races held at Seven Ponds Park. With the development of that area, the cross country teams have been unable to hold an event of their own for several years.

Senior Holly Harris commented, "Running at a home meet was completely different. We practiced at the course a lot throughout the season, so we knew what it would be like. It was great because it was close and lots of people came to

try careers ended. The boys and girls finished in the top twenty. Dillon Timmerman picked up his fourth consecutive first place finish for the boys, Caleb Hemphill was seventh, Cody McNeil finished 12<sup>th</sup>, Dayo Ajose crossed the line in 17<sup>th</sup>, and Koll Johnson was 20<sup>th</sup>. Tayo

Ajose 19:25 (17<sup>th</sup>), pello, 80; 5. WBND, 135; 6. L&M, 161.

**Girls' Team Scores:** 1. Columbus, 42; 2. Wapello, 51; 3. L&M, 53; 4. Mediapolis, 71.

**High School Times and Places:** (Boys) Dillon Timmerman 17:39 (1<sup>st</sup>), Hemphill 18:17 (7<sup>th</sup>), McNeil 18:46 (12<sup>th</sup>), Ajose 19:25 (17<sup>th</sup>),

Jr. High Coach Dave Rude with a 14:26 time was 22<sup>nd</sup>. Savannah Bannart was first for the girls with a 12:05 time. Hayley Buettell was second with a 12:05 time, Hailey Thie finished fourth in 12:40, Emma Ritchey had a time of 15:20, and Cammie Carlson ran the race in 16:22.

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This year, that changed with the Mediapolis Invitational being held at Indian Hills Golf and Country Club on Thursday, October 13. For ten seniors, it was special to get to run in their own race right before the season and their cross coun-

support us. It was really nice to be able to do this my senior year, and hopefully it will stay on the schedule and continue to grow." The girls' team finished fourth, and the Bulldogs were second in team points. All top five runners for

Ajose raced to a third place finish for the girls, Allison Hedges was 17<sup>th</sup>, Emily Allen was 13<sup>th</sup>, Shannon Sisco finished 18<sup>th</sup>, and Kelly Marolf was 20<sup>th</sup>.  
**Boys' Team Scores:** 1. Columbus, 52; 2. Mediapolis, 57; 3. Highland, 60; 4. Wa-

Johnson 19:36 (20<sup>th</sup>), Aamodi 22:02, Campbell 21:25, Keitzer 23:32, Machholz 25:01 (**Girls**) Ajose 17:58 (3<sup>rd</sup>), Hedges 19:51 (17<sup>th</sup>), Allen 19:39 (13<sup>th</sup>), Sisco 19:58 (18<sup>th</sup>), Marolf 20:10 (20<sup>th</sup>), Harris 22:41, Kome 21:36, Carlson 21:29, Kelly 28:22

was with finishing in 11:20. Zach Gordon was 14<sup>th</sup> with a 13:07 time, followed closely by Shane Fye finishing fifteenth with a 13:08 time. Logan Staley was 17<sup>th</sup> with a 13:25 time, finishing 21<sup>st</sup> was Rylan Crews with a 14:24 time, and Journey

thanks to Indian Hills for a beautiful course to run on and Mr. Worrall for marking the course so well. Especially, thanks to all the parents for their great support of the cross country program. It's really been a successful year, a fun year."

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Kalyn Ertz and Heidi Hillyard are ready at the net during the invitational. -Photo By Kim Scheitlin



Rachel Holsteen smashes the ball against WMU for a kill. -Photo By Kim Scheitlin

## Sixth Ranked Bullettes Take Second At Mepo Invitational

-By Kim Scheitlin

With three ranked teams participating in the Mediapolis Volleyball Invitational, it promised to be an exciting evening of volleyball. Teams from Eddyville-Blakesburg, Notre Dame, #3 Holy Trinity (1A), #14 Muscatine (4A), and the #6 Bullettes (2A) played in the tournament on Thursday, October 13. The Bullettes won against Notre Dame 21-18 and 21-10, defeated Muscatine 21-10 and 21-17, beat Eddyville-Blakesburg 21-15 and 21-11, before falling to Holy Trinity 15-21 and 18-21.

Mepo's first game with Notre Dame proved to be one of the most exciting of the night. The Bullettes found themselves trailing 3-11 before a kill by Kalyn Ertz gave Mepo a side-out. Ertz had an ace serve, and teammates Jessica Holsteen and Kensley Heater added kills to get within three points 8-11. Notre Dame called a timeout, but the Bullettes scored five points after the break to take a 13-11 lead. The Nikes trailed by only one point 15-14 until a kill by Elizabeth Schulte earned Mepo a side-out. A Notre Dame kill error and a kill by J. Holsteen gave Mepo an 18-14 lead. The Bullettes went on to win game one 21-18.

Notre Dame had the first serve in game two, but a Nike error scored the first point for Mepo. A Notre Dame side-out tied the game, but a kill by J. Holsteen gave Mepo the lead, and they never lost it. The Bullettes led 9-7 when a kill error put the serve in Heater's hands. Heater had an ace serve, and Schulte, J. Holsteen and Rachel Holsteen each had one kill. Add in Notre Dame's four errors, and the Bullettes took an 18-7 lead. The Bullettes went on to win the game and match 21-10.

The #14 Muscatine Muskies took an early 1-3 lead in game one. A kill by J. Holsteen earned Mepo a side-out, and the Bullettes scored seven straight points to race out to a 9-3 lead. Muscatine could only earn side-outs the rest of the game, and Mepo took game one 21-10.

Game two was very close with Mepo leading until Muscatine took an 8-9 lead. The Bullettes responded with two kills by J. Holsteen and an ace serve by Heater to take back the lead 12-9. Muscatine kept it close, but the Bullettes won 21-17 with R. Holsteen pounding down the final point of the game and match.

The next opponent in the round robin tournament for the Bullettes was the Eddyville-Blakesburg Rockets. The score was knotted 7-7 when Heater slammed down two kills for Mepo to take a 9-7 lead. The Rockets earned a side-out on a serve error by Mepo and went on to score four points and take a 9-12 lead. The Bullettes got the serve back on a Rocket serving error and added five points to regain the lead 15-12. The Bullettes went on to win 21-15.

Mepo raced to a 4-0 lead in game two of the match. The Rockets got as close as 5-6 before the Bullettes scored six straight points to widen their lead 12-5. The Rockets scored four points of their own to tighten the score to 12-9, but Mepo went on to win game and match 21-11.

#3 Holy Trinity took the first point of game one with Mepo on a kill. Mepo tied the game 1-1 on a missed serve by the Crusaders, but Holy Trinity regained the lead and never lost it. The Bullettes trailed 10-19 before scoring five straight points and narrowing the gap to 15-19, but it wasn't enough as Holy Trinity went on to win 15-21.

In game two the Bullettes held an early lead after a kill by Ertz and Schulte 3-1. Holy Trinity regained the lead 3-4 with two Mepo errors and a kill. The game remained close until the end. With Holy Trinity leading 18-19, the Crusaders scored the final two points and won the match and the championship 18-21.

**Records:** Holy Trinity 4-0, Mediapolis 3-1, Muscatine 2-2, Eddyville-Blakesburg 1-3, Notre Dame 0-4

**Stats:** Kills: Schulte 20, Hillyard 9, J. Holsteen 18, Ertz 16, Heater 14, R. Holsteen 6 Assists: Keitzer 38, Siegle 37, R. Holsteen 3 Serving: Siegle 30-30 (1 ace), J. Holsteen 24-25 (3 aces), Keitzer 26-28 (1 ace), Heater 28-30 (5 aces), Hedges 14-18 (2 aces) Blocks: R. Holsteen 5, J. Holsteen 4, Ertz 2, Hillyard 2, Schulte Digs: Ertz 31, Heater 21, Hedges 11, Siegle 2, Schulte 2, Hillyard 3, J. Holsteen 9, Keitzer 2, R. Holsteen 3



Mallory Hollingsworth and Allegra Crews are ready at the net. -Photo By Karen Schrock

## JV Volleyball Squad Ends Season 12-1

-By Kim Scheitlin

The JV volleyball team played its last matches of the season at the Holy Trinity JV tournament on Saturday, October 15. The Bullettes opened play against Harmony and

## Bullettes Go Undefeated In North Division Four Years In A Row

-By Kim Scheitlin

For the fourth year in a row, the Bullettes' varsity volleyball team went undefeated in North Division SEISC play, beating WMU at Winfield on Tuesday, October 11. Mepo won the varsity match 25-17, 25-11, and 25-12. The JV squad won 21-9 and 21-13, and the FS defeated the Wolves 21-4 and 21-14. Both the FS and JV also finished conference play undefeated.

The Bullettes were off to a slow start, trailing WMU 12-14 before a Mepo timeout. The Bullettes went back out on the court, and an Ertz kill got Mepo a side-out. The Bullettes then scored seven straight points to take back the lead 20-14 with a block by Heidi Hillyard and Ertz, another kill by Ertz, a block by Ertz, and a kill by Kensley Heater. Two kills by Ertz, one by Heater, a block by Rachel and Jessica Holsteen, and a block by Jessica Holsteen secured the 25-17 win for Mepo.

In game two, the Bullettes led 3-2 when a WMU serve in the net gave Mepo a side-out. An ace serve by Megan Hedges and one kill by each Heater and Ertz gave Mepo a 9-2 lead. The Bullettes widened their lead with Ertz serving. The Wolves committed five errors during the Bullettes' scoring spree, and Mepo had an ace serve by Ertz, and a kill each by the Holsteen sisters to give Mepo an 18-6 lead. An out of bounds serve gave WMU a side-out, but the Bullettes got the serve right back on a kill by R. Holsteen, Elizabeth Schulte and J. Holsteen each had a kill to give Mepo a 21-7 lead. The Bullettes went on to win 25-11.

WMU kept the third game close trailing only 7-6 before the Bullettes scored 10 consecutive points with three kills by J. Holsteen and one by R. Holsteen. Mepo went on to get two more kills from R. Holsteen, four kills by Ertz, and a block by Hillyard to win the 25-12 contest.

**Varsity Stats:** Kills: Ertz 14, J. Holsteen 13, Heater 6, R. Holsteen 6, Schulte 1, Hillyard 1 Assists: Siegle 19, Keitzer 19 Serving: Siegle 11-11 (2 aces), J. Holsteen 8-8, Keitzer 5-7, Ertz 15-15 (3 aces), Heater 14-14 (3 aces), Hedges 18-19 (1 ace) Blocks: Hillyard 2, J. Holsteen, R. Holsteen, Ertz Digs: Hedges 10, Heater 8, Ertz 6, J. Holsteen 3, Hillyard 2, Siegle 1, Schulte 1, R. Holsteen 1

The JV squad scored six straight points with two kills by Lauren Schrock and one kill by Mallory Hollingsworth to take a 6-1 lead. Haley Hillyard added a kill, Schrock had a kill and an ace serve, and an ace serve by Jade Coulter gave Mepo a 21-9 decision.

In the second JV game, Mepo trailed 2-3 before a Hollingsworth kill gave Mepo a side-out. Four ace serves by Ally Laue, a kill by Hillyard, and a kill by Harlie Holloway gave Mepo an 11-3 lead. WMU stayed within six points trailing 18-12, but Mepo went on to win 21-13.

**JV Stats:** Kills: Schrock 4, Hollingsworth 2, Wagenbach 2, Hillyard 3, Coulter 1, Eberhardt 1, Magel 1, Holloway 1, Crews 1 Assists: Holsteen 1, Magel 5, Woodruff 7 Serving: Schrock 3-3, Holsteen 4-5 (2 aces), Laue 13-13 (4 aces), Coulter 8-8 (1 ace), Eberhardt 3-4, Magel 3-3, Woodruff 4-4 Blocks: Hollingsworth 1, Hillyard 2, Holloway 1, Woodruff 2 Digs: Schrock 5, Hollingsworth 1, Holsteen 9, Laue 2, Coulter 7, Eberhardt 2, Crews 1

The FS raced out to a 2-0 lead in game one of their match. WMU earned a side-out, but a kill by Andrea Larson gave Mepo back the serve. Larson went on to add five more kills. Joelle Witte had three, Emily Walker had an ace serve, and two blocks by Larson and one by Witte gave Mepo an 18-1 lead. Tyffanie Kalina had the final kill of the game to give Mepo a 21-4 victory.

The second game was closer with WMU trailing by only two points 10-8. A block and a kill by Alyssa Petersen and ace serves from Ashlyn Watts and Chloe Siegle gave Mepo a 16-10 lead. The Bullettes went on to win 21-14.

**FS Stats:** Kills: Larson 9, Kalina 3, Walker 1, Witte 4, Petersen 1 Assists: Massner 12, Kelly 4, Woodruff 1 Serving: Walker 17-17 (1 ace), Eberhardt 1-1, Kelly 4-4 (1 ace), Siegle 7-8 (3 aces), Woodruff 1-2 (1 ace), Hubbard 3-3 (1 ace), Watts 2-2 (1 ace), M. Adebiyi 0-1, Smith 1-1 Blocks: Larson 4, Kalina 1, Witte 1, T. Adebiyi 1 Digs: Walker 2, Pulford 4, Hubbard 2, Watts 2

## Jr. High Bullettes Finish Season Undefeated

-By Kim Scheitlin

The seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams finished their junior high seasons undefeated in match play (12-0) defeating Highland, Monday, October 10. The seventh grade won 21-10, 21-14, and 21-6, and the eighth grade won 21-10, 23-21, and 21-12.

Kendra Witte was 6/6 serving for the seventh grade with three aces. Brianna Eberhardt was 9/10 with five aces, and Sarah Vorwerk was 12/14 with nine aces. Witte had six kills and was 7/7 hitting. Kara Brown was 9/11 with three kills. Kaitie Akers was 3/5 with one kill, Lily Johnson was 1/2 with one kill, and Kaitlin Kirby was 1/1. Eberhardt had six assists, and Vorwerk had five. The seventh grade served 43/58 for 74% accuracy and 25 aces. They hit 21/26 for 80% accuracy and 11 aces.

"This was a fun group of kids to work with. There wasn't a day that they didn't make me laugh, but they were motivated to learn and win," commented Coach Jamie Cusick. "It was a good match to win tonight to end the season."

Ashley Hedges was 12/13 with two aces serving for the eighth grade. Olivia Allen was 11/12 with five aces, and Savannah Keitzer was 10/11 with one ace. Keitzer had two kills and was 6/7 hitting. Ashley Machholz hit 3/4, Allen hit 11/13 with

six kills, Hedges hit 16/19 with three kills, and Allie Massner was 7/8 with five kills. Allen had five blocks, Monica Edle had 15 assists, and Johanna Latty had five assists. As a team, the eighth grade served for 86% accuracy 48/56 with 11 aces and hit 49/58 for 84% accuracy with 18 kills. "These kids had something to prove tonight. Highland handed them one of their game losses this season. So they came ready to show them how good they are," commented Coach Tiffany Skidmore. "I look for good things out of these kids in the future! I want to congratulate these kids for going undefeated. It has been an honor coaching these girls."

## 8th Grade Bullettes Dominate Lone Tree

-By Kim Scheitlin

won 21-1 and 21-3. They then played and defeated New London 21-17 and 21-16, beat West Burlington 21-12 and 21-12, and lost to Holy Trinity in the semifinals 25-18, 9-25, and 10-15.

**JV Stats: Serving:** Schrock 19-19 (1 ace), Laue 20-21 (6 aces), Coulter 21-22 (8 aces), Eberhardt 28-30 (7 aces), Magel 15-16 (1 ace), Woodruff 20-23 (8 aces), Massner 15-15 (7 aces), N. Witte 1-2 **Kills:** Schrock 14, Hollingsworth 9, Hillyard 9, Magel 1, Crews 2, Wagenbach 14, J. Witte 6, Larson 1 **Assists:** Magel 8, Woodruff 33, Massner 12 **Blocks:** Hollingsworth 8, Schrock 1, Hillyard 7, Crews 4, J. Witte 1, Holloway 1, Larson 1 **Digs:** Schrock 13, Laue 16, Coulter 23, Eberhardt 17, Magel 9, Woodruff 8, Massner 4, Wagenbach 2, Holloway 1

The eighth grade volleyball team defeated Lone Tree 21-13, 21-14, and 21-7 on Thursday, October 6, at Lone Tree.

Monica Edle was 10/12 serving with five aces, Olivia Allen was 8/9 with four aces, and Ashley Hedges was 11/11 with three aces. Allen was 12/13 hitting with six kills, and Allie Massner was 13/16 with four kills. Hedges had one block, and Edle had 12 assists. The team served for 91% (51/56) with 15 aces and hit for 80% (44-55) accuracy with 14 kills.

"The girls came out and played well. They are loving the new offense. It is starting to look real good! It is exciting to see this level of volleyball from eighth graders," remarked Coach Tiffany Skidmore.

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