

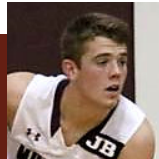
BOYS BASKETBALL

Below: Driving past a defender, freshman Keaton Kutcher goes towards the hoop in game against Central DeWitt. Kutcher completed the season with 270 points. *Far Below:* Junior Blake Booth shoots a three pointer in game against Dubuque Wahlert.



Giving Our All
Senior Drew Adams goes up strong for a layup in regional game for the win against Dubuque Wahlert on Feb. 19. The final score was 60-57. Photo by Catherine Yeoman.

SENIORS



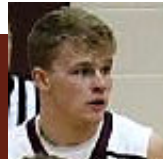
Drew Adams



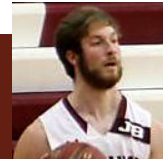
Nick Leopold



Casey Noska



Cale Snedden



Austin Webster



Garrett Welch



1. Senior Garrett Welch looks to make a play in game on Feb. 19. 2. Camden Butterbaugh, junior, plays defense in a game against Western Dubuque on Dec. 5. 3. Diving for a loose ball, Sophomore Nolan Brand completes a hustle play. Brand ended the season with a field goal percentage of 61.9.



4. Shooting for the three, senior Cale Snedden scores putting the Mustangs in the lead in game against Dubuque Wahlert on Feb. 19. Snedden averaged seven points per game. 5. Sophomore Noah Erickson pulls up for a layup in game against Dubuque Wahlert. 6. In game against Davenport Assumption, freshman Keaton Kutcher takes a 3-point attempt. Kutcher had a three point percentage of 41.7.



WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT PLAYING BASKETBALL?

"What I liked most was the bonding experience basketball created. It's a great sport for making friends."
- Garrett Welch '18

"Knowing that we are going to have fun no matter if it was a hard practice or a pre-game practice."
- Cale Snedden '18

"There is something for everyone in basketball. You can be a defensive minded player or an offensive minded one. There are so many aspects to it, that involve so many people. And you get to have fun doing it while with your teammates!"
- Nolan Brand '20



BASKETBALL TEAM HONORS TEAMMATE'S LOSS OF FATHER

Mustangs remember player Cam Butterbaugh's father with jersey patch.

Story by Paige Zaruba

Ever since Cam Butterbaugh was a kid, he learned from his dad, Jeff, about how to be successful and have fun. Growing up, Jeff helped coach him and his friends throughout all of their activities, including basketball.

"From when my friends and I were able to play up until about sixth grade, he taught me about basketball, football, baseball, and cooking," said Cam, a junior.



Although Jeff helped Cam and his brother, Rylan, see the humorous, less serious parts of life, he also showed them how to keep fighting and be brave.

Jeff recently lost the hard-fought battle to ALS, a nervous system disease, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

The team chose to support Jeff and the

Butterbaugh family by sewing a patch, initialed JB, on to their jerseys. "The patches are just a symbol of the legacy he had not just with Cam's life, but the support he had on the team," said senior guard Nick Leopold.

After Jeff got sick, he still chose to be active in Cam's basketball. He had a special spot, in the front row of the middle section on the home side, that he would sit at during the games, and everyone around him quickly began to recognize that.

"Ever since last year, I would always just see him in his specific spot where he would sit during our games," said Leopold, "and this patch reminds us that he is still with us." When he couldn't come to the games, he was able to live stream it, so that he could always watch.

Coach Ed Timm and a group of seniors made the choice at the beginning of the season to do something special for Cam by putting a patch on each jersey. "I think it's really cool how Coach Timm had that idea. They look really good and it really means a lot to us," said Cam.

"I told the guys that there is twice that I've felt that way on the basketball court: when the clock ran out and we won the state championship in 2012, and when he made that shot. That's how special it was," said Coach Timm.

"I believe this is all God's plan: the fact that something bad can happen and God can always make something good," said Coach Timm.

THIS SEASON WAS DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS

Junior Blake Booth, a starter for the Mustangs, thought this season was different than others. "What was special about this years team was that we stuck together really well through everything we experienced. Whether it was a tough loss or family losses everyone had each others back. Also we had so many close games that it made the entire season super exciting," said Booth.



Team	Us-Them
Clear Creek-Amana	43-42
Western Dubuque	42-44
Anamosa	62-47
Beckman	57-56
West Delaware	45-54
Maquoketa	45-56
Central DeWitt	61-41
Solon	63-61
Western Dubuque	52-56
Anamosa	70-54
Beckman	64-68
West Delaware	44-46
Maquoketa	46-61
Central DeWitt	56-50
Solon	62-67

Below: Drew Adams protects his dribble from Western Dubuque defender. Adams averaged 9.5 points a game *Far Below*: In game against Dubuque Wahlert, Senior Nick Leopold goes up for a layup drawing a foul. Leopold had a total of 287 points for the season.



VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL. *Front Row:* Noah Champeau, Camden Butterbaugh, Jay Arnold, Matt Martin, Blake Booth, Deston Bradford, Nolan Brand, Keaton Kutcher, Max Siders, Colter Lafollete. *Back Row:* Tucker Dickson, Noah Guillaume, Casey Noska, Drew Adams, Nick Leopold, Cale Snedden, Garrett Welch, Austin Webster, Noah Erickson, Alex Deeb.

Regionals

Dubuque Wahlert	60-57
Assumption	36-57