

You had to be there!



Blake Smith (10)

Blake Smith (10) dribbles the basketball away from his defender. "My favorite part was watching Blake DeMoss hit the buzzer beater against Maquoketa in the JV game," Smith said.



William Halverson (9)

Handling the ball, William Halverson (9) looks up the court. "My favorite memory was our first ever win against Mount Vernon," Halverson said. "Brayden Moulds (10) came in clutch."



Jamison Smith (10)

Against Clear Lake, Jamison Smith (10) defends the basket. The Hawks fell in the quarterfinals of the state tournament, 46-61.



Lukas Meyer (9)



Brayden Moulds (10)



Bentley Fletcher (9)

Senior Derek Krogmann dunks the basketball in the state quarterfinals. Krogmann tallied 1,128 rebounds and 1,679 points, breaking two West Delaware records.

## Taking Care of Business

The 16-6 West Delaware Hawks surprised the Assumption Knights in the substate finals.

Leading scorer Derek Krogmann (12) was double teamed by the two tallest Knights, forcing the Hawks to find a new way to score. Gavin Soppe (12) and Logan Woellert (10) stepped up to the challenge.

Even though Soppe suffered from a dislocated shoulder and a missing contact lens, he still managed to score his career high of 20 points.

"I knew that it could have been my last game, so it was time to step up and help lead the team as a senior," Soppe said.

With 12 points in the second half, Woellert also stepped up.

"Coach Uthoff always says somebody has to step up," Woellert said. "When Derek was getting guarded and they were hitting their shots, someone had to step up."

With a victory over the Knights, the Hawks punched their ticket for the state tournament for the fifth time in school history and the second time in three years where they took on fourth seeded Clear Lake.

"It was one of our main goals heading into the season," Krogmann said. "Being able to make it down there my senior year and finish up my career at Wells Fargo was a great experience."

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## On the Court



Logan Winn (12) prepares for a shot against Clear Lake. "Winning the game against Assumption to go to the state tournament was amazing," Winn said. "There has been tension between us in the past, so it felt amazing to beat them."

Kyle Kelley (10) shoots a three pointer against West Liberty. Kelley earned First Team All-WaMaC honors.

During the Western Dubuque game, Gavin Soppe (12) takes the defensive position. "My favorite memory was making the game-winning shot in the first game of the year," Soppe said.



## A "You Had to be There" Moment DeMoss Drains a Three



Midway through the season, Blake DeMoss (9) took the crowd by surprise. Despite his nerves, this five-foot-six freshman jumped in and drained a three-point shot in the last minutes of the fourth quarter against top-ranked Maquoketa as the Hawks struggled to take the lead.

"It was so exciting," DeMoss said. "The gym just erupted."

Derek Krogmann (12) said, "He's shown in practice he can hit those shots, and he shoots with confidence, which is huge considering he's only a freshman."



**Varsity Basketball. Front Row:** Manager Victoria Harris, Blake DeMoss, Shaun DeMoss, Isaiah Rich, Raub Loecke, Jamison Smith, Lonnie Davis, Manager Hannah Mangold; **Back Row:** Coach Matt Uthoff, Logan Woellert, Gavin Soppe, Logan Winn, Mitchell Krogmann, Derek Krogmann, Kyle Kelley, Eric Salow, Zachary Stratton, Coach Jay Salow.



**Freshmen/Sophomores Basketball. Front Row:** Payton Lewin, William Halverson, Josef Cizek, Elias Tibbott, Brayden Moulds, Blake Smith; **Back Row:** Coach Jay Salow, Bentley Fletcher, Brandon Wellman, Gavin Tucker, Evan Watson, Luke Kehrl, Jaxson Woellert, Lukas Meyer.



Mitchell Krogmann (10)



Brandon Wellman (9)



Logan Woellert (10)