

## Prairie girls claim 1st MVC title

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WATERLOO - The Cedar Rapids Prairie girls basketball team came home from Waterloo Friday night with big smiles and a big prize.

The Hawks won their first Mississippi Valley Conference title in school history with an impressive 53-45 victory over Waterloo West.

"I'm very excited for the kids. They deserve it," said Prairie Coach Steve Doser. "They played so well and so hard. I'm just very proud."

Prairie and Waterloo West entered the final game of the regular season with identical 9-3 records in the Valley Division in the conference, so both squads knew the winner would claim the division crown with a victory.

Cyerra Hutchins poured in 14 points in the first half to point Prairie (15-6, 10-3) in the right direction and finished with a game-high 16 markers. Madison Dellamuth collected 12 points and seven assists. Alisa Weiland scored 10 points.

Haley Puk topped Waterloo West (15-6, 9-4) with 15 points and Blaire Thomas scored 12.

PRAIRIE (53): Hutchins 7 1-4 16, Weiland 4 0-0 10, McCrary 2 2-4 7, Usher 3 2-2 8, Dellamuth 4 2-2 12, Shelangoski 0 0-0 0, Freeman 0 0-0 0, Stoffer 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 7-12 53.

WATERLOO WEST (45): Sproul 2 0-0 4, Husic 0 0-0 0, Stokes 3 0-0 6, Puk 6 1-2 15, Swartzendruber 1 0-0 2, Letkewicz 3 0-0 6, Thomas 5 2-2 12, Spencer 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 3-4 45.

Halftime - Prairie 25, Waterloo West 19. 3-point goals - Prairie 6 (Weiland 2, Dellamuth 2, Hutchins 1, McCrary 1), Waterloo West 2 (Puk 2).