

# Wrestlers take second place in tournament

**By JIM MERRIOTT**  
The Oberlin Red Devils wrestling team pinned down second place Saturday in the 37th annual Oberlin Invitational wrestling tournament.

For 12 hours, the Decatur Community High gymnasium was packed with wrestlers and fans from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.

Oberlin finished the day with three undefeated first-place wrestlers, Denton Bailey in the 145-pound division (11-0), Scott Miller at 160 (17-1), and Terry Urban at 171 (12-6). Jon Richards (17-1) lost a heart-breaking match 6-3 to the No. 1-ranked, undefeated 140-pound wrestler in the state, Travis Warner of Smith Center, in the finals.

"The tournament has grown from seven original teams from around the area into a spectacular Tri-State event," said Athletic Director Randy Olson.

Oberlin finished second in a field of 14 teams. The Red Devils had nine of fourteen wrestlers place.

"I thought we had an OK day," said Coach Joe Dreher. "We still have several things to work on. It's always nice to see different competition."

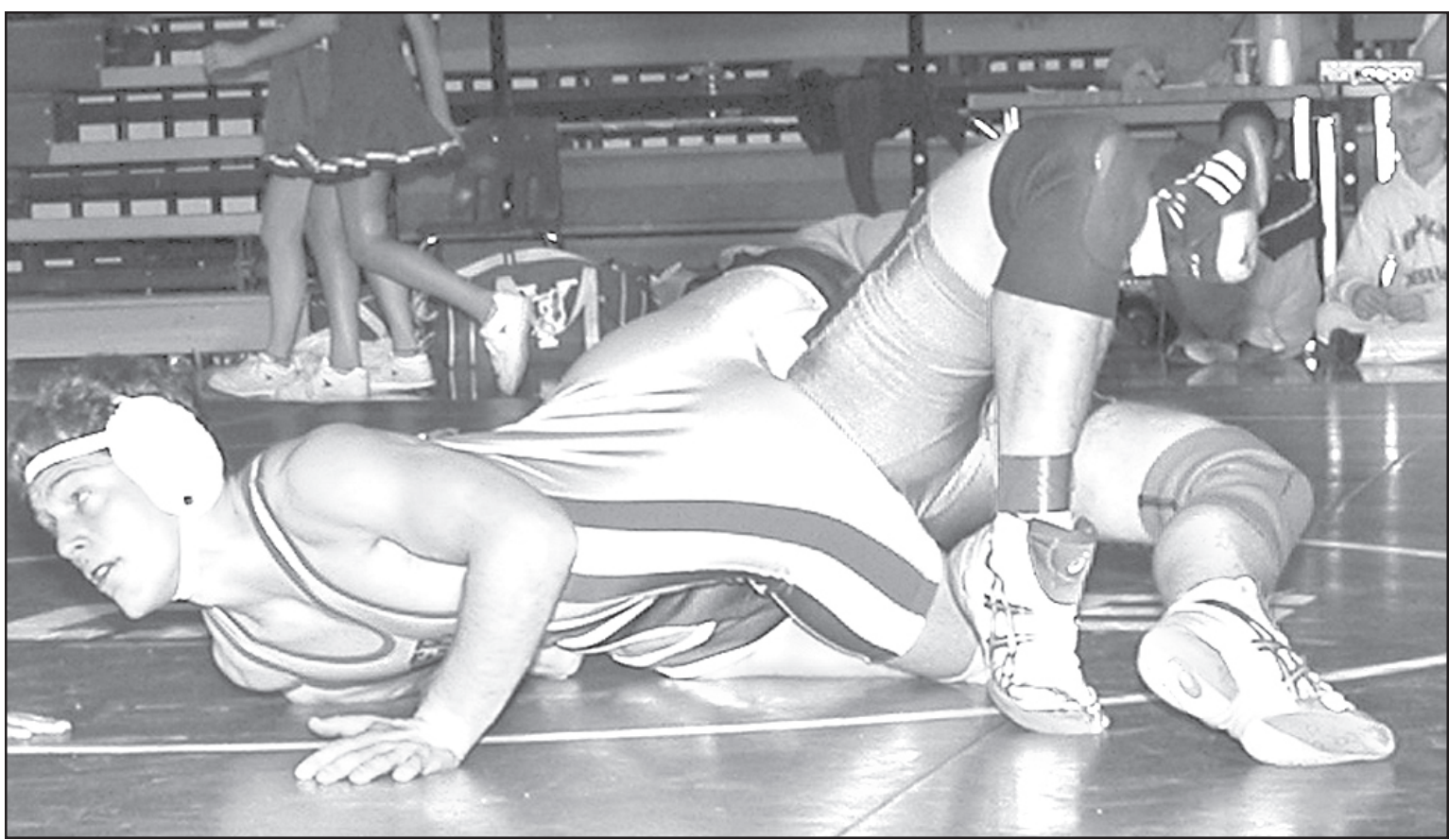
Kearney, Neb., finished first with 195 points, followed by Oberlin with 175.5; Oakley, third, 118; Smith Center, fourth, 104.5; Yuma, Colo., fifth, 102.5; Hill City, sixth, 82; Lakin, seventh, 60; Stockton,

eighth, 58; McCook and Overland High from Aurora, Colo., ninth, 54; Osborne, 11th, 24; Dakota Ridge of Littleton, Colo., 12th, 20.5; Quinter, 13th, 17; and Sublette, 14th, 6.

- Individual results for Oberlin:
- 103 pounds, Aaron Helm, fourth.
  - 112, Andrew Richards, 1-2.
  - 119, Gage Reichert, second.
  - 125, Kane Ware, 1-2.
  - 130, Everett Urban, third.
  - 135, Breck Simonsson, 1-2.
  - 140, Jonathon Richards, second.
  - 145, Garrit Peters, 1-2.
  - 152, Bailey, first.
  - 160, Miller, first.
  - 171, Urban, first.
  - 189, Bret Marietta, 1-2.
  - 215, Regan Badsky, third.
  - 275, Brock Euhus, second.

This week the Red Devils will be at the Beloit tournament, featuring 20 teams from Abilene, Belleville, Beloit, Clay Center, Colby, Concordia, Hill City, Hoxie, Manhattan, Marysville, Minneapolis, Oberlin, Plainville, Royal Valley from Hoyt, Sabetha, Salina South, Silver Lake, Smith Center, Stockton and Wellington. The tournament starts at 2 p.m. Friday and continues Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

"This tournament will be one of the toughest tournaments we have all season due to the fact that we will be wrestling much larger schools," said Coach Joe Dreher.



**PREPARING TO FINISH OFF** his opponent, Denton Bailey took the championship at 152 pounds in the Oberlin Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday.

— Herald photo by Jeannie Martin

## Red Devils burn Buffalo wrestlers

**By JIM MERRIOTT**  
Last Friday night the Decatur Community High boys wrestling team made a statement, leaving the Buffaloes red-faced, by taking every weight class at a dual meet in Oberlin.

Atwood had no wrestlers in seven weight classes, forfeiting those

matches to the Red Devils. Rawlins County did not have wrestlers out for the team in those weight classes.

Oberlin wrestlers who pinned their opponents include: Andrew Richards at 112 pounds, Jonathon Richards at 140, Regan Badsky at 215, and Brock Euhus in the heavy-weight 275 class.

- The remaining results were:
- 103, Aaron Helm won by forfeit.
  - 119, Gage Reichert won by forfeit.
  - 125, Kane Ware won by forfeit.
  - 130, Everett Urban won by forfeit.
  - 135, Brock Simonsson won by forfeit.

- 145, Garrit Peters won by forfeit.
- 152, Denton Bailey won by forfeit.
- 160, Scott Miller won 8-6 over Justin Howard.
- 171, Drew Martin won 6-1 over Cody Klein.
- 189, Bret Marietta defeated Tyler Sharp 6-4 in overtime.

## Three win free-throw contest

The Oberlin Knights of Columbus held their annual free-throw contest on Jan. 15.

Among the winners were Jamie Soderlund in the 10-year-old girls division; Tyler Bruggeman, 11-

year-old boys; and Chad Williams, 13-year-old boys.

Winners returned to the regional contest, which will be held at the Oberlin high school gym at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Coach Kevin Brown and the Oberlin Little Devils Wrestling team opened their season earlier this month in Hoxie.

Wrestling age groups are 6 and under, 7-8, and 9-10.

**In the 6-and-under division:** at 46 pounds, Nicholas McDonald fin-

ished first and Kaden Van Pelt finished third. At 52 pounds, Kole Breth captured third.

**In 8 and under:** at 52 pounds, Max Diederich finished fourth; at 55 pounds, Geihlsler took third; at 58 pounds, Kelden Breth was first; at 61 pounds, Kyle Van Pelt was

fourth; and at 64 pounds, Bryson Wesley was first, Chance Uehlin third, Jonathon Howland fourth, and Tabor Erickson fifth.

**In 10 and under:** at 58 pounds, Gabe Anderson finished fifth; at 64 pounds, Andrew Heller was fourth; at 67 pounds, Kyle Breth was fifth;


at 70 pounds, Chris Anderson took third; at 73 pounds, Dayton Dreher, second; at 76 pounds, Kolton Paul, fifth; 85 pounds, Kade Brown, second; 95 pounds, Regent Erickson, fourth; and at 150/170 pounds, Channing Farr finished fourth.

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