

Girls pluck Ringnecks

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team defeated the Hill City Lady Ringnecks, 53-25, in a lopsided victory last Tuesday in Oberlin.

The Lady Red Devils were led by Lauren Fortin with 15 points, followed by Tricia Dorshorst, 9; Emmie Pauls, 8; Sarah Murray, 6; Heather Williams, 4; Lacey Ream, 3; and Whitney Ashley, Heather Glodt, LeAnna Sheaffer and Kim Wessel, 2 each.

Hill City's top scorers were Holly Buss, 8; and Liz Miller and Brittany Anderson, 7 each.

Oberlin took a 12-9 lead in the first quarter led by Fortin with 5. The second quarter, the Lady Devils

outscored Hill City 10-5 to lead 22-14 at halftime.

After the break Oberlin came out on fire, outscoring the Lady Ringnecks 16-2 and leading 38-16 heading into the final quarter.

Oberlin continued to outscore Hill City, 15-9, using the majority of its bench in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Devils ended the game fouling only eight times. Oberlin and Hill City each turned over the ball 27 times.

"I was pleased with our overall game intensity, and this was a big step toward our goal this season," said Coach Terry Ream. "We played a total 32-minute game and yet still have a lot of room for improvement as the season goes along."

Lady Devils beat St. Francis girls

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils downed the St. Francis Lady Indians 63-41 on Friday in Sainty.

Oberlin started out hot and led the Indians 18-10 in the first quarter and 36-21 at the half.

In the third quarter Sainty saw three balls go into its basket as Sidace Crabtree sunk a three-pointer and one out of two free throws, and Holly Keller put up a two-pointer. At the same time Oberlin made 13 points behind the hot shooting of Sarah Murray, 10 points, and Lacey Ream, a three-pointer.

In the fourth quarter the Oberlin girls added 14 points but allowed the Lady Indians to put up 22. The final push wasn't enough for the Indians, however, and Oberlin won the contest and took the Lady Devils' record to 4-2.

Oberlin shot 24 of 42 two-pointers for 57 percent and hit three of 11 tries at three each for 27 percent. The Lady Red Devils were 50 percent at the free-throw line, hitting six of 12 tries.

"We knew going into this game that the Sainty girls would play a different game than a week earlier, and they did," said Coach Terry Ream. "We would play real well in two- to three-minute spurts and then would lose our intensity and focus.

The unforced turnovers we committed, was a big disappointment, but I think we all know, as a team, that we will take care of that real soon."

Scoring for Oberlin were Murray, 17; Lauren Fortin, 14, including two three-pointers; Emmie Pauls, 13; Heather Williams, 4; Ream, 3; and Kim Wessel and LeAnna Sheaffer, 2 each.

Pauls was the rebound leader for Oberlin with eight. She was followed by Murray and Tricia Dorshorst, 6 each; Fortin and Williams, three each; Ream, two; and Whitney Ashley and Heather Glodt, one each.

Oberlin had 30 turnovers to St. Francis' 25.

The Oberlin junior varsity downed the young Sainty girls 24-21 in a two-quarter game.

Oberlin took a slim 10-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and outscored Sainty 14-12 in the second for the win.

Scoring for Oberlin were Sheaffer, 6; Jessica Fredrickson, Cindy Murray and Glodt, 4 each; and Nikki Wessel, Heather Ploussard and Mary Olson, 2 each.

The Lady Red Devils will have a breather over Christmas break but will be back on the floor against the Norton Blue Jays at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, in Norton.



HANDLING THE BALL, Jobey Black (No. 21) had help against St. Francis. The Indians won the game, 60-41.

— Herald photos by Doug Ross

Red Devils lose to St. Francis Indians

The St. Francis Indians downed the Oberlin Red Devil boys basketball team 60-41 on Friday in St. Francis.

The Indians jumped out to a 12-4 lead in the first quarter and added to it in the second, outscoring Oberlin 21-8 to lead 22-12 at the half.

Oberlin did better in the third quarter, doubling St. Francis' scored

of 8 to outdo the Indians 16-8. Sainty still lead 41-28 at the end of three and the Indians heated up again in the fourth quarter and outscored the Red Devils 19-13.

"We just need to play a whole game, not just half a game," Coach Rusty Montgomery said. "We'll keep working hard to get this done."

Scoring for Oberlin were Lucas

Juenemann, 11; Sam Stapp and Andy Gilliam, 8 each; and Nolan Leitner, Jobey Black and Nolan May, 4 each; and Lance Fortin, 2.

Gilliam led the Red Devils in rebounds with 14 followed by Seth Ritter and Black, six each; May, five; Leitner, four; Stapp and Jacob Fortin, three each; Juenemann and L. Fortin, two each; and Cody Haas,

one. The Oberlin junior varsity lost to the Indians 34-28 in two quarters of play. Sainty outscored Oberlin in both quarters, 19-15 and 15-13.

Scoring for Oberlin were Toby Peters, 9; L. Fortin, 6; Stapp and Nolan Wasson, 4 each; J. Fortin, 3; and Juenemann, 2.

Hill City downs Red Devils in Oberlin

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Hill City High Ringneck basketball boys defeated the Decatur Community High Red Devils, 59-44, last Tuesday in Oberlin.

The victory pushed the Ring-

necks record to 4-0 while Oberlin dropped its third game in a row under new coach Rusty Montgomery. The Red Devils are 1-4.

Hill City was led by Brady Jeffery with 15 points, followed by Tane Brown, 14, and David Gerstneir, 11.

Oberlin's top scorer was Jobey Black with 11, followed by Logan Fortin, 10; Jacob Fortin, 5; Lucas Juenemann, Cody Haas and Nolan May, 4 each; Andy Leitner, 2; and Seth Ritter, 1.

The Red Devils trailed Hill City 10-6 after the first quarter and 29-18 at halftime.

The third quarter belonged to the Ringnecks as they went on a 26-10 scoring barrage to lead 55-28.

The Red Devils went on a 9-0 scoring spurt in the fourth quarter, outscoring Hill City 16-4, but could not catch up.

Oberlin turned over the ball 29 times to Hill City's 9.

"The kids really came out moti-

vated," said Coach Rusty Montgomery. "They never gave up. A lot of kids are getting playing time due to injuries."

Senior Kurt Olson is out with a recurring shoulder problem and is expected to resume practice at the beginning of the year.

Senior Kyle Glodt is out indefinitely with a partially torn Achilles tendon.



GOING FOR THE BALL, Oberlin's Lacey Ream (No. 22) helped the Lady Devils beat St. Francis on Friday. Sarah Murray (No. 13) can be seen in the background.

Junior varsity girls beat Hill City

The Oberlin girls junior varsity and C-teams downed the Lady Ringnecks from Hill City last Tuesday in Oberlin.

The Decatur Community High junior varsity won 60-29.

In the first quarter Oberlin took a 15-4 lead behind the hot shooting of Heather Glodt, who put up 6 points.

In the second quarter the young Lady Red Devils hit 21 points as both Glodt and Mary Olson hit three two-pointers. Hill City did better in

the second quarter, gaining 15 points, but the Ringnecks were still down 36-19 at the half.

In the third quarter Oberlin came up with another 15 points to Hill City's 8 and in the fourth the Lady Red Devils added 9 to the Ringnecks' 2.

Scoring for Oberlin were Glodt, 16; LeAnna Sheaffer, 15 including three free throws; Olson, 10; Adrienne Pauls, 8; Cindy Murray, 6; Nikki Wessel, 3; and Jessica

Fredrickson, 2.

Oberlin was 60 percent at the free-throw line to Hill City's 66 percent.

The C-team beat the Lady Ringnecks 22-8 in two quarters.

Pauls was the standout for the Lady Red Devils as she put up three baskets in the first quarter and four in the second for 14 points. She was followed by Ashley Horton, 4, and Brandi Diederich and Murray, 2 each.

The Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball teams ended their regular seasons last week with losses to Colby on Dec. 7.

The Oberlin seventh-grade boys fell 34-21 to the young Eagles while the eighth grade lost 36-21.

Colby took the lead 10-6 in the first quarter of the seventh-grade game and except for the second, when Oberlin outscored them 4-2, the Eagles outscored the young Red Devils in every quarter.

Colby led 12-10 at the half, 21-14 at the end of three and 34-21 at the buzzer.

The seventh grade ended the regular season with a 3-5 record.

"We did a good job staying with Colby but in the end, they had too much fire power," Coach Tim Breth said. "It was the first time a team had played so much man-to-man against us."

Scoring for Oberlin were Brent



Juenemann, 6 points and three steals; Shane McEvoy, 6 points and three rebounds; Saeger Grafel, 5 points and eight rebounds; and Tyler Shields, 4 points and three steals.

The eighth grade was only able to outscore the Eagles in the last quarter.

Colby led 10-6 after one, 22-10 at the half and 30-13 at the end of three.

In the fourth quarter the young Red Devils outscored the Eagles 8-6 but it wasn't enough.

"They were deeper than us and had a very effective three-fourth court press," Coach Breth said. "Once we settled down, we had no problems breaking it. A 5-3 overall record is something I am proud of and so should the players."

Scoring for the eighth graders were Dakota Soderland, 10 points, seven rebounds and four blocks; Josh Ritter, 5 points and three steals; Chad Williams, 4 points, six rebounds and four steals; and Nolan Peters, 2 points.

Last week the Oberlin boys played in the Northwest Kansas League tournaments.