

Girls down Phillipsburg

By JIM MERRIOTT

Sarah Murray collected her second double-double of the year, scoring 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Lauren Fortin hit for 18 to lead the Oberlin Lady Devils to a 64-52 win over the Phillipsburg Panthers last Tuesday.

The Lady Panthers jumped out to an early 14-7 lead in the first quarter as the Decatur Community High basketball girls came out of the gate sluggish.

But after the first quarter, it was all Oberlin.

The Lady Devils out scored the Panthers 16-8 in the second quarter to pull ahead 23-22 at halftime. They out gunned the visitors 19-13 in the third quarter and 21-17 down the final stretch.

"I was afraid that we might be a little rusty after a long 10-day break without playing a game," said Coach Terry Ream. "At the start of the game, we definitely were. As soon as we got our game legs back, we played pretty well."

Fortin also added eight steals, five assists, five rebounds and a blocked shot and Murray had two steals and two assists.

Other Oberlin scorers were Heather Williams, 9 points, two rebounds and two steals; Lacey Ream, 7 points, three assists and a steal; Tricia Dorshorst, 7 points, seven rebounds and a steal; and Emmie Pauls, 7 points, four rebounds and a steal.

Phillipsburg was led by Lindsay Dusin and Rexanne Schilowsky with 14 points each, followed by Melinie Bilby, 10, and Jordan Redinger and Shelbie Robertson, 7 each.

Oberlin out rebounded Phillipsburg 32 to 26 and made fewer turnovers than the Lady Panthers, 27 to 31.

The Lady Red Devils shot 21 of 51 from the field for 41 percent and the Panthers had 19 of 54 for 35 percent.

Oberlin was 3 of 9 from 3-point range for 33 percent and Phillipsburg was 3 of 11 for 27 percent. Oberlin made 19 of 27 free throws for 70 percent and Phillipsburg was 11 of 17 for 65 percent.

Phillipsburg committed 20 fouls to the Lady Red Devils' 17.

The Tuesday victory was senior night and the last home game.

Whitney Ashley, Kim Wessel, Dorshorst, Fortin, Murray, Pauls and Williams were recognized along with their parents.

"It was a night, as a coach, I really didn't look forward to because like every year, we have to sit and watch our seniors play their last home game. This bunch of seniors has been a special group to be around and it has been a huge honor for me to coach them," Ream said.

The Lady Red Devils had one week to prepare for the first round substate tournament game that was played in Norton on Monday.



LACEY REAM took off after stealing the ball from Phillipsburg's Toma Griffey (15) in a 64-52 victory over the Lady Panthers last Tuesday. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Junior varsities lose last games

Boys tripped up 80-51

The Phillipsburg Panther junior varsity basketball squad downed the Oberlin boys 80-51 in the final game of the season last Tuesday.

Jacob Fortin was top scorer for the Decatur Community High Red Devils with 12 points, followed by Toby Peters, 11; Lucas Juenemann, 8; Sam Stapp, 6; Cody Haas, 4; Chris Schiessler, 3; and Joe Dunham and Nolan Wasson scored 2 each.

Tanner Thompson led the Panthers with 21, followed by Justin Hoft and Clint Jarvis, 11 each; Nick Smith, 9; Greg Rummel, 8; Dustin

Aherin, 6; Ethen Horn, Skye Lon, and Steven Craig, 4 each; and Tyler Jarvis, 2.

In C-team action, the young Red Devils edged the Panthers, 33-30.

Peters was the top Oberlin scorer with 16, followed by Dunham, Wasson and Schiessler, 4 each; Cole May, 3; and Kaden Macfee, 2.

Smith was top scorer for the Panthers with 9, followed by Horn, 7; Aherin, 4; T. Jarvis and Tim Jansoni, 3 each; and Hoft and Craig, 2 each.

Girls fall 52-45

The Phillipsburg girls downed Oberlin 52-45 last Tuesday in the last junior varsity game this season.

Phillipsburg led 11-6 after the first quarter then increased its lead to 28-14 at half-time.

The young Lady Panthers kept the pressure on Oberlin leading 42-24 after three, then put the hammer down, outscoring Oberlin 21-10 in the final quarter.

LeAnna Sheaffer was the top scorer for the Decatur Community High junior varsity with 13 points, followed by Adrienne Pauls, 9; Heather Glodt, 8; Mary Olson, 6;

Nikki Wessel, 5; and Ashley Horton, 4.

Makenzie Weinman led Phillipsburg with 14, followed by Nicole Swartzell, 9; Toma Griffey, 8; Robbie Hadley and Emilie Coca, 6 each; Alex Orr, 5; and Kayla Jarvis, 4.

In two quarters of C-team action Oberlin beat the Panthers 19-6.

Leading scorer for Oberlin was Pauls with 8 points, followed by Heather Ploussard and Ashley Horton, 4 each, and Mary Olson, 3.

The only Phillipsburg scorer was Swartzell with 6.



SENIOR NOLAN MAY (45) went vertical in an effort to block a pass by Phillipsburg's Jerrad Jerby (35). Oberlin lost a nail biter 65-61 in the final boys' home game last Tuesday. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Red Devils fall to Panthers

By JIM MERRIOTT

Oberlin's Jobey Black hit 23 points against the visiting Phillipsburg Panthers last Tuesday but it wasn't enough for a victory.

The Panthers edged the Decatur Community High Red Devils, 65-61, in the final minutes of Oberlin's last home game.

Phillipsburg's Jarret Abbell pumped in 11 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to help down the Red Devils.

Oberlin Coach Rusty Montgomery had seniors Black, Andy Gilliam, Kyle Glodt, Nolan May, Kurt Olson and Seth Ritter play most of the game before Gilliam and Olson fouled out in the fourth quarter.

Olson played his best game of the season, scoring 13 points and taking rebound after rebound.

Phillipsburg jumped out to a 21-19 lead after a fast-paced first quarter.

Oberlin out scored the Panthers in the second quarter 12-8 to take a 31-

21 lead at halftime.

Phillipsburg came back and out scored Oberlin 19-13 to lead 48-44 at the end of the third period.

The Red Devils caught fire in the final period, tying the Panthers 51-51 when Olson put back a rebound underneath the home basket.

Oberlin was all over the floor jumping and diving for loose balls and with 4:21 left in the game Olson, who was about to go out of bounds, called time out before his feet hit the other side of the line.

Oberlin matched Phillipsburg point for point down the stretch as the fired-up crowd chanted "D-E-F-E-N-S-E."

The Red Devils fought hard, but came up short as Abbell hit crucial double bonus free throws in the last few seconds of the game.

Also scoring for Oberlin were: Lucas Juenemann, 6; Logan Fortin, 5; Glodt and May, 4 each; and Gilliam, Ritter, and Stapp, 2 each.

Oberlin out rebounded the Pan-

thers 38 to 25, but turned the ball over 20 times to Phillipsburg's 12.

The Red Devils were 23 of 55 from the field for 41 percent to the Panthers' 20 of 55 for 36 percent.

Oberlin hit 6 of 14 free throws for 43 percent to Phillipsburg's 16 of 24 for 67 percent.

Other scorers for Phillipsburg were Dylan Frantz, 18; Garrett Wickham, 16; Jonathon Feik, 6; and Brad Willer, 3.

"It has been a privilege to coach these senior boys," said Coach Montgomery. "Jobey stepped up tonight and Olson cleaned up all the garbage underneath the basket. Gilliam worked his butt off all season; May gave us a lot of minutes; Glodt and Ritter played their hearts out."

"Our record may not show it, but these fine young men gave their best. That is all I can ask for."

The Red Devils ended their season 1-18.

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