

Junior varsity wins 1, loses 2 at tournament

The Decatur Community High junior varsity basketball boys got a chance to play three more games over the Christmas break at the Hill City Junior Varsity Tournament last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The young Red Devils lost the first two games but came back to win the last contest.

Last Tuesday, Oberlin fell 48-21 to the Lakeside Knights from Downs.

Lakeside came out hot, hitting 18 points in the first quarter while the Red Devils could only get one field goal and two free throws to drop for 4 points.

In the second quarter, Oberlin again came up with 4 points while Lakeside put up 14 to lead 32-8 at the half. In the third quarter, the Knights got 16 points to Oberlin's 5. In the fourth quarter, however, Oberlin was about to outscore the opponents 8-0.

Scoring for Oberlin were Garrett Barry, 5; Ryan May, Tyler Bruggeman and Matt Whitman, 4 each; and Connor McHugh and Tyler Shields, 2 each.

On Wednesday, old rival Norton was able to down the young Red Devils 52-42.

Oberlin took a 11-10 lead in the first quarter but the Blue Jays outshot the Red Devils in the second 12-6 to take a 22-17 lead at the half.

Oberlin had a poor third quarter, scoring just 5 points, while Norton was able to put up 10 for a 32-22 lead.

Both teams had good fourth quarters, scoring 20 points each.

While the Blue Jays won the encounter, Bruggeman hit six two-point baskets and sank three of four at the free-throw line to make 15 of Oberlin's 20 points in the last quarter.

Scoring for Oberlin were Bruggeman, 19; Berry and May, 7 each; Shane McEvoy, 4; Shields, 3 on one basket; and McHugh, 2.

On Thursday, Oberlin tamed the Stockton Tigers 52-37 for a fine New Year's Eve ending to 2009.

This time, it was Oberlin that came out hot. The Red Devils outscored the Tigers 14-2 in the first quarter as Stockton was only able to sink two of seven free throw attempts and no field goals.

In the second quarter, Oberlin scored 13 points to Stockton's 6 to lead the Tigers 27-8 at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin continued to pour it on out, hitting the Tigers 16-10 to take a 43-18 lead. Oberlin let up in fourth period and

allowed Stockton to hit 19 to the Red Devil's 9.

All eight Oberlin players scored, including May and Shields, who each hit a pair of three pointers.

Scoring for Oberlin were: Bruggeman, 12; May, 10; Shields, 8; McEvoy and Berry, 6 each; McHugh, 5; and Kelly Stamm, 4.



CATCHING THE REBOUND, Tyler Bruggeman was backed up by the entire Oberlin team on Thursday as the Decatur Community High Red Devils downed the Stockton Tigers 52-37 during the Hill City Junior Varsity Tournament.



WHILE OBERLIN HIT the basket for 42 points in a junior varsity tournament game against Norton last Wednesday (above), they couldn't beat the Blue Jays. However, on Thursday, the Red Devils (right) downed Stockton in the same tournament at Hill City.

— Herald photos by Susan May



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Sports

Winter sports get going for new year

The Decatur Community High winter sports teams will be going strong this week after having most of the last two weeks off for Christmas break.

While the junior-varsity boys basketball team took part in a tournament in Hill City, the varsity squads and the wrestlers spent their time in practice and enjoying the break.

On Monday, the Red Devils and Lady Red Devils were to play the Norton Blue Jays on the high school basketball court. The game was originally scheduled to be held Tuesday in Norton but both the date and place were changed after the school calendars were issued.

The Oberlin boys ended 2009 with a 1-5 record with one victory and two losses in a tournament in McCook and losses to Oakley, Hill City and St. Francis.

The Blue Jays will start the new

year with a 3-3 record after victories over Atwood and Phillipsburg and a loss to Stockton in regular play and losses to Ottawa and Wallace County (Sharon Springs) and a victory over Weskan in the Topside Tipoff in Goodland.

The Lady Red Devils ended the year 2-4 with victories over St. Francis and Arapahoe, Neb., and losses to Hill City, Oakley, Hitchcock County, Neb., 7-0; and Southwest High (Neb.)

The Lady Blue Jays are 3-3 to start the new year. They have beaten Wallace County (Sharon Springs), Phillipsburg and Stockton and lost to Atwood, Goodland and Burlington, Colo.

On Friday, the basketball teams will travel to Atwood to take on the Rawlins County Buffaloes at 6:30 and 8 p.m.

The Buffaloes have a 2-4 record with a victory over Northern Val-

ley (Almena) and losses to Hoxie and Norton in regular play and a victory over Stratton, Colo., and losses to Triplains (Winona) and Brewster in the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster.

The Lady Buffaloes have a 4-2 record with victories over Norton, Cheylin (Bird City), Stratton, Colo. and Triplains and losses to Hoxie and Northern Valley.

Next week, the Red Devils will be home again as the Hoxie Indians come to call on Tuesday, with the girls game starting at 6:30 p.m. and the boys about 8.

The Indians start 2010 with a 3-3 record after victories over Trego Community (WaKeeney), Rawlins County (Atwood) and Golden Plains (Rexford) and losses to Quinter (twice) and Ellis. The Indians met the Bulldogs in regular play and again in the Castle Rock Classic in Quinter.

The Lady Indians have four victories and only one loss. They have defeated Quinter, Wheatland-Grinnell (Grainfield), WaKeeney and Atwood and lost to Oakley.

The wrestling squad will be just as busy as the basketball teams, starting Tuesday with a triangular meet here with Phillipsburg and McCook.

Then on Thursday, Atwood and Colby will be in Oberlin with wrestling starting at 5:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

On Saturday, the wrestlers will head north to take part in the Dundy County (Neb.) Tournament.

The annual Oberlin Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be Saturday, Jan. 16., and the Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament will be start on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and continue on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21-23.

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