

PUTTING HIS OPPONENT'S SHOULDERS to the mat, Oberlin's Jaxen Alstrom (above), wrestling at 189 pounds,



pinned Nathan Cox of Smith Center during the Oberlin Invitational Wrestling tournament on Saturday. Earlier in the day, Jon Samson (below), at 135 pounds, squared off with Noah Gable of Kearney. — Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

Red Devils take seventh in Oberlin Invitational

The Decatur Community High wrestlers came in seventh in the Oberlin Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, with five wrestlers snaring medals in their weight brackets.

Kearney won the tournament with 254 points, followed by Goodland, 114.5; Smith Center, 94; Oakley, 87; McCook, 86; Osborne, 61.5; Oberlin, 55.5; Hill City, 48; and Wray, Colo., 48.

While Oberlin had a lot of open weights, the Red Devils ended up with five medal winners. Nolan Peters and Jaxen Alstrom took third and Brent Juenemann, Gatlin Reichert and Daniel Jordan came in fourth.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- 103 pounds, Matthew Helm, who had a 3-13 record, was pinned by Austin Titus, Wray, and Mack Regan, Smith Center.

- Juenemann, 10-0, lost 6-3 to Seth Miller, Goodland, won 3-1 over Garrett Kuhlmann, Smith Center; and was pinned by Miller for fourth place.

- 130 pounds, Peters, 8-6, lost 18-3 to Colt Rogers, Smith Center; won a 9-0 major decision over Kyle Goshong, McCook; and won a 15-0 technical fall over Peyton Ritchey, Wray, for third.

- 135 pounds, Jon Samson, 4-11, was pinned by Jace Campbell, Oakley; won 10-6 over Gus Nichelson, Hill City; and was pinned by Noah Gable, Kearney.

- 140 pounds, Reichert, 3-14, was pinned by Shawn Stansbury, Smith Center; won by forfeit; and was pinned by Keldon Osterman, McCook, for fourth.

- 152 pounds, Jordan, 9-3, pinned Nate Cox, Oakley; was pinned by Nick Rimpley, Kearney; pinned Truitt Kuhlman, Smith Center; and lost 9-7 to Jason Knoll, Osborne, for fourth.

- 189 pounds, Alstrom, 7-5, pinned Jarred Henson, Wray; lost 10-8 to Riley Oharah, Goodland; pinned Nathan Cox, Smith Center; and won 4-0 over Joel Carlin, Osborne, for third.

- 215 pounds, Jacob Larue, 8-7, won 5-4 over Kelly Wiig, Smith Center; was pinned by Ethan Jirak, Oakley; and lost 10-4 to Tyler Fisher, Goodland.

- 275 pounds, Dalton Dolan, 2-8, was pinned by Joe Allen, Kearney, and Travis Williams, Hill City.

Medal winners include:

- 103 pounds, Hunter Bamford, 21-0, Kearney, first; Clayton Korus, 11-7, McCook, second; Mack Regan, 12-14, Smith Center, third;

- and Gage Pfeifer, 3-7, Hill City, fourth.

- 112 pounds, Asa Stansbury, 21-5, Kearney, first; Austin Avelar, 19-7, Goodland, second; Ramon Tarin, 14-12, Wray, third.

- 119 pounds, Nate Morgan, 18-0, McCook, first; Andrew Smith, 16-6, Kearney, second; and Kyle Helberg, 4-7, Hill City, third.

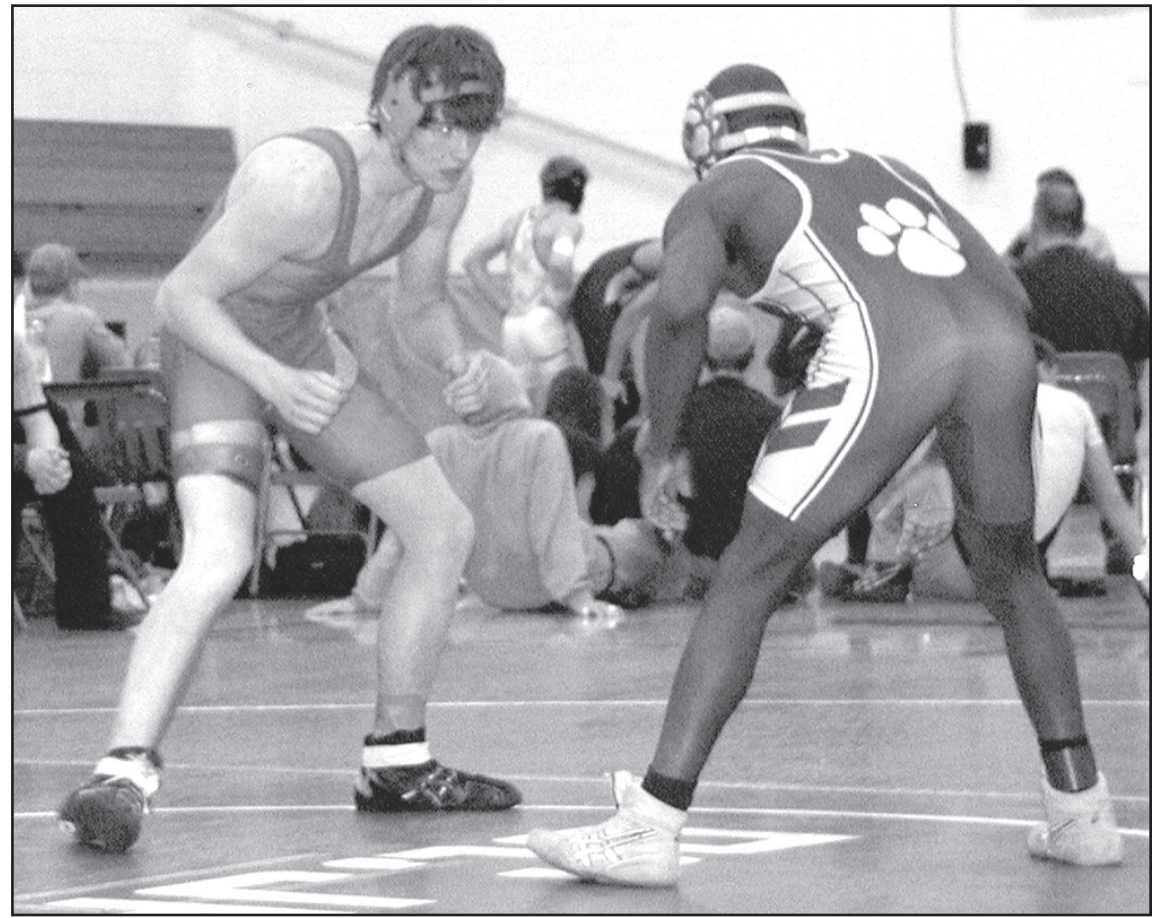
- 125 pounds, Zach Rees, 22-3, Kearney, first; Andrew Peterson, 20-6, Oakley, second; Miller, 16-11, Goodland, third; and Juenemann, 11-2, Oberlin, fourth.

- 130 pounds, Colt Rogers, 22-0, Smith Center, first; Jacob Oertie, 17-8, Kearney, second; Peters, 10-7, Oberlin; third; and Ritchey, 13-10, Wray, fourth.

- 135 pounds, Campbell, 7-1, Oakley, first; Kale Newell, 17-3, Smith Center, second; Gable, 17-9, Kearney, third; and Omar Martinez, 13-9, Wray, fourth.

- 140 pounds, Danny Floyd, 17-0, Osborne, first; Shawn Stansbury, 12-5, Smith Center, second; Osterman, 14-9, McCook, third; and Reichert, 4-16, Oberlin, fourth.

- 145 pounds, Trevor Oliver, 15-0, Osborne, first; Matt Driml, 20-4, Kearney, second; Eric Albers, 17-8, Oakley, third; and Skyler Kalinski, 13-4, McCook, fourth.



- 152 pounds, Rimpley, 22-1, Kearney, first; Lorenzo Delgado, 19-6, Goodland, second; Knoll, 16-5, Osborne, third; Jordan, 11-5, fourth.
- 160 pounds, Brandon Neujahr, 9-1, Kearney, first; Cody Stewart, 13-10, Oakley, second; Nathan Hanna, 12-2, Hill City, third; and Laine Herl, 8-16, Goodland.
- 171 pounds, Matt Atwood, 20-2, Smith Center, first; Jensen Foss,

- 17-4, Kearney, second; Paul Star, 20-6, Goodland, third; and Clinton Johnson, 9-6, Hill City, fourth.
- 189 pounds, Sean Cherry, 19-5, Kearney, first; Oharah, 16-8, Goodland, second, Alstrom, 10-6, Oberlin, third; and Carlin, 11-8, Osborne, fourth.
- 215 pounds, Jirak, 22-0, Oakley, first; Zach Jackson, 19-5, Wray, second; Junior Chavez, 17-5, Kearney, third; and Fisher, 13-13, Goodland,

- fourth.
- 275 pounds, Jay Cotter, 13-2, Goodland, first; Allen, 14-9, Kearney, second; Williams, 6-7, Hill City, third; and Ross Stewart, 11-12, McCook, fourth.

The Oberlin boys will be in Oakley to wrestle the Plainsmen at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, then travel east for the Beloit Tournament, which starts at 2 p.m. Friday and continues at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Boys lose games to Hoxie, Quinter

The Oberlin boys basketball team dropped a pair of games at home last week, a heartbreaking loss, 48-46, to Hoxie on Tuesday and a 60-33 blowout to Quinter on Friday.

The Decatur Community High boys started out well last Tuesday, outscoring the Hoxie Indians 15-10 in the first quarter. In the second period, Hoxie was able to hit four baskets to Oberlin's three to narrow the Red Devils' halftime lead to 21-18.

The third quarter was where Oberlin fell down. While the Indians hit six field goals and three out of five free throws for 15 points, Oberlin was only able to put up 10, eight of them by Toby Peters. The quarter gave Hoxie a 33-31 lead, and when both teams scored 15 in the fourth, the Indians won.

Scoring for Oberlin were:

- Peters, 25 points, including seven of 10 free throws; 10 rebounds, an assist and a steal.
- Dakota Soderlund, 6 points, five rebounds, an assist and a steal.
- Josh Ritter, 5 points, six rebounds, four assists and five steals.

- Keithen Fortin, 3 points in one shot and an assist.
- Zach May, 3 points on a single shot and steal.
- Nolan Wasson, 2 points, a rebound and two steals.
- Dalton Jones, 2 points.

On Friday, the Quinter Bulldogs came to town and walloped the Red Devils.

Quinter started out tough, outscoring Oberlin 13-8 in the first quarter. Oberlin was able to hold its own in the second and scored 12 points to the Bulldogs' 11. At the half, the visitors were ahead 24-20. In the second half, Quinter poured the coal on, outscoring the Red Devils 20-8 and 16-5 for the 60-33 win.

Scoring for Oberlin were:

- Peters, 13 points and three steals.
- Soderlund, 8, a rebound, two assists and a pair of steals.
- Ritter, 6, three rebounds; and three assists.
- May, 4.
- Fortin, 1, three rebounds; and an assist.
- Farr, 1, two rebounds; and an assist.
- Wasson, three rebounds and

- three assists.
- Jones, a rebound, two assists and a steal.

The Oberlin boys junior varsity squad fell 58-40 to the boys from Quinter on Friday in Oberlin.

Quinter jumped out to a 24-12 lead in the first quarter and continued to score in the second, out hitting Oberlin 16-7 for a 40-19 lead at the half.

In the third period, Quinter scored 12 to Oberlin's 11, but in the fourth the young Red Devils outscored Quinter 10-6.

Scoring for Oberlin were Shane McEvoy, 12 points; Ryan May, 11, including three three pointers; Tyler Shields, 6 in two shots; Zach May, 6; Connor McHugh, 3; and Tyler Bruggeman, 2.

The boys played a fifth quarter with Oberlin out scoring Quinter 16-6.

Scoring for Oberlin were: Shields, 6 in two three pointers; R. May, 6; and Bruggeman, 4.

The varsity boys will play this week in the Oberlin Invitational Tournament, which was to start on Tuesday and will continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Seventh-grade girls win; eighth graders lose

The Decatur Community Junior High girls started out their basketball season at home against the Grant Junior High Mustangs from Goodland on Thursday with a win for the seventh graders and a loss for the eighth grade.

The Oberlin seventh graders took an 8-6 lead in the first quarter but saw it slip away when Goodland outscored them 3-2 in the second and 5-2 in the third. Oberlin was able to pull the game out in the fourth period, out scoring Goodland 6-3 to edge the Mustangs 18-17.

"The girls did a nice job," Coach Gina Witt said. "Kariah Castle lead

the team with seven rebounds and Whitney Witt lead the team with 8 points. We were 13 for 18 from the field for a 72 percent. We do need to take care of the ball better."

Scoring for the seventh graders were Witt, 8 points; Castle, 4; and Morgan Jansonius, Demi Murray and Shawn Baker, 2 each.

The eighth graders weren't as lucky, as the Mustangs won 37-9.

Oberlin scored a pair. In the fourth, each team put up 6 points.

"We had a tough first game against a very quick, aggressive Goodland team," Coach Melissa Dreher said. "We will continue to work on controlling the basketball and having less turnovers."

Scoring for the eighth graders were Hannah May, 7 points, and Mercedes Geihlsler, 2.

The girls will be in Atwood on Thursday with a 4:30 p.m. tip off.

The junior high boys will start their wrestling season at 4 p.m. Thursday in Oakley. This is a change in the scheduled time.

Oberlin girls win one, lose one

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team lost 46-41 to Hoxie last Tuesday but came back to beat Quinter 60-42 on Friday in Oberlin.

Last Tuesday, the Hoxie Indians came to town and edged the Oberlin Lady Red Devils.

Hoxie took an early 16-14 lead in the first quarter and added to it by outscoring Oberlin 9-6 in the second quarter for a 25-20 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Hoxie edged Oberlin 11-10 and in the fourth quarter Oberlin turned the tables and outscored the Indians 11-10.

Oberlin only gave the Indians one opportunity for a free throw, which the Indians missed. However, Hoxie was able to dump in six three-point shots.

Oberlin hit six of 14 free throw attempts and made one three pointer.

Scoring for Oberlin were:

- Jordan Dreher, 18 points, including three foul shots and a three pointer; 11 rebounds, two assists and four steals,
- Adrienne Pauls, 9 points, five rebounds, an assist, a steal and a blocked shot.
- Mary Olson, 7 points, six rebounds, an assist and a steal.
- Brandi Diederich, 3 points, a rebound and an assist.
- Ashley Horton, 2 points, four rebounds and an assist.
- Kiah Blau, 2 points and six rebounds.
- Jessica Fredrickson, two rebounds and an assist.

On Friday the Quinter Lady Bulldogs came to town and were downed by the Lady Red Devils 60-42.

Oberlin took an early 15-11 lead and added to the total by outscoring the Bulldogs 17-7 in the second quarter for a 32-18 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin outscored Quinter 12 to 7. In the fourth, Quinter was able to edge Oberlin

Tournament starts this week

The annual Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament was to get started on Tuesday with teams from Oakley, Quinter, Hoxie and Atwood joining the Decatur Community High teams. The tournament will continue on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

On Thursday, the Oberlin girls will go against Atwood at 5:30 p.m. in the high school gym while the Quinter girls will go against Oakley in the junior high gym. At 7 p.m., the Oberlin boys will meet the Quinter Bulldogs in the high school gym while the Hoxie Indians duel with the Rawlins County Buffaloes in the junior high gym.

On Friday, the Hoxie girls will meet the Quinter girls at 5:30 Friday while the Oberlin boys will play the Oakley boys at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

The boys and girls teams with the worst records will not have games on Saturday unless more teams join the tournament, Oberlin Athletic Director Joe Dreher said on Monday.

On Saturday, girls third- and fourth-place teams will meet at 5 p.m. in the junior high gym, followed at 6:30 by the boys third- and fourth-place teams.

In the senior high gym, the girls finals will start at 5 p.m. and the boys at 6:30 p.m.

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17-16 but it wasn't nearly enough. Oberlin was only able to hit one of seven free throws for 14 percent while the Lady Bulldogs hit 11 of 24 for 46 percent.

Like Hoxie, the Bulldogs were able to hit the three pointers, sinking seven, while Oberlin's Dreher put up a pair and Pauls added a third.

Scoring for Oberlin were:

- Dreher, 20 points, eight rebounds, five assists and a pair of steals.
- Pauls, 17 points, 11 rebounds and an assist.
- Olson, 8 points, three rebounds and an assist.
- Blau, 8 points, 13 rebounds, a steal and a blocked shot.

- Diederich, 3 points, two rebounds, seven assists and three steals.
- Horton, 2 points, three rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot.
- Fredrickson, 2 points, a rebound, two assists and a steal.
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- Tiffany Anderson, two rebounds.

The Lady Red Devils will be playing in the Oberlin Invitational this week. The tournament was to start on Tuesday and will continue on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Kids wrestle at Ellis tourney

Four out of five Oberlin Kids Wrestling Club members placed in the Ellis Kids Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- 8 and under
- 58 pounds, Colton Ketterl, third.

- 10 and under
- 67 pounds, Kel Grafel.
- 73 pounds, Kaden Guerrero, fourth.

- 12 and under
- 84 pounds, Max Diederich, fourth.
- 120 pounds, Kelly Brown, third.