

Boys take fourth in tournament

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team came in fourth at the Cattle Trail Invitational Basketball Tournament in McCook last week, winning on Tuesday night but losing a heartbreaker on Friday and the third-place game on Saturday.

Last Tuesday, the Red Devils downed Medicine Valley, Neb., 62-46.

Medicine Valley took the lead in the first quarter 13-10 and added to it with a 17-13 second quarter to take a 30-23 lead into the half.

In the third quarter, however, Oberlin took off as the boys hit a pair of three-point shots and six twos for 18 while Medicine Valley scored only 8 to take the lead 41-38.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin kept up the pressure as Dalton Jones scored a pair of threes, a two and five out of nine free throws. Keith Fortin added a pair of threes and Zach May a basket to give the Red Devils a 21-point quarter. Medicine Valley again scored just 8.

Scoring for Oberlin were Jones 19 points including four threes, Dakota Soderlund 14 including two of two free throws, Fortin 13 including three three pointers, May 10 including two three pointers and Josh Ritter 6.

May was the rebound leader with 10, followed by Soderlund with 6; Ritter and Fortin, 5 each; and Jones and Tyler Bruggeman, 1 each.

Fortin and Soderlund each had three steals, followed by Ritter with two and Jones, May and Bruggeman with one each. Soderlund had

a block.

Friday night's game against Hays Center, Neb., was the toughest, as the Red Devils lost 60-59 on a free throw during the last few seconds.

Both teams opened with a shoot barrage as Oberlin scored 21 points and Hays Center 17 in the first quarter. The Cardinals stayed hot, scoring 19 while Oberlin cooled off a little and only scored 13 in the second quarter. At the half, Hays Center was up 36-34.

In the third quarter, Hays Center was able to score 14 to Oberlin's 13 to edge the lead up a little.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin was ahead 59-58 as the clock was running out when a foul sent the Cardinals to the free-throw line. The Nebraska player made both shots and sent Hays Center to the championship game while Oberlin went into consolation play.

Scoring were Fortin, 20 including six three pointers, Jones 12 on four three pointers, May 12 including three three pointers, Ritter 8 and Soderlund 7, including three out of four free throws.

Soderlund lead in rebounds with seven, followed by Fortin and May, five each; Ritter, four; Jones, two; and Bruggeman, one.

May had five steals and a block. Ritter had four steals and two blocks. Jones had three steals and Fortin one.

In the final game on Saturday, Oberlin lost 59-45 to its old rival, Dundy County from Benkelman, Neb.



ZACH MAY, SHOWN HERE taking the ball and heading down the court, put up 8 points for the Red Devils in a basketball game on Saturday in McCook against the Dundy County Tigers.

— Herald photo by Susan May

Oberlin couldn't match the Tigers, as the Nebraska team outscored the Red Devils in every quarter, 11-6, 16-15, 15-12 and 17-12.

Oberlin continued to hit the three-point shots, however, as Jones racked up three and Fortin, May and Soderlund each hit one.

Scoring were Jones 15, Soderlund 11 including four out of five free throws, Ritter and May 8 each and Fortin 3.

Soderlund was again the chief rebounder, this time with 17. He

was followed by Bruggeman with nine; Fortin, six; Jones, five; Ritter and May, four each; and Tyler Shields, one.

Ritter had five steals. Fortin and Soderlund had two each and May and Bruggeman one each. Jones and May each had a block.

The boys were to play Hill City about 8 p.m. Tuesday and will have their last game before the Christmas break starting about 8 p.m. Friday in St. Francis.

Junior high boys beat St. Francis

The Decatur Community Junior High basketball boys finished off their regular season with home victories for both the seventh and eighth graders.

The seventh grade downed St. Francis 39-21 and the eighth graders beat the young Indians 39-35.

The seventh graders came up tied at 6 with St. Francis in the first quarter but broke out in the second, outscoring the Indians 17-2 for a 23-8 lead at the half. In the third quarter, St. Francis came back and outscored Oberlin 11-4. Oberlin scored 12 in the fourth quarter to St. Francis' 2 for the win.

"Our team came out flat and really didn't play well early," Coach Tim Breth said. "It was like a switch went on, and our second quarter was great. Credit St. Francis for making arun at us in the third, but in the four, we had the switch turned on again.

"I'm so proud of the boys. Keagan Blau had a tremendous game."

The seventh graders posted a 7-1 record this year, going into the league tournament.

Scoring were Blau with 15 points and 12 rebounds, Noah Nelson 12 points, Justice Harris 8, and Andrew Wade and Konnor Witt 2 each.

The eighth graders had a closer finish, but started out the first quarter with an 18-6 lead over the Indians. In the second quarter, Oberlin outhit St. Francis 8-4 for a 26-10 lead at the half. St. Francis came back in the second half and outscored Oberlin 16-7 in the third and 9-6 in the fourth, but it wasn't enough.

The eighth grade ended the regular season with a 6-2 record.

"The game was broken down into two halves where we played great the first and St. Francis the second," Coach Breth said. "We were able to

hit just enough fourth-quarter shots to hang on.

"Regent (Erickson) had the kind of game that I know he always had the potential for. Good thing for us it happened this night. I have known and coached these boys for a long time. I hate to see it coming to an end."

Scoring against St. Francis were Erickson with 22 points, Kelden Breth 7, Rex Diereich 6 and Ganon Henningson 4.

The Northwest Kansas League Tournament has started, but both Oberlin teams had byes for the first round because of their records.

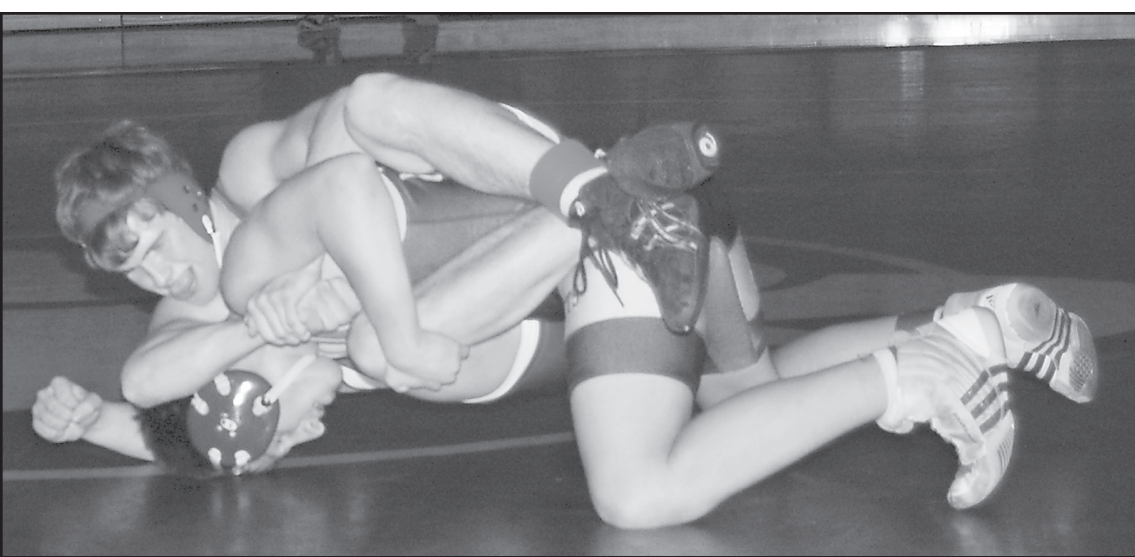
At 2 p.m. Thursday, the seventh graders, who are seeded No. 2 in the tournament, will play the winner of the game between St. Francis (4-3, seeded No. 3) and Quinter (0-7, No. 6) at 2 p.m. in the Quinter junior varsity gym. The winner will go on to play in the championship while the loser goes to the consolation bracket. The consolation game will be at 4:30 p.m. in the junior varsity gym and the championship game is at 5:45 p.m. in the varsity gym.

Other teams in the tournament are Oakley, 8-0, seeded No. 1; Rawlins County, 3-5, seeded No. 4; and Hoxie, 2-7, seeded No. 5.

The eighth graders, also seeded No. 2, will play the winner of the game between Rawlins County (4-4, No. 3) and Oakley (1-6, No. 6) at 3:15 p.m. in the Quinter junior varsity gym.

The winner will advance to the championship game at 7 p.m. and the loser will go to the consolation game at 4:30 p.m., both in the varsity gym.

Other teams will be Hoxie, 10-1, No. 1; Quinter, 4-5, No. 4; and St. Francis, 2-5, No. 5.



OBERLIN'S JON SAMSON tried to turn his opponent during the Colby Invitational dual wrestling tournament over the weekend.

— Herald photo by Andy Heintz

Wrestlers have tough duals

The Oberlin wrestling team had a tough weekend at a dual tournament in Colby, where they Red Devils went up against boys from several much larger schools.

"It's always tough to compete with the large schools," Coach Joe Dreher said. "Saturday, we only had eight guys in the lineup, which makes it difficult to compete when we have to give up 36 points a dual.

"The competition was tough, but we got several quality matches and the young guys got a lot of varsity experience."

Oberlin had several wrestlers out Saturday at the Kansas Music

Educators Association meeting and concert in Hays, he said.

Out of seven dual matches, Oberlin was only able to win one, as the Red Devils downed the Redskins from Liberal, 46-27.

Other matches were against Pine Creek, from Colorado Springs, 75-6; Colby, 55-21; Valley Center, 71-6; Wray, Colo., 48-24; Chaparral, Colo., 48-30; and Scott City, 60-23.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:
 • 103 pounds, Matt Helm, 1-3.
 • 112, Dayton Dreher, 6-1.
 • 119, Jacob Helm, 2-2.
 • 130, Chris Anderson, 1-6.
 • 135, Kade Brown, 4-3.

- 140, Nolan Peters, 2-3.
- 140, Grant Gilliam, 3-1.
- 145, Jon Samson, 3-4.
- 152, Matt Glading, 0-4.
- 160, Conner McHugh, 1-3.
- 189, Jacob Larue, 1-3.
- 215, Channing Fortin, 2-5.
- 285, Cody Wurm, 2-5.

The wrestlers will be at home this week as Oberlin holds a triangular meet with Hoxie and Rawlins County starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday, the younger wrestlers will get some work in the Oberlin Junior Varsity Invitational starting at 9 a.m.

Girls take fifth at McCook

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team took fifth place at the Cattle Trail Invitational Basketball Tournament in McCook last week.

The Lady Red Devils lost the first game 44-41 to Arapahoe, Neb., on Tuesday. Came back on Friday to beat Maywood, Neb., 64-25, in the semifinals of the consolation bracket. Then took fifth-place with a 41-39 victory over Southwest High School from Red Willow, Neb.

Last Tuesday, the Oberlin team allowed the girls from Arapahoe get ahead of them 10-8 in the first quarter and 20-9 in the second quarter, for a 30-17 lead at the half.

In the half quarter, the Oberlin girls fought back, outscoring Arapahoe 10-7 in the third quarter and 14-7 in the fourth, but came up 3 points short.

Scoring for Oberlin were Jordan Dreher with 14 points including a pair of threes; Miki Dorshorst, 9 including a three pointer; Kiah Blau 8; Tiffany Anderson 4; and Darbi Rouse, Alexis Hissong and Brianna Klima, 2 each.

Anderson and Klima lead rebounding with six each, followed by Blau and Dreher with five each; Hissong, three; and Dorshorst and Rouse, two each.

Dreher had four steals, followed by Dorshorst and Anderson, three each, Klima, two, and Rouse one. Blau had two blocked shots.

On Friday, the Oberlin girls jumped out to a tremendous 29-8 lead behind Dreher, who scored 17 points on three threes and four twos. The Lady Red Devils kept up the pressure in the second and third quarters, outscoring Maywood 14-5 and 15-4. In the fourth period, Maywood got by Oberlin 8-7.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dreher with 23 points, Blau 14, Rouse 8, Dorshorst 7 including a three pointer, Cassidy Shields 4, Jamie Soderlund 3, Anderson and Hanna May 2 each, and Taylor Macfee 1. Blau was Oberlin's top rebounder

with eight, followed by Anderson, seven; Macfee, six; Klima and May, four each; Rouse and Dreher, three each; Soderlund, two; and Hissong, one.

Dreher had four steals and a blocked shot. Dorshorst had two steals and blocked shot. Blau had three steals, followed by Hissong, two, and Rouse and Shields, one each. Anderson had a blocked shot.

The final game on Saturday was a tooth-and-nail battle, as Oberlin got off to a 12-8 lead in the first quarter. Southwest came back in the second to outscore the Lady Red Devils 14-9 to take a narrow 22-21 lead into the half.

In the third quarter, it was Oberlin's turn again. The Lady Red Devils again outscored Southwest

12-8 to retake the lead. Southwest came back in the fourth, outshooting Oberlin 9-8. That was two points too few, however.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dreher, 21 including a three pointer, Dorshorst 10 including a three pointer, Anderson 6 and Shields and Klima 2 each.

Dreher led the team in rebounds with 11, followed by Anderson, six; Dorshorst, five; Hissong, Macfee and Klima, two each; and Soderlund, one.

Dreher had two blocks and two steals while Shields and Anderson each had a steal.

The girls were to play Hill City at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and will have their last game before the Christmas break at 6:30 p.m. Friday in St. Francis.

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