



AS THE JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS watched, Dayton Kempt (above) kept the ball away from the St. Francis players. Max Diederich (No. 23) helped him out during

the seventh-grade boys basketball game Thursday. Mason Ahlberg (below) dribbled the ball toward the basket.

— Herald photos by Cynthia Haynes

Junior high boys lose first games

The Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball teams got their first taste of competition this year as they played St. Francis in Oberlin on Thursday.

Both Oberlin teams lost, the seventh graders 25-21 and the eighth graders 20-17.

This week, the boys were to play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

In the seventh-grade game last week, Oberlin drew first blood and lead 2-0 after the first quarter. St. Francis woke up in the second quarter but the Red Devils still outscored the Indians 11-10 to lead 13-10 at the half. In the third and fourth quarters, however, St. Francis outscored Oberlin 8-4 and 7-4 for the victory.

Scoring for Oberlin were Mason Ahlberg, 8 points and three rebounds; Tabor Erickson, 7 points and seven rebounds; and Quinton Cook, 6 points and eight rebounds. "We have a lot to correct and refine before a very busy week," Coach Tim Breth said "St. Francis did a nice job with their man defense, which confused us. We will get better."

In the eighth-grade game, Oberlin

again took an early lead, outscoring St. Francis 4-3 in the first quarter and 4-2 in the second for an 8-5 lead at the half. In the third quarter, however, St. Francis took charge and outscored the Red Devils 7-2 for a 12-10 lead. The Indians increased their lead slightly in the fourth, edging Oberlin 8-7.

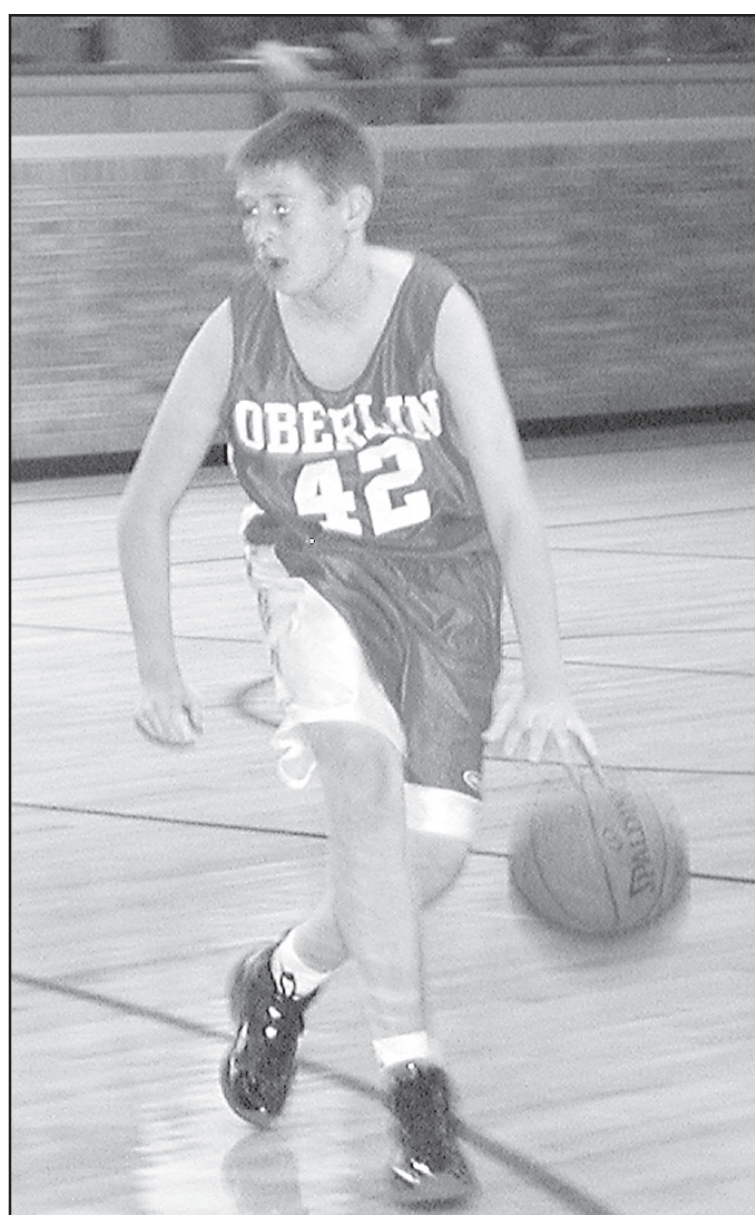
Scoring for Oberlin were Keagen Blau, 9 points and 8 rebounds; Kelly Brown, 4 points and 3 steals; and Justice Harris 4 points and 2 steals.

"We were only one for 11 from the free-throw line," Coach Breth said. "That hurt! Our guards struggled with St. Francis' ball pressure. We had good team defense but not enough offense."

This week, the boys were to travel to McCook on Monday to take on St. Patrick's. Then on Tuesday, the Quinter Bulldogs were to be in Oberlin.

On Thursday, the young Red Devils will be on the road again, playing Rawlins County at 4:30 p.m. in Atwood.

After a busy week, the boys will not have to play again until Thursday, Nov. 17, in Oakley.



Football team finishes year 4-5

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The Decatur Community High Red Devils football team ended its season with four wins and five losses overall and two wins and one loss in league play.

Senior Brent Juenemann and junior Zach May shared quarterback duties most of the season.

Team statistics show that Juenemann completed 32 of 64 pass attempts for 463 yards and May 14 of 84 for 182 yards.

May was on the receiving end of a lot of passes, also, catching 23 for 168 yards. Oberlin's leading pass receiver was sophomore Dayton Dreher, 17 for 249 yards or an average of 14.65 yards.

Other receivers were sophomore Kennedy Fortin, six catches for 74 yards; Juenemann, six for 70; sophomore Chris Anderson, one for 41 yards; sophomore Konner Fortin, one for 21 yards; and senior Conner McHugh, three for 14 yards.

May ran away with Oberlin's rushing game, gaining 1,010 yards on 148 carries. Juenemann came in second with 484 yards on 112 runs.

Other ball carriers for the Red Devils were Kennedy Fortin, 133 yards on 28 carries; Anderson 72 on 29; Dreher, 63 on 13; Konner Fortin, 16 on three; freshman Gabe Anderson, 10 on three; junior Ryan May, seven on one; junior Channing Fortin, six on two; freshman Kelden Breth, two on one; and freshman Troy Juenemann, one on two.

Z. May scored 12 touchdowns and converted four times on point-after-touchdown for 76 points.

B. Juenemann scored nine touchdowns for 54 points, followed by Kennedy Fortin, four touchdowns and a pair of two-point conver-

sions for 26 points; Dreher, two touchdowns, six conversions and a point-after touchdown kick for 19; and C. Anderson and McHugh, a touchdown each for 6 apiece.

The Red Devils scored 199 points all season.

Juenemann led the Red Devils on defense with 36 tackles and 26 assists. He was followed by Rex Diederich, 26 tackles and 43 assists; Kennedy Fortin, 23 tackles and 40 assists; Dreher, 20 tackles and 20 assists; Z. May, 16 tackles and 25 assists; Konner Fortin, 15 tackles and 34 assists; senior Garrett Berry, 14 tackles and 11 assists; C. Fortin, 12 tackles and 26 assists; C. Anderson, 10 tackles and 16 assists; junior Tyler Bruggeman, six tackles and 35 assists; junior Matt Glading, six tackles and 17 assists; McHugh, five tackles and 15 assists; R. May, five tackles and four assists; junior Cody Wurm, four tackles and 11 assists; freshman Rex Erickson, three tackles and five assists; sophomore Grant Gilliam, two tackles and three assists; senior Shane McEvoy, two tackles and two assists; sophomore Adam Zillinger, two tackles; T. Juenemann, a tackle and three assists; and Breth, sophomore Baron Green and sophomore Ben Glading, an assist each.

McHugh and B. Glading each racked up a quarterback sack for the Red Devils.

Z. May caught four interceptions, B. Juenemann, three; Berry, two; and C. Anderson one.

Diederich and Z. May each recovered three fumbles, followed by two for Kennedy Fortin and one each for Dreher, R. May, Berry, M. Glading and Konner Fortin.

The boys were coached by J.D. Johnson and assistants Shane Bird, Caleb Howland and Kyle Glodt.

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