

Sports

Boys beat Atwood Junior high wins all games during week



EIGHTH-GRADE RED DEVILS Kelly Brown (No. 35) and Konnor Witt (No. 43) kept the ball away from a Rawlins County player during a road basketball game on Thursday.

— Herald photo by Susan May

The Decatur Community Junior High basketball boys downed the Rawlins County Buffaloes in Atwood on Thursday, making for a sweep of their week.

The Oberlin boys won all five games they played last week, beating St. Patrick's of McCook, Quinter and Rawlins County.

Thursday, the seventh graders beat the Buffaloes 26-16.

"We were a little tired and beat up from the hard week," said Coach Tim Breth. "The team missed some shots early in the game that should have given us some separation in the first quarter."

As a result, Rawlins County took an early 7-2 lead, but Oberlin came back to outscore the Buffaloes 10-2 and led 12-9 lead at the half. In the third and fourth quarters, Oberlin outscored Rawlins County 8-3 and 6-4.

Helping Oberlin were Gatlin Hissong, 10 points, two rebounds and five steals; Mason Ahlberg, 6 points and five steals; Cade Wurm, 6 points; Dayton Kempt, 4 points and three rebounds; Tabor Erickson, four rebounds and five steals; and Max Diederich, four steals.

"Our man-to-man offense is really struggling," Coach Breth said. "Early in the game, we were able to get it inside to Keagen and take advantage of Rawlins County's lack of height. Our team came out for the third quarter and played much better."

Oberlin edged Atwood 7-5 in the first quarter and outscored the Buffaloes 8-2 in the second to lead 15-7 at the half. In the third period, the Red Devils caught fire and outscored Rawlins County 12-2. In the fourth, however, the Buffaloes had their turn, outscoring Oberlin 8-1.

Helping the Red Devils were Keagen Blau, 15 points, nine rebounds and two blocks; Noah Nelson, 8 points, four rebounds and four steals; Andrew Wade, 5 points and three rebounds; Justice Harris, four steals; and Kelly Brown, three steals.

Both the seventh and eighth graders now have 3-1 records. The boys will play Oakley at 4:30 p.m. Thursday on the road.

Next week, the Oberlin teams will be home on Monday to play Hoxie.

Junior high downs Quinter

The Oberlin seventh and eighth-grade boys basketball teams downed the Quinter Bulldogs in Oberlin last Tuesday.

The seventh graders overcame the Quinter team 32-23 and the eighth-grade Red Devils edged the Bulldogs 31-30.

Coach Tim Breth said he was happy with his teams, which lost their first games but came back on Monday to beat St. Patrick's in McCook in a single, joint effort.

"Just 24 hours ago, we looked sloppy, but today, Wow!" Coach Breth said about the seventh graders. "I was so delighted and proud of how our team played. Great passing and unselfishness fueled this win."

Oberlin started off strong and outscored Quinter in all but the fourth quarter, he said.

In the first period, Oberlin scored 8 while shutting the Bulldogs out. In the second quarter, Oberlin outscored Quinter 13-8 to lead 21 to 8 at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin outscored the Bulldogs 9-4, but in the fourth quarter, the visitors came up with 11 points to Oberlin's 2.

Scoring were Dayton Kempt, 7 points and four steals; Quinton Cook, 6 points and seven rebounds; Mason Ahlberg, 5 points and three rebounds; Gatlin Hissong, 4 points and five steals; Cade Wurm, 4 points and four rebounds; Tabor Erickson, 3 points, five rebounds and four steals; and Max Diederich, 3 points.

The eighth graders had a closer game.

Oberlin took a 10-4 lead in the first quarter, but Quinter retaliated by outscoring the Red Devils 10-4 in the second for a 14-14 tie at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin again took the lead, outscoring the Bulldogs 8-4. Quinter came back in the final quarter 12-9 to fall one point

short.

"Quinter played pressure man defense, which slowed us down," Coach Breth said. "We hung on. What a hard fought game."

Scoring were Noah Nelson, 9 points and five rebounds; Andrew Wade, 8 points and four rebounds; Kelly Brown, 6 points and five steals; Justice Harris, 4 points; Konnor Witt, 2 points and five rebounds; and Bryson Wesley, 2 points.

United team downs St. Pat's

The Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball team downed St. Patrick's 42-17 last Monday in McCook.

Normally, the junior high plays two games, one for the seventh graders and one for the eighth. Because St. Patrick's didn't have enough boys for two teams, there was only one this time.

"We split playing time amongst the seventh and eighth-grade players," said Coach Tim Breth. "The seventh graders are showing signs of improvement, but still have got a way to go. They played quarters one and three and the eighth graders played the second and fourth quarters."

St. Patrick's started off strong, he said, outscoring the Red Devils 6-5 in the first quarter. However, in the second, Oberlin came back and outscored the home team 17-6 for a 22-12 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, the Red Devils outscored St. Patrick's 5-2 and in the fourth, 15-3, for the victory.

Scoring for Oberlin were Noah Nelson, 18 points and six steals; Keagen Blau, 8 points and five rebounds; Mason Ahlberg, 5 points; Kelly Brown, 4 points and three steals; Justice Harris, 3 points; Quinton Cook, 2 points and seven rebounds; and Andrew Wade, 2 points.

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High school teams to show off for fans

Oberlin fans can watch the high school wrestling and basketball teams for the first time this season Monday and Tuesday.

The Decatur Community High wrestlers will take on their fathers and alumni in a dual meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school gym.

Before the exhibition, the Oberlin Kids Wrestling Club will be putting on a sloppy joe dinner beginning at 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The next night, the high school basketball teams will hold their annual food scrimmage in the gym.

The girls will debut at 6 p.m. and the boys will show off their stuff for the home crowd right afterward.

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