

'Dawgs take down the Devils 52-47

Brewster girls come back from loss in first game of season to win second

By Roxie Yonkey
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BREWSTER — An old sports truism says that a team's greatest improvement comes between their first and second games. Brewster's girls certainly made a vast improvement in their opening game of the Sagebrush Shootout on Tuesday over their season opener Friday night.

The girls held on and were able to come from behind in the final minute to take the game from a suprised Decatur Community High team.

"Last week we had the first-game jitters," Brewster coach Laura Rush said. "We didn't play well because of that, which made it tough because I know we have more ability than that. But this time, we did much better."

The Bulldogs (1-1) came from behind late in the game to down Oberlin's Red Devils (1-1) 52-47.

As they had Friday night against Grinnell, the 'Dawgs got off to a slow start, falling behind 6-1. But they took a one-point lead, 14-13, at the end of the first quarter on consecutive baskets from Alicia Collett, Sara Luckert, then Collett again.

The teams were fairly evenly matched the rest of the way, with eight ties through the game's final three quarters.

With 3:06 left in the game, Brewster's Kristy Jamison got a steal that resulted in an Ashley Carpenter bucket. Jill Beiser picked up the assist. Brewster led 43-41.

Then Oberlin's Dana Sattler found Dani Dorshorst to tie the game. Carpenter was called for pushing on the shot, but Dorshorst missed the free throw.

Sattler trapped Brewster's Christi Somers, but fouled her. Then Somers threw the ball off Sattler's chest with an official standing next to them, and Somers was called for a technical foul. She shot the bonus free throw and missed everything, then Oberlin's Haley Vollertsen made both of her free throws for the technical. Dorshorst then made a turnaround jumper on the ensuing possession, making it 47-43, Oberlin.

Brewster made adjustments to their press to force Oberlin into more turn-

overs. It worked.

"They didn't expect that," Rush said. "They got confused and kind of fell back."

The 'Dawgs also keyed on Voller-
tsen, taking her out of the game.

"That was a huge factor," Rush said, "because they couldn't go to her."

Brewster induced Oberlin's outside
shooters to foul out, which allowed the 'Dawgs to concentrate on the players inside.

At 1:42 remaining, Brewster's
Miranda Starns pushed Oberlin's Jen-
nifer Thomas, but Thomas missed both
her bonus free throws.

Collett then tied the game with a
bucket from Tara Fulwider's assist and
two free throws from two fouls.

Starns' steal resulted in two Beiser
free throws, then Collett got a steal and
two more free throws to end the game.

The teams' success from the line late
was indicative of their whole game's
performance. The Devils shot just 38
percent from the line, while the 'Daw-
gs shot 63 percent.

While Rush was certainly pleased
with the win and their improvement
from the first to the second game, she
said she wants to see still more im-
provement.

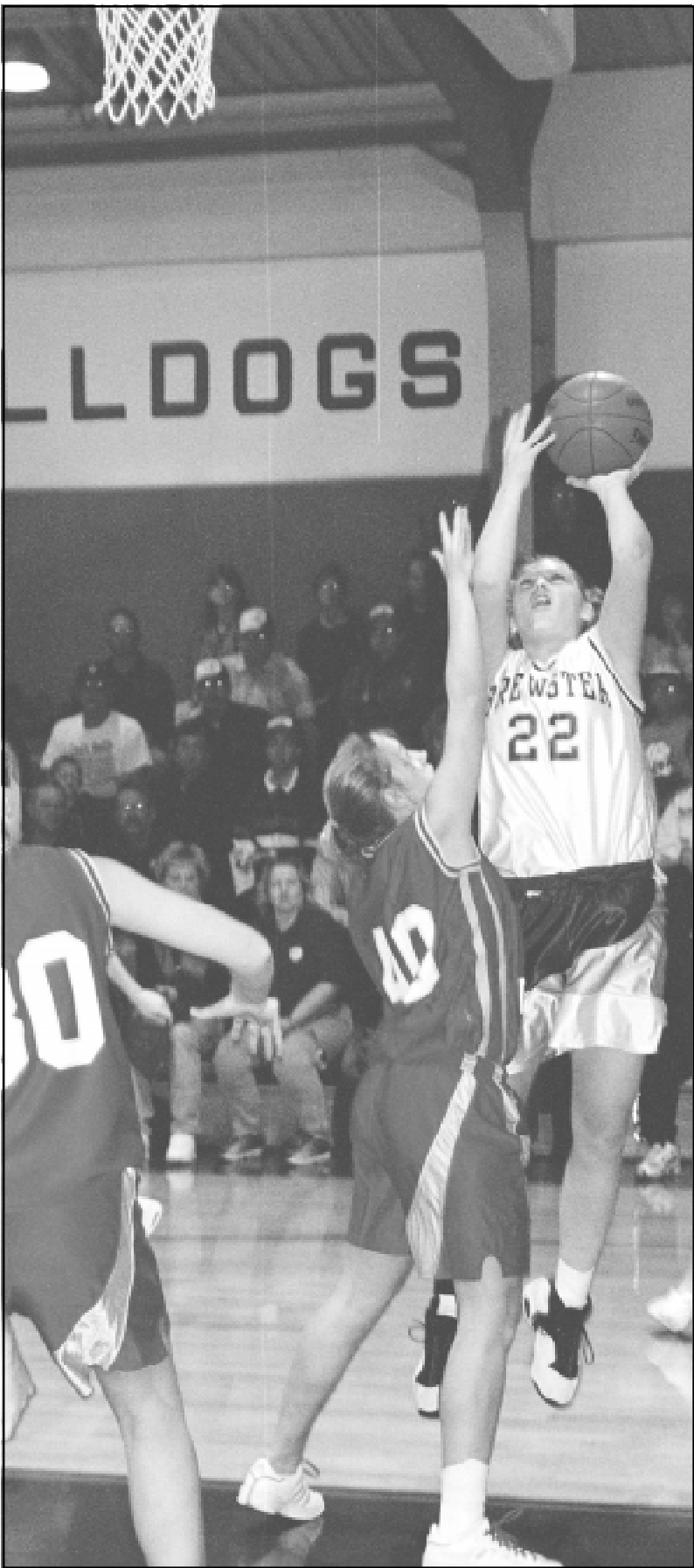
"We still have lots that we can work
on," she said. "We had way too many
turnovers and we gave up way too
many offensive rebounds. We need to
quit making stupid mistakes."

She was encouraged by the play of
four freshmen and sophomores, Am-
ber Fulwider, Jamison, Starns and Car-
penter.

"Those four came in and gave us
quite a little bit of help," she said.

Collett led the 'Dawgs with 15
points, 15 rebounds and five steals.
Beiser scored 20 points. Also scoring
for Brewster were Tara Fulwider with
two points, Somers with one, Luckert
with five, Crystal Pounds with one,
Starns two, Jamison two and Carpen-
ter four. Dorshorst led the Devils with
13 points. Vollertsen had 10.

As the tournament continues, the
'Dawgs will play Stratton, Colo., at 6
p.m. Friday in the South Gym. Oberlin
plays Golden Plains at 4:30 Friday in
the South Gym.



Taking to the air....

Brewster's Alicia Collett (No. 22 above) jumped above the Oberlin Red Devils' defense Tuesday night. Clint Horineck (No. 15, right) took to the air for a shot during the Brewster boys' game against Oberlin on Tuesday.

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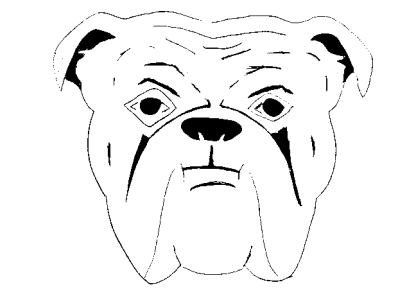
Brewster boys pull ahead after first quarter

By Roxie Yonkey
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BREWSTER — Like a car that dies in the middle of an intersection, Oberlin (1-1) got off to a good start last night, then conked out shortly thereaf-
ter.

The Red Devils jumped out to an
early lead, then Brewster (2-0) raced
ahead to win going away, 86-59, in the
final game of Sagebrush Shootout's
opening round.

Brewster's score at the end of three
quarters was Oberlin's score at game's
end. It didn't start out that way, though.
The Devils controlled the opening
tip and scored the first two buckets, one
each from Nathan Carr and Corey
Fortin.

Then the Bulldogs took the lead on
consecutive buckets from P.J. Crum-
baker, a Jay Reid trey from Crum-
baker's assist and a Clint Horineck



bucket inside.

Oberlin regained the lead with back-
to-back buckets from Ryan Ruf and
Rusty Grafel, but Brewster's Justin
Jamison hit a layup to give Brewster
the lead for good, 11-10, with 2:26 left
in the first quarter.

Horineck's bucket and two free
throws on two fouls at the end of the
first quarter made it a five-point
Brewster lead, 17-12.

The game was never much of a con-

test thereafter. The 'Dawgs shredded
the Devils' offense, picking up numer-
ous steals. Brett Arnberger was espe-
cially effective as a ball hawk. At 3:59
in the fourth, Brewster extended its
lead to 34 points when Reid stole the
ball and fed it to Arnberger for a fast
break layup.

Then Brewster coach Larry O'Con-
nor sent in his bench.

The Devils kept in mostly their top
players and they narrowed the gap a
little, but Brewster's Tyson Dixon had
the last word with a buzzer-beating
trey.

"We corrected some things in prac-

tice (from last Friday night's game in
Grinnell) and we worked harder,"
O'Connor said. "We were more patient
and it paid off."

Reid finished the game as the high
scorer with 27 points. Arnberger had
20, Horineck 18 and Jamison 10. Crum-
baker (2), Rob Garner (2), Travis
Dixon (3) and Tyson Dixon (4) roun-
ded out the 'Dawgs' scoring.

Ruf (14) and Carr (13) were in
double figures for the Devils.

Brewster plays Golden Plains at 8
p.m. Friday in the South Gym. Oberlin
plays Stratton, Colo., at 3 p.m. Friday
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DENVER (AP) — Halloween was
approaching when the Denver Broncos
realized their season was rapidly spir-
aling out of control.

A loss to previously winless Cincin-
nati dropped the Broncos to 4-4 at the
midway point, and Brian Griese's
drunken-driving arrest during the bye
week only added to the embarrass-
ment.

Five weeks and five victories later,
Denver has resuscitated its once-sink-
ing season and is making a playoff
charge behind a backup quarterback, a
backup running back and its always-
steady offensive line.

"When you get to a point like we
were, you don't have a chance to stub
your toes anymore," coach Mike
Shanahan said this week as Denver
prepared for Sunday's game against
the Seattle Seahawks.

"Everybody's got to perform at a
certain level because you can't afford
those setbacks, and so far we've been
doing it. ... Who would have ever en-
visioned that this would be the scenario
right now?"

Certainly not anyone who saw
Bengals running back Corey Dillon
run for an NFL-record 278 yards on
Oct. 22.

The superlative one-man perfor-
mance left Denver (9-4) stunned and
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