

Both Mustang teams move on to second round

The Grant Junior High School seventh-grade and eighth-grade boys teams both won their games in the first round of the Northwest Kansas League basketball tournament Tuesday.

The seventh grade came from behind and squeaked by the Oberlin Red Devils 39-38.

Greg Farris led the Mustangs with 20 points. Travis Angelos scored eight points and Andrew

Taylor seven. Both Rory Kling and Clay Schilling got two points, while Fernando Martinez led the team with six rebounds.

"We trailed for most of the game, except in the beginning and at the end," Coach Curt Minner said. "The players played with a lot of heart and never gave up hope. Clay and Fernando played well inside, and Greg had a great shooting game."

The seventh-grade team was to

face the winner of the Quinter/Oakley game in the second round Thursday afternoon at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The eighth-grade team won its first game 60-6 against Oberlin.

T.J. Hawkins led Grant with 13 points, followed by Tanner Smith and Josh Doke at 10 each. Jance McKee had eight points and both Spencer Windell and Forrest Trachsel added six.. Casey Henderson

scored five points and Darrick Ihrig had two.

All four Grant teams won their final regular season games at St. Francis last Thursday.

The seventh-grade A team won its game 45-20. Farris led the Mustang A team with 13 points, followed by Taylor with 10. Angelos had six points and led the team in steals with seven.

"Good pressure on defense created a lot of turnovers that we converted into scores," Minner said. "We executed better on offense in this game."

Adam Duell, Taylor and Kling

each scored four points for Grant. Both Nelson Bergemann and Schilling scored two.

The B team ended its season at St. Francis winning 12-4 in a "fifth quarter" game and improving its overall record to 10-1-1.

"The team worked well together against St. Francis," said Minner. "They fed the open player and scored."

Taylor led the Mustangs with four points. Robert Gonzales, Zach Lohr, Drew Raile and Duell each scored two points.

The eighth-grade A team won its game 61-30 with Smith leading the

Mustangs in scoring with 13 points. Trachsel was next with 10 points followed by Preston Dautel with nine. Both Ben Davis and Josh Doke scored six.

Other scorers for the Mustangs include Grant Wilkens and Aaron Deeds with four, and Ihrig with three points. Dustin Pennington, T.J. Hawkins and Henderson each had two points.

The B team won its "fifth quarter" game 13-11 and ended its season 5-7. McKee led Grant with three points. Wilkens, Hawkins, Henderson, Doke and Jason Krayca each scored two in the game.

Oberlin beats Brewster for title

By Jay Kelley

Colby Free Press

The Brewster High School boys' basketball team couldn't get past Oberlin's size, losing 64-45 in the championship of the Sagebrush Shoot-Out in Brewster Saturday night.

Brewster beat St. Francis 70-39 in round one Thursday and downed Stratton, Colo. 65-53 in the semifinals Friday. Oberlin beat Grinnell 65-34 then whipped Golden Plains 68-42 to advance to the championship.

Brewster jumped out to an early 9-6 lead, then added a three-pointer from Heath Baird at the four-minute mark. Oberlin battled back, cutting the lead to 14-12, but Karman Selby added another trey with a minute left in the quarter. Oberlin scored again before the buzzer, but trailed 17-14.

Selby opened the second quarter with another shot from beyond the arc. Jonathan Collett and Paul Flanders also added threes to keep Brewster ahead by six until a late rally by the Red Devils cut the lead to 32-30 at half time

The third quarter found both teams trading baskets until the 4:15 mark when Oberlin tied the score at 36. Oberlin's 6-7 Egan Grafel caught fire and scored three unanswered baskets to cement a 44-37 lead which the Red Devils would never relinquish.

The fourth quarter was all Oberlin, as they extended their lead to 55-37 in the first four minutes. A late game rally attempt by the Bull-



The Brewster Bulldogs' Heath Baird scored 17 points in the championship game of the Sagebrush Shoot-Out at Brewster on Saturday night, and was named to the All-Tournament Team.

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dogs managed eight points, but

Oberlin continued to score as well.

Scoring for Brewster: Collett 3, Selby 6; Terry 8; Baird 17; Flanders

5; Long 2; Luckert 1; and Ryan 3.

Scoring for Oberlin: Jueneman 4;

McKithick 10; Grafel 31; and Mondero 19.

Cowgirls chase Bulldogs tonight

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland High Cowgirls would like to extend their 3-1 winning record tonight as they face the Quinter Lady Bulldogs in the last basketball game before the Christmas break.

Coach Terry Daise said he was pleased with the overall team performance in the Topside Tipoff and happy they finished third in the tournament.

"I felt we didn't play that badly," he said, "but there was that one quarter against McCook that really hurt. If we had played better there, we might have had a better tournament, but McCook was a good team.

"We have had some trouble getting started, but do pretty well once we get going. If we can play with the intensity of the fourth quarter against McCook, we will have a very good season.

"It would be nice to get a win before the break, but we know that Quinter has a good team."

In the third quarter of the game

against McCook, the Cowgirls were outscored 27-5. They came back in the fourth quarter to outscore McCook 22-9 and cut the final margin to 68-58.

Daise said the Lady Bulldogs have three seniors, led by Callie Coberly, a 5'10" post player, who scored 15 points in Quinter's 51-45

loss Tuesday to Grinnell.

Daise said he thought Grinnell was ranked in the top five, but Quinter played a very close game. The two teams had tied through the first quarter, with Grinnell holding a two-point lead at the half.

Last year, the Cowgirls defeated the Lady Bulldogs 71-41.

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