

Sports

Freshmen win one, drop two

The Decatur Community High freshman boys basketball team won one out of three games in a holiday tournament at Hill City last week.

On Thursday, the Devils fell 42-38 to the Osborne Bulldogs in the first game of the tournament.

They came back on Friday to beat the Stockton Tigers 47-43 but lost 42-39 to the Phillipsburg Panthers on Saturday in the consolation championship round.

"It was a very good tournament," Coach Keith Grafel said.

"We really felt we could win at least two games. Losing by four and three points meant we were playing well, but just didn't get over the hump at the end.

"We had a nice win over Stockton the second game, and we played pretty good ball all three days."

"We got some scoring from our

guards and our other post man, we got the number of points we needed to win. If all our players find a way to score, we are in every game, and have a pretty good chance to win."

The first and third games were tight all the way through.

In the first game against Osborne, Oberlin led 16-15 at the half but fell behind 32-24 in the third quarter and couldn't make the difference.

Scoring for the Devils were Egan Grafel, 24 points, including a three pointer; Matt Mondero, 10; and James Carlisle, 4.

In the second game Stockton was ahead 10-8 at the end of the first quarter but Oberlin poured on the steam and was ahead 23-14 by the half. The Devils never looked back staying ahead 35-29 at the third quarter and winning by four points. Fouls played an important part in the game

as Oberlin made eight out of 16 charity shots but the Tigers were only given three chances of which they made one.

Scoring for Oberlin were Grafel, 25; Mondero, 15 including a three pointer; Brent Smith, 3; and Carlisle and Zac Scott, 2 each.

The third game was a heartbreaker for the Devils as they led in first three quarters 10-8, 23-19 and 30-27 only to see Phillipsburg pull the game out with a three point lead in the fourth quarter.

Scoring for the Devils were Grafel, 24; including a three pointer Mondero, 11; and Scott and Carlisle, 2 each.

The varsity teams were scheduled to play Norton here on Tuesday and will host Atwood on Friday with the girls game starting at 6:30 p.m.

Boys start second half with 3-3 record

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team entered the 2001 part of their season Tuesday with a 3-3 record.

Sophomore Ryan Ruf leads the Red Devils in scoring with an average of 19.2 points per game, said Coach Dick Ahlberg, who compiled team statistics as of the end of December.

Ruf is followed by junior Rusty Grafel with 11.7 points; junior Skyler Tacchini, 9; senior Nathan Carr, 6.7; senior Tyson Nicholson, 5.2; junior Rollie Leitner, 4.8; senior Cory Fortin, 3.8; and junior Aaron Ploussard, 2.3.

Tacchini has the best two-point shooting percent for the team with 67.6, followed by Leitner with 60 percent.

Other 50-percent-or-better shooters are Carr, 55.6; Ruf, 53.2; and Brandon Metcalf, 50.

Carr leads the three-point percentages with 33.3 followed by Grafel, 25; Ruf, 24.1; Leitner, 14.3; and Ploussard, 12.5.

Ruf leads the team in rebounds with an average of 8.3 per game followed by Nicholson, 7.8; Grafel 6.3; Tacchini, 5.8; Leitner, 3; Carr, 2.8; and Ploussard, 1.

Grafel had 16 assists per game, Carr, 15; Nicholson, 14; Ruf, 12; and

Ploussard, 7.

Ruf led in steals with 16 followed by Grafel with nine and Nicholson and Carr with eight each.

Carr led in free throws at 70 followed by Grafel, 63.2; Ploussard, 60; Ruf, 54.5; and Leitner, 50.

The team has averaged 62.2 points per game compared to their opponents 55.5 points; have had only 18.4 turnovers to their opponents 22.7 and have out rebounded opponents 41.7 to 31.2. The Devils have also averaged 42.8 percent hits in shooting to

opponents 40.7 percent.

The varsity played only one North-west Kansas League game — against St. Francis, which it lost 73-67.

The junior varsity had a 0-3 record for the year and the freshman team has a 2-1 record.

The teams were to play at home against Norton on Tuesday and Atwood on Friday, Jan. 5. On Tuesday, Jan. 9, the boys will travel to Hoxie. The girls games will all start at 6:30 p.m. with the boys starting about 8 p.m.

Darts

Another Empty Hole 46-26; Inlaws N Outlaws 41-31; Golden Oldies 41-31; Just BS 37-31; SOL 34-38; Survivors 32-40; Crossed Eyed Crusaders 17-55.

Hat Trick: Jeni Henningson, Jim Barrett. 9 Dart Out: Jim Barrett. 4th Round Out: Jeni Henningson.

Men's High: Jim Barrett 400; Robbie Henningson 158. Women's High: Jeni Henningson 266; Linda Manning 141.

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Hat Trick: Robbie Henningson. 4th Round Out: Doug Williby. Men's High: Robbie Henningson 241; Doug Williby 216. Women's High: Jeni Henningson 116; Lyn Fossum 75.

Junior high boys end season

The Decatur Community Junior High boys teams ended their basketball season at league consolation tournaments last month, with the seventh graders taking two wins and the title and the eighth graders coming in third.

The seventh grade traveled to Hoxie for the consolation tournament against Atwood, Hoxie and St. Francis.

The seventh grade first beat Atwood 42-25 then downed Hoxie 31-16. The wins left the seventh graders with a 9-7 season.

Scoring against Atwood were Jason Thomas, 18 points; Andy Inman, 10; Jesse Juenemann and Josh Fortin, 6 each; and Joe Mondero, 2.

Fortin had eight rebounds, Drew Martin had six and Inman five. Thomas was credited with six steals and Juenemann had five.

Scoring against Hoxie were Fortin, 13; Inman, 8; Martin, 5; Juenemann and Thomas, 2 each; and Zeke Ruzicka, 1.

Thomas has six rebounds and nine steals; Inman, four rebounds; and Juenemann, six steals.

The seventh graders had enough players to play two teams in all but tournaments or when playing schools with fewer students.

The eighth grade was only able to field one team this season and ended

the year with a 4-9 record after falling to St. Francis 34-29 in the first game of a tournament in Goodland and then coming back to beat Atwood 35-23 in the consolation match.

Scoring against St. Francis were Lance Fortin, 9; Gannon Reichert, 7; David Barth, 6; David Morris, 4; Andy Anderson, 2; and Rodney Marshall, 1.

Fortin had seven rebounds while Reichert and Morris each had five. Barth and Fortin had three steals each and Reichert blocked four St. Francis shots.

Scoring against Atwood were Reichert, 10; Barth and Fortin, 9 each; Morris, Anderson and Zane Pauls, 2 each; and Marshall, 1.

Reichert had 10 rebounds and Fortin four while Pauls had three assists. Barth got five steals.

This ends the junior high boys basketball season. The boys have started wrestling while the girls are starting their basketball season.

It's time to hit the mats

The Decatur Community Junior High wrestling team will hit the mats on Thursday, Jan. 11, in Goodland.

With practice starting after the winter break and school resuming on Tuesday, that doesn't give the boys much time to prepare for the season.

"We'll only get about seven practices in before we start," Coach Jim Andersen said.

The boys had a meeting before Christmas break and checked out equipment.

Coach Andersen said that he expects 20 to 25 boys in the program this year with seven or eight experienced wrestlers — either eighth graders, who wrestled last year, or those

involved in kid wrestling.

"We should fill most of the weight classes except up in the higher end," Coach Andersen said. "The heavier weight classes, we'll have trouble filling."

Bowling

METRO MIXED

Hartman Telephone 8 1/2-1 1/2; Keith's Market 8-2; Spring Creek Casting 7-3; Reliance Body Shop 6-4; Ag Vantage Seeds 6-4; Spresser Construction 5-5; Cabinetland 5-5; Gold Bank 2 1/2-7 1/2; Bishop Consulting 1-9; Baker Petrolite 1-9.

Glen Stragey 226, 732; Wayne Hackney 207, 253, 761; Leo Hartman 236, 748; Rick Klima 218, 760.

DAYTIMERS

Gold Banc 39-29; Family Lumber 38-30; Music Lab 38-30; Beauty Boutique 33-35; Pauls Funeral 33-35.

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