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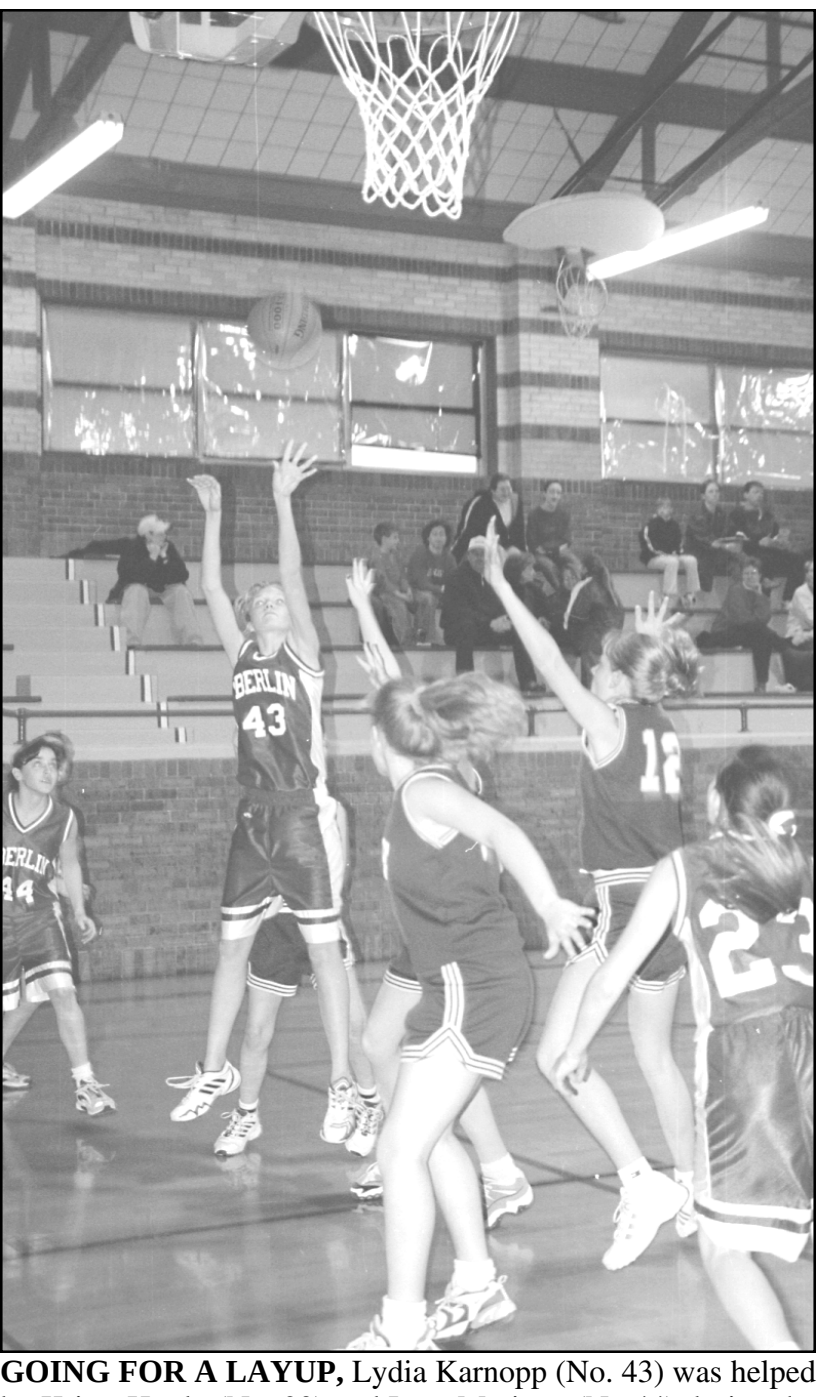


GOING FOR A LAYUP, Lydia Karnopp (No. 43) was helped by Krista Hardy (No. 23) and Lora Marietta (No 44) during the Oberlin-Hoxie seventh-grade basketball game on Thursday.
— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Oberlin Devils lose close game to the Cowboys

The Decatur Community High boys tried hard but couldn't quite hit the basket enough on Friday to overcome Goodland. They fell 70-67 to the Cowboys.

The Cowboys jumped out in front in the first quarter 19-13 but Oberlin gained two points in the second quarter and one in the third to cut the lead to 50-47 in Goodland's favor.

In the fourth quarter, each team scored 20 points, which left Oberlin three points short.

"This was a tough Northwest Kansas League game," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Goodland shot well at 56 percent and we were only able to put up 40 percent. Their size hurt us, also, as they were able to block seven of our shots."

Oberlin outrebounded the Cowboys, 30-21, and had fewer turnovers, 20-13.

Scoring for Oberlin were Rusty Grafel, 36 points; Ryan Ruf, 12; Tyson Nicholson, 8; Skyler Tacchini, 6; Nathan Carr, 3; and Egan Grafel, 2.

R. Grafel and Ruf led the rebounding with seven each followed by Nicholson, Carr and Tacchini, 4 each; Corey Fortin, 3; and Rollie Leitner, 1.

Ruf had three assists; Carr and Tacchini, two each; and Aaron Ploussard and R. Grafel, one each.

R. Grafel, Ruf and Tacchini each had a pair of steals while Nicholson and E. Grafel had one each.

The boys will travel to Colby on Thursday to take on the Eagles about 8 p.m.

Herndon High girls win three out of four

The Herndon High girls beat the Jennings/Lenora girls 53-44 but fell to Northern Valley (Almena) 34-30 to take second place in the Cheyenne Conference tournament in Phillipsburg the week of Jan. 14-20.

The Beaver girls turned around and beat both Weskan and Eastern Heights (Agra) last week.

In the first game of the tournament, Herndon jumped out ahead in the first quarter, outscoring Jennings 13-7, mostly the on the strength of free throws. The second quarter was much the same, with Jennings hitting only two baskets (one by Ann Carter for three points) and Herndon sinking four field goals (including a three pointer by April Portschy) and hitting three out of five from the free throw line. The score at the end of the half was 25-12.

In the third quarter, Jennings sped up and put up 13 points but Herndon also hit better and put in 16, including six out of seven free throws, to lead 41-25. Jennings started hitting better, 19 points, and Herndon starting missing free throws, hitting six out of 13, in the fourth quarter. Still, the lead built up in the first three quarters held and Herndon won.

Scoring for Herndon were Portschy, 17; Angie Cash, 15; Megan Leitner, 13; Chelsey Schissler, 4; and Kenzie Michel and Andrea Brown, 2 each.

In the championship round, the Beavers started off slow and were never able to catch up.

In the first quarter, Herndon was only able to score 2 points to Northern Valley's 7. In the second quarter, the Huskies stayed ahead scoring 11 points to the Beaver's 9 to lead 18-11 at halftime. The second half was a little better for Herndon, as they outscored the Huskies 19 to 16, but that wasn't enough.

Scoring against Northern Valley were Schissler, Cash, Leitner and Portschy, 6 each; Michel, 4; and Brown, 2.

Last Tuesday, the Beavers traveled to Weskan and beat the Coyotes 57-39.

This time the Herndon girls got a jump on their opponents with a 21-14 lead in the first quarter. They continued to outscore the Coyotes in every quarter, 10-9 to leading 31-23 at the half, 14-8 to lead 45-31 at the end of the third quarter and 12-8 in the fourth for victory.

Scoring for the Beavers were Brown and Leitner, 18 each; Portschy, 10; Cash, 7; and Michel, 4.

The Beavers continued their winning ways on Friday when Eastern Heights went home with a 55-35 defeat.

Again the Beavers hit hard and fast, outscoring the Mustangs in the first quarter 16-10 and in the second quarter 16-11 to lead 32-21 at the half. The last half of the game was more of the same with the Beavers, scoring 11 points in the third quarter to the Mustangs 7 for a 43-28 lead and 12 points in the fourth quarter to the Mustangs 7 to take the win.

Scoring for Herndon were Leitner, 16; Michel, 13; Brown, 8; Schissler, 5; Portschy, 2; and Sarah Miller, 1.

The girls will travel to Winona for a game against TriPlains on Tuesday.

Seventh-graders win two; eighth-graders split games

The Oberlin seventh-grade girls continued their winning ways by beating Atwood and Hoxie while the eighth-graders lost to Atwood but beat Hoxie.

On Jan. 18 the seventh graders beat Atwood 14-6.

While the Oberlin girls weren't able to score in the first quarter they held Atwood to only one basket in each of the first three quarters.

In the fourth quarter Atwood couldn't score and Oberlin put up 8 points.

Scoring for Oberlin were Kaitlyn Stapp, 10 points, and Christa Hardy and Lora Marietta, 2 each.

The eighth graders fell 34-24 as Atwood slowly overpowered them.

Atwood started out with a 6-4 lead in the first quarter, lengthened it to 16-11 by the half and 24-16 by the end of the third quarter.

"The girls showed great hustle on defense," Coach Jennifer Monaco said. "They never quit. Atwood played a run and gun game and we just couldn't slow down and play our game."

Scoring for the eighth graders were Jamie Elwood, 12; Megan Barrett, 6; Trina Shields, 3; Kelly Olson, 2; and Bethany Weishapl, 1.

On Thursday the Oberlin seventh graders won their third game of the season beating Hoxie 23-13.

The first half of the game ended in an 8-8 tie with both teams making 4 points each of the first two quarters of the game.

In the second half the Devils started sinking more balls while Hoxie had fewer. In the third quarter Oberlin scored 8 points to Hoxie's 2 to take a 16-10 lead and in the last quarter Oberlin had 7 points to Hoxie's 3.

"The girls played well in the second half," Coach Cindy Sattler said. "We played great defense with steals in both halves."

Scoring for Oberlin were Stapp, 9; Lydia Karnopp, 8; Marietta, 3; Danica May, 2; and Whitney Beinke, 1.

The Oberlin eighth graders polished off Hoxie 30-23 for their first win of the season.

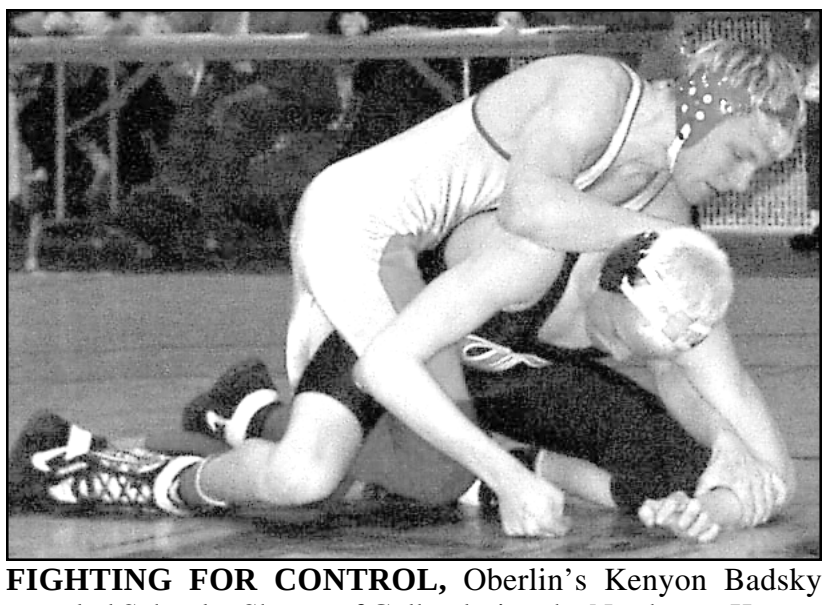
The Devils started off strong with a 12-6 at the end of the first quarter. They slid the next two quarters with both teams making 5 points in the second quarter for a 17-11 lead and Hoxie making 6 points to Oberlin's 4 in the third quarter to cut the Devil's lead to 21-17. Oberlin revved up again in the fourth quarter to outscore Hoxie 9-6.

"The girls played an aggressive defensive game," Coach Jennifer Monaco said. "We hurt ourselves by missing easy shots under the basket. We also got into foul trouble early. I was extremely pleased with Jamie Elwood's efforts of 15 steals. The girls never quit to come out on top."

Scoring for Oberlin were Elwood, 16; Shields, 5; Weishapl, 4; Barrett, 3; and Molly Coleman, 2.

In fifth quarter play the Oberlin and Hoxie seventh graders tied 6-6. Oberlin's eighth grade beat Hoxie 4-2 with scoring by K. Olson and J. Miller.

The girls next outing was to be Tuesday in Colby. They will be at home on Thursday for a 4:30 p.m. tip-off against Quinter.



FIGHTING FOR CONTROL, Oberlin's Kenyon Badsky wrestled Schuyler Sharpe of Colby during the Northwest Kansas League Tournament on Saturday in Colby. — Photo by Jay Kelley

Wrestlers finish low at league tournament

The Decatur Community High wrestlers had a tough outing at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Colby on Saturday, getting only five wrestlers into the finals and taking one second, two thirds and two fourth places.

The team came in seventh out of eight entries.

Previously unbeaten Bryan Miller fell to Colby's Matt Murray 12-2 in the finals to take second place at 135 pounds.

Kenyon Badsky, 130 pounds, and Stean Olson, 171 pounds, took third place while Brent Olson, 112 pounds, and Matt Coleman, 125 pounds, took fourth.

Oberlin results:

• 103 pounds, Shane Montgomery, won 8-4 over Doug Hurtt, Colby; was pinned by Blayze Bahe, Goodland; and lost 8-4 to Kevin Brown, St. Francis.

• 112 pounds, B. Olson won by a fall over Austine Argabright, Atwood; lost 2-0 to Eric Luedke, Colby; won 4-0 over Cody Wilson, Oakley; and lost 8-4 to Kyle Schulte, Goodland.

• 125 pounds, Coleman, lost 9-6 to Tucker Reuber, Atwood; won 7-5 over Drue Herl, Colby; and lost 4-0 to Reuber.

• 130 pounds, Badsky, lost 8-4 to Schuyler Sharpe, Colby; won by a fall over Luke Keller, St. Francis; and lost by a fall to Jordan Lamb, Atwood.

• 135 pounds, Miller, won 27-2 over Kyle Whisler, Goodland, and lost to Murray.

• 140 pounds, Grant Reichert, won 6-2 over Tyson Vap, Atwood, and lost 15-0 to Trent Baker, Hoxie.

• 145 pounds, Chris Barth, lost 10-1 to Dylan Campbell, Oakley, and lost 10-0 to Max Saint, Goodland.

• 152 pounds, Brett Keck, Lost 17-2 to Heath Beesley, Quinter, and lost 6-0 to Ty Long, St. Francis.

• 160 pounds, Ryan Diederich, lost 3-1 to Adam Riedel, Quinter; won by a fall over Charlie Baalman, Hoxie; and lost 5-0 to Matthew Withington, Atwood.

• 171 pounds, S. Olson, lost 6-2 to Barry Schmidt, Atwood; won 5-0 over Trey Hilt, St. Francis; won 1-0 over Bobby Dennis, Oakley; and lost 6-1 to Barry Schmidt, Atwood.

The team will meet Colby on the Oberlin mats starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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