

# Frosh boys get second

## Young Devils fall to Norton in final game

The Decatur Community High team took second place in a freshman boys basketball tournament in Hill City last week, with two players named to the all-tournament team.

The young Devils beat Plainville 39-22 last Monday and Phillipsburg "B" 49-39 last Tuesday before falling 45-31 to Norton in the finals on Thursday.

Andy Inman and Josh Fortin were named all-tournament players.

In the first game, against Plainville, the boys played well, keeping the Cardinals away from the basket and hitting their free throws.

In the first quarter, Plainville didn't get a chance to score at all while the Devils put up 13 points. In the second quarter, each team scored 9, and in the third, Oberlin hit for 11 points while Plainville had 9. In the fourth quarter, neither team did very well. Oberlin hit three baskets for 6 points and the Cardinals a pair for 4.

Oberlin was able to pick up five out of nine free throws while Plainville was only four for 15 at the charity line.

"We played very well, for having several days without practice over Christmas," Coach Keith Grafel said. "Jason Thomas shot the ball well from the outside and Josh Fortin did a nice job of scoring on the inside."

"It was a nice win to start the tournament."

Scoring were Fortin, 11; Thomas, 10 including two three-point shots; Jesse Juenemann, 7; Inman, 6; Joe Mondero, 3; and Brent Stallman, 2.

The boys were back in Hill City the next day to meet Phillipsburg.

The Panthers looked tough as they opened the game with a pair of three-point shots, but Oberlin was able to answer and the first quarter ended in an 8-8 tie.

In the second quarter, it was the



**GOING FOR A BASKET**, Teryn Grafel was ready to score and Jesse Juenemann (No. 14) was ready for the rebound in the last game of a freshman tournament in Hill City. The Red Devils came in second as the Norton Blue Jays won the final game. — Herald photo by Brad Larson

Devl's turn to look tough. Thomas hit a pair of three-pointers and Juenemann added another. That plus free throws from Fortin and baskets from Inman and Thomas gave Oberlin a 17-8 advantage in the quarter and a 25-16 lead at the half.

In the third quarters, the Panthers came back as one player scored 13 points. They evened the score some, but Oberlin was still ahead 35-33 at the end of three.

At the free-throw line in the fourth quarter, each team made 50 percent of their shots. For Oberlin, that was six out of 12 and for Phillipsburg one out of two.

"We played pretty well most of the game," Coach Grafel said, "but struggled a little during the third quarter."

"Our scoring is pretty balanced, and we continued to shoot the ball well throughout the game."

"We were disappointed in our free throws, because we have been

shooting almost 60 percent as a team and today we got 12 for 27 (44 percent).

"We are playing very well as a team, and our bench players are getting better and better."

Scoring were Thomas, 13; Inman and Fortin, 12 each; Juenemann, 9; and Teryn Grafel, 3.

In the finals on Thursday, the young Devils just couldn't quite down the Blue Jays.

In the first quarter, Norton led 13-6. At the half it was 19-16 and after the third quarter 34-28.

"We just didn't shoot very well," Coach Grafel said. "We knew we needed to score 50 points to win, and when we only got 31, we were in trouble."

"Norton is a very good team, with two big players that are tough to guard inside."

"After Josh Fortin sprained his ankle late in the second period, we really had a tough time trying to stop their inside players the rest of the

game.

"We did have a lead with four minutes to go in the third period at 24-20, but we got outscored 25-7 the rest of the game. We just didn't get any shots to fall late in the game."

"Overall though, it was a very good tourney for us and playing three games in four days helped us get back into shape from the Christmas break."

"We want to thank our players' parents and fans who came to Hill City three times over Christmas to cheer us on."

"We have a great crowd. Thanks again for your support."

Scoring were Juenemann, 9; Fortin, 7; Inman, 6; David Edgerton, 4; Grafel, 3; and Mondero, 2.

Bruce King and Zeke Ruzicka also helped in the games but did not score.

The freshman team is now 3-2 and scheduled to play in Goodland on Monday, with the girls game starting at 5 p.m.

# Wrestlers best Phillipsburg

The Red Devil wrestlers edged the Phillipsburg Panthers 35-31 to win a dual meet at home on Friday.

The Decatur Community High team won the match on points. Each team had three pins and Oberlin has one open weight, 103 pounds.

Denton Bailey and Chance and Scott Harman all pinned their man in the first or second period.

This is the Oberlin team's third dual victory. The Devils beat the St. Francis Indians on Dec. 20 and the Oakley Plainsmen on Dec. 6.

Wrestling on Friday were:

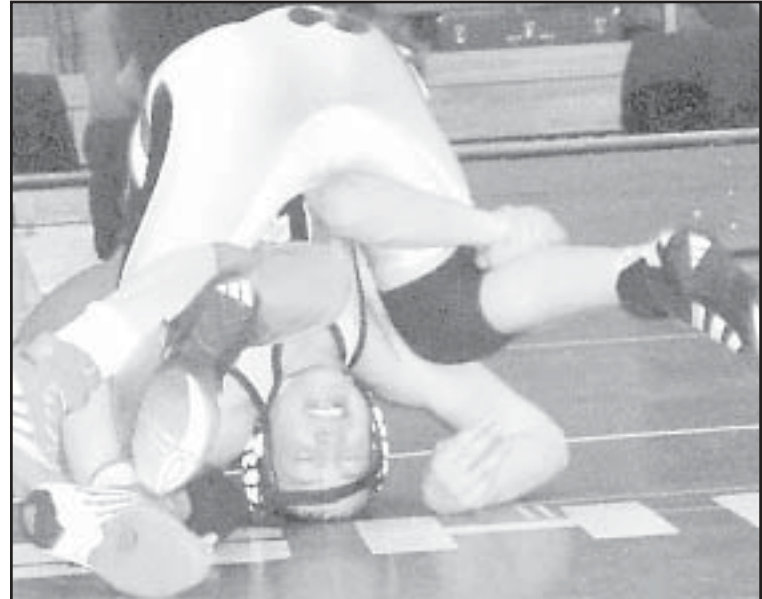
- 112 pounds, Jonathan Richards, won 6-4 over Brandon Kaup.
- 119 pounds, David Barth, lost 11-0 to Mitch Beard.
- 125 pounds, Bailey, pinned Jason Calhoun in the first period.
- 130 pounds, Scott Miller, won 15-2 over Lee Hadley.
- 135 pounds, Matt Coleman, lost 9-8 to Cody Breen.
- 140 pounds, Kenyon Badsky, won 7-0 over Josh Schweitzer.
- 145 pounds, C. Harman, pinned Brad Rachow in the second period.
- 152 pounds, Logan Glaze, won 3-0 over Webb Conrad.
- 160 pounds, Gannon Reichert, was pinned by Austin Williams in the third period.

- 171 pounds, Grant Reichert, won 12-0 over Mervin Lare.
- 189 pounds, S. Harman, pinned Tim Riggs in the first period.
- 215 pounds, Tyler Cook, was pinned by Clayton Holsinger in the first period.
- 275 pounds, Scooter Matchett, was pinned by Chris Barnes in the first period.

In junior varsity action:

- 135 pounds, Rhys Davies, was pinned by Cody Jarvis in the first period.
- 140 pounds, Canaan Bishop, lost 15-4 to Brian Hadley, and pinned Tony Ceman in the third period.
- 145 pounds, Shane Montgomery, won 13-5 over Clint Taylor.
- 152 pounds, Adam Steinmetz, pinned Bryce Mariman in the second period.
- 160 pounds, Gabe Moore, was pinned by Austin Kenney in the second period.
- 171 pounds, Drew Martin, lost 13-9 to Tyler Asher.
- 171 pounds, Bret Marietta, was pinned by Asher in the second period.

On Friday, the boys will be in Atwood to take on the Buffaloes at 6:30 p.m.



**PHILLIPSBURG WRESTLER** Lee Hadley was all wrapped up by Oberlin's Scott Miller during their match here on Friday. Miller won the battle of the 140-pounders.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Hoopsters back after break

The Decatur Community High varsity and junior varsity basketball teams will be back in action this week after the Christmas break.

On Tuesday, the teams were to travel to Norton to take on the Blue Jays. Then on Friday the Devils will be back on the home court as they welcome the Atwood Buffaloes.

Girls games will start at 6:30 p.m.

and the boys about 8 p.m.

Next Tuesday, the teams will travel to Hoxie for a 6:30 p.m. start.

The annual Oberlin Invitational Tournament will start on Tuesday, Jan. 21, and continue on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25.

As they headed into Christmas break, the boys varsity was undefeated and the girls had a 4-2 record.

## Girls get ready to play ball

About 30 Decatur Community Junior High girls are out for basketball this season, Coach Trevor Williams said.

The girls will practice in the grade school gym, as the high school teams keep both high school and junior high gyms busy.

The girls' first games will be in Goodland starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. Their first home game will be on Thursday, Jan. 30 against Hoxie.

This is Coach Williams' second year coaching the junior high girls basketball teams.

## Beavers fall to Rexford

The Herndon High Beavers came back from Christmas break to play the Golden Plains Bulldogs in Rexford on Saturday, but the 'Dogs sicced' em, winning 64-53.

The Bulldogs hit hard and fast, scoring 25 in the first quarter as one player put up 11 points. The Beavers combined for just 11 points in the quarter.

In the second quarter, Herndon was able to hit the three-pointers, with both Dan and Jeff Riener putting up a pair. With help from Ben Marintzer and Daron and Brett Chambers, the Beavers scored 20 points in the quarter to the Bulldogs' 15.

At halftime, the score was 40-31 in favor of the 'Dogs.

In the third quarter, the teams scored evenly, with 11 points a piece.

In the fourth quarter, Rexford outscored the Beavers 13-11 despite a pair of three-pointers by Lance Basgall.

Scoring were Basgall, 14; D. Riener, J. Riener and Marintzer, 10 each; B. Chambers, 6; D. Chambers, 2; and Curtis Brown, 1.

Herndon was to play Brewster at home on Tuesday and the Hayes Center, Neb.. Cardinals will be in town on Friday for a 6:30 p.m. game.

Saturday, the team will travel to Jennings to take on the Coyotes at 3 p.m. and next Tuesday, the team will be in Alma to play Northern Valley at 4:30 p.m.

## Junior high starts season

With their first match set for next week, the Decatur Community Junior High wrestlers are getting ready to go.

The boys had their meeting on Thursday and first practice of the season on Friday, Coach Jim Andersen said.

There are 20 boys in the program, 11 seventh-graders and nine eighth-graders.

"I was pretty pleased (with the turnout)," the coach said.

The boys will play host to Oakley for their first match at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16.

Until then they can be found at practice at the north end of the high school cafeteria every day after school.

With 20 weight classes for young wrestlers, it is impossible for most

of the schools in the area to have someone for all of them, Coach Andersen said.

"We usually pair up kids as best we can," he said.

"Nobody's ever full except for Colby and Goodland."

"We let the kids wrestle and have some fun and get them ready for high school."

"I always enjoy junior high wrestling. It's always fun."

This will be Coach Andersen's 13th year coaching the junior high boys. He also helps with the football program in the fall.

## Bowling

**DAYTIMERS**

Paul's, 3-1; Music Lab, 3-1; Family Lumber, 3-1; Beauty Boutique, 1-3; Bridges Insurance, 1-3. Jill Reichert - 175; Neva Jean Taylor - 218, 586; Rose Riffle - 451. Bridges Ins. - 562, 1595; Music Lab - 778, 2213.

**HIGH PLAINS**

NAPA, 8-1; Warren Bainter CPA, 8-1; Pizza Hut, 7-3; 2B Creative, 3-7; Decatur Co-op, 2-8; R&M Service, 2-8. Men: High scratch game, Jim Barrett - 223; series, Roger Cochran - 718. High handicap game, Jim Barrett - 250; series, John Kingery - 792. Women: High scratch game, Carol Kingery - 170; series, Carol Kingery - 497. High handicap game, Carol Kingery - 242; series, Carol Kingery - 785.

High team game, Decatur Co-op, 829; series, NAPA - 3056.

**PINETTE**

Gassy Little Bears, 40-28, 38731; Hair Gallery, 37-31, 38034; Raye's Grocery, 36-32, 38208; Trash-R-U's, 36-32, 37967; NWKS Organ Donors, 31.5-36.5, 37821; Flowers by Lee, 31.5-36.5, 37684; Log Cabin, 31-37, 38056; Re-Load, 29-39, 37663. High score: Jennifer Wolters - 202.

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