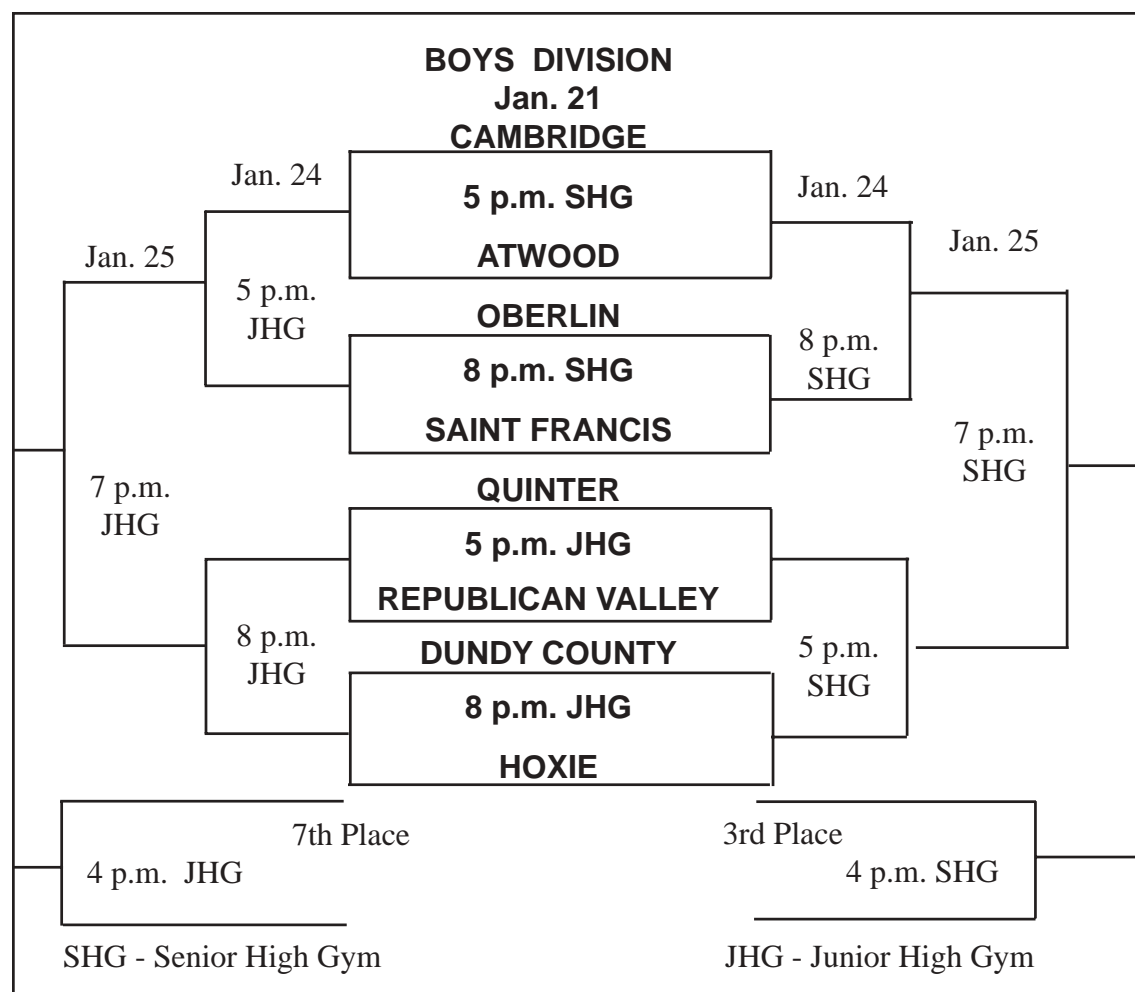
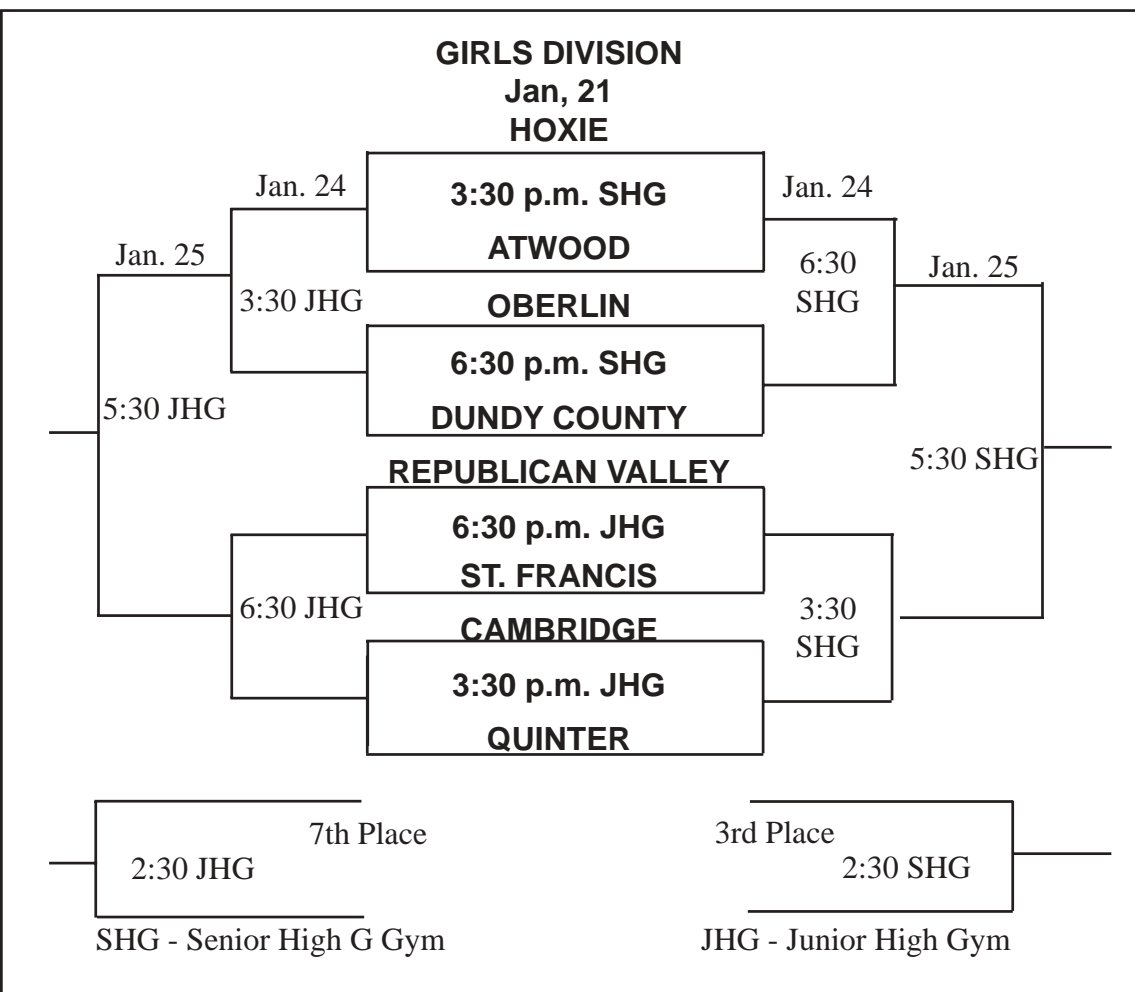


34th Annual Oberlin Invitational Tournament



Boys fall to 7-3 after losses

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team lost two straight last week to Hoxie and Quinter to take the Red Devil record to 7-3.

On Tuesday, the boys traveled to Hoxie to take on the Indians but came home with an 88-79 defeat.

Coach Dick Ahlberg said that the Indians were a quick team which controlled the ball. He also blamed himself for the loss.

"Hoxie's quickness hurt us tonight," he said. "It led them to easy baskets. They controlled the tempo of the game. I also, did not push the right buttons at the right time."

Oberlin's rebounding was excellent. Oberlin had 38 rebounds to Hoxie's 25.

Unfortunately, Oberlin had 21 turnovers to the home team's 15.

Hoxie did not overpower the Devils and never took a decisive lead until the fourth quarter.

In the first quarter, the Indians led 21-17. Both teams scored 20 in the second to give the home team a 41-37 advantage at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin outscored the Indians 22-16 to tie the score at 57.

The fourth quarter was the Devils' downfall, as the Indians outscored Oberlin 31-20.

Scoring for Oberlin were Ryan Ruf, 25 points; Lance Fortin, 17; Kyle Inman, 15; Egan Grafel, 11;

Matt Mondero, 8; and Chase McKittrick, 3.

Ruf and Mondero led in rebounds with 11 each, followed by Grafel, five; Inman, four; Fortin, three; McKittrick, two; and Chase Juene-mann and Andy Anderson, one each.

Mondero led in assists with three, followed by Inman, Fortin, Ruf and Grafel with two each; and McKittrick, one.

Ruf has three steals while McKittrick had two and Fortin and Mondero, one each.

On Friday, the Devils were back at home with the Quinter Bulldogs. The home court advantage didn't hold, however, as the Bulldogs downed the Devils 75-67.

It looked like an easy victory for the Devils as they went into the fourth quarter with a 10-point lead. Fouls eventually cost them the game, however.

Quinter took 35 charity shots and sank 27 of them. Oberlin only had 15 chances and although the Devils hit with nine, the Bulldogs put in 18 more free throws — twice as many as they needed for the victory.

Oberlin again played a great third quarter and lousy fourth.

In the first half, the teams were pretty even. Oberlin led the first quarter 15-14 and both teams scored 21 in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, Oberlin

jumped ahead 16-7 to lead 52-42.

The last quarter was a disaster for the home team.

The Bulldogs put up 33 points and the Devils were only able to answer with 15.

Scoring were Ruf, 29; Grafel, 22; Inman, 8; Mondero, 5; and Fortin, 3.

Mondero led the rebounding with eight; followed by Ruf, seven; Grafel, six; Fortin, five; Inman, three; and McKittrick, one.

Ruf and Mondero each had a pair of assists while Grafel and Inman had one apiece.

Ruf, Grafel and Mondero each had a steal.

This week, the team will be hosting the 34th Annual Oberlin Invitational, which was to start on Tuesday night and continue through Friday and Saturday.

Tuesday the Devils were to take on St. Francis at 8 p.m. The teams are bracketed with Cambridge, Neb., and Atwood, who will play at 5 p.m. The winners will then meet at 8 p.m. and the losers at 5 p.m. Friday.

Quinter, Hoxie and Republican Valley and Dundy County, Neb., will make up the second bracket.

The final games will be on Saturday at 7 p.m. for first place and 4 p.m. for third in the senior high gym, and 7 p.m. for fifth and 4 p.m. for seventh in the junior high gym.

Lady Devils pound Bulldogs

The Oberlin Lady Devils lost to Hoxie 94-62 but came back to beat Quinter 56-38 last week.

On Tuesday, the girls traveled to Hoxie for a non-league game and came up on the short end of the score.

"We were about three steps too slow all night," Coach Paul Nepodal said. "Our defensive effort was certainly a disappointment, but give Hoxie credit — they play extremely hard."

"Kelsey Dorshorst had a nice offensive night."

Hoxie took control in the first quarter, outscoring the Decatur Community High girls 27-16. The Indians never gave Oberlin a chance, leading in all quarters 56-33, 78-50 and 94-62.

Leading scorers were Abby Ream, 17 points; Dorshorst, 14; and Kortney Stapp, 11.

Leading rebounders were Sarah Ruf, four, and Stapp and Dorshorst, three each.

On Friday, the girls welcomed the Quinter Bulldogs to Oberlin and scored a 56-38 victory in a league game.

"It's always a good win coming off a loss," Coach Nepodal said. "It sets us up for our tournament with a positive. We still have little things that we can always improve, but overall, this was a good, hard effort by the girls."

Oberlin took an early lead, outscoring the Bulldogs 13-7 in the first quarter and 13-8 in the second to lead 26-15 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Devils again outgunned the Bulldogs, this time 11-9 to lead 37-24.

In the final quarter, Oberlin spent a lot of time at the free-throw line as Quinter gave the Devils 13 opportunities to score free shots. The home team made six of them, plus six baskets for 19 points in the quarter while the visitors got seven baskets for 14 points and a loss.

Scoring were Stapp, 17 including

a three-point shot; Ream, 15; Ruf, 11; Jamie Elwood, 6; Dorshorst, 4; Lindsay Fortin, 2; and Rena Unger, 1.

Leading rebounders were Elwood, eight; Ruf, seven; and Ream, five.

The girls will take part in the 34th Annual Oberlin Invitational this week. They were to start out on Tuesday against Dundy County, Neb., at 6:30 p.m. They are in bracket play with Hoxie and Atwood, with the winners playing each other at 6:30 p.m. Friday and the losers at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Finals will be on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. for first place and 2:30 p.m. for third in the high school gym, and at 5:30 p.m. for fifth and 2:30 p.m. for seventh in the junior high gym.

The other bracket is made up of Republican Valley and Cambridge, Neb., and Quinter and St. Francis.

Bowling

DAYTIMERS

Music Lab, 9-3; Family Lumber, 7.5-4.5; Bridges Insurance, 6-6; Paul's, 6-6; Beauty Boutique, 3.5-8.5.

Rose Riffle - 199, 232, 485. Patti Uehlin - 232, 614. Beauty Boutique - 622, 880, 2343.

Family Lumber - 1704.

HIGH PLAINS

NAPA, 14-6; Warren Bainter CPA, 14-6; 2B Creative, 12-8; Pizza Hut, 8-7 (incomplete); Decatur Co-op, 3-12 (incomplete); R&M Service, 4-12. Men: High scratch game, John Sauvage - 244; series, Karol Evans - 825. High handicap game, John Sauvage - 272; series, Karol Evans - 917. Women: High scratch game, Carol Kingery - 130; series, Carol Kingery - 466. High handicap game, Carol Kingery - 202; series, Carol Kingery - 751.

High team game, Co-op - 885; series, Co-op - 3301.

METRO

Fredrickson Ins., 9-1; Hartman Telephone, 7-3; W&L Pumping, 5-5; Reliance Body Shop, 5-5; Baker-Petrolite, 4-6; Bob's Plumbing, 4-6; AGVantage Seeds, 3-7; UNWF Credit Union, 3-7. Karol Evans - 214.

PINETTE

Gassy Little Bears, 8-4, 45508; Raye's Grocery, 8-4, 45082; Flowers by Lee, 8-4, 44288; Trash-R-Us, 7-5, 44590; Hair Gallery, 5-7, 44788; Re-Load, 5-7, 44324; Log Cabin, 4-8, 44667; NWKS Organ Donors, 2-6, 42064 (blind).

High game: Sherri Kyte - 184.

Beavers win two games

The Herndon High Beavers showed their basketball stuff last week as they beat both Northern Valley and Logan to take their record to 5-6.

On Tuesday, the Beavers traveled to Almena and edged the Northern Valley Huskies 48-47.

Herndon was able to shut the Huskies down in the first quarter except for a single three-point basket by Northern Valley's big man, Josh McClain. The quarter ended with the Beavers in control 8-3.

The Huskies did better in the second quarter, with five of them scoring and they cut the Beaver lead by a point. At the half, though, Herndon still led 21-17.

In the third quarter, both teams scored 13 points. In the fourth, the Huskies' McClain led the play, hitting four baskets for 10 points. The Huskies outscored the Beavers 17-14 but it wasn't enough.

McClain scored 22 points for his team.

Scoring for the Beavers were Jeff Riener, 12; Abe Marintzer, 10; Dan Riener, Curtis Brown and Brett Chambers, 7 each; Lance Basgall, 3; and Daron Chambers, 2.

J. Reiner hit a pair of three pointers while D. Riener and Chambers each hit one.

The Beavers were eight for 13 at the free-throw line.

On Friday the Logan Trojans lost the war 63-61 after marching into Herndon.

Logan looked good in the first

quarter, but sent the Beavers to the free-throw line several times. At the end of one, the Trojans led 16-11.

Trojan mistakes in the second quarter sent the Beavers to the charity line another nine times and the home team took seven free points while giving the visitors only five opportunities for free throws, of which they made two.

The Beavers made the most of their opportunities in the second and outscored the Trojans 20-13 to take a 31-29 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, the teams played mostly even with Logan scoring 16 and Herndon 15. At the end of three, the home team led by a point, 46-45.

In the fourth quarter, the Trojans sent Herndon to the free-throw line nine times. The Beavers sank five of the freebies while Logan was only able to get two of four.

Accuracy in free throws and their opponents' foul problems led to victory for Herndon.

Scoring were Marintzer, 22, including three out of five free throws; Basgall, 15 including eight out of 12 free throws; D. Riener, 14; including five out of seven free throws; Brown and Chambers, 2 each; and J. Riener, 1 on a free throw.

Basgall and D. Riener each sank a three-point shot.

The Beavers will be taking part in the Cheyenne Conference Tournament in Phillipsburg starting Tuesday and ending Saturday.

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