

# Devils take second in Oberlin tourney

The Oberlin boys basketball team took second in their own tournament last week, beating St. Francis 65-37 on Tuesday, Cambridge 77-61 on Friday and losing to Quinter 73-62 in the finals on Saturday.

The third place team was Cambridge and the fourth place team was Dundy County.

On Tuesday the Decatur Community High Red Devils squashed the St. Francis Indians in the first round of the Oberlin Invitational Tournament.

Oberlin outplayed the Indians in every quarter, outscoring them 8-4 in the first and 19-7 in the second quarter to lead 27-11 at the half. In the second half the Devils downed the Indians 21-12 in the third quarter and 17-14 in the fourth.

Coach Dick Ahlberg praised his players, especially Matt Mondero and Ryan Ruf.

"Matt had a nice floor game with six assists, seven rebounds and three steals," he said, "and Ryan really shot the ball well."

Scoring were Ruf, 31 points; Kyle Inman, 16; Egan Grafel, 11; Chase McKittrick, 3; and Matt Mondero and Andy Anderson, 2.

Inman was the leading rebounder with nine followed by Grafel, eight; Mondero, six; McKittrick and Ruf, four; Lance Fortin, three; and Anderson, one.

Behind Mondero's six assists Ruf had four; Fortin, two; and Inman, McKittrick, Grafel and Anderson, one each.

On Friday the Devils beat Cambridge 77-61, meaning they would move on to the championship game on Saturday.

The Devils outscored their opponent in every quarter except the second, where Cambridge had 23 points to Oberlin's 22.

Coach Ahlberg said it was a good game and a quality win against a good team.

"Our shooting and rebounding were the keys to the game," he said.

Scoring for the Red Devils were Ruf, 28 points; Inman, 19 points; Grafel, 17 points; Fortin, seven points; and Anderson, six points.

Inman was the leading rebounder with 12 while Grafel had nine, McKittrick and Ruf had five, Mondero had three, Fortin had two, and Pauls had one.

Saturday night Oberlin met Quinter and outscored them in only the first quarter of the game. The Devils had more rebounds and turnovers than Quinter had.

The Devils took second in the invitational, with Quinter taking first with a final score of 73-62.

Coach Ahlberg said the game was a roller coaster ride back and forth. There were simply too many turnovers.

Scoring for the Devils were Mondero, 16 points; Ruf, 15 points; Inman, 14 points; Grafel, 12 points; and Fortin, five points.

"A good tournament overall," said Coach Grafel. "We gained some experience and showed some



RED DEVIL EGAN GRAFEL player went up for a shot during the final game of the tournament with Quinter. The Devils finished second.

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improvement."

Ruf and Grafel were named to the all-tournament team while Anderson was named to the all-academic team.

# Wrestlers face tough competition in Beloit tourney

The Red Devil wrestlers had two individuals place fourth and one place fifth at the Beloit tournament this weekend.

Matt Coleman and Kenyon Badsky both took fourth place while Grant Reichert took fifth.

Coach Joe Dreher said 10 of the 17 teams at the tournament are ranked in the top eight in the state in their various classes.

"This time of the year we have to learn from our mistakes and try to improve each week," said Coach Dreher.

Red Devil wrestlers who competed were:

- 112 pounds, Jonathan Richards, who took a loss in the first period.

- 119 pounds, Denton Bailey, who had a win in his first match and then lost 6-1 in the second match.

- 125 pounds, Scott Miller, won 8-2 in the first match and lost in the second one 14-6.

- 130 pounds Matt Coleman, won 8-3 in the first match, and won 4-2 in the second match, took a loss in the third match, won in the fourth

match 7-5 and then lost in the last match to take fourth place.

- 135 pounds, Kenyon Badsky, pinned his opponents in his first two matches; he then lost 10-2, won 6-0 and lost in the last match by pin, which put him in fourth place.

- 140 pounds, Chance Harmon, won 6-0 in his first match, lost 12-11 in his second match, won 8-0 in the third match and lost in the fourth match 10-8.

- 145 pounds, Logan Glaze won his first match 7-4 and got pinned in his second match.

- 152 pounds, Adam Steinmetz lost his first and second match.

- 160 pounds, Grant Reichert won 5-3, won 5-4, lost 6-4, lost 4-0 and won in the last match 4-2 to put him in fifth place.

- 189 pounds, Scott Harmon, pinned his first opponent, then lost his second match 8-1 and lost his third match 2-1.

- 215 pounds, Tyler Cook got pinned in his first match, pinned his opponent in the second match and lost 4-3 in the third match.

# Freshmen beat Cowboys

The Decatur Community High freshman boys basketball team downed the ninth graders from Goodland 59-41 on Jan. 13.

Oberlin jumped out to a 15-8 lead in the first quarter and kept up the heat, leading 28-18 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Devils

outscored the Cowboys 16-12 and went on for the victory.

Scoring were Andy Inman, 15; Teryn Grafel, 13; Jason Thomas, 11 including a pair of three pointers; Josh Fortin, 10; Jesse Juenemann, 5; Joe Mondero and David Edger-ton, 2 each; and Brent Stallman, 1.

# Girls take 7th in invitational

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team took seventh in the Oberlin Invitational Tournament after losing to Dundy County 64-53 on Tuesday, losing to Atwood 61-60 on Friday, and losing to Quinter 58-36 on Saturday.

Placing in the top four seats were Cambridge taking first, Hoxie taking second, Republican Valley taking third and Dundy County taking fourth.

Although the Lady Devils lost to Dundy County in their first game Tuesday, they took their turns at putting shots in the baskets. Scoring were Kelsey Dorshorst, 14 points; Kortney Stapp, 13; Jamie Elwood, 11; Abby Ream, 9; Sarah Ruf, 4; and Lindsay Fortin, 2.

On Friday the Lady Devils met Atwood and fought hard. The girls outscored the Buffaloes in the first quarter and then scored a point less than their opponents in the second and third and the same amount in the

fourth.

They lost to the Buffaloes by a point.

Scoring were Ruf, 18 points; Stapp, 16 points; Elwood, 14 points; Ream and Unger, five points; and Dorshorst, two points.

On Saturday night the Lady Devils met with Quinter and lost to them 58-36. Scoring on Saturday were Elwood, 19 points; Ream, 12 points; Stapp, eight points; Ruf,

seven points; Dorshorst and Unger, six points.

Coach Paul Nepodal said it was a disappointing week since the team had higher expectations than how they performed. The team has all had the flu and worked on getting better.

He said the Lady Devils need to work on their consistency, especially since they have some tough games coming up.

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