

Sports

Nine wrestlers qualify for state at regional meet

Nine Decatur Community High wrestlers will be heading for the state tournament in Hays this weekend after placing in regional competition in Leoti.

To win a ticket to state, wrestlers had to take at least fourth place at regionals on Friday and Saturday.

Qualifying were second-place finishers Matt Coleman, Kenyon Badsky, Chance Harman, Logan Glaze and Brett Keck; third-place finishers Scott Miller and Grant Reichert; and fourth-place finishers Scott Harman and Tyler Cook.

"I thought we wrestled pretty well," said Coach Joe Dreher. "The guys on the backside (brackets) never quit, and the four that didn't qualify were only one match from qualifying."

"This week, we just need to focus on the basics, and when Friday and Saturday get here, wrestle every match like it's the last one."

Oberlin came in third at the regional tournament with 149.5 points. Hoxie was first with 258.5 and St. Francis second with 159.5. Oakley came in fourth with 138.5.

Other schools at the meet were Atwood, Hoisington, Cimarron, Deerfield, Hutchinson-Trinity, Leoti, South Gray, Sublette, Elkhart, Quinter and Kinsley.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- 112 pounds, Jonathan Richards, lost to Cook, Hoisington, 8-2; pinned Wiggins, Elkhart, in the second period; and lost to Schamberger, Hoxie, 2-0.

- 119 pounds, David Barth, beat Kroetch, Lyons, 6-5; lost to Hart, Hoisington, 15-0; beat Brown, St. Francis, 5-2; beat Hockersmith, Oakley, 9-4; and lost to Baker, Hoxie, 16-0.

- 125 pounds, Miller, beat Barer, Hoisington, 7-4; pinned Baker, Leoti, in the third period; lost to Kuhlman, Oakley, 10-2; and beat Gienger of St. Francis, 9-2, for third place.

- 130 pounds, Coleman, pinned Anderson, Deerfield, in the third period; beat Brown, St. Francis, 13-11; lost to Gilliland, Hoxie, 11-3, for second.

- 135 pounds, Badsky, beat Rohwender, St. Francis, 15-0; pinned Burns, Cimarron, in the third period; and was pinned by M. Schippers, Hoxie, in the first period, for second.

- 140 pounds, C. Harman, beat

State Schedule

The state wrestling tournament for Class 1-2-3A schools will begin at 9 a.m. Friday at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

The quarter finals will be at 2:15 p.m. and the semi-finals and first consolation round at 6:15 p.m.

On Saturday, the consolation cross bracketing begins at 9 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., the consolation quarterfinals will be held and at 1 p.m. the consolation semifinals.

At 2:30 p.m., the fifth and sixth place matches will take place and at 3:10 p.m. the third and fourth place matches.

The parade of champions and finals will start at 6:15 p.m.

Argabright, Atwood, 19-4; pinned Martinez, Deerfield, in the second period; and was pinned by J. Schippers, Hoxie, in the first period.

- 145 pounds, Glaze, pinned Owen, Hoisington, in the first period; beat Smull, St. Francis, 3-0; lost to Schamberger, Hoxie, 9-2, for second.

- 152 pounds, Shane Montgomery, lost to Hilt, St. Francis, 11-5; beat Harris, Sublette, 7-4; lost to Christians, Hoisington, 4-2.

- 160 pounds, Reichert, beat J. Dennis, Oakley, 12-7; lost to Campbell, Hoxie, 8-4; pinned Guebaro, Deerfield, in the third period; and pinned J. Dennis, in the second period, for third.

- 171 pounds, Keck, pinned Pettay, Kinsley, in the first period; beat Beesley, Quinter, 7-1; pinned Samson, Atwood, in the first period; and lost to B. Dennis, Oakley, 3-1, for second.

- 189 pounds, S. Harman, beat Clark, Cimarron, 17-2; lost to Schmidt, Atwood, 11-0; beat Baalman, Oakley, 4-1; and lost to Hilt, St. Francis, 12-3, for fourth.

- 215 pounds, Cook, lost to Pratt, Hoxie, 15-4; beat Schwartz, Hoisington, 2-0; and lost to Pratt, Hoxie, 4-2.

- 275 pounds, Jake Padgett, lost to Birney, Sublette, 4-2; pinned Pratt, Hoxie, in the third period; and was pinned by Cash, South Gray, in the second period.

Kid wrestlers take medals at Atwood meet

The Oberlin Kid Wrestlers were in Atwood on Saturday and brought home a pair of first-place medals, three thirds and four fourths.

Next week, the young wrestlers will not have a meet because of the high school state wrestling tournaments. The following week, the Oberlin club will hold its tournament starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 8, in the Decatur Community High School gymnasium.

Wrestling in Atwood were:

- Levi Baughman, age 6 and under, 58 pounds, first place.
- Clay Andersen, age 10 and under, 73 pounds, first.

- Zach May, age 8 and under, 64 pounds, third.

- Daniel Jordan, age 10 and under, 79 pounds, third.

- Nathan Simonsson, age 12 and under, 130 pounds, third.

- Chris Anderson, age 8 and under 52 pounds, fourth.

- Tyler Shields, age 8 and under, 55 pounds, fourth.

- Justin Williams, age 10 and under, 100 pounds, fourth.

- Jaxen Alstrom, age 12 and under, 130 pounds, fourth.

- Kaden Macfee, age 10 and under, 79 pounds, did not place.

Young Guns win two in Norton tourney

The Oberlin Young Guns sixth-grade boys basketball team went 2-1 in the Norton Tournament Feb. 15.

In the first game against Hill City, the Oberlin boys lost 42-27, but the Young Guns went on to beat Hays 27-20 and Kensington 45-33.

The team is coached by Dave Stapp and Jay Fortin.

Scoring against Hill City were Drew Basgall and Sam Stapp, 10 each; Logan Fortin, 7; and Lucas Juenemann, 2.

Top rebounders were Basgall with 15 and Stapp and Fortin with two each.

Scoring against Hays were L. Fortin, 13; Stapp, 5; Jacob Fortin, 3; and Jordan Tally, Basgall and

Juenemann, 2 each.

Top rebounders were Basgall with 10; Stapp and L. Fortin, 4; and Tally, 3.

Top blockers were Stapp with four and Basgall with one.

Scoring against Kensington were L. Fortin, 15; Juenemann, 13; Basgall, 9; Stapp, 5; and J. Fortin and Tally, 2 each.

Rebounders were Basgall, 8; Juenemann, 5; J. Fortin and L. Fortin, 3 each; Stapp, 2; and Everett Urban, Mitchell Wittman and John Meitl, 1 each.

Blockers were L. Fortin with 2 and Stapp with 1.

Other team members are Cole May, Derek Chambers, Jared Stritt, Joe Dunham and Kevin Farr.



GOING FOR A LAYUP, Kyle Inman was way out in front of all the defenders during Thursday's game against Oakley. — Herald photo by Brad Larson

Oberlin boys beat Atwood, Oakley last week

After five near misses, the Decatur Community High boys basketball team had their chance in the winner's circle last week, downing Atwood 65-61 on Tuesday and Oakley 70-52 on Thursday.

Despite being out-rebounded and having more turnovers, the Devils came out on top with four players scoring in double digits in Atwood on Tuesday.

In the first quarter, the Devils showed the Buffaloes who was boss by taking a 19-12 lead. The second quarter was less decisive, but the Devils still outscored the Atwood boys 17-16 to lead 36-28 at the half.

The third quarter was the only one where Atwood was able to outscore Oberlin, 21-16, but Oberlin still led 52-49 at the end of three.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin held on, outshooting the Buffaloes 13-12 for the victory.

Scoring were Kyle Inman and Ryan Ruf, 20 each; Matt Mondero, 12; Egan Grafel, 11; and Lance Fortin, 2.

Grafel was the top rebounder with nine, followed by Inman and Mondero, five each, and Ruf, three.

Ruf, Grafel and Anderson each had three assists while Fortin and Chase McKittrick each added one. Ruf and Grafel each had a steal as well.

On Thursday, the Devils were in Oakley beating up on the Plainsmen.

"We had a solid overall performance tonight," said Coach Dick Ahlberg.

The Oberlin boys still had a dozen turnovers to the Plainsmen's nine, but they also had 31 rebounds to Oakley's 28.

The game was even in the first quarter, with Oberlin coming out a little ahead, 15-11. In the second quarter, the Devils shut down the Plainsmen and dominated the basket with a 20-8 quarter to lead 35-19 at the half. In the third quarter, the home team gained a little back with a 19-16 effort. Oberlin still led, and in the last round, the Devils outplayed the Plainsmen 19-14 for the victory.

Scoring were Inman, 22; Ruf, 20; Mondero, 10; Grafel 9; Fortin, 5; and McKittrick, 4.

Grafel led the rebounds with 12, followed by Ruf, six; Inman and Mondero, five each; and Zane Pauls, Fortin and McKittrick, one each.

Ruf had three assists while Inman, Fortin and Mondero had a pair each and McKittrick and Grafel each had one.

Ruf came up with five steals while Inman, McKittrick, Mondero and Grafel had one each.

The Devils' record is 11-8 with one game left in the regular season. That was to be at home on Tuesday against Phillipsburg.

Substate play starts Monday, March 3, and should be in Hoxie.

Freshman Devil boys beat Quinter, Oakley

The Decatur Community High freshman boys took their season record to 7-3 with victories over Quinter and Oakley last week.

On Monday, Quinter was in town for a C-team game. The young Bulldogs went home with their tails between their legs after a 56-53 loss.

"This was a very good game," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We played very well throughout the

game. Quinter has a pretty good team, and we knew we had to play well if we were going to have a chance to win. It was a great team effort."

Scoring were Andy Inman, 15 points; Josh Fortin, 14; Jason Thomas, 10; Teryn Grafel, 9; and Jesse Juenemann, 8.

Thursday, the boys were on the road to Oakley. The young Devils

came home with their tails high and a 54-45 victory over the Plainsmen.

"We played very well," Coach Grafel said. "Everyone contributed in this win. We got some great effort out of our bench players, and we are continuing to play hard all the time."

"Our record is now 7-3 and we have two tough freshman games left."

The Devils smashed the Plainsmen in the first quarter 22-9. In the second the Devils only scored two baskets while Oakley had 10 points.

Oakley outscored the Devils 14-11 in the third and Oberlin put the lid on with a 17-12 fourth.

Scoring were Inman, 11; Juenemann, Grafel and Thomas, 10 each; Fortin, 8; Bruce King, 3; and Zeke Ruzicka, 2.

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