

Girls win one, lose one

Lady Devils beat Oakley but lose to Atwood women

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team had a mixed week, with a loss to Atwood on Tuesday and a victory over Oakley on Thursday.

On Tuesday, the girls lost to the Buffaloes 63-56 in Atwood.

"Our defensive intensity continues to go up and down," Coach Paul Nepodal said. "It's disappointing on all ends to give one away, but we have been getting good individual efforts. Now we need to put each effort together to be successful."

The teams stayed close, with Atwood leading 11-10 at the end of the first quarter and 32-27 at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin outscored the Buffaloes 16-13 to narrow their lead to 45-43. In the fourth quarter, the Buffaloes scored just one basket, but they put 16 out of 24 free throws in for 18 points while Oberlin scored 13.

Scoring were Kelsey Dorshorst, 16 points; Sarah Ruf, 13; Abby Ream, 12; Kortney Stapp, 9; Jamie Elwood, 4; and Rena Unger, 2.

Top rebounders were Ruf, 10, and Stapp, nine.

Things turned around on Thursday in Oakley, as the Lady Devils beat the Plainswomen 53-46.

"Our team effort was outstanding," Coach Nepodal said. "Our overall intensity was much improved, and it showed on defense."

The teams were close during the first half, tied 8-8 at the end of one and Oakley up 21-18 at the half. In the third quarter, Oberlin started to pull ahead, outscoring the Plainswomen 16-11.

In the fourth, the Lady Devils pulled further ahead with a 19-14 quarter.



GOING FOR THE PERFECT FREE THROW, Sarah Ruf helped the Oberlin Lady Devils score a victory over Oakley on Thursday. — Herald photo by Brad Larson

Scoring were Stapp, 14; Ruf, 13; Unger, 9; Ream, 8; Dorshorst, 4; Kerrie Olson and Lindsay Fortin, 2 each; and Elwood, 1.

Ruf was the top rebounder with nine while Stapp had seven.

The junior varsity girls beat Atwood 47-41 and lost to Oakley 40-35.

Scoring against Atwood were Leah Marietta and Kaitlyn Stapp, 8 each; Lora Marietta, 7; Elwood, 6;

Kerrie Olson, 5; Christa Hardy, 4; Danica May, Lydia Karnopp, Unger and Megan Barrett, 2 each; and Kelly Olson, 1.

Scoring against Oakley were Karnopp, 14; Lora Marietta, 7; Leah Marietta, Hardy and Kaitlyn Stapp, 4 each; and Barrett, 2.

The girls' last home game was to be on Tuesday against Phillipsburg. Next week, substate girls games will start on Tuesday in Oberlin.

Eighth-grade girls trounce Sainty

The Decatur Community High eighth graders lost 43-28 to Oakley on Feb. 13 but beat the St. Francis girls 34-19 on Thursday.

The Oakley girls had two shooters with scores in the double digits and they were able to overpower the young Devils.

Oakley led Oberlin 9-5 in the first quarter and 24-12 at the half. In the third quarter, each team scored 9

points. In the fourth, Oberlin scored a basket and five free throws while Oakley had a pair of baskets and six free throws for the win.

Scoring were Lauren Fortin, 12; Emmie Pauls, 6; Marci Metcalf, 4; and Tricia Dorshorst and Heather Williams, 3 each.

On Thursday, the girls were at home when the Indians came to call. It was a good day for the Oberlin

eighth graders but not for the Indians.

The Oberlin girls outscored the St. Francis crew in all but the third quarter, when the teams tied. By quarters the scores were 9-5, 7-4, 6-6 and 12-4.

Scoring were Fortin, 12; Pauls, 10; Dorshorst, 6; and Karli Fredrickson, Whitney Ashley and Sarah Murray, 2 each.

Junior Devils lose two last week

The Oberlin junior varsity boys lost a pair of games last week. On Tuesday, the Decatur Community High boys lost 39-32 to the Buffaloes in Atwood.

"We just played very passive in the second half, and never got back into sync after half time," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We were very disappointed with our second-half performance. This was not a typical DCHS basketball game. Our intensity and execution have to get a lot better."

The Devils led 25-13 at the half but were only able to score 2 in the third quarter and 5 in the fourth, while Atwood came on strong in the half with 12 and 14 point quarters.

Scoring were Josh Fortin, 15; Chase Juenemann, 5 including a three-point shot in the fourth quarter; Jesse Juenemann, 4; and Lance Fortin, Chase McKittrick, Zane Pauls and Andy Anderson, 2 each.

On Thursday, the team was in Oakley but got torn up 72-41 by the tough Plainsmen.

"We are still playing well in the first half, but our second and third quarters are really hurting us," Coach Grafel said. "We had to make a lot of adjustments because of players being ill and hurt, but we don't have any excuses for our second half play. We just have to have better intensity and fewer turnovers."

The Devils were behind at the half 34-28. However, again in the last two quarters the ball wouldn't fall. In the third quarter, the Devils sank a pair of baskets for 5 points and another pair for 5 plus three out of four free throws for 8 points in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, Oakley was putting up 21 and 17 points.

Scoring were McKittrick, 7; Jason Thomas, 6; Pauls, L. Fortin and David Edgerton, 5 each; Josh Fortin and J. Juenemann, 4 each; Bruce King, 3; and C. Juenemann, 2.

McKittrick, J. Juenemann, L. Fortin and King all made three-point shots. The junior varsity season stands at 4-11.

Atwood pool to hold 3 on 3

The Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project will host its fourth annual youth 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Saturday, April 5.

Entries are due by Saturday, March 29, said Tournament Director Rhonda Argabright.

Boys and girls, grades 1-10, are eligible to play.

Entry forms have been sent to schools and may be found on the

Internet at atwoodpoolproject.tripod.com.

T-shirts and medals will be awarded to first-place winners in each division and second-place teams will receive a medal.

Concessions and lunch items will be available. Admission is \$1, with those 5 and under admitted free. Cost is \$27 per team to play.

Darts

Feb. 6:
Enigma II 92-64; Y Us 91-65; Dart It 88-68; 2nd Generation 71-85; Just Us 65-91; Wild Hawks 61-95.

Fourth round out: Rocky Courage.

Men's High: Rocky Courage 250, Norm Richards, 116.
Women's High: Sara Pickett 108, Julianna Baker 83.

Feb. 13:
Enigma II 100-68; Dart It 99-69; Y Us 92-76; 2nd Generation 75-93; Just Us 69-99; Wild Hawks 69-99.

Nine dart out: Rocky Courage. Hat trick: Rocky Courage.

Fourth round out: Linda Smith, Rocky Courage.
Men's High: Rocky Courage 650, Randy Ostmeyer 150.

Women's High: Linda Smith 100, Cheryl Sauvage 83, Rhonda Kingery 83.

Feb. 20:
Enigma II 106-74; Dart It 105-75; Y Us 101-79; 2nd Generation 79-101; Just Us 77-103; Wild Hawks 72-108.

Nine dart out: Rocky Courage.

Hat trick: Jim Barrett.
Men's High: Rocky Courage 250, Jim Barrett 233.

Women's High: Fonda Farr 116, Julianna Baker 108.

Jennings girls drop two for week

The Jennings High girls lost to Kensington and Weskan last week and also lost a player when Nakita Graf broke her wrist during the Kensington game.

Last Tuesday, the girls were at home against the Kensington Goldbugs but the 'Bugs took home a 63-40 win.

"Our decisions on defense really hurt us the most," Coach Cheri Brooks said. "We gave them easy lay-ups by running out at them and not adjusting. However, we did do a better job working the ball around, looking for posts and shooting the ball when given the opportunity. Thirty percent (completions) from the field is a good improvement for us."

Scoring were Adrienne Vacura, 11; Peggy Foster 10; Christina Coiner, 8; Sara Kier, 5; Courtney Gillespie, 4; and Elise Kinser, 2.

Vacura was the top rebounder with eight, followed by Kier with six and Gillespie and Kinser with three each.

Kier, Vacura and Gillespie each had a steal while Tiffany Wheeler, Kier and Kinser had a pair of assists each and Vacura had one.

On Friday, the Weskan Coyotes were in town, winning 52-34.

"The final score definitely doesn't show the effort and the improvement the girls displayed tonight against Weskan," Coach Brooks said. "We came out on fire

in the first quarter with a lead of 12-7, and went into halftime down by one.

"The girls really hustled on defense. Several girls were on the floor scrapping for loose balls and stepping into the land and taking several charges.

"Unfortunately, we went through a struggling third quarter and began to make careless turnovers with the ball, leading to easy baskets for Weskan.

"I was very pleased with the girls' efforts. They gave it everything they had. That's the greatest thing a coach could ask for."

Scoring were Vacura, 10; Gillespie, 8; Kier, 5; Kinser and Randolph, 4 each; and Wheeler, 3.

Kinser was the chief rebounder with 10, followed by Kier, 6, and Coiner and Wheeler, 4 each.

Wheeler had two steals while Coiner, Kinser and Gillespie had one and Coiner had two assists.

The girls' record is 0-20.

In junior varsity play, Kensington edged Jennings 21-20 in two quarters.

Scoring were Kier, 7; Katie Randolph, 6; Gillespie, 4; and Vacura, 3.

Against Weskan, the junior varsity girls only got to play one quarter but came out ahead 4-3. Kinser scored all 4 points.

Regional play will begin in Goodland on Friday.

Seventh grade plays three

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade girls lost to Oakley on Feb. 13 then played in a B-team tournament in Atwood on Feb. 15.

The young Devils lost to Atwood but beat Oakley in the tournament.

On Feb. 13, the girls were in Oakley. The home team started out ahead 4-2 in the first quarter and increased their lead throughout the game.

Scoring were Lacey Ream and Rory Wendelin, 6 points each; Heather Glodt and Fabiola Ortiz, 2 each; and Jessica Dellere, 1.

Two days later, the girls were in Atwood for a B-team tournament.

The first game was against Atwood and the young Devils lost 20-16.

Atwood had a great first quarter, outscoring Oberlin 14-1, but then did not score much in the next three quarters. Still, the deficit was too much.

Scoring were Glodt, 6; Kenzie Fisher, 4; Alyssa Montgomery and Kayla Zodrow, 2 each; and Ortiz and Dellere, 1 each.

In their next game, the girls took out Oakley 25-11.

Oberlin started off with 7 points to Oakley's 2 in the first quarter and by the third quarter were ahead 17-5 as Oakley could not catch up.

Scoring were Fisher, 8; Jenny Ploussard and Glodt, 4 each; Dellere, 3; and Ortiz, Montgomery and Zodrow, 2 each.

The girls will end their season in league tournament play this week.

Sports

Beavers win game on Feb. 14

The Herndon High School Beavers gave their school a sweet treat by beating Kensington 69-63 on Valentine's Day.

The Beavers and Goldbugs were basket-for-basket in the first half. In the third quarter, the home team broke away and gave the Goldbugs trouble.

In the first quarter, Herndon took a thin 17-16 lead. In the second, both teams scored 10 so the home team led 27-26 at the half.

In the third quarter, however, the Beavers cut loose and scored 22 points while holding the 'Bugs to 15. In the fourth quarter, the visitors were able to score 22 while Herndon put 20 points on the board, but that was enough for a Beaver victory.

Scoring were Lance Basgall and Abe Marintzer, 17 each; Brett Chambers, 12; Dan Riener, 11; and Chris Brown and Daron Chambers, 6 each.

Basgall had four three-point shots; B. Chamber, 2; and Riener, 1.

The Beavers' record stood at 8-11, said Coach Ryan Becker.

Basketball tourney set

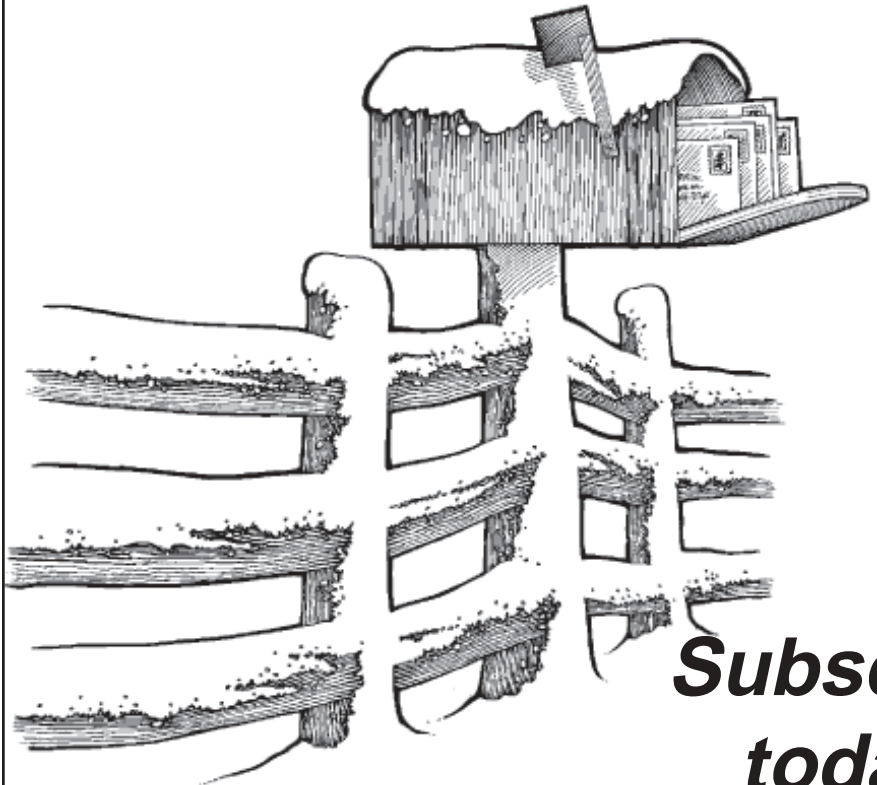
Southern Valley High School near Orleans, Neb., will be holding a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on March 29.

The tournament, sponsored by the school's booster club, is open to boys and girls in grades five through 12. Deadline to sign up for the tournament is Wednesday, March 19.

For information, call Roger Luther at (308) 473-8002 or write to 71151 HRd., Orleans, Neb., 68966.

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