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Sports

Jays break Devils' six-game streak

After six straight wins, it was tough for the Oberlin Red Devils to fall on their home court, 58-39 Thursday night to Norton, but the boys were back the next night as they trounced the Atwood Buffaloes, 82-55.

On Thursday, the Bluejays brought a 3-2 record to Oberlin and took home an extra notch while the Decatur Community High team lost for the first time this season.

"We shot poorly, 20 percent, and passed poorly with very few assists," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "We just stood around. Norton's defense was very good. They just outplayed us."

The game started out well, with Oberlin scoring first and holding the Bluejays scoreless until several minutes into the first quarter. The quarter ended in a 12-12 tie. Even in the second quarter, the Jays were not able to make much headway about halfway through the period. That didn't last, as the Devils came back to take a narrow lead 25-23 at the half.

In the second half, the Jays hit their baskets and the Devils didn't. At the end of three, the visitors were up 41-31. The fourth quarter was more of the same

Scoring for Oberlin were Ryan Ruf, 12; Egan Grafel and Skyler Tacchini, 8 each; Aaron Ploussard, 5; Rusty Grafel, 4; and Matt Mondero, 2.

Tacchini led in rebounds with eight, followed by R. Grafel, six; E. Grafel, five; Ruf, four; and Kyle Inman and Mondero, two each.

On Friday the Devils visited Atwood and took home a league victory.

"This was a solid Northwest Kansas League road win and a good team effort," Coach Ahlberg said.

Oberlin outscored the Buffaloes in every quarter but the last, when the regular players were subbed out, giving the younger boys a chance to play.

"We played 10 guys in the fourth quarter," Coach Ahlberg said.

Scoring for Oberlin were Ruf, 26; R. Grafel, 24; E Grafel, 15; Tacchini, 6; Rollie Leitner, 4; Ploussard, 3; and Inman and Mondero, 2 each.

The Devils were to meet the Hoxie Indians in Oberlin on Tuesday and will travel to Quinter on Thursday. Both games should start after the girls' games, about 8 p.m.

The annual Oberlin Invitational will start on Tuesday, Jan. 15.



KEEPING HIS OPPONENT DOWN, Chance Harman was seconds away from victory over Atwood's Tucker Reuber on Friday.

The Red Devils beat the Buffaloes 52-16 before a home crowd. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Oberlin sends Buffs home with big loss

With solid wrestlers in the lower weights, the Decatur Community High team slammed Atwood 52-16 before a home crowd Friday night.

The junior varsity went to WaKeeney on Saturday and brought home five medals.

"We wrestled pretty well Friday and Saturday," Coach Joe Dreher said. "You never know what to expect the first outing after Christmas."

On Friday, Atwood wasn't able to win a match until the last four, when an Atwood wrestler won one and the team got two forfeits for its 16 points.

The Red Devils are now 9-3 in dual matches.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- 103 pounds, David Barth, pinned Jonathan Peterson in the first period.
- 119 pounds, Shane Montgomery, won 4-2 over Joey Holste.
- 125 pounds Brent Olson, pinned Austin Argabright in the first period.
- 130 pounds, Matt Coleman, won 7-5 over Jordan Lamb.
- 135 pounds, Kenyon Badsky, pinned Luke Schroeder in the second period.
- 140 pounds, Chance Harman, won

14-4 over Tucker Reuber.

• 145 pounds, Jason Gallentine, pinned Trevor Leitner in the second period.

• 152 pounds, Logan Glaze, won 5-2 over Chris Holste.

• 160 pounds, Grant Reichert, won 3-2 over Nick Cahoj.

• 171 pounds, Tyler Cook, lost 16-6 to Thad Sperry.

• 215 pounds, Scott Harman, pinned Jeff Samson in the second period.

In junior varsity wrestling, Gannon Reichert pinned Lance Esep at 145 pounds and Chris Barth lost 13-1 to

Tyson Vap at 152 pounds.

In WaKeeney, D. Barth took first place at 103 pounds. Second places went to C. Barth, 152 pounds, and Dustin Ketterl, 145 pounds.

Adam Steinmetz came in third at 152 pounds and Rodney Marshall, fourth at 135 pounds.

Also wrestling were:

- 112 pounds, John Diederich, 1-2.
- 135 pounds, Canaan Bishop, 1-2.
- 145 pounds, Gannon Reichert, 2-2.
- 171 pounds, Jake Padgett, 1-2.

Decatur Community High will host the annual Oberlin Invitational Wrestling Tournament starting at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Wrestlers from Hill City, Lakin, Oakley, Osborne, Quinter, Russell, Stockton and WaKeeney will be attending.

Girls fall to Atwood in close match

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team fell 56-44 to Norton on Thursday and lost a heartbreaker 55-54 to Atwood on Friday.

On Thursday, the girls were at home in their first game since the Christmas break.

"Overall, we played a good game," Coach Paul Nepodal said. "If they were going to beat us, it had to be done from the outside, and that's what they did. We accomplished most of the goals in this game, except for one — to win."

Norton took an early 16-8 lead in the first quarter but Oberlin came back in the second quarter and outscored the Bluejays 18-8 to lead 26-22 at the half. In the third quarter, however, the 'Jays took over, hitting nine baskets for 21 points while holding the Devils to 4.

In the fourth quarter, Coach Nepodal said, he subbed out his team and gave the younger girls a couple of minutes of playing time.

Scoring were Kortney Stapp, 11 points; Haley Vollertsen, 10; Jennifer Thomas, 9; Abby Ream, 6; Dani Dorshorst, 5; Rena Unger, 2; and Dana Sattler, 1.

Vollertsen had two three-point shots and Thomas one.

On Friday, the girls traveled to

Atwood to take on the Buffaloes.

"We played with a lot of heart despite having tired legs from playing two games versus tough teams back to back," Coach Nepodal said. "Our free-throw shooting continues to haunt us — 36 percent per game."

The game was even all night, with Atwood leading 18-12 at the end of the first quarter, 36-35 at the half and 48-45 at the end of three.

In the third quarter, Atwood sent the Devils to the charity line for 15 shots. They made just 3 points.

Scoring were Ream, 16, including two three pointers; D. Dorshorst, 15; Vollertsen, 8, including a three pointer; Stapp, 6; Ruf and Lindsay Fortin, 4 each; and Kelsey Dorshorst, 2.

In junior varsity play, Oberlin lost to

Norton, 46-30, and to Atwood, 35-26.

High scorers against Norton were Rena Unger, 11, and Jamie Elwood, 7. Lindsay Fortin was the leading rebounder with five.

High scorers against Atwood were Kerry Olson, 8, and Ruf and Megan Barrett, 4 each. Olson was the leading rebounder with four.

"We continue to improve in each game," Junior Varsity Coach Terry Ream said.

"Our girls are learning to play together and work hard despite being outsized and having less experience than most teams we play."

The Oberlin girls were slated to play Hoxie at home on Tuesday and will travel to Quinter on Thursday for a 6:30 p.m. game.

Darts

Rocky 7, 52-32; Tosha's Pit Crew, 50-32; Golden Oldies, 48-36; Yus, 44-40; Who Dared?, 43-41; Inlaws N Outlaws, 41-43; Out of Towners, 41-55; CHS, 32-52; Enigma, 31-53.

Hat Trick: Brian Schroer. 4th Round Out: Rusty Montgomery, Brett Dickinson, Rocky Courage, Kendall Neal, Dave Parnin. Men's High: Rusty Montgomery 375, Brett Dickinson 316. Women's High: Carol Shirley 116, Joyce Carlton 66. Honorable Mention: Kendall Neal 216, Rocky Courage 208, Jason Berry 191.

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