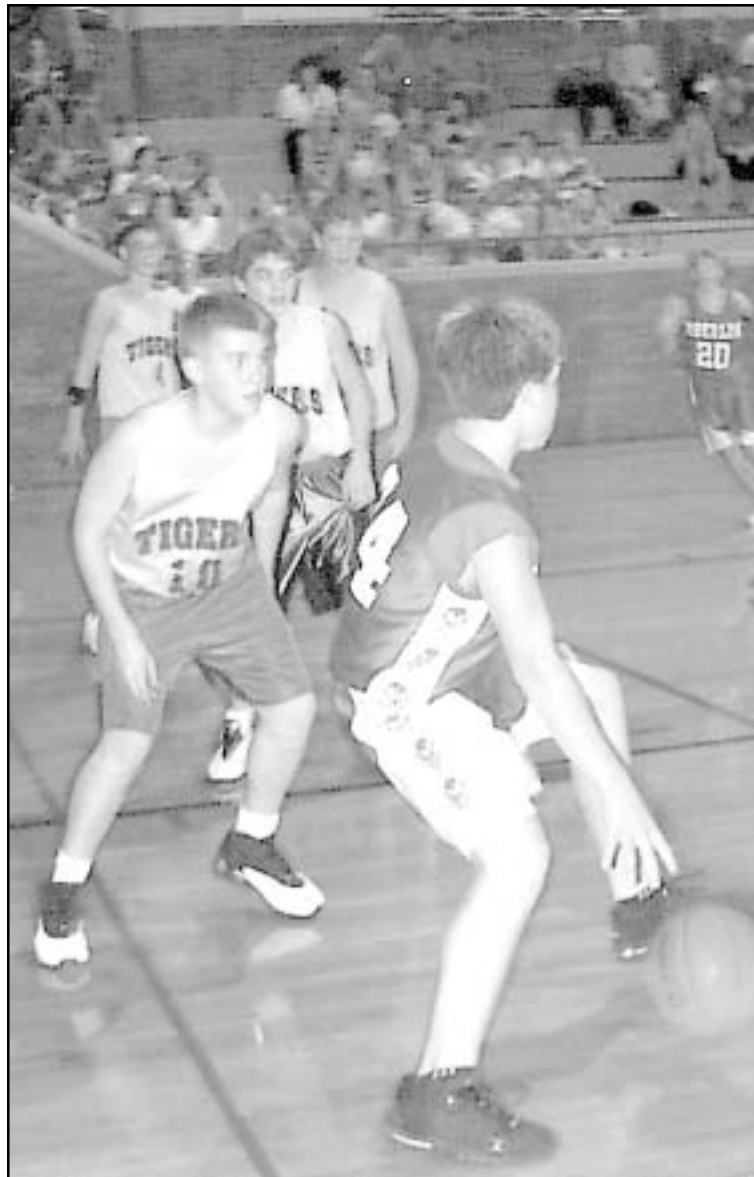


Sports

Seventh graders win 56-28

Eighth grade falls 43-32 to Hoxie boys



DRIBBLING THE BALL around to get in position to try for a basket, Sam Stapp (No. 34) helped the Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade team defeat the Hoxie Tigers 56-28 on Thursday. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

The Decatur Community High seventh-grade boys basketball team downed Hoxie on Thursday 56-28 but the eighth-graders lost 43-32. "The boys played a tremendous team game," Coach Tim Breth said of the seventh-grade game. "We shot 37 percent for the game."

The stands were full of excited parents as the boys rang up basket after basket in the Oberlin junior high gym.

Oberlin jumped out ahead, and except for one quarter when each team scored 16, they outscored the Hoxie boys in every time period.

The score was 15-6 at the end of the first quarter, then both teams scored 16 in the second quarter, giving Oberlin a 31-22 lead at the half. Oberlin outscored Hoxie 10-5 in the third quarter, and 15-1 in the last.

The win brought the seventh-graders' record to 3-1. They were to play in Atwood on Monday.

Scoring were Logan Fortin, 22 points, nine rebounds and four steals; Sam Stapp, 19 points and 14 rebounds; Luke Juenemann, 8 points and 11 rebounds; Jordan Tally, 4 points; Cole May, 2; and Jacob Fortin, 1.

The eighth-graders stayed mostly even with Hoxie except for the second quarter.

"We had a miserable second quarter that we could never recover from," Coach Breth said. "An inspired second half wasn't enough."

Hoxie took the lead in the first quarter by only three points, 9-6. In the second quarter, however, the visitors won the game, outscoring Oberlin 19-6 to lead 28-12 at the half. In the third quarter, each team scored 10 and in the last quarter Oberlin outscored Hoxie 10-5, but it wasn't enough.

The eighth-grade record was 1-3. They were to play Atwood right after the seventh-grade game on Monday.

Scoring were Colt Diederich, 14 points, 11 rebounds; Spencer Young, 8 points; Ethan Long, 2 points, five rebounds; Royal Fisher, 2 points, four rebounds; and Ace Manning, 2 points.

The team will be off until Thursday, Dec. 4, when they head to Goodland for a 4:30 p.m. start for the seventh grade.

Wrestlers start practice

The Decatur Community High wrestling team is starting practice.

Coach Joe Dreher reports that he has 28 wrestlers this year, including five who qualified for state last year, and another five lettermen.

Last year, the Red Devils took fifth at the state tournament with four placers.

"We have a good bunch of guys out," Coach Dreher said, "which

makes it pretty competitive in the practice room.

"With the number of kids we have out, it's nice to have five junior varsity tournaments on the schedule. The whole team should get plenty of mat time.

"We are just looking to improve from last season."

Returning from appearances at state last year are Brett Keck,

Chance Harman, Matt Coleman, Logan Glaze and Scott Miller. Other returning lettermen are Scooter Matchett, Shane Montgomery, David Barth, Jonathan Richards and Denton Bailey.

The boys will not begin their season until after the Thanksgiving break. They will play host to the Oakley Plainsmen starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

Herndon basketball team ready

Herndon High basketball fans will see about the same team this year as last.

After going to sub-state for the first time in 22 years last year, Herndon lost no players to graduation or dropouts.

The team was 13-15 last year, and other than freshman Corey Mercer, the same boys will be back on the court.

After a successful football season, where the boys went all the way to the Nebraska state championship game and brought home second place, they are ready to take on the Cheyenne Conference in basketball.

Last year, the Beavers tied for first place in the conference. "It's going to be nice to follow a

successful season with all of the same players," Coach Ryan Becker said.

"With this being the last season for the Herndon Beavers, they won't be happy with anything less than a finish in Hays at the Class 1A State Tournament."

Returning varsity players for the Beavers are seniors Lance Basgall, Abe Marintzer, Dan Riener and Curtis Brown; juniors Brett Chambers and Daron Chambers; and sophomore Jeff Riener.

Other players this year will be junior Ben Grafel, sophomores Rodney Rippe and Arthur Larson, and freshman Mercer.

Basgall averaged 13 points and three rebounds per game last year.

He was named to the first team in the all-conference listing.

Marintzer averaged 11.1 points and 5.4 rebounds per game and was named to the second team in the conference.

D. Riener had 8 points and 2.3 rebounds; Brown, 6.5 points and 3.7 rebounds; B. Chambers, 8.7 points and 2.8 rebounds; D. Chambers, 3.6 points and 3.1 rebounds; and J. Riener, 7.9 points and 3.4 rebounds.

The Beavers will start their season on the road as they travel to Lake-side, Neb., on Thursday, Dec. 4, for a 6:30 p.m. tip-off.

Herndon will not have a girls varsity basketball team again this season.

Elmwood Park gives final count

Elmwood Park Speedway, Norton, Kan.

2003 final point standings

IMCA Modified

1. 183 Chad Sterling, Stockton, 513
2. 34H Doug Holzmeister, Colby, 491
3. 17 Marty Clark, Russell, 484
4. 11W Tim Watts, Beloit, 477
5. 97M David Murray Jr., Oberlin, 449
6. 6 Jerry Teel, Hays, 415
7. 43 Rick Schwab, Norton, 412
8. 31 Jim Arnold, Norton, 390
9. 3N Steve Reedy, Norton, 379
10. 99B Pat Bedore, Stockton, 362

IMCA Stock Car

1. 21Z Mark Zorn, Russell, 533
2. 97 Troy Attwood, Blue Hill, Neb., 512
3. 53M J.R. McCreery, Hays, 491
3. 15K Kelly Ford, Phillipsburg, 491
5. 6 Jason Schoenberger, Russell, 453
6. 49 Dan Lauer, Norton, 429

7. 19 Randy Clydesdale, Edmond, 420
8. 44T Tyler Hahn, Stockton, 418
9. 13 Bill Smith, Norton, 399
10. 711 Jason Glendening, Stockton, 362

IMCA Hobby Stock

1. 21S Barry Schoen, Downs, 415
2. 21 Kale Shank, Smith Center, 391
3. 23 John Annon, Norton, 332
4. 28 Colby Claflin, McCook, Neb., 141
- T5. 17 Brett Behrends, Courtland, 109
- T5. 74KO Jason Koch, Cambridge, Neb., 109
7. 51 Jamie Reiman, Blue Hill, Neb., 100
8. 14 Les Janousek, Trenton, Neb., 95
9. 97 Wade Wagenblast, Deshler, Neb., 77
10. 33 B.J. Dauer, Marquette, 74

Bomber

1. 37 Jason Rogers, Selden, 512
2. 76 Jason Davis, Norton, 509
3. 3N1 Kelly Karnopp, Norton, 502
4. 44 Michael Zajic, Stockton, 482

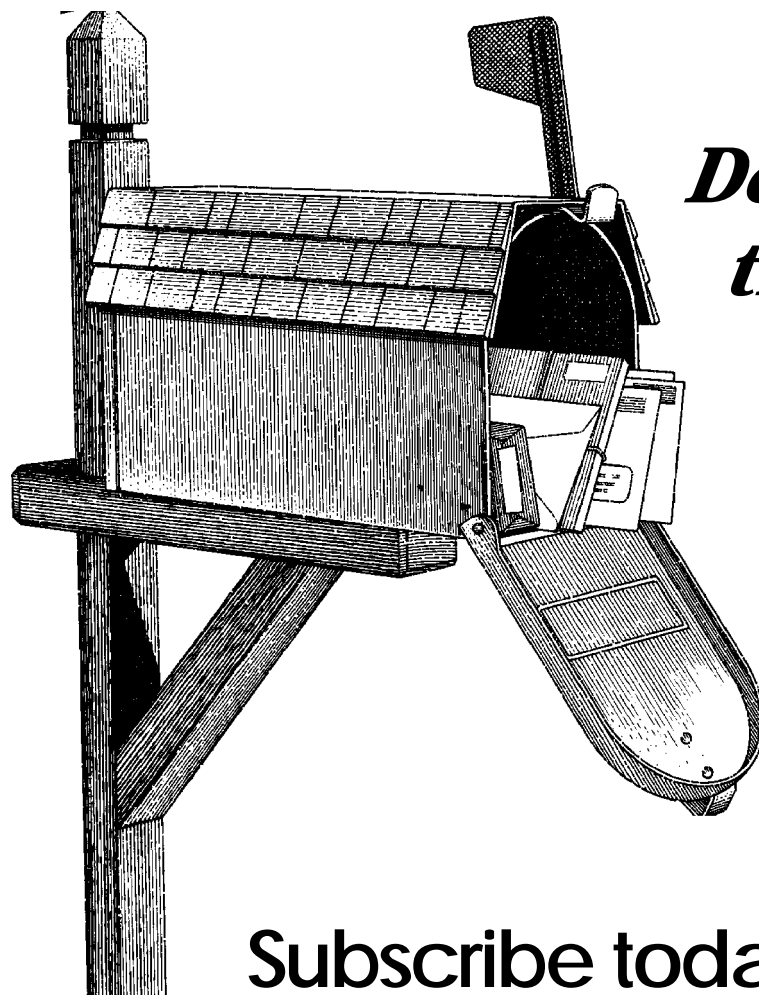
5. 08 Jay Hackmeister, Lenora, 432
6. 32 Cory Struckhoff, Kensington, 379

7. 6D Donald Dodds Jr., Kensington, 345
8. 8 Tracy Holloway, Osborne, 338

9. 10B Dave Meitl, Dresden, 303
10. 12 Brady Schoen, Downs, 276

Cruiser

1. 8 Kirk Persinger and Justin Graham, Norton, 529
2. 88z Jeff Kleen and Mark Goebel, Franklin, Neb., 516
3. 18 Rex and Jeanette McClain, Beaver City, Neb., 501
4. 77s Cole Stragey and Britton Scott, Oberlin, 435
5. 69 Michael Hockemeier and Jim Ellis, Holbrook, Neb., 427
6. 72 Rhona Annon and Treva Patterson, Norton, 426
7. 75 Macy and Kimberly Thomas, Beaver City, Neb., 415
8. 38 Josh Wonderly and Curtis Black, Almena, 412
9. 88 Joe and Jim Carter, Russell, 343
10. 12JM Jason Gallentine and Mark Bailey, Clayton, 342



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