

# Oberlin boys win third Sagebrush Shootout

One, two, three, the Decatur Community High boys basketball team downed its opponents to win the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster for the third straight year.

Two Oberlin players, Egan Grafel and Matt Mondero, were named to the all tournament team.

The first round was delayed by a snowstorm. The games scheduled for Tuesday were played on Thursday, with Oberlin downing Grinnell 85-34.

The Warriors didn't have a chance, as the Red Devils outscored them in every quarter, 22-6, 25-11, 19-13 and 19-4.

The Devils had 44 rebounds to the Warriors' 25, but had 23 turnovers.

"We played with good intensity, especially in the first quarter," Coach Dick Ahlberg said, "and the defense showed some improvement."

While praising his players, Coach Ahlberg still had some things for them to work on.

"We were still sloppy handling the ball," he said. "Twenty-three turnovers are too many."

Scoring were Lance Fortin and Grafel, 24 each; Mondero, 14; Chase Jueneemann, 6; Andy Anderson, 5; and Jesse Jueneemann, Andy Inman and Chase McKittrick, 4

each.

Mondero was the rebound leader with nine, followed by Inman, eight; Anderson, Grafel and Fortin, six each; and C. Jueneemann, J. Jueneemann and McKittrick, three each.

J. Jueneemann, McKittrick and Grafel had four assists each, followed by Inman, three; Mondero, a pair; and Fortin and C. Jueneemann, one each.

On Friday, the Devils downed the Golden Plains Bulldogs, 68-42.

Oberlin jumped out to a 14-6 lead in the first quarter then led 35-16 at the half. In the third quarter, the Bulldogs edged the Devils 16-14, but Oberlin still led by 49-32, and outscored Golden Plains 19-10 in the fourth quarter.

The Devils out rebounded the Bulldogs 49-25 but had 20 turnovers.

"Our big rebounding edge carried us," Coach Ahlberg said after the game.

He was still not happy with the turnovers, however.

"Our offensive execution was not very good," he said.

The Devils passed the ball to their big man — 6-foot, 7-inch Egan Grafel — and he put it in and put it in and put it in, scoring 40 of the Devils' 68 points, almost equaling the whole Golden Plains team,

which came up with 42 points.

Two other Oberlin players were in double figures, as Fortin hit for 13 and Mondero for 10. Also scoring were McKittrick, 3, and C. Jueneemann, 2.

Grafel was the top rebounder with 14; followed by Mondero, eight; Jason Thomas, seven; L. Fortin, six; McKittrick, five; Josh Fortin, four; Teryn Grafel, three; and C. Jueneemann, one.

Mondero led in assists with seven followed by E. Grafel, four, and L. Fortin, Thomas and McKittrick, two each.

On Saturday, the Red Devils took on the host Brewster Bulldogs and came from behind to win 64-45.

The ending score doesn't show the excitement of the game, as the home team lead 17-14 in the first quarter and 32-30 at the half.

In the second half, the Devils shifted gears, outscoring the 'Dawgs 14-5 in the third quarter and 20-8 in the fourth.

Oberlin out rebounded the Bulldogs 48-21 and had 15 turnovers.

"It was a very good defensive effort the second half," Coach Ahlberg said. "We were in some foul trouble the first half, but our players off the bench kept us in the game."

After talking to his team about



OBERLIN'S EGAN GRAFEL went to take the ball away from a Brewster player while Jesse Jueneemann (No. 23) came up to help during the game against the Bulldogs on Saturday.

turnovers both of the first two games, the coach said he felt the players did better in the last match.

"Our assists-to-turnover ratio was improved," he said.

Scoring were E. Grafel, 31; Mondero, 19; McKittrick 10; and J. Jueneemann, 4.

Grafel led the rebounding with 19 followed by Mondero, eight; J. Jueneemann, four; L. Fortin, McKittrick and J. Fortin, two each; and Inman, one.

Mondero was the assists leader with five, followed by L. Fortin, three; McKittrick and E. Grafel, two

each; and C. Jueneemann and J. Jueneemann, one each.

On Friday the Devils will play their only home game before the Christmas break. The varsity will play the St. Francis Indians about 8 p.m.

## Lady Devils take fifth in Brewster tournament

The Decatur Community High girls won two out of three games in the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster last week, but that only got them fifth place since they lost the first contest.

Kelsey Dorshorst was named to the all-tournament team for the Red Devils.

The annual tournament was delayed two days by the first snowstorm of the winter. Instead of playing on Tuesday, the Lady Devils met the Grinnell Warriors on Thursday, losing 53-40.

The Warriors took the lead in the first quarter 18-10. Neither team did well in the second period, but Oberlin edged Grinnell 9-5. Still, at the half, the Warriors led 23-19.

Oberlin edged a little closer in the third quarter, outscoring the Warriors 10-8 to trail 31-29 after three.

However, in the fourth quarter, the Warriors had one girl score 14 points to outshoot the Devils 22-11 for the victory.

"We continue to struggle at this point on offense, but it's getting better," Coach Paul Nepodal said. "These girls are hard workers and willing to learn as we go, so we will continue to improve with each opportunity."

Scoring for Oberlin were Dorshorst and Rena Unger, 11 each; Kaitlyn Stapp and Jamie Elwood, 7; and Lydia Karnopp and Lauren Fortin, 2 each. Dorshorst, Elwood

and Stappeach hit a three-point shot.

The Lady Devils hit 63 percent of their free-throw attempts. Hitting their charity shots were Dorshorst, six out of nine; Unger, three out of four; and Elwood and Stapp, both two out of two.

Leading rebounders were Dorshorst, five, and Elwood, Karnopp, Unger and Stapp, four each.

On Friday, the Lady Devils started winning, downing the Atwood Lady Buffaloes 45-37.

The first quarter didn't look like a victory, though, as the Buffaloes outscored the Devils 10-4. The Oberlin girls took over in the second quarter, hitting 17 points to Atwood's 7 to lead 21-17 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Buffaloes again took over, outscoring Oberlin 15-8 to lead 32-29. However, Oberlin shut down the Atwood girls in the last quarter, allowing the Buffaloes to score only one field goal and three charity shots while hitting 16 points themselves.

"It was good to get one in the win column," Coach Nepodal said. "We had a tough couple of quarters (first and third), but won the game in the fourth, where it matters."

Scoring were Elwood, 10; Abby Ream, 9; Dorshorst, 8; Leah Marietta, Karnopp and Stapp, 4 each; Unger, 3; Kerrie Olson, 2; and Fortin, 1.

Elwood and Ream each put in a three pointer.

Leading rebounders were Elwood and Unger, six each, and Dorshorst and Stapp, five each. Ream had five assists.

On Saturday, the Lady Devils played for fifth place, overcoming the Cheylin Cougars 45-31.

The Lady Devils took a narrow lead in the first quarter, 10-8, and held on to lead in every quarter 23-18, 30-23 and 45-31.

"We struggled a little from the free-throw line, but everyone contributed," Coach Nepodal said. "Our bench and depth proved to be the difference, with us pulling away in the fourth. Overall, it's nice to get out of the tournament with a 2-1 record.

Scoring were Ream, 12; Fortin, 9; Dorshorst, 7; Stapp, 5; Elwood and Unger, 4 each; and Marietta and Karnopp, 2 each. Unger hit a three-point shot.

The girls were only 24 percent at the free-throw line.

Stapp was the leading rebounder with six, followed by Fortin with five. Ream had five steals.

Grinnell won the tournament.

The Lady Devils were to play in Hill City on Tuesday, then on Friday they will be at home as the St. Francis Indians come to call with a 6:30 p.m. tip-off for the girls' varsity.

This will be the only home game before the Christmas break.



EVERYONE WANTED THE BALL as Lydia Karnopp fought off a pair of Cheylin Cougars on Saturday at the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster. — Herald photos by Jay Kelley

## Herndon takes 4th victory

The Herndon High boys have taken up basketball where their football team left off — on a winning track.

The Beavers are 4-0 after beating Brady, Neb., by what could be a professional score, 101-24, on the road.

So far this year, the Beavers have downed Lakeside in Trenton, Neb., Cheylin in Bird City, and Twin Valley, Neb., at home.

The Beavers jumped out to a big lead over Brady, outscoring them 27-6 in the first quarter. By the half, the score was 50-16 and after three quarters, the Beavers led 69-22.

Only four Brady players were able to score and there was no charity for them, as none of them got to make so much as a single free throw. One Brady player did make two three-point baskets.

As for the Beavers, 10 of them scored, five in double digits.

Scoring were Curtis Brown, 17; Lance Basgall and Abe Marintzer, 15 each; Rodney Rippe, 14; D. Riener, 12; Jeff Riener and Dan Chambers, 9 each; Ben Grafel, 6; and Arthur Larson and Brett Chambers, 2 each.

Rippe put up a pair of three-point shots and Basgall, D. Riener and J. Riener each had one.

Hitting from the charity line were Brown and D. Riener, three of four; Grafel, two out of two; J. Riener, two of five; and D. Chambers and Marintzer, one of two.

The Beavers will be in Winona on Friday to take on Triplains at 6:30 p.m.

## Wrestlers win five out of seven at dual tournament in Colby

The Decatur Community High wrestlers finished seventh out of 18 teams at the Colby Dual Tournament on Friday and Saturday, winning all but two of their seven matchups.

The team wrestled a grueling schedule, three duals on Friday and four on Saturday.

On Friday, the Oberlin boys went up against Chaparral, Colo., losing 40-21; Colby, winning 42-31; and Wray, Colo., winning 37-36.

On Saturday, they wrestled Hays, winning 46-28; Kapaun-Mount Carmel, winning 47-22; Plainville, winning 44-24; and Scott City, losing 48-21.

"I was pretty pleased with our overall performance and placing," Coach Joe Dreher said. "This was a tournament with several quality teams, and we had seven underclassmen in the line-up who got good mat experience."

Wrestling for the Devils were:

- 103 pounds, Breck Simonsson: Hays, won by pin; Kapaun, won 10-7; Plainville and Wray, won by forfeit; and Scott City, Chaparral and Colby, lost by pin.

- 112 pounds, David Barth, Plainville, won by forfeit; Scott City, lost 4-0; Chaparral, lost 4-2; Kapaun, lost 10-0; Colby, lost 16-3; and Hays and Wray, lost by pin.

- 119 pounds, Jonathan Richards,

Wray, Hays, Kapaun and Colby, won by a pin; Chaparral, lost 6-5; Scott City, lost 5-4; and Plainville, lost 9-1.

- 125 pounds, Cameron Nedland, Hays, won by pin; and Plainville, Colby, Chaparral, Wray and Scott City, lost by pin.

- 130 pounds, Denton Bailey, Colby, Scott City and Plainville, won by a pin; Chaparral, won 6-5; Wray, won 6-4 in overtime; Kapaun, won 11-2; and Hays, lost 10-4.

- 135 pounds, Dustin Warta, Plainville, won by forfeit; Hays, lost 11-3; Chaparral, lost 7-0; Kapaun, Scott City, Wray and Colby, lost by pin.

- 140 pounds, Kegan Macfee, Hays, Kapaun, Plainville, Scott City, Colby, Chaparral and Wray, lost by pin.

- 145 pounds, Matt Coleman, Colby, won by pin; Hays, won 8-4; Kapaun, won 13-4; Plainville, won 4-1; Wray, won 11-1; Chaparral, won 6-4; and Scott City, lost 1-0.

- 152 pounds, Logan Glaze, Wray and Kapaun, won by pin; Chaparral, won 5-1; Plainville, won 9-0; Scott City, won 5-1; Hays, won by forfeit; and Colby, lost 4-0.

- 160 pounds, Chance Harman, won all his matches: Chaparral, Colby, won by pin; Wray, won by technical fall 16-0; Kapaun, won 9-1; Plainville, won 13-1; and at 171

pounds, Hays, won by pin.

- 160 pounds, Regan Badsky, Hays, won by forfeit, and Scott City, lost 7-0.

- 171 pounds, Brett Keck, Chaparral, Kapaun, Scott City, Plainville, won by a pin; Colby, won 8-6 in overtime; and Wray, won 16-8; and at 189 pounds, Hays, won by a pin.

- 189 pounds, Gannon Reichert, Scott City, won by a pin; Colby, won, 6-1; Kapaun, won by forfeit; Chaparral, lost 10-2; Plainville, lost 8-1; and Wray, lost by a pin; and at 215 pounds, Hays, lost 6-4.

- 215 pounds, Jake Padgett, Plainville, won 7-2; Wray, won 10-4; Colby and Kapaun, won by forfeit; Chaparral, lost 8-3; Scott City, lost by pin; and at 275 pounds, Hays, lost by a pin.

- 275 pounds, Brock Euhus, Colby, won by a pin; Kapaun, won 7-4; and Chaparral, Plainville, Scott City and Wray, lost by a pin.

Also at the tournament were Hoxie, Lakewood, Colo., Phillipsburg, Santa Fe Trail, Atwood, Concordia, Garden City, Oakley and Shawnee Heights.

A matchup against Goodland and Quinter on Tuesday was postponed due to weather. On Friday the boys will be in St. Francis and on Saturday Oberlin will host its 9-10 Invitational Tournament starting at 9 a.m.

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