

Indians down Oberlin

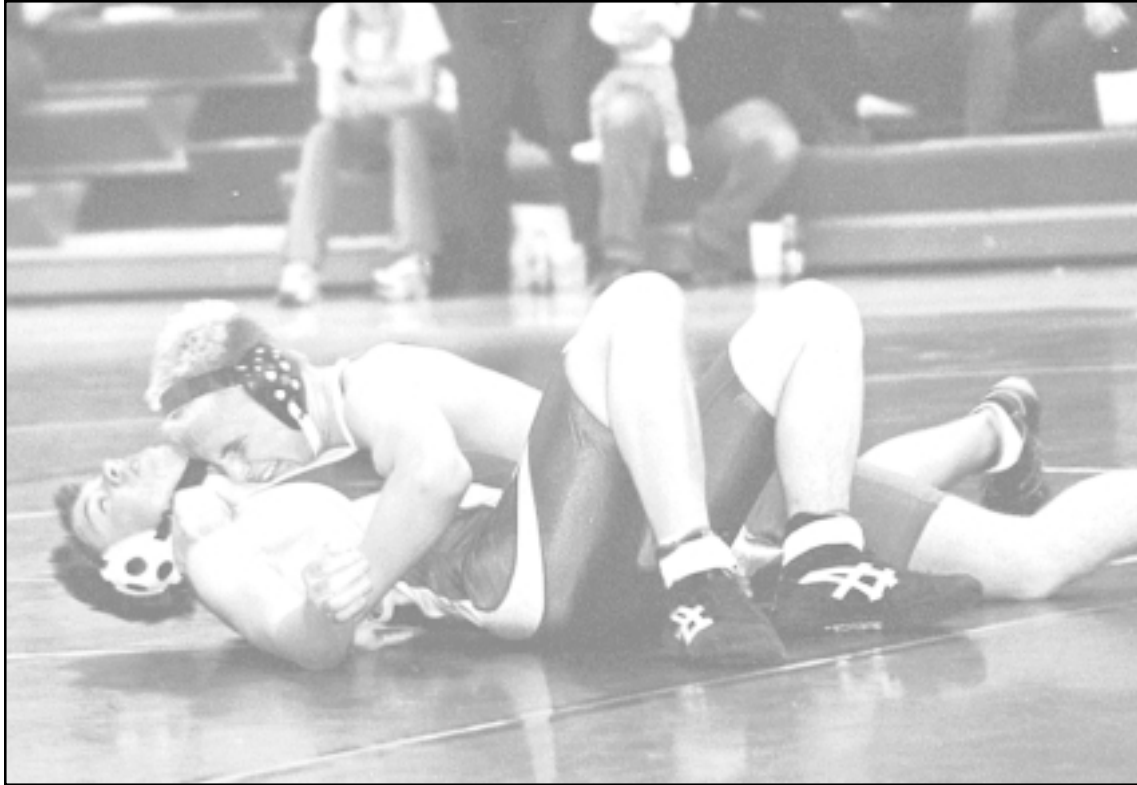
The Decatur Community High wrestlers have always had trouble with the boys from St. Francis, and Friday was no exception, as the Indian wrestlers beat the Red Devils 39-26 in St. Francis.

St. Francis had two open weights at 103 pounds and 152 pounds while Oberlin had only one at 125 pounds.

There were four pins in varsity matches but, unfortunately, they were all by Saintry wrestlers.

Oberlin varsity wrestlers Matt Coleman and Jonathan Richards were both out due to illness. Wrestling were:

- 112 pounds, Breck Simonsson, pinned in the first period by Trevor Richard.
- 119 pounds, David Barth, pinned in the first period by Brady Frewen.
- 130 pounds, Denton Bailey, won 11-7 over Jordan Gienger.
- 135 pounds, Dustin Warta, lost to Matt Brown.
- 140 pounds, Shane Montgomery, won 13-6 over Gabe Gienger.
- 145 pounds, Canaan Bishop, won 19-3 over Devin Rohweder.
- 160 pounds, Chance Harman,



GETTING HIS OPPONENT on his back, Oberlin wrestler Canaan Bishop, 145 pounds, beat Devin Rohweder of St. Francis, 19-3, on Friday.

— Herald photo by Travis Hilt

won 11-5 over Gabe Smull.

- 171 pounds, Brett Keck, pinned in the third period by Derek Ross.
- 189 pounds, Gannon Reichert, lost 5-3 to Nick Keller.
- 215 pounds, Jake Padgett, lost 7-1 to Gabe Walz.
- 275 pounds, Brock Euhus, pinned in the first period by Seth Seihart.

All junior varsity matches were won by pins. Wrestling were:

- 130 pounds, Cameron Nedland,

pinned by Darren LaFfond in first period.

- 140 pounds, Kegan Macfee pinned by Russell Rogers in the third period.
- 140 pounds, Garrit Peters pinned Zach Mills in the first period.
- 160 pounds, Regan Badsy pinned by Josh Walters in the second period.
- 171 pounds, Terry Urban, pinned Kyle Buffington in the second period.

• 189 pounds, Bret Marietta, pinned by Grant Keller in the first period.

- 275 pounds, Scooter Matchett, pinned by Brennon Wilger in the second period.
 - 275 pounds, Matchett was pinned by Tal Earl in the second period.
- Oberlin now has a 6-3 record in dual meets. The next varsity matchup will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, in Phillipsburg against Phillipsburg and Great Bend.

Girls beat Saintry

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team beat Hill City, 52-24, and St. Francis, 41-34, last week to take their record to 4-2.

In Hill City on Tuesday, the girls jumped out to a lead early and never gave it up, outscoring the Ringnecks 14-6 in the first quarter and 12-6 in the second to lead 26-12 at the half.

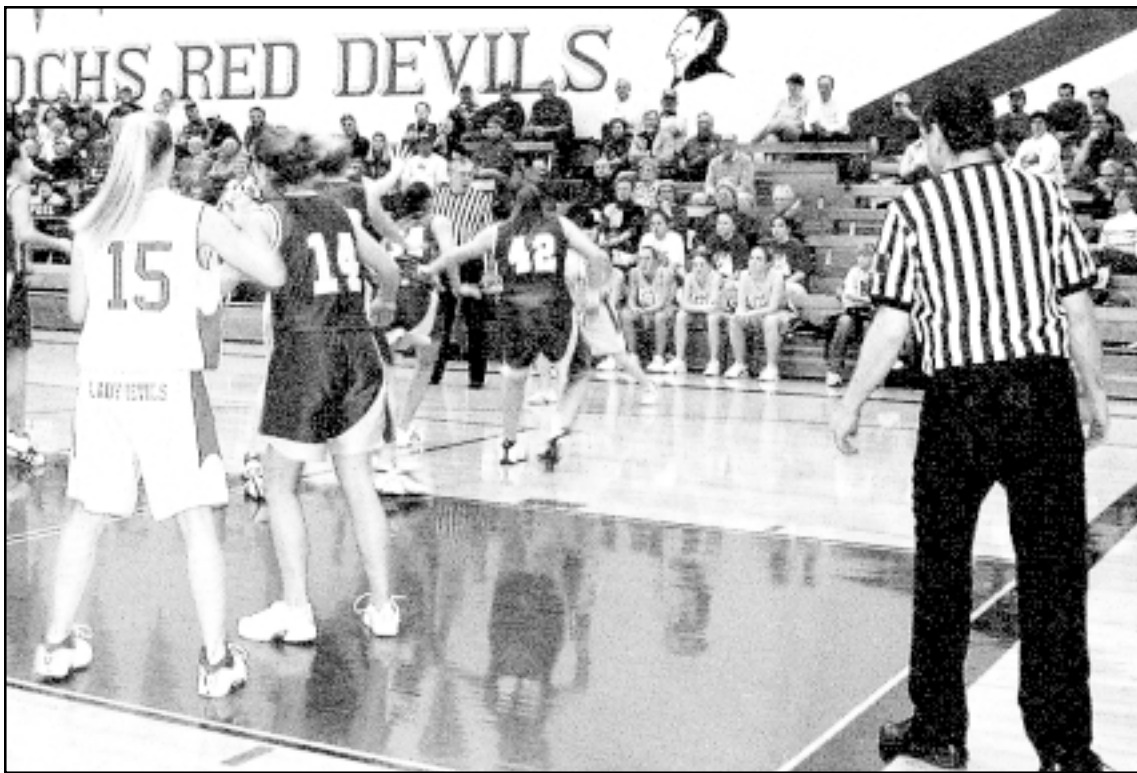
Then in the third quarter, the Lady Devils scored 13 points while allowing the home team only a single two-point basket. In the fourth quarter, the Ringnecks received no quarter, as the Oberlin girls again outscored them, this time 13-10.

“Our girls play incredibly hard on defense, and it showed tonight,” Coach Paul Nepodal said. “I felt we played great team defense and our offense is starting to come around.”

Scoring were Abby Ream, 17; Jamie Elwood, 14 including a pair of three-point shots; Lauren Fortin, 8; Rena Unger, 4; Kaitlyn Stapp, 3; and Leah Marietta, Kerrie Olson and Lydia Karnopp, two each.

Kelsey Dorshorst was the leading rebounder with nine while Karnopp had six. Ream had six assists and Elwood, five and, as a team, the girls had 21 steals.

On Friday back in Oberlin, the game was closer and more exciting as the Devils took a first quarter lead 10-6 only to have St. Francis ahead 19-18 at the half. The Lady Devils



OBERLIN'S GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM downed the St. Francis Indians at home on Friday for their first league victory.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

were able to edge the Indians 28-27 in the third quarter and took over in the fourth, outscoring the visitors 13-7 for the 41-34 victory.

“It wasn’t awe-inspiring, but we got what we wanted—a win before Christmas,” Coach Nepodal said. “We persevered and finally got it in the fourth quarter.”

In the last quarter, Ream seemed to spend most of her time at the free-throw line and made good use of that opportunity, hitting eight out of 11 altogether including five out of seven in the last quarter.

Scoring were Ream, 16; Elwood, 7; Dorshorst, 6; Karnopp, 5; Olson, 4; Unger, 2; and Fortin, 1.

Leading rebounders were Dorshorst with eight; Stapp, six, and

Elwood and Unger, four each.

Unger had four assists while Ream and Dorshorst had three each. The girls had 16 steals with Dorshorst grabbing six; Ream, four; and Elwood, three.

In Hill City, the Oberlin junior varsity fell 44-29.

In the first quarter, the Oberlin girls were only able to make a pair of baskets and Hill City led 12-4. The Ringnecks led 22-12 at the half, 33-20 after three and 44-29 at the end.

Scoring were Fortin, 8; Tricia Dorshorst, 6; Sarah Murray, 5; Christa Hardy and Heather Williams, 4 each; and Anne Wasson, 2.

The younger girls beat Saintry 31-25, outscoring the Indians in every

quarter, 8-3, 10-7, 22-13 and 31-25.

Scoring were Fortin, 11 including a three-pointer; Williams, 6; T. Dorshorst, 5; Hardy, 4; Murray, 3; and Whitnee Ashley and Danica May, 1 each.

The Oberlin C team played the St. Francis freshmen two quarters, outscoring the visitors 14-9.

In the first quarter, Oberlin blanked Saintry 6-0. Saintry was able to score 9 points to Oberlin’s 8 in the last quarter.

Scoring were Williams, 6, and Hardy and Murray, 4 each.

The girls have the winter break off. Their next game will be on Tuesday, Jan. 6, when the Norton Blue Jays come to town. Tip-off will be at 6:30 p.m.

Seventh graders win last regular game

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade boys basketball team won its last regular season game, beating Colby 40-36.

The Oberlin eighth-graders fell to the Colby boys 44-15 in Colby on Thursday, Dec. 11.

Colby jumped out to an 8-13 lead in the first quarter of the seventh-grade game, but couldn’t hit the basket in the second quarter as Oberlin outscored the home team 16-2 to take a 24-15 lead at the half.

Colby regained some of its momentum in the third quarter and outscored Oberlin 12-5, but the Red Devils still led 29-17. In the fourth quarter, both teams scored 11 points.

“It was the best game we have played, and it was a nice win,” said Coach Tim Breth. “This is an important win going into the Northwest Kansas League tournament this week.”

The seventh-graders were to play Goodland in Goodland on Monday, but the games were canceled because of the blizzard. They were to be played Tuesday or today. The team will return to Goodland on Thursday to play either Oakley or Quinter. The winners of Monday’s game will play at 4:15 p.m. and the consolation game will be at 3 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The seventh-grade B team lost 30-14 to Colby.

The seventh-grade varsity ended the regular season 4-3.

Scoring against Colby were Lo-

gan Fortin, 9 points, five rebounds; Jacob Fortin, 9 points; Luke Juenemann, 8 points, nine rebounds; Sam Stapp, 8 points, six rebounds; Jordan Tally, 5 points, 3 rebounds; and Kevin Farr, 1 point.

Colby outscored the eighth-graders in every quarter 13-1, 9-6, 14-2 and 12-6.

The eighth-graders have had a 1-6 season.

“I’m proud of our team’s effort over the season,” Coach Breth said.

“We will now see what we can do in the tournament.”

Scoring against Colby were Colt Diederich, 5 points, nine rebounds; Ace Manning, 4 points and four rebounds; Ethan Long, 2 points and four rebounds; and Jared Marcuson and Cody Haas, 2 points each.

The eighth-graders were to play Goodland in Goodland on Monday, but those games also were postponed. The team was to play them by today, then move to Atwood for

their next two games.

On Thursday, the team will face either Oakley or Quinter. The winners of Monday’s games will play at 4:45 p.m. and the consolation game will be at 3 p.m. at Atwood High School.

Red Devils drop Saintry, Hill City boys

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team took its record to 5-1 and picked up its first league victory with wins over Hill City, 59-56, and St. Francis, 71-32, last week.

On Tuesday, the Red Devils were in Hill City for a tight game with the Ringnecks. Oberlin won 59-56.

Although the Oberlin boys started off hot, outscoring the Ringnecks 18-12 in the first quarter, they didn’t maintain their momentum in the second quarter, when both teams scored 11 points. Still, Oberlin led 29-23 at the half.

The third quarter was a good one as the Red Devils outscored the home team 18-15 to take a 47-36 lead. In the fourth quarter, however, the Devils nearly gave the game away as they missed free throws, sinking only three of 12 and scoring only a dozen points while the Ringnecks put in 11 out of 14 at the charity line and were able to score 18.

“We were a step slow tonight,” Coach Dick Ahlberg said. “Hill City was pretty quick.”

The coach was not happy about the Devils’ lack of accuracy at the charity line, but did praise Chase McKittrick, who made six out of seven three-point shots.

The Devils out-rebounded the Ringnecks 38-14, but they had 11 turnovers to Hill City’s four.

Scoring were Egan Grafel, 22; McKittrick, 19; Matt Mondero, 12; Lance Fortin, 4; and Andy Inman, 2.

Mondero was the leading rebounder with 14, followed by Grafel, 13; Fortin, six; Jesse Juenemann, four; and McKittrick, two.

Mondero had five assists, followed by Juenemann, four; McKittrick and Grafel, two; and Fortin and Andy Anderson, one each.

McKittrick and Mondero each had a steal.

On Friday, the St. Francis Indians came to town but went home wishing they hadn’t after losing 71-32.

“This was a good Northwest Kansas League win and it was fun to play at home,” Coach Ahlberg said. “Everyone contributed.”

The coach put his young players in after the Devils took a 40-10 lead at the half.

Oberlin out-rebounded the Indians 29 to 22 and had only nine turnovers to the green team’s 17.

That wasn’t the real problem for the visitors, however. St. Francis couldn’t find the net and when they did, the ball didn’t want to go in.

At the end of the first quarter, Oberlin had 20 points to the Indian’s single two-point basket. In the second quarter, Oberlin outscored the Indians 20-8, and in the third 24-12. Only in the fourth quarter, with a bunch of young Devils on the court, was Saintry able to outscore the home team, 10-7.

Scoring were E. Grafel, 24; Mondero, 19; L. Fortin, 13; Josh Fortin, 8; J. Juenemann, 4; Andy Inman, 2; and Teryn Grafel, 1.

Rebounding honors went to E. Grafel with nine, followed by Mondero, six; Anderson, J. Fortin and J. Juenemann, three each; L. Fortin and Chase Juenemann, two; and Inman, one.

E. Grafel had six assists followed by J. Fortin and Mondero, four each, and L. Fortin and McKittrick, one each.

E. Grafel and Mondero each had two steals while C. Juenemann and J. Juenemann had one each.

The Devils will not play again until Tuesday, Jan. 6.

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