

Oberlin wrestlers take second in tournament

Oberlin came in second at its own wrestling tournament on Saturday, posting 151 points while Kearney, Neb., High took first with 224. Coming in third was Oakley, 139.5. Other schools in the tournament were Overland, a private school from Aurora, Colo., 84; Yuma, Colo., 84; Osborne, 55; Stockton, 51; Sublette, 45; and Hill City, 36.

Oberlin had three champions, Logan Glaze at 152 pounds, Chance Harman at 160, and Brett Keck at 171, all of whom went to state last year.

David Barth, 112 pounds; Jonathan Richards, 119; and Matt Coleman, 145, came in second, while Jake Padgett, 215, and Ryan Nichols, 275, took third. Aaron Helm, 103, and Gannon Reichert, 189, both took fourth place.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:
 • 103 pounds, Helm lost to Daniel Rodriguez, Kearney; was pinned by Mark Samuelson, Oakley; and was pinned by Tyler Herbst, Yuma.
 • 112 pounds, Barth, beat Trey

Kellner, Stockton; beat Rayson Brachtenbach, Hill City, 8-7; and lost 10-0 to Jay Ingraham, Kearney.

• 119 pounds, Richards, beat Jeremiah Winters, Hill City; beat David Hunt, Overland, 10-6; and lost 12-0 to Shane Castillo, Kearney.

• 125 pounds, Cameron Nedland, lost to Kalen McDonald, Yuma, and was pinned by Steve Boese, Osborne.

• 135 pounds, Kegan Macfee, lost to Zack Newbury, Yuma, and lost to Preston Dreiling, Hill City.

• 140 pounds, Garrit Peters, lost to Dan Atkisson, Stockton; pinned Ryan Jackson, Hill City; and lost to Kevin Charlifue, Overland.

• 145 pounds, Coleman, pinned Chris Barnhurst, Sublette; beat Shawn Kuhlman, Oakley, 7-5; and lost 18-6 to Andrew Baumgartner, Kearney.

• 152 pounds, Glaze, pinned Kody Yengich, Overland; pinned Cole Halbleib, Oakley; and beat Tanner Long, Hill City, 12-4.
 • 160 pounds, Harman, pinned

Casey Carbett, Osborne; pinned Mike Collier, Overland; and beat Ross McMullen, Kearney, 11-2.

• 171 pounds, Keck, pinned Evec Plankenhorn, Sublette; beat Kyle Rietcheck, Oakley, 3-1; and beat Andy Walters, Kearney, 6-3.

• 189 pounds, Reichert, lost 7-3 to Dustin Spears, Osborne; beat Marcus Nutting, Hill City, 11-2; beat Daniel Palleson, Yuma, 6-2; and lost to Dustin Spears, Osborne, 8-2.

• 215 pounds, Padgett, lost to Tony Green, Kearney; beat Tyler Brack, Hill City, in overtime; and won by default over Tony Green, Kearney.

• 275 pounds, Nichols, was pinned by Robert Birney, Sublette; pinned Tyrell Foster, Overland; pinned Dustin Patee, Osborne; and was pinned by Byron Korf, Yuma.

This week the boys head for two days of wrestling at the always tough Beloit Invitational. Action begins at 3 p.m. Friday and at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Junior varsity takes two wins

The Decatur Community High boys basketball junior varsity squad beat both Norton and Atwood right after the Christmas break.

"We are playing very well right now; our pressure defense is giving teams problems, and we're causing quite a few turnovers," Coach Keith Grafel said.

"We're doing a better job of taking care of the ball, and our players really do a nice job of looking for each other when they get open for shots.

"This is a fun team to watch, because of their desire to play hard and well. They are improving every single day and it has been great coaching them. They are very competitive."

On Tuesday the Norton teams came to Oberlin and although the boys varsity squad couldn't handle

the Blue Jays the junior varsity came out fighting and beat the birds 48-43.

In the first quarter Oberlin outscored Norton 12-8. In the second each team scored 10 so that Oberlin lead 22-18 at the half. In the third quarter the teams again scored equally. This time it was 17 points each to raise the scores to 39-35 in Oberlin's favor. In the fourth quarter Oberlin edged Norton 9-8 to add a point to their lead for the victory.

Scoring were Jason Thomas, 15 including a three pointer; Josh Fortin, 12; Andy Inman, 9; Teryn Grafel and Andy Anderson, 5 each; and Andy Leitner, 2.

Grafel was three for four at the free-throw line.

On Friday the teams traveled to Atwood to take on the Buffaloes and again the junior varsity had a win. This time it was 59-49.

While both teams did well in the first quarter, at the end Atwood was ahead 16-12. In the second quarter Inman hit four field goals including a three pointer and landed two out of three free throws, to put up 11 of the Devils' 16 points. Norton was only able to add 4 to the score so at the half Oberlin led 28-20.

In the third quarter Oberlin was able to outscore the home team 11-8 for a 39-28 lead. In the final quarter both teams spent a lot of time at the free-throw line and both did well. Oberlin added 20 points to its score and Atwood added 21 for the final 59-49 Red Devil victory.

Scoring were Inman, 21 including a pair of three pointers; Fortin, 11; Thomas, 9; Grafel, 8; Jesse Juenemann, 6; Bruce King, 3; and Brent Stallman, 1.



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