

Devils down Cowboys

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team downed the Goodland Cowboys 68-59 on Friday in front of a home crowd.

The Red Devils put their 10-4 record on the line as they took on the Northwest Kansas league rival Cowboys, who were 5-7.

The Devils didn't look so devilish during the first half, as they let the Cowboys outscore them 14-11 and 21-15 in the first and second quarters. At the half, the visitors were ahead 35-26 and looked ready to keep up the pressure.

In the second half, however, Oberlin came out fighting, hitting hard and often. The boys in red outscored the Cowboys 26-11 in the

third quarter to take a 52-46 lead. They kept up the good work in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Cowboys 16-13 for the victory.

"This was a great, tough Northwest Kansas league game," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "We played probably our best half of basketball all season in the second half tonight."

The Red Devils outrebounded the Cowboys 42-27 but had 15 turnovers to Goodland's eight.

Scoring were Egan Grafel, 23; Matt Mondero, 20; Lance Fortin, 17; Chase McKittrick, 6; and Chase Juenemann, 2.

Grafel also led the rebounding with 13, followed closely by

Mondero with 11. Also rebounding were Fortin, eight; Juenemann, four; and McKittrick and Andy Anderson, three each.

Grafel had six assists and six blocked shots. Fortin, Juenemann, McKittrick and Mondero each had two steals while Grafel grabbed one.

The Red Devils will be at home again on Friday as the Colby Eagles fly into town. The varsity boys game will start about 8 p.m., right after the girls' game.

On Tuesday, the Devils will be on the road to play Norton, with the girls game starting at 5 p.m. and the boys about 6:30 p.m.

Oberlin girls lose close contest

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team lost a close one 65-61 to the Goodland Cowgirls on Friday in Oberlin.

The Oberlin girls had a great fourth quarter, but they let the Cowgirls take the lead in the first quarter and could never quite catch up.

The Cowgirls led the scoring 18-15, 18-12 and 13-10 through the first three quarters of the game, and held a 49-37 lead at the end of three.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin opened fire and hit the basket 12 times for 24 points including two three-pointers and a pair of free throws, while Goodland put up 16 for the victory.

"It was a case of a little, too late," Coach Paul Nepodal said. "We saw improvement tonight offensively, but our defense gave them too many easy ones."

Scoring for the Devils were Abby

Ream, 15; Kelsey Dorshorst, 14; Jamie Elwood, 12; Kaitlyn Stapp, 11; Rena Unger, 6; Kerrie Olson, 2; and Lauren Fortin, 1.

Leading rebounders were Stapp, 10; Dorshorst, nine; and Elwood, seven.

The Lady Devils will be at home on Friday to take on the Colby Eagles at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, the girls in red will travel to Norton to take on the Lady Blue Jays at 5 p.m.

Jennings falls to Herndon 68-58

The Jennings High School boys basketball team was defeated 68-58 by Herndon on Jan. 20.

It was a back-and-forth game as Jennings took the lead in the first, only to be overtaken by Herndon in the second quarter, then regain it again in the third, and lose it in the fourth: 14-12, 31-29, 51-49, 68-58.

Adam Wahlmeier led scoring for the Coyotes with 5 two-pointers, 4

three-pointers and 2 foul shots for 24 points. He was followed by Bailey with 18 points; Adam Miller with 8, Kyle Kinser with 5, Nick Wahlmeier with 2, and Brett McKenna with 1.

Rebounding honors went to Bailey with 7 and B. McKenna and Miller with 6 apiece. Other players grabbing the ball from the boards were N. Wahlmeier and Kinser with

3 each and Marcus McKenna with 2.

Miller made 2 charges. Bailey led assists, finding 8 teammates open for a basket, while A. Wahlmeier found 3 and B. McKenna found 2 open.

Jennings now has an 9-4 season record.

Coyotes beat Wheatland 52-44

The Jennings Coyotes outscored Wheatland 52-44 on Jan. 23 in Jennings.

Jennings took the lead in the first quarter, but then fell behind by 1 point at half time; they regained their lead in the third quarter and kept it in the fourth to win the game: 16-9, 26-25, 42-37, 52-44.

Adam Miller led scoring for the Coyotes with 10 two-pointers and 6 free throws for 26 points. Also scor-

ing for Jennings were Grant Bailey and Adam Wahlmeier with 9 points apiece, and Brett McKenna with 8 points.

Rebounding honors went to B. McKenna and Miller with 7 apiece. They were followed by Bailey and A. Wahlmeier, 4 each; Nick Wahlmeier, 3; Kyle Kinser, 2; and Andy Coiner, 1.

Bailey led assists, finding 6 teammates open to score, while A.

Wahlmeier found 3 open, B. McKenna and Marcus McKenna both found 2, and N. Wahlmeier, Coiner and Kinser each found 1.

The Coyotes junior varsity team also came out on top, winning 42-34.

Scoring for Jennings were Kinser, 13 points; Brett Linden, 12; Josh Wahling and Brian Miller, 5 apiece; Brad Gawith, 3; and Seth Ritter and Coiner, 2 each.

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