

Girls lose two on road

The Decatur Community High girls fell to both Norton and Hoxie last week in road games.

On Tuesday, the Lady Devils were in Norton but they could not compete with the tough Lady Jays, who outscored them 54-40.

On Friday, the Oberlin girls were in Hoxie, where the Lady Indians beat them 79-56.

The Lady Jays took control early in the game, and it wasn't until the second half that the Devil girls had a chance to show their stuff.

Norton outscored Oberlin 19-6 in the first quarter and 11-5 in the second to lead 30-11 at the half. In the third quarter, the Oberlin girls started making things happen and both teams scored 11. In the fourth, Oberlin outscored the home team 18-13, but it was too late.

"It's hard to get a win on the road when you start poorly and have to scramble the rest of the game to get back in it," Coach Paul Nepodal said. "Unforced turnovers and poor shooting have plagued us all year and cost us again tonight.

"We played hard enough to win, but just not smart enough at times." Scoring were Abby Ream and Jamie Elwood, 10 each; Lydia Karnopp, 6; Kaitlyn Stapp and Kelsey Dorshorst, 5 each; and Lauren Fortin, 4. Top rebounds were Dorshorst, Karnopp and Stapp with six each.

On Friday the Lady Devils kept the score close, at least in the first half.

Oberlin led 13-11 at the end of the first quarter. In the second, the In-



PREPARING TO THROW the ball onto the court, Abby Ream (No. 22) stood on the sidelines while Lydia Karnopp (21) tried to keep a Blue Jay player out of the way.

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dians were able to go ahead as they outscored Oberlin 19-12, partly on the strength of free throws. In the second quarter, the Lady Indians hit eight out of nine from the charity line while Oberlin was four out of eight. At the half, the Indians led 30-25.

In the second half, the Hoxie girls stayed hot, outscoring Oberlin 19-11 in the third quarter, and 30-20 in the fourth. In the last quarter, the Indians again spent a lot of time at

the free-throw line and didn't miss many, hitting 12 out of 14 while Oberlin made two of four.

"I though we played real well in the first half and the fourth quarter," Coach Nepodal said. "We played too flat in the third. Overall, this kind of effort versus a good team should give us confidence in these last couple of week before sub-state."

Scoring were Elwood, 15; Dorshorst, 14; Fortin, 9; Stapp, 8; Rena Unger, 6; and Kerrie Olson, 4.

Top rebounder was Dorshorst with nine.

The Red Devils were to play Atwood on Tuesday and will be at home again on Thursday when Oakley comes to town. The girls game will start at 6:30 p.m., with the boys game directly afterward.

This will be the last home game of the season. Next week, the Devils will be in Phillipsburg on Tuesday and then the teams start sub-state play the first week of March.

Red Devil boys lose to Norton, fall to Hoxie

The Decatur Community High boys' basketball record fell to 10-7 after the team lost two games last week, to Norton last Tuesday and Hoxie on Friday.

On Tuesday, the Red Devils were in Norton fighting the Class 3A state champion Blue Jays. Despite three good quarters, the Devils went down 42-36 to the tough Blue Jays.

Oberlin was in the game and doing well the first half. The boys outscored the Jays 12-9 in the first quarter and were outscored 11-10 in the second to lead 22-20 at the half.

The third quarter was a disaster for the Devils, however, as they were 0 for 10 in shooting and only able to put 2 points on the board while Norton racked up 11. In the fourth quarter, the Devils were back on track, outscoring the Jays 12-11 but the one bad quarter had doomed their hopes.

"You cannot have a bad quarter and beat a good state-ranked team on the road," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "The Blue Jays are ranked second in Class 3A."

Scoring were Egan Grafel, 12; Lance Fortin, 9; Matt Mondero, 7; Chase McKittrick, 4, and Jason Thomas and Chase Juenemann, 2 each.

Grafel led in rebounds with 10, followed by Fortin, six; Mondero, four; C. Juenemann and Jesse Juenemann, two each; and Thomas, one.

Grafel had three assists, J. Juenemann had a pair and Thomas had one. C. Juenemann, McKittrick and Grafel each had a steal and Grafel blocked six shots.

Oberlin had 25 rebounds to Norton's 30, and 15 turnovers to the Jays' 14.

On Friday, the Devils were in Hoxie to take on the Indians, but lost 68-44.

"Hoxie played well," Coach Ahlberg said, "and we did not."

It was the third quarter that did the Devils in again. This time however, the Indians had a superior quarter and Oberlin just had a dull one.

In the first, Hoxie outscored Oberlin 16-13 and in the second Oberlin outscored the Indians 11-10 to make the score 26-24 in Hoxie's favor at the half.

In the third quarter, however, the home team put up 26 points and Oberlin was only able to counter with 7. In the fourth quarter, Hoxie scored 16 and Oberlin 13.

Scoring for Oberlin were L. Fortin, 16; Grafel, 10; McKittrick, 6; J. Juenemann and Mondero, 4; and Josh Fortin, 2.

L. Fortin was also the top rebounder with 11, followed by Grafel, eight; Andy Anderson, Mondero, J. Fortin and McKittrick, two each; and Thomas and Inman, one each.

L. Fortin and Grafel each got an assist and Grafel and Thomas had two steals while C. Juenemann and McKittrick had one each.

The Devils were to be at home on Tuesday, as the Atwood Buffaloes came to town, and again on Thursday for the Oakley Plainsmen.

The game Thursday will start at about 8 p.m. This is senior night and the last home game this season.

Hoxie overcomes wrestlers

The Decatur Community High wrestling team had a dual meet with Hoxie in Oberlin on Friday but came out on the wrong side of the 36-25 score in the final week before regional competition begins Friday.

Despite having two open weights, the Indians were able to win all but three of their matches. Seniors Chance Harman, Brett Keck and Matt Coleman were the only winners for the Red Devils.

Wrestling were:

- 103 pounds, Aaron Helm, lost to Tanner Popp, 8-2.
- 119 pounds, Jonathon Richards, lost to Cole Farber, 9-0.
- 125 pounds, Kane Ware, pinned by Tyler Baker in the first period.
- 130 pounds, Denton Bailey, lost to Michael Schamberger, 8-0.
- 135 pounds, Kegan Macfee, lost to Jeremiah Moss, 10-2.
- 140 pounds, Shane Montgomery, pinned by Matt Gilliland in the first period.
- 145 pounds, Coleman, pinned Bo Neuenschwander in the first period.
- 152 pounds Logan Gaze, lost to Matt Shippers, 6-2.
- 160 pounds, Harman, beat Doug Campbell, 13-5.
- 171 pounds, Keck, beat Ryan

Novices attend Colby tourney

Oberlin junior varsity wrestlers had their last chance at competition on Saturday when they attended the Colby Novice Tournament.

One Decatur Community High wrestler took second, while four took third and one fourth.

"They had a pretty good season, getting in several matches, which will pay off for them next year," Coach Joe Dreher said. "It's always fun to watch the im-

provement throughout the season."

Taking second was Terry Urban, with 2 wins and 1 loss.

Coming in third were Garrit Peters, 3-1; Canaan Bishop, 3-1; Bret Marietta, 3-1; and Brock Euhus, 2-1.

Fourth place finisher was Drew Martin, 0-2.

Regan Badsky and Aaron Helm also had 0-2 records but did not place.

ShIPLEY, 11-4.

- 189 pounds, Gannon Reichert, lost to Alex Gaede, 8-5.
 - 215 pounds, Bret Marietta, lost to Tim Erwin, 5-2.
- In junior varsity action:
- 130 pounds, Cameron Nedland was pinned by Loren Cressler.
 - 152 pounds, Canaan Bishop pinned Zach Meyer.
 - 160 pounds, Regan Badsky was pinned by David Obermeyer.
 - 171 pounds, Drew Martin was pinned by Matt McGinty.
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The Class 1-2-3A Regional Tournament will start at 2 p.m. Friday in Norton and will continue on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Attending the regional meeting with Oberlin and Norton will be Atwood, Belleville, Beloit, Hill City, Hoxie, Lincoln, Minneapolis, Osborne, Phillipsburg, St. Johns of Salina, Smith Center, St. Francis, Stockton, Agra-Eastern Heights, Sylvan Grove, Kensington-West Smith County.

The state tournament will be held in Hays the next weekend, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28.

Seventh-grade girls win four

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade girls varsity is 4-1 although the B-team lost two games at a tournament over the weekend.

The seventh-graders opened their basketball season at home, beating the Goodland Mustangs 19-18 on Jan. 15.

The win came on a strong third quarter where the Oberlin girls outscored Goodland 9-6, including a three-point shot by Heather Ploussard.

Scoring were Ploussard, 7; Cindy Murray, 6; Taylor Young and Annamarie Larue, 2 each; and Cherish Manning and Farra McChesney, 1 each.

The next week, the girls were again at home as they downed Atwood 28-17.

A 12-point fourth quarter allowed the Oberlin girls to widen the score, which had been 16-14 at the end of three.

Scoring were Murray, 16; Man-

ning, 4; and Danny Walters, Young, Larue and Sabrina Dellere, 2 each.

The young Oberlin girls had the same problems with Hoxie their older sisters had, as they lost 45-17 the following week in Hoxie.

Hoxie outscored Oberlin in every quarter. Manning, however, made a three-point shot in the third quarter.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dellere and Murray, 4 each; Manning, 3; and Young, Haley Barrett and Makenzie Nelson, 2 each.

On Feb. 3, the Oberlin girls downed the Colby seventh-graders 23-20 in overtime at home.

Colby was consistent for the first three quarters, scoring 6 points each, but could not score in the fourth. The Oberlin girls were a little slow at first, scoring only 2 points in each of the first two quarters and they were behind 12-4 at the half. However, in the third quarter, they scored 8 and in the fourth 6, for a tie. In overtime, the Oberlin girls scored 5 points to Colby's 2 for the win.

Scoring were Manning, 9; Murray, 8; and Young, 6.

After snow canceled a game against Quinter on Feb. 5, the girls played Oakley at home on Thursday and beat the visitors 21-20.

It was a tight game, but Oberlin was able to come out on top.

Scoring were Murray, 10; Young, 4; Larue, Tamera Ketterl and Dellere, 2 each; and Manning, 1.

The seventh-graders played in a B-team tournament in Hoxie on Saturday. Oberlin lost 31-10 to Oakley and 13-10 to Atwood.

Scoring against Oakley were Tamara Ketterl, Young, Alyssa Rippe and Koriann Fortin, 2 each, and Barrett and Walters, 1 each.

Scoring against Atwood were Ploussard, 4; Ketterl and Fortin, 2 each; and Rippe and Young, 1 each.

The seventh graders will be in St. Francis on Thursday for a 4:30 tip-off.

Cindy Sattler coaches the seventh-grade team.

modifieds, IMCA stock cars, IMCA hobby stocks, bombers and cruisers.

The 2004 schedule is:
Saturday, April 17, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 25, 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 9, 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 23, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m.

For information on races at the Oberlin Speedway or Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, call the Bolts at (785) 678-2416.

Darts

RED CROWN

Bass Hunters, 71-37; NOW, 56-43; Blackhawks, 50-49; Who Dunit, 49-50; Last Call, 48-51; Fondales, 46-44; We Lost, 31-68.

Men's High: Scott Carlton, 308.

Women's High: Kris McHugh, 125.

Hat Trick: Norm Richards, John Kingery, Scott Carlton.

High Ton: Kris McHugh.

Fourth Round Out: Rusty Montgomery.

Honorable Mention: Rusty Montgomery, 275; Norm Richards, 250.

AMERICAN LEGION

Porky's, 74-58; Just B's, 75-57; Younguns, 62-70; Road Runners, 52-80.

Jennings Coyotes lose 59-57 to Palco

The Jennings High Coyotes lost by two points, 59-57, to the Palco Roosters on Feb. 10 in Palco.

The Jennings boys started out behind in the first quarter 19-16, but then caught up in the second to tie the score at 35 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Roosters again went ahead, outscoring the Coyotes 15-12 for a narrow 50-47 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Jennings was able to get one of those missing points back, but the boys were still a pair short at the buzzer.

Grant Bailey led scoring with 7 two-pointers and 5 free throws for 19.

He was followed by Adam Wahlmeier, 11 points; Marcus McKenna and Brett McKenna, 9

each; Nick Wahlmeier, 6; and Kyle Kinser, 3.

Rebounding honors went to M. McKenna with seven. He was followed by B. McKenna, six; Bailey and Andy Coiner, three each; Kinser, 2; and A. Wahlmeier, one.

Steals were made by Bailey and A. Wahlmeier, three each; B. McKenna, two; and M. McKenna, N. Wahlmeier, Coiner and Kinser, one apiece.

Bailey led assists, finding six teammates open for a basket. M. McKenna made three; A. Wahlmeier, two; and Kinser, one.

Jennings' junior varsity tied with Palco 45-45.

Scoring were Seth Ritter, 12; Josh Vahling, 7; Kinser, 6; and M. McKenna, Brian Miller, Coiner and Brett Linden, 5 each.

The Coyotes were to host Triplains on Tuesday and will be in Weskan on Friday for a 6:30 p.m. tip-off.

Regional playoffs will start on Monday.

Junior varsity boys beat Norton, Hoxie

The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys own a 6-6 record after beating Norton and Hoxie last week but losing two games earlier in the month to Goodland and Colby.

Last Tuesday, the junior varsity Red Devils were in Norton, where they beat the junior Blue Jays 57-44.

The Oberlin boys started out strong, and although the home team was ahead in the first quarter 12-9, Oberlin outscored them in the second 18-14 to lead 27-16 at the half. In the third quarter, the Devils outscored the Jays 11-8 and in the fourth 19-10.

"We had very balanced scoring, and our on-ball pressure defense was pretty good," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We got some nice steals in the fourth quarter to help put the game away for us late. This was a very nice win."

Scoring were Andy Anderson, 12; Andy Inman, 11; Teryn Grafel and Jason Thomas, 10 each; Josh Fortin, 9; and Jesse Juenemann, 5. Inman and Thomas each had a three-point shot.

On Friday, the Devils were in Hoxie to wipe out the Indians 70-53.

The Indians had strong first and third quarters, but Oberlin had three good quarters and an exceptional fourth.

The Indians took the lead in the first quarter 19-15, but Oberlin came back to outscore them 16-10 in the second quarter and take a 31-29 lead into the half. In the third quarter, Hoxie again proved tough as they outscored the Devils 21-16. In the fourth quarter, however, the home team was held to two field goals and six free throws, of which they made

three for 7 points, while Oberlin put 23 points on the board.

"This was a lot like our Norton game on Tuesday," Coach Grafel said. "We're getting better scoring and contributions from all players, and our defense is doing a better job of getting in shooters' faces."

"I was a little disappointed about the number of 3's we gave up early, but we only gave up two in the third quarter and none in the fourth."

"We just have to really contest all shots and we do pretty well."

Scoring were Anderson, 16; Grafel, 14; Fortin, 12; Thomas, 11; Jesse Juenemann, 9; Inman, 6; and Brent Stallman, 2.

On Feb. 2, the junior varsity lost the semi-final game of the Colby Junior Varsity Tournament to Goodland 69-67.

The Oberlin boys took the lead in the first quarter 15-12 and still had it at the half 35-24. However, in the third quarter Goodland outscored Oberlin 21-12. The Cowboys were down by 2, 47-45 at the end of three and were able to score 24 to Oberlin's 20 in the last quarter.

Scoring were Inman, 27; Juenemann and Fortin, 9 each; Grafel and Thomas, 8 each; and Anderson, 6.

On Feb. 6, the Colby junior varsity was in Oberlin. The young Eagles beat the Devils 58-46.

Colby took the lead in the first quarter and held it, outscoring Oberlin 13-9, 23-14, 7-6 to lead 43-29 at the end of three. In the fourth quarter, Oberlin was able to outscore the Eagles 17-15.

Scoring were Grafel, 15; Inman, 8; Fortin and Thomas, 6 each; Juenemann, 5; Anderson, 4; and Zeke Ruzicka, 2.

Youngsters win medals at tourney

The Oberlin Kid Wrestlers attended a tournament in Norton on Saturday and brought home three firsts, four seconds, four thirds and a pair of fourths.

Winning first places were Kelly Brown, 6 and under, 58/61 pounds; Kyle Breth, 8 and under, 55 pounds; and Kade Brown, 8 and under, 78 pounds.

Taking second places were Dakota Tate, 6 and under, 40 pounds; Dayton Dreher, 8 and under, 61 pounds; Channing Farr, 8 and under, 110 pounds; and Jaxen Alstrom, 12 and under, 140 pounds.

Coming in third were Kelden Breth, 6 and under, 49 pounds; Dakota Cook, 8 and under, 100 pounds; Dalton Paul, 10 and under, 79 pounds; and Jacob Larue, 12 and under, 130 pounds.

Fourth places were taken by Blaine Smith, 8 and under, 73 pounds, and Ben Glading, 8 and under, 110 pounds.

Quinton Cook and Kolton Paul also wrestled.

Due to high school regional and state tournaments, the kid wrestlers will be off the next couple of weeks, but will be in St. Francis on Saturday, March 6.

