

Devils take record to 11-8

The Decatur Community High boys took their record to 11-8 last week with a win over Atwood and a loss to Oakley.

Last Tuesday, the Red Devils downed the Atwood Buffaloes 66-33 in Oberlin but on Thursday when Oakley came to call, the Plainsmen won 59-48.

Tuesday was the good night for the Oberlin boys, as they outplayed Atwood all the way around. They outscored the Buffaloes 13-10 in the first quarter and 20-8 in the second to lead 33-18 at the half.

At that point, Oberlin could have sat down and let the Buffaloes play themselves and still had a tie. In the third quarter, the Devils outplayed Atwood 27-9 and in the fourth, as the Oberlin subs took over, each team had 6 points.

"We took care of business tonight," Coach Dick Ahlberg said after the game. "We had positive rebounding and we played together."

The Red Devils outrebounded the Buffaloes 32-19 and each team had

15 turnovers.

Oberlin had a team effort with eight men scoring, eight rebounding and nine making steals.

Scoring were Egan Grafel, 23; Lance Fortin, 11; Chase McKittrick and Matt Mondero, 9 each; Jesse Juenemann, 6; Chase Juenemann, 4; and Teryn Grafel and Andy Inman, 2 each.

Mondero led the rebound effort with 10, followed by E. Grafel, nine; Andy Anderson, four; L. Fortin, Josh Fortin, C. Juenemann, J. Juenemann, 2 each; and McKittrick, one.

Grafel had four assists; McKittrick, three; and Mondero, a pair.

L. Fortin, C. Juenemann and McKittrick each had two steals while T. Grafel, E. Grafel, Inman, J. Fortin, Mondero and Anderson each one.

On Friday, the boys' old problem turned up again as the Devils had 20 turnovers to Oakley's five. Coach Ahlberg has said all year that the team needs to cut down on turnovers to win.

"Oakley took care of the ball and we did not," he said.

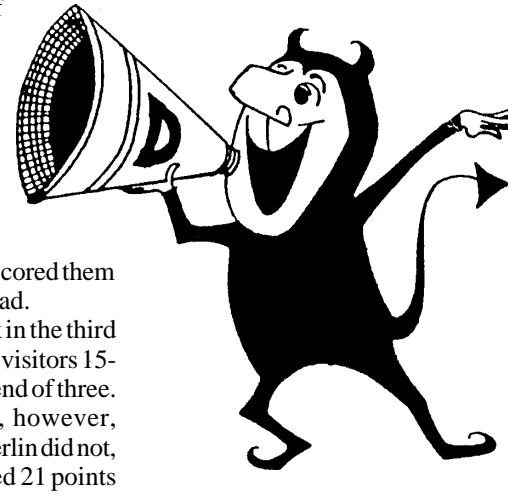
Oberlin started out ahead 16-14 at the end of the first quarter. In the second, however, the Red Devils just couldn't hit the basket and the Plainsmen outscored them 11-4 to take a 25-20 lead.

Oberlin started back in the third quarter, outscoring the visitors 15-13 to trail 38-35 at the end of three. In the fourth quarter, however, Oakley got hot and Oberlin did not, as the Plainsmen scored 21 points to the Devils' 13.

Scoring were L. Fortin, 18; E. Grafel, 16; Mondero, 8; and C. Juenemann, McKittrick and J. Fortin, 2 each.

E. Grafel led the rebounding with 10, followed by L. Fortin, eight; McKittrick and Mondero, four each; C. Juenemann, three; and J. Juenemann, Inman and J. Fortin, one each.

The Devils were to play their last



regular game on Tuesday in Phillipsburg.

Substate play will start on Monday. Most of the games will be played in WaKeeney but some will be on the home courts of the highest seeded of each team pair. Oberlin Activities Director Randy Olson said that he would not know where the team plays until today.

Girls beat Oakley, lose to Atwood

The Decatur Community High girls had a bad day last Tuesday, losing 62-55 to Atwood, but came back on Friday to beat Oakley 68-55 at home.

Oberlin started out all right on Tuesday, as they outscored the Lady Buffaloes 19-14 in the first quarter. However, the Atwood girls were able to put a stop to the Oberlin offense in the second quarter.

They allowed only a single three-point field goal. The Lady Devils made five of eight free throws but Atwood outscored Oberlin 13 to 8 in the quarter to tie the game at 27.

While Oberlin did better in the third quarter, so did Atwood, taking the lead by outscoring the Lady

Devils 21-17. In the fourth, the Buffaloes outscored Oberlin 14-11 for the win.

"We played right into their game tonight," Coach Paul Nepodal said. Slow down, methodical team — that's how they made us play. So give Atwood all 'the credit.'"

Scoring for the Lady Devils were Abby Ream, 16; Lauren Fortin, 15; Rena Unger, 8; Kelsey Dorshorst, 7; Kaitlyn Stapp, 6; and Jamie Elwood, 3. Fortin made three three-point baskets and Ream had a pair.

Top rebounders were Dorshorst with nine and Stapp with seven.

On Friday, it was a different song as the Oberlin girls started out strong and had a great fourth quarter.

In the first period, Oberlin outscored Oakley 14-8, but in the second Oakley came back to edge the Lady Devils 18-17. At the half, Oberlin led 31-26. Oakley stayed hot in the third, putting in three three-point shots as they outscored the home team 15-12.

In the fourth quarter, Oakley wasn't bad — the Plainswomen scored 14 points without going to the free-throw line — but Oberlin scored 15 from the floor and hit 10 of 11 from the charity line to put another 25 points on the board.

This was Oberlin's last home game this season and the team honored its seniors — Leah Marietta, Dorshorst, Kerrie Olson, Ream and

Unger.

"To win on Senior Night is real special for these girls, and to beat a good team like Oakley is even better," Coach Nepodal said. "We played real well as a team and the seniors led the way."

Scoring were Dorshorst and Ream, 23 each; Elwood, 14; Unger, 4; and Olson and Stapp, 2 each.

The girls now have an 8-11 record.

The Lady Devils were to end their regular season in Phillipsburg on Tuesday. The substate basketball tournament will start Monday, but the team won't know where or who it is playing until sometime today.

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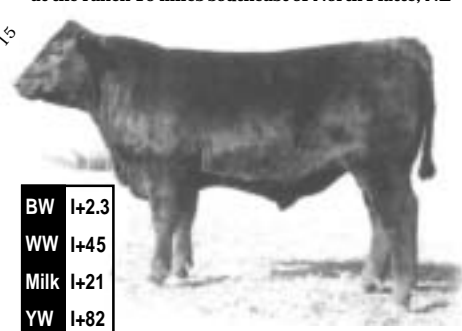
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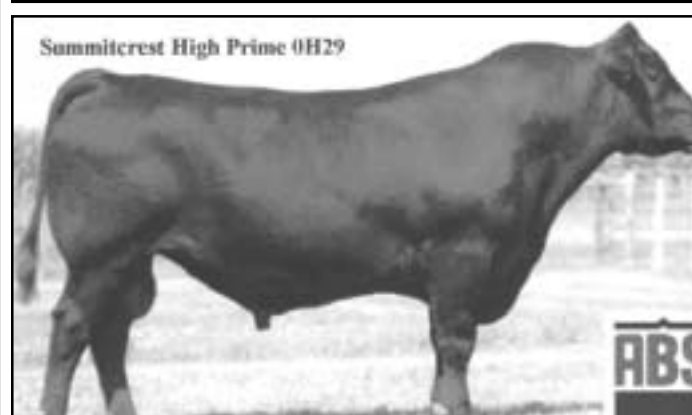
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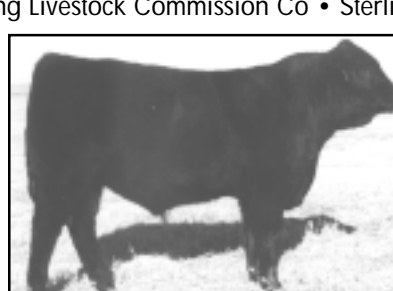
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