

Boys lose to Panthers

The Decatur Community High boys ended their regular basketball season with a 57-49 loss in Phillipsburg last Wednesday night.

It was a close game, with Oberlin taking the lead in the first quarter 18-15. In the second quarter, Phillipsburg was able to slip past the Red Devils, outscoring them 14-9 to take a 29-27 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, each team scored 12 points but Oberlin was still only a basket behind at the end of three.

In the fourth quarter, however, the Panthers were able to pull away, outscoring Oberlin 16-10 for an eight-point lead at the finish.

The loss left the boys with an 11-9 season record.

"We got into some foul trouble tonight, which hurt us," Oberlin Coach Dick Ahlberg said.

"Phillipsburg shot the 'three-point ball' well and landed six out of 11."

The Panthers outrebounded the Red Devils 30 to 23, but Oberlin was able to overcome an old bugaboo and had only a dozen turnovers to the home team's 16.

Scoring were Lance Fortin, 28; Matt Mondero, 8; Chase McKittrick, 7; and Egan Grafel, 6.

Mondero led in rebounding with six; followed by Grafel, five; Fortin, three; Chase Juenemann, McKittrick and Andy Anderson, two each; and Jason Thomas, one.

Fortin, McKittrick and Mondero each had three assists and Juenemann, Josh Fortin, Grafel and Anderson had one apiece.

McKittrick had a pair of steals and Anderson took away one.

The Devils were to start substate action on Tuesday, traveling to Hoxie. The Indians are seeded No. 4 in the tournament with a 12-8 record while Oberlin is No. 5.

"This is our fourth game versus Hoxie," Coach Ahlberg said. "It should be a battle."

The Red Devils have been able to



KEEPING THE BALL AWAY from a Panther defender, Chase Juenemann (No. 20) headed for the Oberlin goal during a Decatur Community High basketball game against Phillipsburg last week.

— Herald photo by Brad Larson

beat the Indians two out of their three meetings. If they win, they will play the winner of the Quinter-Ellis game in the semifinals Friday in

WaKeeney. Coach Ahlberg said this will most likely be Quinter, which is seeded No. 1 with a 20-0 record. Ellis is

seeded No. 8 with a 4-13 record. The finals will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in WaKeeney.

Lady Devils take first game of substate

The Oberlin Lady Red Devils advanced to the second round of substate play on Monday night as they beat the Hill City Ringnecks in Oberlin.

The Decatur Community High girls won the right to play their first game on their home court by being the No. 4 seed in the substate tournament. Hill City was seeded No. 5 with a 7-13 record, while Oberlin had a 9-11 record.

Oberlin jumped out to a 10-6 lead in the first quarter and held on through the second, although Hill City outscored the Lady Devils 10-9. At the half, Oberlin led 19-16. In a low-scoring third quarter, Oberlin was able to get two baskets and a free throw for 5 points while Hill City made two baskets for 4. Oberlin kept

up the baskets and free throws in the fourth quarter, hitting four field goals and six out of 11 free throws for 14 more points while the Ringnecks put up 9.

Scoring were Jamie Elwood, 13; Kaitlyn Stapp, 8; Lauren Fortin, 7; Kelsey Dorshorst, 6; and Rena Unger and Abby Ream, 2 each.

Fortin and Stapp each made a three-point basket.

Elwood was five for eight at the free-throw line, while Stapp hit three out of four and Fortin two out of four.

Oberlin will play the winner of the Hoxie (19-1) and Plainville (2-16) game Thursday in WaKeeney, but the time had not been set.

The finals will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday in WaKeeney.

Oberlin girls win last regular game

The Decatur Community High girls downed the Phillipsburg Panthers 64-43 to end the regular season with a win last Tuesday.

The victory took the girls' record to 9-11.

Oberlin started out hot, outscoring the Panthers 15-8 in the first quarter behind the sharpshooting of Jamie Elwood, who put up 9 points with four baskets.

In the second quarter, the Lady Devils were even tougher, outscoring the Lady Panthers 21-9. Abby Ream made four baskets for 8 points while Kaitlyn Stapp, Kerrie Olson and Lauren Fortin hit from the charity line for nine points between them. Stapp and Rena Unger added the extra baskets.

At the half, Oberlin led the home team 36-17.

In the third quarter, the Lady Panthers were able to get some points back, as they outscored Oberlin 16-8. At the end of three Oberlin still led

44-33. In the fourth period, Oberlin doubled their opponents' points, as Phillipsburg scored 10 and the Red Devils 20.

"The girls did a great job from the start, playing hard defense, rebounding well and getting shots on offense," Coach Paul Nepodal said. "Our pressure on defense has really stepped up the last two games, which is a good sign going into substate. It was a good, confident win to end the regular season."

Scoring for Oberlin were Ream, 21; Elwood, 13; Stapp, 11; Kelsey Dorshorst, 8; Unger, 4; Olson, 3; and Leah Marietta and Fortin, 2 each.

Stapp was the leading rebounder with 14, followed by Dorshorst with 12.

Herndon boys win regionals

The Herndon Beavers downed Golden Plains 52-38 Thursday, then won the Class 1A Regional Tournament with a 66-56 victory over Jennings in the finals on Saturday in Goodland.

On Thursday, the Beavers outplayed the Golden Plains Bulldogs. Herndon took the lead in the first quarter 11-7 but gave it up in the second, when the Bulldogs outscored the Beavers 14-9 to lead 21-20 at the half.

In the third, the Beavers again moved ahead, outscoring Golden Plains 13-9 to lead 33-30. In the fourth quarter, the Beavers were hot,

hitting 19 points to the Bulldogs' 8, four of which were free throws.

Scoring were Curtis Brown, 14; Lance Basgall and Jeff Riener, 12 each; Abe Marintzer, 9; Ben Grafel, 3; and Dan Riener, 2.

On Saturday, the Beavers took their record to 22-1 with a win over the Jennings Coyotes.

The Coyotes jumped out to an early 13-8 lead in the first quarter. In the second, Herndon outscored Jennings 17-16 to edge up a point, but the Coyotes still led 29-25 at the half.

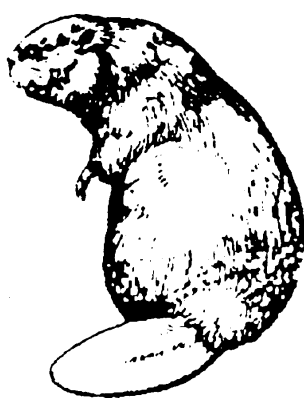
In the third quarter, the Beavers continued to gain momentum and outscored Jennings 17-13 to tie the

score at 42. The momentum continued as the Beavers outscored the Coyotes 24-14 for the championship and a berth to the substate tournament.

Scoring were Basgall, 23, including a three-point shot; Marintzer, 16; Brett Chambers, 14, including four three-pointers; J. Riener, 6; Brown, 5; and Daron Chambers, 2.

The Beavers will play their first substate game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Russell against Sylvan Grove, which has a 13-8 record.

The victor will face the winner of the Victoria-Weskan game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Russell.



Phillipsburg overcomes freshmen

The Decatur Community High freshman boys fell 59-39 to Phillipsburg last Tuesday to end their basketball season 2-11.

The Panthers took a 14-12 lead in the first quarter but outscored Oberlin 22-6 in the second. In the third quarter, Phillipsburg again scored 14 to Oberlin's 12 and in the fourth, each team scored 9.

Scoring for Oberlin were Andy Leitner, 16; Jace Robinson, 10; Nolan May, 6; Kurt Olson, 4; and Kyle Glodt, 3.

Junior varsity loses

The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys ended their basketball season 9-7 with a 56-48 loss to Phillipsburg last Tuesday.

"We played very well against a real fine Phillipsburg junior varsity team," Coach Keith Grafel said. "A slow first quarter kept us down for quite a while, but we did make a nice run to get close late in the third quarter."

"It was a good ballgame." The Panthers jumped out to a home-court 19-8 advantage in

the first quarter and kept ahead in the second as both teams scored 14. In the third quarter, both teams scored 12, but Oberlin kept up the pressure and was able to outscore the Panthers 14-11 in the final round.

Fouls hurt the young Red Devils, who sent Phillipsburg to the charity line 33 times.

Scoring for Oberlin were Josh Fortin, 14; Teryn Grafel, 9; Andy Inman, 8; Andy Anderson, 7; Jesse Juenemann, 6; Jason Thomas, 3; and Andy Leitner, 1.

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