

Oberlin falls to Hoxie

The Oberlin Red Devils boys basketball team played consistently on Tuesday, but fell 60-57 to the Hoxie Indians in the first round of substate play.

The loss ended the Red Devils' season, as the boys posted an 11-10 record.

Unlike Oberlin, which scored between 13 and 15 points in every quarter, the Indians scored well in the middle quarters but poorly in the first and fourth.

Oberlin started out with a 15-7 lead in the first quarter, but then the Indians came alive and outscored the boys from Decatur Community High 21-15 in the second.

At the half, Oberlin still led 30-28. The Indians stayed hot, however, and outscored Oberlin 23-14 in the third quarter to take a 51-44 lead. In the fourth quarter, Oberlin came from behind to outscore the Indians 13-9, but it wasn't enough.

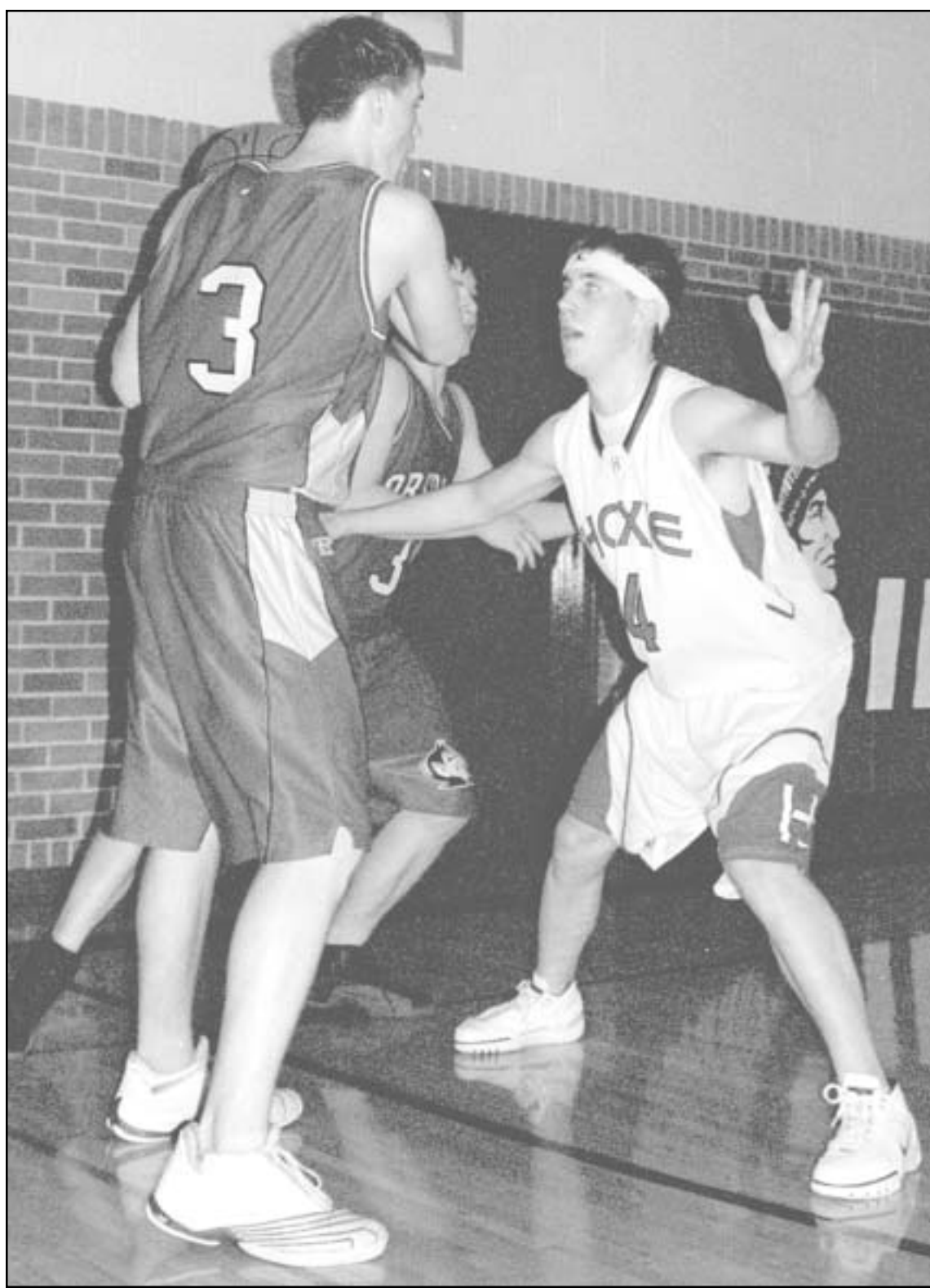
"This was a tough way to end our season," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Our guys played pretty well and very hard. We were a bit unlucky and they (Hoxie) tossed in a couple of lucky 3s off the glass."

This is the fourth time this year Oberlin and Hoxie had met, and Oberlin held a 2-1 advantage against the Indians going into substate.

The Red Devils out rebounded the Indians 32-29 and had nine turnovers to the home team's eight. Coach Ahlberg has been working with the team all year to get the number of turnovers down and he seems to have succeeded in the last couple of games.

Last week against the Phillipsburg Panthers, the Red Devils were able to keep their turnovers to a dozen where earlier in the season they were running in the high teens and 20s.

Scoring were Egan Grafel, 27; Lance Fortin, 18; Chase McKittrick, 7; Matt Mondero and Andy Ander-



KEEPING THE BALL AWAY from a Hoxie defender, Lance Fortin scored 18 points in the Oberlin Red Devils' substate game against the Indians.

son, 2 each; and Chase Juenemann, 1. Grafel also took rebounding honors with 17. He was followed by Fortin, five; McKittrick and Mondero, four each; and C. Juenemann, Jesse Juenemann and Anderson, one each.

Fortin led in assists with five, followed by McKittrick, four; Mondero and Anderson, two each; and Grafel, one.

C. Juenemann had two steals while Fortin, McKittrick and Grafel had one each.

"I'm proud of our team and thanks to the parents and fans for their support," Coach Ahlberg said.

This was the last time seniors Grafel, Juenemann, McKittrick and Mondero will play for the Red Devils.

Lady Devils lose by 4 points to Hoxie girls

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils ended their season in WaKeeney on Thursday in the second round of substate play, losing 78-74 to the Hoxie Indians.

Last Monday, the girls played host to the Hill City Ringnecks and beat them 38-29 to win the first round.

"Well, at this point in the season, a win is a win," Coach Paul Nepodal said. "It was one of our uglier efforts, but to get out of the first round is important, especially playing at home. The girls persisted and fought through it."

The substate tournament moved to WaKeeney for the semi-final and final rounds. On Thursday, the Oberlin girls took their 10-11 record up against the Hoxie girls, who'd had a 20-1 season.

The Oberlin girls had three good quarters, but lost the game in the third, when the lid seemed to be on the basket.

Hoxie started out hot, outscoring the Lady Devils 29-20. In the second quarter Oberlin stepped up the pressure and outscored Hoxie 18-14, closing to 43-38 at the half. In the third quarter, Hoxie was hot and Oberlin was not, as the Indians put up 18 points and the Devils only 10.

At one time, the Lady Devils were down by 20. However, they fought back, and in the fourth quarter they

outscored the Indians 26 to 17 to come within four points of a tie.

The Lady Devils shot well from the free-throw line, landing 23 of 31 attempts for a 74 percent average. Hoxie wasn't nearly as good at the charity shots and Oberlin didn't give them nearly as many chances. The Indians landed eight of 21 for a 39 percent average.

"We played as well as we could," Coach Nepodal said. "These girls are winners in every sense of the word and deserve a lot of praise for the way they played tonight."

"Nothing was left behind on the floor, which is all you can ask for as a coach."

Scoring were Jamie Elwood, 22; Kelsey Dorshorst, 16; Abby Ream, 15; Rena Unger, 11; Lauren Fortin, 7; Kaitlyn Stapp, 2; and Leah Marietta, 1.

Elwood and Ream each had a pair of three-point shots and Fortin hit one.

At the charity line, Elwood sank 10 of 12; Dorshorst, six of nine; Ream and Unger, three of four each; and Marietta, one of two.

Leading rebounders were Dorshorst with 10, followed by Stapp and Elwood, six each.

The team will be losing seniors Marietta, Dorshorst, Kerrie Olson, Ream and Unger. The girls ended their season 10-12.

Shootout is April 17

The Sappa Valley Shootout three-on-three youth basketball tournament is set for Saturday, April 17, in Oberlin.

The tournament is open to boys and girls in grades 3 to 10. Entry forms will be available at area schools. Games will be played at the Decatur Community junior and senior high gyms.

The tournament is a fund-raiser for the Oberlin Cyclones, a Mid-America Youth Basketball team made up of freshmen and sopho-

more basketball players, who want to sharpen their skills.

The entry fee of \$30 per team is due to Sue Glodt by Wednesday, April 7.

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All-Star classic set for Colby

The 11th Annual Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl All-Star Classic is set for Sunday, March 21, at Colby Community College. The girls game begins at 5 p.m. with the boys right afterwards.

Each team will have seniors from Northwest Kansas high schools. It will be one of the few times that Jennings and Herndon players will play against someone from Oberlin.

On the boys team, Egan Grafel of Oberlin, playing for the dark jerseys, will go against Lance Basgall, Herndon, and Grant Bailey, Jennings, who will be in light jerseys.

Even Grafel's coach for the last four years, Oberlin's Dick Ahlberg, will be on the other side this game. Ahlberg has been selected to coach the light jersey boys.

On the girls team, Abby Ream will be with the light jerseys for the

Oberlin girls.

Other players will be Jessica Osborne, Goodland; Kayla Beckman and Alicia Ostmeyer, Grinnell; Sara Moore, Cheylin; Amanda Seeman, Colby; Molly Kuhlman, Ness City; Brooke Inlow, Oakley; Jena Wilson, Smith Center; Lindsay Gaschler, Ellis; and Erin Locke, WaKeeney, for the girls light jerseys.

Andrea Vap, LaCrosse; Sheena Kuntzsch, Scott City; Kim Torlumke, Hoxie; Valerie Jackson, Logan; Tanya Beckman, Grinnell; Cortney Moser, Winona; Ashley Calvin, Hays; Ivy Ramsey, Colby; and Erin Bixenman, Grinnell, will play for the dark jerseys.

Rose McFarland, WaKeeney, will coach the dark jerseys and Shelly Hoyt, Hoxie, the light.

Also on the boys light jersey team

are Garrett Levin, Kensington; Caleb Wick, Smith Center; Curt Stramel, Hays; Jered Sloan, Norton; Trevor Blackwill, Quinter; James Newman, Hoxie; Tyson Triplett, Logan; and Joel Wrahe, Plainville.

On the dark jerseys are Sage Hemmert, Quinter; Cody Sattler, Oakley; Lance Tedford, Goodland; Brian Sulzman, Colby; Laran Steele, Weskan; Mike Raile, St. Francis; Brian Crittendon, Greeley County; Kent Packard, Wheatland; and Curtis Snodgrass, Atwood. Shane Stover, Colby, who is injured, is an honorary member.

John Crist, Quinter, will coach the dark Jerseys.

The games will be broadcast on KSNK-TV, with the girls game at 10:35 p.m. Sunday, March 28, and the boys at 10:35 p.m. Sunday, April 4.



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