

Boys prepare to play Basketball team has 26 ready for court

The Decatur Community High Red Devils are taking to the basketball court as practice gets underway. The boys will have 26 young men on the team, with seven returning lettermen.

Andy Anderson and Lance Fortin, both 6-foot, 2-inch seniors, will lead the team. Both are two-time lettermen.

Juniors Josh Fortin, 5 foot, 11 inches; Teryn Grafel, 5 foot, 11 inches; Andy Inman, 6 foot, 1 inch; Jesse Juenemann, 5 foot, 10 inches; and Jason Thomas, 5 foot, 11 inches are also returning lettermen.

They will be joined by juniors David Edgerton, 6 foot, 2 inches; Bruce King, 5 foot, 8 inches; Jonathan Smith, 5 foot, 6 inches; and Brent Stallman, 5 foot, 11 inches;

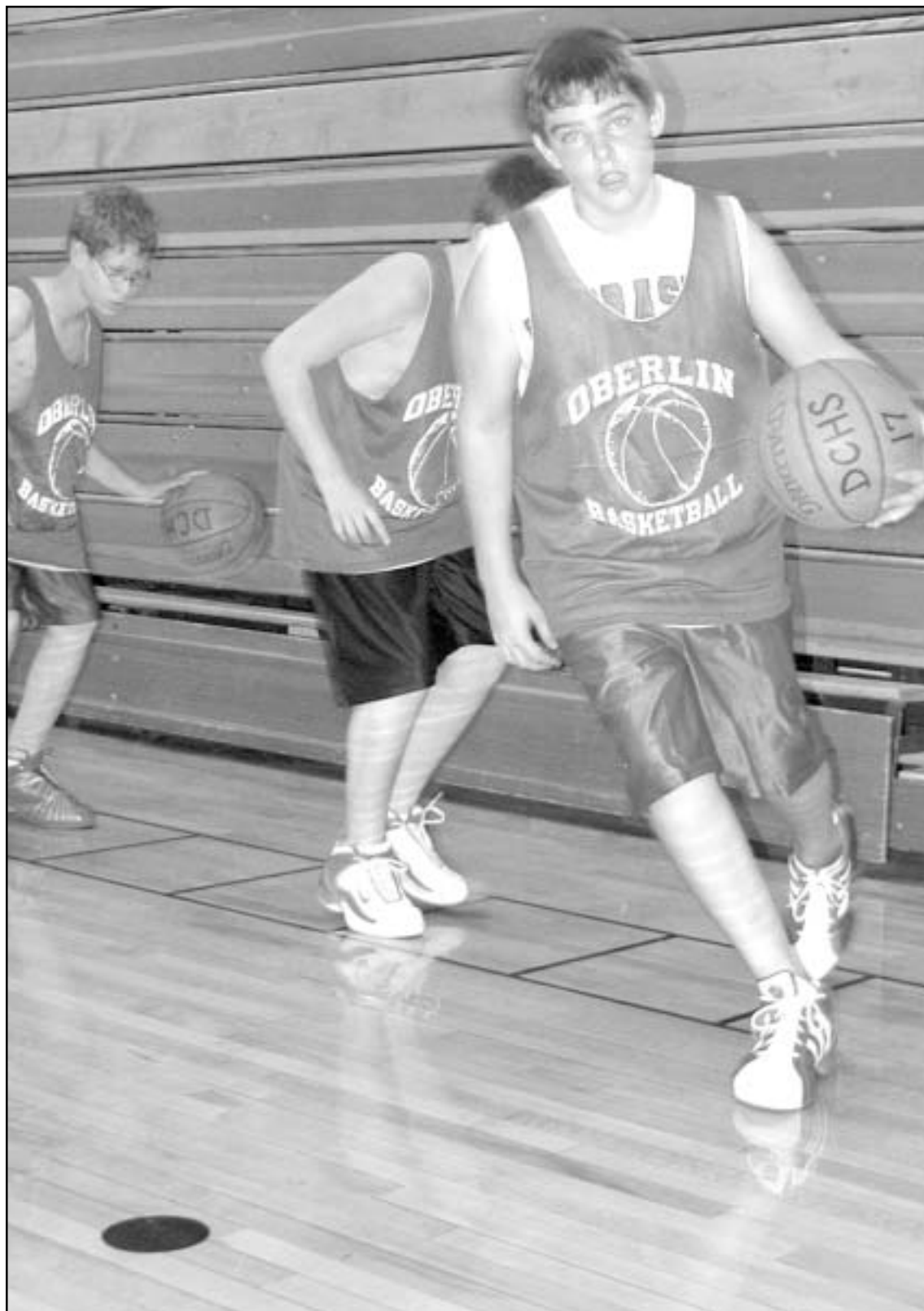
Sophomores Jobey Black, 5 foot, 9 inches; Andy Gilliam, 6 foot; Kyle Glodt, 5 foot, 10 inches; Mitchell Hitt, 6 foot, 2 inches; Andy Leitner, 5 foot, 10 inches; Nolan May, 6 foot, 3 inches; Kurt Olson, 6 foot; Seth Ritter, 5 foot, 9 inches; and Jace Robinson, 5 foot, 11 inches.

Freshmen Andy Dempewolf, 5 foot, 4 inches; Cody Haas, 6 foot, 2 inches; Ethan Long, 6 foot; Ace Manning, 5 foot, 6 inches; Cameron Weishapl, 5 foot, 2 inches; and Sean Ybarra, 5 foot, 9 inches.

Head Coach Dick Ahlberg, in his 18th year of coaching the Red Devils, is a Fort Hays State graduate. The assistant coach, Keith Grafel, is in his 15th year. He is a graduate of McPherson College.

The managers will be Kassi Bryan and Alli Samson. Tawni Davis will keep stats.

While the boys are practicing after school each day, the first opportunity the public will have to see the



PRACTICING THEIR DRIBBLING, Decatur Community High basketball boys ran up the court during drills on Monday. Sophomore Jobey Black was in front of this group, followed by freshmen Andy Dempewolf and Cameron Weishapl. — Staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

team in action will be at the annual Food Scrimmage next Tuesday. The girls will play at 6:30 p.m., with the boys following. Admission is a can of food to be donated to the food bank.

The Red Devils' first game will be

at home against Oakley on Friday, Dec. 3, with the girls starting at 6:30 p.m. and the boys afterward, probably about 8 p.m.

"We have a good number to work with," Coach Ahlberg said. "We have 26 checked out."

Last year, the Red Devils finished their regular season 11-9. A hard-fought battle against Hoxie, which the Indians won 60-57, ended the Devils' season after the first substate game.

THE OBERLIN HERALD — Sports

Oberlin man rides fifth on saddle broncs

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture rodeo team has wrapped up its fall schedule, with Norcatur's Chance Harman sitting fifth in the Great Plains Region for saddle bronc riding.

Mr. Harman graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2004 and is now at the college in Curtis, Neb.

There are 18 colleges in the competition in the region. His parents are Ron and Renee Harman of Norcatur.

The team's last rodeos were in Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, and the team was in fifth place when they were over.

Rodeo will start again April when they go to South Dakota, but over the winter, the team will practice in the school's indoor arena.



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Junior High has busy week

Last week was busy for the Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball teams, but results were mixed.

The boys had their first home game on Tuesday, Nov. 9, with the eighth grade beating Oakley 46-14 and the seventh losing 37-22.

On Thursday, the action moved to Quinter, with both Oberlin teams losing. The eighth graders fell 46-32 and the seventh graders 46-19.

On Friday, the boys attended a B-team tournament in Colby where the seventh graders took second place, beating one Colby team and losing to another. The eighth graders lost to both Colby teams.

In Tuesday's game, the eighth graders jumped out to a 15-4 lead over the Oakley Plainsmen in the first quarter. The second quarter was more of the same, as Oberlin outscored Oakley 15-4 to lead 30-8 at the half. In the third quarter, the young Red Devils outscored Oakley 14-5 to lead 44-13. In the fourth quarter Oberlin scored 2 and Oakley 1 for a Red Devil 46-14 victory.

"We dominated the game early with our athletic ability and pressure defense," Coach Tim Breth said. "The season gets much tougher from here."

Leaders were Logan Fortin, 16 points, six steals; Luke Juenemann, 10 points, four blocked shots; Sam Stapp, 10 points, six rebounds; Jacob Fortin, 8 points, seven steals; and Ryan McEvoy, 2 points, three rebounds.

The Oakley seventh grade started out strong, leading 10-2 in the first quarter and 19-7 by the half. In the third quarter, the Plainsmen outscored the Red Devils 13-7 to lead 32-14. In the last quarter, Oberlin was able to score 8 to Oakley's 5, but it wasn't enough and the Plainsmen won 37-22.

"We showed signs of improvement, but it is developing at a slow pace," Coach Breth said.

Leaders were — Wiley Farr, 10 points, two blocks; Toby Peters, 8 points, six rebounds; Kaden Macfee, 2 points, 5 steals; and Chris Schiessler, 2 points.

On Thursday, Quinter dominated the seventh graders, leading 36-4 at the half. The Oberlin boys came back some in the second half. Both teams scored 7 in the third quarter and the Red Devils outscored the Bulldogs 8-3 in the fourth.

Quinter won 46-19.

"Since fourth grade, Quinter's team has played about 100 hours together during the summer," Coach Breth said. "They are a very 'salty' group."

Scoring were Peters, 8 points, six steals and two blocks; Farr, 7 points, four steals; and Macfee and Schiessler, 2 points each.

The Oberlin eighth graders did better against Quinter, but still lost 46-32.

Quinter took a big 17-6 lead in the first quarter and stretched it to 39-15 by the half. In the third quarter, Oberlin outscored the Bulldogs 8-7 and the teams were about equal in the fourth quarter, with Quinter hit-

ting 10 points and Oberlin, 9.

"We were down 10 points before we really woke up," Coach Breth said. "Quinter played a more disciplined game. We only shot 20 percent and had a leaky defense most of the night. The effort was there, however."

Scoring were L. Fortin, 9 points, three steals; J. Fortin, 7 points, three steals; Juenemann, 7 points, eight rebounds; Stapp, 5 points, three steals; Jordan Tally, 3 points, two steals; and Sean Herring, 2 points.

The next junior high basketball games will be on Thursday in Hoxie. The seventh graders will start at 4:30 p.m. with the eighth graders right after.



From left: Tammy Fredrickson, Abby Hissong and Fonda Farr

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