

# Sports

## Eighth graders get win Seventh grade loses game to Hoxie Indians

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade boys basketball team edged the young Hoxie Indians 45-43 in overtime, while the seventh graders lost 33-28 Thursday in Hoxie.

The eighth graders started off cold, as Hoxie hit 14 points to the Red Devils' 8 in the first quarter and 9 to Oberlin's 6 in the second to take a 23-14 lead at the half. In the second half, Oberlin slowly caught fire, as the Red Devils outscored the Indians 9 to 7 in the third quarter and 15 to 8 in the fourth the tie the game at 38 at the buzzer.

Oberlin was able to pull the game out of the bag in overtime, when the young Devils scored 7 points to Hoxie's 5.

"What an intense, hard-fought game," Coach Tim Breth said. "We kept fighting and working hard. I am very impressed with my players' tenacity and fire.

"We had a chance to win in the regulation time, but missed free throws. This is a great win for us leading into the Atwood game."

The eighth graders were 3-1 after the Hoxie game and were scheduled to play Atwood at home on Monday.

Helping with the victory were Logan Fortin, 17 points, five steals; Luke Juenemann, 14 points, 10 rebounds; Jacob Fortin, 8 points, five steals; Sam Stapp, 5 points, three blocks; Cole May, 1 point, two rebounds; and Jordan Tally, seven steals.

Each of the seventh-grade teams scored 4 in the first quarter, then



**LINING UP HIS SHOT,** Wiley Farr prepared to make a free throw for the Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade Red Devils on Monday in a home game against Atwood.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Hoxie hit for 6 while Oberlin put up 3 in the second. At the half, the Indians led 10-7. Hoxie had a great third quarter, outscoring the young Devils 15-6 to take a 25-13 lead at the end of three

Oberlin came back in the fourth quarter with 15 points, but could not overcome the deficit, as Hoxie put up 8 to save the victory.

"We almost survived a poor third quarter with a wild last quarter," Coach Breth said.

"The effort and desire has been tremendous. I am very proud of them. We must continue to improve

as a team and take care of the ball."

Scoring were Toby Peters, 21 points, five rebounds; Wiley Farr, 5 points, four steals; and Chris Schiessler, 2 points, three steals.

The seventh graders are 0-4 so far this season.

The teams were to play at home on Monday against Atwood in the last action before the Thanksgiving break. Next week, the junior high boys will be at home on Thursday, Dec. 2, to welcome the Goodland Mustangs. The seventh grade will play at 4:30 p.m. and the eighth grade game will follow.

## Red Devil girls set to play

The Oberlin girls basketball team will be starting the season with four returning letter winners and a bunch of young players.

Letter winners include senior Jamie Elwood, 5 foot, 4 inches; juniors Kaitlyn Stapp, 5 foot, 8 inches, and Lydia Karnopp, 6 foot; and sophomore Lauren Fortin, 5 foot 6.

Megan Barrett, 5 foot, 8 inches, is the only other senior on the team, which has five juniors, eight sophomores and 13 freshmen.

Other juniors are Christa Hardy and Lora Marietta, each 5-3, and Courtney Gillespie, 5-10.

Sophomores include Tricia Dorshorst, 5-9; Heather Williams, 5-7; Sarah Murray, 5-7; Whitnee Ashley, 5-3; Kim Wessel, 5-6;

Marci Metcalf, 5-8; and Katrina Wentz, 5-9.

Freshmen are Lacey Ream, 5-2; Heather Glodt, 5-4; Jessica Dellere, 5; Fabiola Ortiz, 5-1; Rory Wendelin, 5-9; LeAnna Sheaffer, 5-9; Nikki Wessel, 5-2; Kenzie Fisher, 5-7; Alyssa Montgomery, 5-3; Kaitlyn Gillespie, 5-5; Ashley Huntley, 5-7; Lindsey Perez, 5; and Brittany Gould, 5-5.

"We have a great group of players out this season," Coach Terry Ream said. "We have finished our first week of practice, and I'm really pleased with their hard work and attitude.

"We will be quick again this year, plus we have some good athletic size inside that will give us more options

# Eight Red Devils named all league

Three Red Devil players were named to the first team, three to the second team and four got honorable mention for Northwest Kansas League football.

Decatur Community High football Coach Trevor Williams said that the league released the names of the top players on offense and defense.

The players are voted on by the league coaches, he said, but no coach can vote for his own players.

Two Oberlin players were named to both the offensive and defensive teams.

Gannon Reichert was named first team on the offensive line and second team on the defensive line.

Drew Martin was named to the second team on both the offensive and defensive lines.

Lance Fortin was named to the first team offense as a receiver and Jason Thomas was named to the first team defense as a linebacker.

Josh Fortin was named honorable



G.Reichert



Drew Martin



Lance Fortin



J. Thomas



Josh Fortin



D. Morris



J. Juenemann



David Barth

mention as a running back for the offensive team and David Morris received honorable mention for the offensive line.

Jesse Juenemann and David

Barth were both named honorable mention as defensive backs.

Coach Williams said he was proud to have eight of his players named among the best in the league.

## Wrestlers have 11 lettermen, state qualifier on the mats

The Decatur Community High wrestling team is getting ready for the season with daily workouts.

"We have a good group of kids out, and the competition in the practice room is pretty intense," said Coach Joe Dreher.

"We have some quality leaders in our juniors and seniors. Our schedule is tough as ever, as the Northwest Kansas League seems to be solid once again.

"The young kids will get plenty of mat time with four junior varsity tournaments and a 9-10 tournament, which will pay off in the long run."

The team has one returning state qualifier and 11 returning lettermen.

Senior David Barth, who wrestled at 112 pounds at state in February,

will be back wrestling at 119 or 125 this year.

Other returning lettermen are seniors Gannon Reichert, 171 pounds, and Jake Padgett, 180 or 215; juniors Denton Bailey, 152, Bret Marietta, 189, and Jonathon Richards, 135; and sophomores Brock Euhus, heavyweight, Aaron Helm, 103, Garrit Peters, 145, Cameron Nedland, 135, and Breck Simonson, 112.

Others with the squad this year are seniors Adam Steinmetz, 152, Canaan Bishop, 145, juniors Drew Martin, 160, Scott Miller, 152, Gabe Moore, heavyweight; sophomores, Corey Cook, 112, Terry Urban, 171,

Regan Badsky, 189; and Kane Ware, 125; and freshmen Gage Reichert, 112 or 119, Jamie Miller, 135, David Urban, 145, Colt Diedrich, 189, Jared Marcuson, 135, and Royal Fisher, 130.

Molly Coleman and Karli Fredrickson will be the statisticians.

Two years ago, the team finished fifth at state and last year Oberlin came in third.

The boys will get their first taste of real action on Friday, Dec. 3, when they travel to Oakley. The next day, Saturday, the varsity team will be at the Hoxie Invitational Tournament and the junior varsity will be at Goodland.

### Darts

#### OBERLIN LEGION

Outlaws, 28-8; Team No. 1, 21-15; Just B.S., 20-16; Porky's, 19-17; Misfits, 14-22; Wild-hawks, 6-30.

Men's High: Rocky Courange, 195.

Women's High: Sarah Carter, 100.

Hat Trick: Rocky Courange, Rusty Montgomery, Cody Salem.

## Senior Profile

### Andy Anderson

**Name:** Andy Anderson  
**Parents:** Tom and Karen Anderson

**Age:** 17

**Activities:** Football, basketball, D-Club, science club and National Honor Society.

**Plans after high school:** Go to Central Bible College for four years and major in



youth ministry.

**Do you plan on returning to this area, to do what?** No. I'll probably move to a medium sized city and be a youth pastor.

**10 years from now I see myself:** Doing the above. I'll be married and have a house and a nice car.

**Favorite movie, book, music, game:** "Red Phoenix," by Larry Bond, book; hard core Christian rock, music; "The Bourne Identity," movie and Civilization III.

**How do you want the community/school to remember you?** I want to be remembered as the man who made his way. He didn't compromise or conform.

**Best advice ever received or what advice would you give someone younger than you?**

Always be yourself and never pretend to be something or someone you're not.

**Favorite Quote:** "No regrets."

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