

Oberlin girls beat Oakley in big finish

The Decatur Community High School girls came from behind Friday night to beat the Oakley Lady Plainsmen 53-48 in the season basketball opener in Oberlin.

Oberlin did not look good in the first half. The visitors ran over the Lady Devils 16-6 in the first quarter and 18-13 in the second to build a commanding 34-19 lead at the half.

The second half was like a different game, however, as the Oberlin girls came out fighting. In the third quarter, Oberlin was only able to score 11 points, but they held the Lady Plainsmen to a single 2-point basket to take the score to a more manageable 36-30.

In the fourth quarter, the Oberlin girls exploded, led by Kaitlyn Stapp, who hit three three-pointers, a pair of twos and four out of four free throws for 16 points. Together the Lady Devils put up 23 points while holding the Plainswomen to 12.

"This was a great win for us early in the season," said Coach Terry Ream. "Oakley has a really good team and will only get better through the season."

"We got our tails kicked early in the game, but the girls stayed with it, never thought about quitting and came back in the second half and really showed us all what they are made of."

"Every girl on this team should get a lot of credit, whether they were on the court or on the sideline. All of them have great attitudes and are working hard and pushing each other in practice to become a better team."

"Kaitlyn had an outstanding overall game for us. Jamie (Elwood) and Lauren (Fortin) got us going in our full-court defense. Everyone else filled their roles and the crowd got into the game to help us to the end."

Scoring were Stapp, 25; Elwood, 12 including a pair of three pointers; Fortin, 9 including a three pointer; Tricia Dorshorst, 3; and Lora Marietta and Lydia Karnopp, 2 each.

Stapp also led the rebounds with seven, followed by Karnopp, five; Elwood and Courtney Gillespie, four each; and Fortin, Dorshorst and Sarah Murray, three each.

Fortin had seven steals while Stapp and Elwood had three each and Karnopp and Marietta one each.

Elwood led the assists with three, Fortin had two and Stapp and Murray one each.

At the free-throw line, Stapp hit eight of 10; Elwood, four of nine; Fortin, two of three; and Dorshorst, one of two.

The Oberlin junior varsity squad fell 42-36 to the Oakley girls.

Oberlin led in the first quarter 11-7 but Oakley came close to evening the score in the second quarter by outhitting Oberlin 13-10. At the half, Oberlin led 21-20. In the third and fourth quarters, the Plainswomen outscored Oberlin 10-8 and 12-7 for the win.

Scoring were Christa Hardy, 14 including a pair of threes; Heather Williams, 6; Whitnee Ashley, Murray and Marci Metcalf, 4 each; and Lacey Ream and Jessica Dellere, 2 each.

The C-team played only two quarters.

In the first quarter, Oakley outscored Oberlin 17-4 and in the second, the Lady Devils outscored the Lady Plainsmen 12-4. At the end, it was the Plainswomen who were ahead 21-16.

Scoring were Heather Glodt, 4; Dellere, Fabiola Ortiz and LeAnna Sheaffer, 2 each; and Ream and Alyssa Montgomery, 1 each.

The varsity girls will be playing in the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster this week. The first game was to be Tuesday with games on Friday and Saturday.

The C-team was to play in Atwood on Monday but the junior varsity will be off until next Tuesday, when the Hill City Ringnecks will come to town.

The varsity game against the Ringnecks will start at 6:30 p.m.



GOING UP FOR THE REBOUND, Lydia Karnopp helped the Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils to a 53-48 victory over the Oakley Plainswomen in the first game of the season.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Wrestlers take fourth in tourney

The Decatur Community High School wrestlers came in fourth at the annual Hoxie Invitational Tournament on Saturday, taking three seconds, two thirds and four fourths.

Oberlin wrestlers David Barth, Scott Miller and Gannon Reichert made it to the championship round.

While Oberlin had no first-place finishers, Coach Joe Dreher said he was proud of his boys. The Hoxie tournament is always a tough one, he said, and this year two of the schools — Norton, which took first place with 204.5 points, and Hoxie, which took second with 138, had sent teams to state last year.

Oakley came in third with 137 while Oberlin had 105; Plainville, 85; Trego, 64; and Dodge City, 75.

Wrestling were: • 103 pounds, Aaron Helm, lost to Tanner Popp, Hoxie, and Jared Root, Dodge City.

• 112 pounds, Breck Simonsson, lost to Clay Madden, Norton; beat Kevin Moss, Hoxie; and lost to Chris Barsina, Dodge City, for fourth place.

• 119 pounds, Gage Reichert, lost to Nathan Broeckelman, Norton; beat Loren Cressler, Hoxie; and lost to Matt Montoya, Dodge City, for fourth place.

• 125 pounds, Barth, beat Chad Zerr, Oakley, and Kent Mann, Norton, and lost to Tyler Baker, Hoxie, for second place.

• 130 pounds, Kane Ware, lost to Jon Olson, Trego, and Josh Guthrie, Dodge City.

• 135 pounds, Royal Fisher, lost

to Jeremy Harding, Norton, and Brian Frick, Trego.

• 140 pounds, Jon Richards, lost to Kelly Younkin, Oakley, and beat Jake Weigel, Plainville, and Bove Neuenschwander, Hoxie, for third place.

• 145 pounds, Canaan Bishop, lost to Blake VanEaton, Norton, and Brandon Brown, Plainville.

• 152 pounds, Scott Miller, beat Travis Harper, Dodge City, and Shawn Kuhlman, Oakley, and lost to Lance Roe, Norton, for second place.

• 160 pounds, Adam Steinmetz, beat Taylor Dirks, Trego, and lost to Conner McMullen, Plainville, and Brandon Kaufman, Dodge City.

• 171 pounds, Gannon Reichert, beat Mark Axelson, Plainville, and Matt McGinty, Hoxie, and lost to Jeff Dennis, Oakley, for second place.

• 189 pounds, Bret Marietta, beat Cole Wilson, Dodge City, lost to Michael Malay, Trego, beat Zach Meyer, and lost to Tyler Brungardt, Plainville, for fourth place.

• 215 pounds, Jake Padgett, lost to Tim Erwin, Hoxie; beat Kyle Spana, Trego; and lost to Aaron Racette, Oakley, for fourth place.

• 275 pounds, Brock Euhus, beat Taylor Brown, Dodge City; lost to Michael Sprigg, Norton; and beat Scott Burris, Hoxie, and Andy Brown, Plainville, for third place.

The wrestlers will be at the Colby Tournament this Friday and Saturday. On Friday, wrestling starts at 2 p.m. and on Saturday at 8 a.m.

Junior varsity squad wrestles in Goodland

The Decatur Community High School junior varsity wrestlers won 19 matches and lost 13 at a tournament Saturday in Goodland.

The junior varsity was in Goodland while the varsity wrestlers were at the annual Hoxie Tournament.

Wrestling at Goodland were:

• Corey Cook, one win, two losses.

• Cameron Nedland, three losses.

• Jamie Miller, one win, two

losses.

• Garrit Peters, two wins, one loss.

• David Urban, two wins, one loss.

• Denton Bailey, three wins.

• Drew Martin, three wins.

• Terry Urban, three wins.

• Regan Badsky, one win, two losses.

• Colt Diederich, two wins.

• Gabe Moore, one win, two losses.

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