

Sports

Red Devils fall to Plainsmen

The Decatur Community High boys stalled in the final quarter of their first basketball game, losing 56-42 to Oakley on Friday in Oberlin.

Both teams had a tough time hitting the net and both had a lot of turnovers, but the game stayed fairly even until the fourth quarter.

In the first period, although Oakley grabbed an early lead, Oberlin was able to catch up to tie the score at 7.

In the second quarter, Oberlin kept up the pressure and took a 14-11 lead, then led 21-18 at the half.

In the third quarter, it was Oakley's turn to edge the score, as the Plainsmen outscored the Red Devils 13-11. At the end of three, Oberlin still led but only by one, 32-31.

In the fourth quarter, it was all Oakley, as the Plainsmen put up 25 points to Oberlin's 10 to win the game.

"We just ran out of gas," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Our assists-to-turnover ratio was terrible."

Oberlin had 20 turnovers to Oakley's 16, and only two assists. The Plainsmen out-rebounded the Red Devils, but only by one, 37-36.

Oakley's big man both in inches and points was 6-foot, 6-inch senior Chad Baalman, who put 26 points on the board. He was followed by 5-9 junior Mykel Rodriguez with 16.

The top scorer for Oberlin was 6-2 senior Lance Fortin with 17 points. He was followed by 5-11 junior Jason Thomas, 8; 6-1 junior Andy Inman, 7; 6-2 senior Andy Anderson, 5; 5-10 junior Jesse Juenemann, 4; and 5-11 junior Teryn Grafel, 1.

Inman was the top rebounder with 11, followed by Anderson,



TOSSING THE BALL to teammate Andy Inman (No. 30), Jace Robinson was almost hidden by Oakley Plainsmen while Jesse Juenemann (No. 23) is ready to help during Friday night's game in Oberlin.

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eight; Fortin, seven; Thomas, five; Juenemann, three; and sophomore Jace Robinson and junior Brent Stallman, one each.

Inman and Anderson each had an assist.

Thomas and Juenemann had two steals each while Fortin, Grafel, Inman and Anderson each had one.

The Oberlin boys are scheduled to play in the Annual Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster this week.

Games were to start on Tuesday and continue on Friday and Saturday. Next Tuesday, the Red Devils will be home again as Hill City comes to town. The boys game will start right after the girls, about 8 p.m.

Junior varsity downs Oakley

The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys basketball team started out its season with a 56-43 victory over Oakley on Friday.

"For our first game of the season we played pretty well," Coach Keith Grafel said.

"Our defense did a pretty good job of making them shoot the shots we wanted them to shoot, and we did a nice job of pushing the ball up the floor.

"I was a little disappointed with our free-throw shooting, but I think we were a little nervous about this being the first game.

"We're going to have to keep working hard in practice, and try to improve every day."

Oberlin jumped out to a 13-6 start in the first quarter with the help of Oakley fouling. Oberlin got 12 charity chances and was able to sink five of them to add to their four regular baskets.

In the second quarter Oberlin kept up the good work but gave Oakley

opportunities at the free-throw line. Oakley was able to put four out of nine charity shots in but still came out on the bottom as Oberlin outshot them 16-12 in the second quarter to lead 29-18 at the half.

The second half was nearly even with Oakley outscoring Oberlin 14-13 in the third quarter and the Red Devils outdoing the Plainsmen in the fourth 14-11 for the victory.

Oberlin hit 17 of 35 free-throw shots while Oakley sank 10 of 18 free throws.

Scoring were: Andy Leitner, 15; Kyle Glodt, 11 including a three pointer; Jace Robinson, 10; Kurt Olson, 9; Andy Gilliam, 5; and Bruce King, Brent Stallman and David Edgerton, 2 each.

The junior varsity will be off this week while the varsity teams are at the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster.

Next Tuesday the Hill City Ring-necks will be in town.

Junior High teams beat Goodland boys

The Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball teams swept Goodland with a 23-20 victory for the seventh graders and a 40-24 route for the eighth grade last Thursday in Oberlin.

For the Oberlin seventh graders, it was the first victory of the season after five tough losses.

"What a great win for these boys," said Coach Tim Breth. "The hard work is paying off. We were able to hang on and hit big free throws the second half.

"The boys must improve their shooting percentage if we want to beat some of the better teams."

The seventh graders shot 16 percent from the field.

Oberlin took command in the first half, hitting 6 points in both the first and second quarters to Goodland's 2 and 4 to lead 12-6 at the break.

In the second half, the Mustangs woke up and made a run for it, outshooting Oberlin 8 to 3 in the third quarter to come within one. After three quarters Oberlin led 15-14.

In the fourth quarter, both teams fought hard but the Red Devils were able to outshoot the Mustangs 8 to 6 to add to their lead.

Scoring were Wiley Farr, 12 points and five steals; Toby Peters, 7 points, four rebounds and four steals; Daniel Jordan, 2 points and seven rebounds; and Chris Schiessler, 2 points and two blocks.

The Oberlin eighth graders upped their record to 4-2 with a 40-24 win.

"Goodland had a poor shooting night (21 percent)," Coach Breth said, "but I attribute that partly to our good team defense.

"We are starting to play the type of team ball we are capable of. I am proud of the team and am looking forward to the upcoming game against Colby and then the Northwest Kansas League Tournament."

The coach said that the free-throw

shooting of Logan Fortin in the third quarter helped secure the win.

The first half didn't look like the ending score would be so lopsided. Both teams scored 8 points in the first quarter and 2 in the second to go into the half tied at 10.

In the third and fourth quarters, however, the Red Devils came on strong, hitting 14 points to Goodland's 6 in the third and 16 to the Mustang's 8 in the fourth.

Scoring were L. Fortin, 15 points; Luke Juenemann, 12 points, seven rebounds and two blocks; Sam Stapp, 8 points and six rebounds; Jordan Tally, 3 points and six steals; and Jacob Fortin, 2 points and six steals.

Thursday will be the last chance the home crowd has to see the young Red Devils, as the Colby Eagles come to town for the last home game of the season. The seventh graders will start at 4:30 p.m., with the eighth grade afterward.

The junior high boys will end their regular season next week with the league tournaments on Thursday, Dec. 16. The seventh graders will be at Oakley and the eighth graders at Quinter.

Oberlin, Oakley tie in dual meet

The Decatur Community High wrestling squad started off its season on the road with a 30-30 tie with Oakley.

Both teams had all weights except heavyweight filled so there were no forfeits.

Oberlin wrestlers were able to pin four Plainsmen while only one Oakley wrestler was able to record a pin.

In junior varsity action all four Oberlin wrestlers won by a fall.

Wrestling were:
• 103 pounds, Aaron Helm, lost to Samuelson, 6-0.

• 112 pounds, Breck Simonsson, pinned Michael Halbleib in the first period.

• 119 pounds, Gage Reichert, beat Caleb Baalman, 6-1.

• 125 pounds, David Barth, pinned Chad Zerr in the first period.

• 130 pounds, Kane Ware, beat Grant Kahle, 6-4.

• 135 pounds, Royal Fisher, was pinned by Levi Younkin in the second period.

• 140 pounds, Jon Richards, lost to Kelly Younkin, 5-3.
• 145 pounds, Canaan Bishop, lost to Drake Moore, 13-2.

• 152 pounds, Scott Miller, lost to Shawn Kuhlman, 6-2.

• 160 pounds, Adam Steinmetz, pinned Cole Halbleib in the second period.

• 171 pounds, Gannon Reichert, lost to Jeff Dennis, 10-7.

• 189 pounds, Bret Marietta, lost to Kyle Reitcheck, 8-4.

• 215 pounds, Jake Padgett, lost to Adam Racette, 15-0.
• 275 pounds, Brock Euhus, pinned Zach Holzmeister in the second period.

In junior varsity action:

• 152 pounds, Denton Bailey

pinned Jody Kruse.

• 152 pounds, Garrit Peters, pinned his man.

• 160 pounds, Drew Martin pinned Alex Rumbleck.

• 171 pounds, Terry Urban, pinned Dustin Barber.

The wrestlers will be at the Colby Tournament this weekend. Wrestling starts at 2 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday.

A triangular meet with Goodland and Quinter, which was noted in the schedule as being held in Oberlin on Tuesday, will be held on Friday, Jan. 28.

Swimmers win medals in Hastings, Neb.

Oberlin swimmers are still attending meets as part of the McCook YMCA Devil Rays team. On Nov. 20, the team traveled to Hastings, Neb., to take on teams from Hastings, Kearney, Columbus and Grand Island.

The Oberlin swimmers brought back a pile of medals, including four first places, a second and five thirds, and helped win four firsts in relay races.

Oberlin ace Heather Glodt did the best of all the Devil Rays, as she brought home four individual firsts and helped two relay teams to wins.

The meet had been scheduled for Nov. 6 but had to be put off, and due to conflicts, many of the McCook swimmers could not attend.

"The hard work and willingness of the team paid off as we achieved some personal bests and had some top finishes," said Coach Tracy Flaska. "I am proud of the whole team and their effort."

Swimming from Oberlin were:
• Glodt, girls 13-14, first, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke, 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley.

• Ashley Horton, girls 11-12, second, 50-yard breaststroke; fourth, 100-yard freestyle; fifth, 50-yard breaststroke; and seventh, 50-yard freestyle.

• Tyler Shields, third, 50-yard freestyle, and 200-yard freestyle, and sixth, 50-yard backstroke, and 50-yard breaststroke.

• Kiah Blau, girls, 9-10, third, 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard individual medley.

• Cassidy Shields, girls 9-10, third, 50-yard breaststroke; seventh, 100-yard individual medley; and 13th, 50-yard freestyle.

• Jamie Soderlund, girls 9-10, fifth, 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard butterfly, and sixth, 50-yard breaststroke.

• Nolan Henningson, boys 9-10,

fifth, 50-yard breaststroke; sixth, 50-yard backstroke; and ninth, 50-yard freestyle.

• Alexis Hissong, girls 8 and under, fifth, 25-yard breaststroke; eighth, 25-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle; and 12th, 25-yard backstroke.

• Ganon Henningson, boys 8 and under, sixth, 25-yard backstroke, and seventh, 25-yard freestyle.

• Keagen Blau, boys 8 and under, sixth, 25-yard freestyle.

• Jakobi Blau, girls 8 and under, 10th, 25-yard backstroke, and 12th, 25-yard freestyle.

• Caitlin Shields, 11th, 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard backstroke.

In the girls 13-14 200-yard medley relay, Horton and Glodt teamed up with Madeline Shaddock and Hillary Chvatal to take first.

In the girls 13-14 200-yard

freestyle relay, Horton, Soderlund and Glodt teamed up with Chvatal for first.

In the boys 13-14 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Henningson brothers and T. Shields teamed up with Casey Sines-Baker to take two firsts.

Among those swimmers who came up with new personal bests were Hissong, 25-yard breaststroke and 25-yard freestyle; Caitlin Shields, 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard backstroke; J. Blau, 25-yard freestyle; Cassidy Shields, 50-yard breaststroke; K. Blau, 100-yard individual medley; Horton, 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke; and T. Shields, 200-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke.

The next meet will be on Saturday, Jan. 15, in McCook.

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