

Girls win one, lose two

The Decatur Community High girls beat Cheylin but were downed by Brewster and edged by Stratton, Colo., in the annual Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster last week.

While the girls only won one out of three games, Jamie Elwood won a spot on the all-tournament team.

The Oberlin girls lost to Brewster last Tuesday, 69-55, in the first round of the tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs outscored the Oberlin girls in every quarter — 19-15, 17-14, 18-12 and 15-14.

Brewster had four players who hit three pointers and two who were able to score in the upper teens. Andrea Horney hit 19 points and Avery Schultz, 17.

Oberlin had consistent scoring and the girls were able to make 59 percent of their free throws, but it wasn't enough to overcome the tough Lady Bulldogs.

"We played really well against the eventual tournament champion, Brewster," Coach Terry Ream said. "We just gave up too many easy shots on defense and didn't rebound well."

Scoring for Oberlin were Kaitlyn Stapp, 15; Lauren Fortin and Elwood, 13 each; Heather Williams, 6; Lydia Karnopp, 4; Courtney Gillespie, 3; and Tricia Dorshorst, 1.

Fortin hit a pair of three pointers and Stapp hit one. Stapp landed four out of five of her free-throw attempts while Elwood sank three out of four at the charity line.

Fortin was the rebound leader with seven, followed by Karnopp and Williams, six each; Dorshorst, five; Stapp, three; Elwood, two; and Sarah Murray and Gillespie, one each.

Fortin had six steals; Stapp, four; Dorshorst, three; and Elwood, two. Fortin was also the assist leader with six, followed by Elwood, four; Dorshorst, two; and Stapp, Karnopp, Murray and Williams, one each.

On Friday, the girls did better as they downed the Cheylin Cougars 77-42.

Oberlin started off hot and never gave up, outscoring the Cougars in every quarter.

In the first, led by the hot shooting of Fortin, Elwood and Stapp, Oberlin hit 26 to Cheylin's 11. In the second, the Lady Red Devils allowed the Cougars only four field goals and six free throws to outscore them 18-14. The Cougars got a dozen chances to score from the free-throw line in the quarter, but were only able to cash in on half of them.

In the third, Oberlin cut down on the fouls and again only allowed the Cheylin girls four baskets, this time with no trips to the charity line. With hot shooting from Fortin and Stapp, the Red Devils outscored the Cougars 21-8 to lead 65-33 at the end of three.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin got



DRIVING TOWARD THE BASKET, Lauren Fortin wasn't going to let a Stratton, Colo., player get in her way during the third game of the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster on Saturday.

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more opportunities at the free-throw line as Murray sank four out of four. Other Oberlin players weren't as accurate, however, and those four were the only ones to count out of eight tries. Cheylin was able to sink one out of three in the fourth and Oberlin outscored the Cougars 12-9 for the 77-42 victory.

"We came out in the beginning playing hard against Cheylin," Coach Ream said, "and got out to a quick lead allowing us to get some experience off our bench. They came in ready to play and did a good job."

Scoring were Fortin, 19; Elwood, 16; Stapp, 13; Dorshorst, Murray and Christa Hardy, 6 each; Williams, 5; and Karnopp, Lora Marietta and Gillespie, 2 each.

Elwood hit a pair of three pointers while Fortin and Stapp each had one.

Fortin and Dorshorst led in rebounds with six each; followed by Megan Barrett and Murray, four each; Stapp, Elwood, Karnopp, Marietta, Williams and Hardy, two each; and Gillespie, one.

Elwood had eight steals; followed by Stapp, six; Hardy, five; Fortin, four; Murray, three; Marietta, two; and Karnopp, one.

Elwood led in assists with eight, followed by Stapp and Fortin, three each; Williams, two; and Dorshorst, Karnopp, Marietta and Barrett, one each.

The girls hit 11 out of 17 free throws for 65 percent. Cheylin was

only able to hit seven out of 20 opportunities for a 35 percent.

In their final tournament contest on Saturday, the Oberlin girls came close, pushing the game into overtime, but wound up one basket short as Stratton edged them 58-56.

In the first quarter, despite a three-point shot from Elwood, the Colorado girls were able to outshoot Oberlin by hitting five baskets to take a 10-7 lead.

In the second quarter, it was Oberlin's turn to hit the bucket, as the Lady Devils shot six field goals and hit two out of four from the free-throw line to outscore Stratton 14-9 and lead 21-19 at the half.

The Lady Red Devils kept up the pressure in the third quarter, hitting another half dozen baskets for 12 points while Stratton hit a pair of threes and one out of two free throws for 7 points. At the end of three, Oberlin led 33-26.

Stratton had a great fourth quarter, hitting 25 points including five three pointers. Oberlin was able to hold its own with 18 points, including three pointers by Fortin and Elwood. At the end of regulation play, the score was tied at 51.

In overtime, Karnopp hit a three-point shot and Dorshorst hit both free throws she tossed, but that was all Oberlin scored. Stratton hit two field goals and three out of four free throws for 7 points and the win.

"Against Stratton, we just couldn't find the rhythm of the game," Coach Ream said. "I think

that we were a little, both mentally and physically, tired.

"The way we press and run may have got us a little bit worn down from the previous games. Again though, these girls never gave up and played hard to the end."

Oberlin was six out of 12 at the free-throw line for 50 percent while Stratton was only able to hit six out of 17 charity shots for 35 percent.

Elwood led scoring with 16 points, followed by Fortin, 13; Stapp, 12; Dorshorst, 10; and Williams, 5.

Fortin led the rebounding with 12; followed by Stapp and Dorshorst, eight each; Elwood, five; Williams, four; Karnopp, three; and Murray, one.

Elwood had three steals, Fortin and Dorshorst, two each; and Stapp, Murray and Williams, one each.

Elwood also led the assists with four while Stapp, Fortin, Murray and Williams had one each.

"Jamie Elwood, Kaitlyn Stapp and Lauren Fortin all had good tournament outings," Coach Ream said. "Jamie ended the tournament averaging 15 points, three rebounds, four steals and five assists per game. Kaitlyn averaged 13 points, four rebounds, four steals and 1.5 assists per game. Lauren averaged 15 points, eight rebounds, four steals and three assists per game."

The girls were to be at home Tuesday against Hill City. Friday, they will be on the road with a 6:30 p.m. game in Hill City.

Boys take fifth in tournament

The Decatur Community High boys lost their first game but came back to win the next two in the annual Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster to finish fifth in the basketball tournament.

Oberlin lost 73-52 to Brewster in the first round last Tuesday.

Then on Friday, the Red Devils came back to beat the Cheylin Cougars 73-50 and on Saturday they downed the Atwood Buffaloes 79-58.

On Tuesday, Brewster was just too much for the Red Devils as the home team jumped out to an 18-9 lead in the first quarter and outshot Oberlin 25-6 in the second to take a 43-15 lead at the half.

Oberlin fought back in the second quarter, hitting 14 points to Brewster's 15 in the third quarter and outscoring the Bulldogs 23-15 in the fourth.

"We played hard but not very well," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Our passing was not good. We had 10 bad passes."

"We were horrible from the free-throw line, hitting only five out of 19."

"Brewster has a talented, deep team. They hit seven of 16 tries from three-point range and 14 of 18 of their free throws."

Both teams had 36 rebounds and Oberlin had one more turnover than Brewster, 20 to 19.

Jesse Juennemann was the leading scorer for Oberlin with 19 points. He was followed by Andy Inman, 11; Teryn Grafel, 8; Jason Thomas and Josh Fortin, 6 each; and Lance Fortin, 2.

Grafel was the rebound leader with nine; followed by L. Fortin and Thomas, seven each; Inman and Andy Anderson, four each; Juennemann, three; and J. Fortin, two.

Thomas had four assists, while Anderson had two and L. Fortin, Juennemann, Inman and J. Fortin had one each.

Juennemann also led in steals with three, followed by Grafel with two and Thomas, Inman and J. Fortin with one each.

On Friday, the Oberlin boys returned to Brewster to down Cheylin 73-50.

This time it was Oberlin that jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter, 17-8. Oberlin outscored the Cougars in every quarter, outshooting them 15-13 in the second to take a 32-21 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin scored 19 to Cheylin's 14 and in the fourth quarter, 22-15.

The Red Devils had 37 rebounds to the Cougar's 29 and 20 turnovers

to their 26.

Ten Oberlin players put numbers on the board in this first win of the season.

Scoring were Thomas, 21; Grafel, 13; Inman, 9; L. Fortin, 8; J. Fortin and Kyle Glodt, 6 each; Anderson and Andy Leitner, 3 each; and Kurt Olson, and Juennemann, 2 each.

Top rebounder was Grafel with eight, followed by Juennemann, six; Thomas, five; Olson and Anderson, four each; L. Fortin and Inman, three each; and Leitner, Glodt, Brent Stallman and Jace Robinson, one each.

L. Fortin led in assists with five, followed by Juennemann, four; Grafel and J. Fortin, two; and Thomas, Inman, Robinson, Stallman and Anderson, one each.

Grafel and Juennemann had two steals each while Leitner, L. Fortin, Thomas and Olson each had one.

On Saturday, the Red Devils evened their record at 2-2 with a 79-58 victory over the Rawlins County High Buffaloes.

Again, the Oberlin boys outscored their opponents in every quarter, outscoring the Buffaloes 16-14 in the first and 19-12 in the second to lead 35-26 at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin out-hit Atwood 14-11 and in the final quarter 30-21.

"We passed the ball better today," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "We had more assists than turnovers."

"We also had more balanced scoring, with four guys in double figures and 8 points from off the bench."

Grafel led the scoring with 25, followed by L. Fortin and Juennemann with 16 each; Thomas, 10; and Inman, Fortin and Anderson, 4 each.

The Red Devils grabbed 45 rebounds while the Buffaloes got 35.

L. Fortin was the rebound leader with 16, followed by Juennemann, eight; Thomas, six; J. Fortin, five; Anderson, four; and Grafel and Inman, three each.

L. Fortin was also the assist leader with six, followed by Thomas, five; Grafel and Anderson, four each; Juennemann and J. Fortin, two each; and Inman, one.

L. Fortin and Thomas each had two steals, while Grafel, Juennemann, J. Fortin and Anderson had one each.

Oberlin had 16 turnovers compared to 20 in each of the first two games. Atwood had 13.

The Oberlin boys were to be at home on Tuesday for a game against the Hill City Ringnecks, and on Friday they will be in St. Francis, with their game starting about 8 p.m.

Wrestlers win four duals at Colby

The Decatur Community High wrestlers came in 10th out of 18 teams in a dual tournament in Colby on Friday and Saturday, winning four and losing three of the duals.

Oberlin beat Thomas More Prep of Hays, 54-27; Plainville, 36-33; Wray, Colo., 40-27; and Oakley, 42-30.

The Red Devil wrestlers lost to Garden City, 41-18; Hoxie, 39-36; and Shawnee Heights of Topeka, 48-23.

Other schools at the meet were Hays High, Rawlins County, Scott City, Valley Center, Chaparral, Concordia, Liberal, Phillipsburg and Santa Fe Trail of Carbonale.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- 103 pounds, Aaron Helm, won two and lost one.
- 112 pounds, Breck Simonsson, won five and lost two.
- 119 pounds, Gage Reichert, won three and lost four.
- 125 pounds, David Barth, won

five and lost two.

- 130 pounds, Kane Ware, won one and lost six.
- 135 pounds, Royal Fisher, lost seven.
- 140 pounds, Jon Richards, won six and lost one.
- 145 pounds, Denton Bailey, won five and lost two.
- 152 pounds, Scott Miller, won six and lost one.
- 169 pounds, Drew Martin, lost six.

• 171 pounds, Gannon Reichert, won four and lost two.

- 189 pounds, Bret Marietta, won three and lost four.
- 215 pounds, Jake Padgett, won three and lost four.
- 275 pounds, Brock Euhus, won three and lost four.

On Friday, the boys will be at home as the St. Francis Indians come to town for a 6:30 p.m. start.

Junior high boys lose to Colby

The Decatur Community Junior High boys lost both seventh- and eighth-grade games to Colby on Thursday in Oberlin.

The Eagles beat the seventh-grade Red Devils 45-19 and the eighth graders 45-27, due, Oberlin Coach Tim Breth said, to their superior height and skills.

Colby outscored the seventh graders in every quarter, leading 16-11 in the first and out-hitting Oberlin 7-2 in the second for a 23-13 lead at the half. In the third and fourth quarters, Colby scored 8 and 14 while Oberlin hit 3 points in each.

The loss dropped the Red Devil seventh graders to 1-6.

"We started out strong on defense, but eventually their height was too much," Coach Breth said. "Shooting percentage continues to be a weak area."

"The boys are excited about the

upcoming Northwest Kansas League Tournament."

For the seventh graders, the tournament was to start Monday in Quinter and continue on Thursday in Oakley.

Scoring against Colby were:

- Toby Peters, 8 points, six rebounds.
- Wiley Farr, 5 points, four steals.
- Kegan Macfee, 3 points.
- Steven Overmiller, 2 points.
- Chris Schiessler, 1 point.

Overall, the eighth graders have had a better season than the seventh grade. With the loss on Thursday, they finished their regular season 4-3.

Colby was tough, however, as the Eagles outscored the Red Devils in the first three quarters.

In the first quarter, Colby hit 9 to Oberlin's 4 and in the second it was 11 to 6, so at the half the visitors led

20-10. The third quarter was Oberlin's worst, as the Eagles outscored the home team 14-2 to lead 34-12.

However, in the fourth, the young Red Devils came back to hit 15 points to Colby's 11.

"It was plain to see that Colby was the better team on the floor that night," Coach Breth said. "Colby did a few things I didn't have the boys ready for."

"We had some good looks at the bucket the first half but didn't put the ball in. The boys are excited about the tournament and another chance to show better basketball."

The eighth graders were to open the tournament in Goodland on Monday and move to Quinter for the second and third rounds on Thursday. Times on Thursday depend on how the teams did in the first round.

Office closes for holidays

The Prairie Dog State Park and Norton Area office of the state Department of Wildlife and Parks will be closed for the holidays beginning Dec. 23, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 3.

The 2005 park permits and hunting and fishing licenses will go on sale Saturday. Lifetime fishing, hunting or furharvesting licenses will be available beginning Saturday. Lifetime fees are \$301 for a single hunt, fish, or furharvesting license, and \$601 for a combo hunt/fish license.

These fees will be increasing to \$440 for a single hunt, fish, or furharvesting license and \$880 for a combination hunt/fish license on Feb. 1.

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Senior Profile



Crystal Franco

Name: Crystal Franco
Parents: Shellie Franco

Age: 17 (3/13/87)

Activities: Volleyball, yearbook, Coyote club, Kay club and the all school play.

Plans after high school: Colby then Hays. Majoring in social work and/or massage therapy.

Do you plan on returning to this area, to do what? I will stay for a while at least until I'm done with college and then leave.

10 years from now I see myself: Making money, happy and having fun.

Favorite book, music, movie and game: The David Pelzer collection, books; all music and funny movies.

Best advice ever received or what advice would you give someone younger than you: Stuff can happen, but whatever doesn't kill you, only makes you stronger. Be strong, don't let people bring you down. Everyone has their faults.



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