



WORKING TO TURN HIS FOE, Jonathon Richards beat Davin Rohweder of St. Francis 16-6 on Friday in the 135-

pound weight class. Despite the victory, the Indians won the match. — Herald photo by Jeannie Martin

Lady Devils down two teams

The Decatur Community High girls beat Hill City and St. Francis in basketball contests last week.

Stapp and Elwood each had four steals while Fortin, Murray, Gillespie, Williams and Hardy all had one each.

Last Tuesday, the Ringnecks came to town, found out it was still hunting season in Oberlin and returned to Hill City a few feathers short after a 40-32 loss.

On Friday, Oberlin traveled to St. Francis but the Indians found it a hair-lifting experience, losing 53-29 to a team called the Red Devils.

"This was a tough win for us," Coach Terry Ream said. "We stepped up on the defensive end of the court, which I was happy to see. Our defense has come a long way, and now if we can combine it with our offense, we'll be pretty good."

"This was a good night for us," Coach Ream said. "We struggled in past years at this place, but accomplished a lot of things we wanted to do."

"Kaitlyn (Stapp) had another nice night shooting. Lydia (Karnopp) and Tricia (Dorshorst) rebounded well, and we hope for that to continue the rest of the season."

"We played well and got the chance to get some experience off the bench. This will also give us some momentum."

Hill City looked good in the first quarter, hitting four baskets for 8 points while Oberlin was only able to hit a pair of baskets and land two free throws for 6.

Oberlin started out tough, out-hitting the Indians 14-4 in the first quarter and 16-10 in the second to lead 30-14 at the half. The third quarter was more of the same, as the Lady Devils netted 15 points to the Lady Indians' 9. In the fourth, Oberlin still outscored Saintry 8-6, even with the bench on the floor.

In the second and third quarters, however, the Lady Devils came alive, outscoring Hill City 13-7 and 15-8. In the two quarters, Oberlin hit four two-point baskets, and the girls went into the fourth quarter leading 34-23. Hill City hit 9 and Oberlin 6.

Scoring were Fortin, 17, including three three pointers; Elwood, 11 including a three pointer; Stapp and Karnopp, 9 each; Gillespie, 4; Hardy, 2; and Dorshorst, 1.

Neither team spent much time at the free-throw line. Hill City sank four of eight tries while Oberlin swooshed eight of 10 for 80 percent.

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

Scoring were Stapp, 19, with three threes and four out of four free throws; Lauren Fortin, 11, with a three and two out of two free throws; Dorshorst, 5; Jamie Elwood, 3; and Karnopp, 2.

Elwood led assists with seven while Fortin, Karnopp, Murray and Williams had one each.

Karnopp led in rebounding with seven, followed by Dorshorst, six; Stapp, five; Elwood, three; Fortin and Christa Hardy, two each; and Sarah Murray, Courtney Gillespie, Heather Williams and Megan Barrett, one each.

Elwood also led in steals with five, followed by Fortin, four; Stapp, Dorshorst and Williams, two each; and Karnopp and Hardy, one each.

Fortin had five assists; Elwood, four; and Stapp, Murray and Williams, one each.

The only place Oberlin didn't shine was at the free-throw line as they hit only seven of 18 charity shots. They gave Saintry eight chances and the Indians sunk four.

The girls' next game will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Norton against the Blue Jays.

Oberlin wrestlers lose to St. Francis

The Decatur Community High wrestlers had a tough night when they met the Saintry Indians on Friday in St. Francis.

The Indians have a long tradition of good wrestling, and Friday they downed the Red Devils 52-12.

Wrestling were:
 • 103 pounds, Aaron Helm, beat Josh Carpenter, 13-10.
 • 112 pounds, Gage Reichert, pinned by Trevor Richard in the third period.
 • 119 pounds, Breck Simonsson, pinned by Brady Frewen in the second period.

• 125 pounds, David Barth, lost to Dylan Loyd, 18-6.
 • 130 pounds, Kane Ware, pinned by Gavin Smull in the third period.
 • 135 pounds, Jonathon Richards, beat Davin Rohweder, 16-6.
 • 140 pounds, David Urban, pinned by Jordan Gienger in the third period.
 • 145 pounds, Denton Bailey, beat Matt Brown, 16-1.
 • 152 pounds, Garrit Peters, lost to Gabe Gienger, 16-3.
 • 169 pounds, Drew Martin, lost to Gabe Smull, 12-1.
 • 171 pounds, Gannon Reichert,

pinned by Derek Ross in the first period.

period.
 • 189 pounds, Regan Badsky, lost to Josh Walters, 2-0.
 • 215 pounds, Jake Padgett, lost to Brennan Wilger, 3-2.
 • 275 pounds, Brock Euhus, lost to Gabe Walz, 13-3.

In junior varsity action, Oberlin wrestlers won three and lost four.
 • 135 pounds, Jamie Miller, pinned by Daren Lafford.
 • 140 pounds, Jared Marcuson, pinned by Justin Sherlock.
 • 160 pounds, Terry Urban, pinned Russell Rogers in the first

period.
 • 189 pounds, Ethan Long, pinned by David Guthmiller in the first period.
 • 215 pounds, Colt Diederich, beat Tal Earl, 9-2.
 • 140 pounds, Royal Fisher, pinned by Sherlock in the first period.
 • 160 pounds, T. Urban, pinned Zach Mills in the first period.
 The Oberlin wrestlers are off until Tuesday, Jan. 4, when McCook and Phillipsburg will be in town for a triangular meet starting at 5 p.m.

Basketball boys win one, lose one

The Decatur Community High boys took their record to 3-3 last week as they fell 39-36 to the Hill City Ringnecks in Oberlin last Tuesday, then turned around and beat the St. Francis Indians 53-47 on the green team's home court.

but St. Francis fought back," Coach Ahlberg said. "We had a bad-shooting second quarter, hitting two out of 12."

On Tuesday, Hill City snatched the game away from Oberlin, which led most of the evening, with a big fourth quarter.

The Red Devils' lead started to slip when, after leading by 12, they let Saintry score 7 points to end the first quarter 15-7. In the second period, the Indians kept up the pressure, outscoring Oberlin 13-8 so that at the half, Oberlin led by a skinny 23-20.

Oberlin took the lead in the first period, outscoring the visitors 10-6, and continued adding to their margin in the second by outscoring the Ringnecks 12-8. The Devils went into the locker room with a 22-14 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin scored 13 while Saintry put up 14 to narrow the Red Devils' lead to 2.

In the third quarter, Oberlin started slipping as the Ringnecks scored 9 points to the Red Devils' 5. Still, after three, Oberlin led 27-23. In the fourth quarter, Oberlin was able to score 9 points, but Hill City got hot and hit 16 to take the win by three, 39-36.

While Saintry outrebounded the Red Devils 32-21, Oberlin had only 14 turnovers to the Indians' 24.

"We gave this one away," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "We had no offensive execution and we missed some easy shots."

"Our passing was good," Coach Ahlberg said. "We had 19 assists and only 14 turnovers. However, we did not rebound well."

Lance Fortin and Teryn Grafel led the scoring with 10 points each, followed by Jesse Juenemann, 8; Jason Thomas, 6; and Andy Inman, 2.

"Lance (Fortin) really stepped up tonight. He was our go-to guy."

L. Fortin also led the rebounds with five, followed by Inman and Andy Anderson, four each; Juenemann, three; Grafel, two; and Thomas and Josh Fortin, one each. Juenemann, L. Fortin, Anderson and Thomas each had an assist and L. Fortin, Thomas and Grafel each had one steal.

Scoring were L. Fortin, 19; Grafel, 14; Juenemann, 7; J. Fortin, 6; Anderson, 5; and Thomas, 2.

Oberlin outrebounded the Ringnecks 19-14 but also had more turnovers, 25-18.

L. Fortin was also the rebound leader with five, followed by Thomas, Grafel, Juenemann and Anderson, three each, and Andy Inman and J. Fortin, two each.

On Friday, the Red Devils again jumped out to a good lead against Saintry, only to see it whittled away. "We jumped out to a 15-3 lead,

Juenemann led the assists with five, followed by Thomas, four; L. Fortin and Inman, three each; J. Fortin, two; and Grafel and Anderson, one each.

Grafel had three steals; L. Fortin, Thomas and Juenemann, two each; and J. Fortin and Anderson, one each.

The basketball team will be off for the Christmas break, returning to action on Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Norton. The girls game will start early, at 5 p.m., and the boys afterward.



GOING UP FOR A BASKET, Teryn Grafel helped the Oberlin Red Devils to a 53-47 victory over the St. Francis Indians on Friday. — Herald photo by Jonna Inman

Kids Wrestling to begin

Any youngster who wants to participate in Kansas Kids Wrestling should get out their singlet.

Youngsters who are not signed up but want to participate can call Jim Reichert at 475-3704; Virginia Cooper, 475-2825; or Rebecca Tate, 475-1040.

Coach Bo Farr said he has 43 youngsters so far with practices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The first tournament will be on Saturday, Jan. 8, in Hoxie.

MAC Attack basketball set

The 14th annual MAC Attack youth basketball tournament sponsored by the McCook Optimist Club will be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 22-23.

The completed form plus a \$100 entry fee must be returned to the McCook Optimist Club, 402 Park Ave., McCook, Neb., 69001.

Girls and boys in grades four to eight are eligible. Entry forms are available at the Sports Shoppe in

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C-team victorious; junior varsity splits

The Decatur Community High junior varsity girls won one and lost one last week while the freshman or C team won its only game.

Kenzie Fisher, 8 each; Jessica Dellere and Fabiola Ortiz, 6 each; LeAnna Sheaffer, 5; and Nikki Wessel, 3.

Last Tuesday, the girls played host to Hill City and while the junior varsity fell 48-35, the C team girls beat the visitors 36-34.

Wessel tossed in a three-point shot.

On Friday, Oberlin was in St. Francis to take on the Indians. The Lady Devil's junior varsity scored 57 points while the Indians had 20 to 25 less. Oberlin Coach Terry Ream said that while he had his people keeping score, no one was minding the stats for Saintry so, while he's sure his girls won big, he isn't sure of the exact spread.

The junior varsity lost but did better at the free-throw line in Hill City, hitting 10 of 16 attempts for 62.5 percent.

The freshman team edged Hill City but were unable to take advantage of the free-throw line, hitting just five of 17 tries for 29 percent.

Scoring were Courtney Gillespie, 9; Kim Wessel, 8; Christa Hardy, 7; Lora Marietta, 5; Sarah Murray, 3; Katrina Wentz, 2; and Sheaffer, 1.

Scoring were Lacey Ream and

The junior varsity did a lot better in Saintry, when they hit 57 points. However, their free throws were off, as they put in just seven of 18 tries for 39 percent.

Scoring were Murray, 14; Gillespie, 10; Ream, 9; Hardy, 8; Whitney Ashley, 6; K. Wessel, 4; and Dellere and Sheaffer, 2 each.



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Will be closed Friday, December 24.

Happy Holidays