



**DEFENDING THE BASKETBALL**, Cody Haas (No. 40) prepared to pass to a teammate during last Wednesday's C team game between Oberlin and Northern Valley. Cameron Weishapl (No. 10), Sean Ybarra (No. 32) and a third Oberlin player were ready to catch the ball. — Herald photo by Susie Marble

## Freshmen seventh in tourney

The Decatur Community High boys C-team took seventh place in the annual Joe Green Basketball Tournament last week in Hill City. The tournament, held each year during Christmas break, included teams from Oberlin, Norton, Northern Valley, Hill City, Osborne, Plainville, Quinter and Phillipsburg.

Last Tuesday, the Oberlin boys fell 50-30 to Hill City in the first round.

"We have to just keep working on taking care of the basketball and we need to score more points," Coach Keith Grafel said. "This is a tough tournament, and you have to play well every day to have some success."

Hill City outscored the young Red Devils in the first three quarters, 12-6, 16-6 and 10-5. Only in the fourth quarter was Oberlin able to put up some points and outscore the Ringnecks 13-12.

Scoring for the Devils were Ace Manning, 12; Cody Haas, 10; Seth Ritter, 6; and Mitchell Hitt, 2. Manning hit six of seven free throw attempts.

Last Wednesday, the Red Devils lost 60-44 to the Northern Valley Huskies in the consolation bracket. "We played a lot better today for

three quarters, and the game got away from us in the fourth quarter," Coach Grafel said. "We are starting to do a lot of things right and we're starting to get more scoring from different people."

"We played a very hard game." Both teams scored 8 points in the first quarter. In the second, Northern Valley outscored Oberlin 15-8, but in the third, Oberlin topped the Huskies 20-17 so that after three quarters Northern Valley was ahead by only three points, 40-37.

In the fourth quarter, however, the Huskies hit the basket and the Devils didn't as Northern Valley put up 20 points to Oberlin's 8.

Scoring for Oberlin were Jobey Black, 23; Andy Gilliam, 7; Andy Dempewolf, 6; Manning and Sean Ybarra, 3 each; and Haas, 2.

Black hit four three pointers and Dempewolf hit a pair. Manning sank three out of four free throws.

In the final round on Thursday, the Red Devils downed the Osborne Bulldogs 55-46 to take seventh place.

"This was a very nice win for us," Coach Grafel said. "We put three great quarters together and then fought Osborne's comeback off in the fourth to hold on and win."

"We had nice balanced scoring,

and we are really learning where to go and what to do in our offense."

"Defensively, we probably played as well as we can most of the game. It was a lot of fun to get a win in this tournament and to place seventh."

It was an exciting game for the Red Devils, who had to overcome an early deficit in the score.

In the first quarter Osborne put up 14 points while Oberlin had 10.

In the second, the Red Devils came back strong to put 19 on the board to the Bulldogs' 6, so at the half Oberlin led 29-20.

The third quarter was Oberlin's best, as the Red Devils put up 20 points and held the Bulldogs to only 9 to lead 49-29 after three.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs came back strong, hitting 17 points and holding Oberlin to one regular basket and four free throws, but it wasn't enough.

Oberlin went to the charity line 22 times and was able to sink 10 for 45 percent, while Osborne only got eight free throws and sank three for 37.5 percent.

Scoring were Ritter, 17; Manning, 14; Black, 10; and Ybarra and Hitt, 2 each.

Ritter hit two three pointers and Black hit one.

# Junior varsity lose a pair

The Decatur Community High boys junior varsity basketball squad took its record to 1-2 with losses to Hill City and St. Francis on Dec. 14 and 17.

The Red Devils, playing the Hill City Ringnecks in Oberlin, quickly fell behind as the Ringnecks outscored them 19-8 and 20-7 in the first two quarters to lead 39-15 at the half.

In the third quarter, both teams scored 13 and in the fourth, Oberlin outscored Hill City 9-7.

Oberlin had 28 opportunities at the free throw line but could only cash in on 12 of them for 43 percent. The Ringnecks did a little better, hitting 13 of 26 for 50 percent.

"We didn't play very well at all," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We must be able to take care of the ball bet-

ter, and try to eliminate our unforced errors. We dug ourselves a very big hole that we couldn't get out of."

Scoring were Kurt Olson, 8; David Edgerton and Jace Robinson, 7 each; Kyle Glodt, 5 including a three-point shot; Andy Leitner, 4; Brent Stallman and Nolan May, 2 each; and Andy Gilliam and Bruce King, 1 each.

Later in the week, the Oberlin junior varsity was in St. Francis, where the Indians beat them 57-49 in three quarters.

"We only played three quarters again because of St. Francis' low numbers," Coach Grafel said.

"We have to get better at man-to-man defense, and rebound better. Late turnovers in this game really cost us. We are starting to get more scoring from our inside players, and

that is very good to see."

Sainty started out hot, hitting 23 points in the first quarter while Oberlin was able to put up 15. In the second quarter, Sainty hit 15 while the Red Devils were able to put 20 points on the board. The home team lead 38-35 at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin his 14 points, but Sainty was able to put up 19 for the victory.

The Red Devils hit 13 of 26 free throws for 50 percent while the Indians hit nine of 14 for 64 percent.

Scoring were Robinson, 12; Edgerton, and Glodt, 9 each; Leitner, Stallman, Gilliam and Black, 4 each; May, 2; and Olson, 1.

Glodt hit a pair of three pointers and Black was two for two at the free-throw line.

## Ringnecks win 31-23 over Devils

The Oberlin freshman boys "C" basketball team lost 31-23 to Hill City on Dec. 14.

The Decatur Community High Red Devils and the Hill City Ringnecks played three quarters, with Oberlin playing well only in the last one.

Hill City outscored Oberlin 12-8 and 12-5 in the first two quarters as the Red Devils couldn't find the basket, hitting only four two pointers and five out of 10 free throws.

Nolan May got hot in the last quarter, hitting four of the five baskets the Red Devils put in. Oberlin outscored Hill City 10-7 in the quarter.

Scoring for the Devils were May, 10; Andy Gilliam, 6; Cody Haas 4; Jobey Black, 2; and Ace Manning, 1.

The Red Devils were 5 for 13, or 38 percent, at the freethrow line, missing all three of their attempts in the third quarter.

"We only played three quarters because Hill City was short on players," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We played pretty well, but we need to do a better job of handling pressure defense."

"We still have a long way to go to be a very good team."

## Senior Profile

**David Morris**

**Name:** David Morris  
**Parents:** Ken and Christie Morris

**Age:** 18

**Activities:** Football, TACT, Drama club, Weight club, National Honor Society, Science club, musicals, all school play and D-club.

**Plans after high school:** Go to college.

**Do you plan on returning**



**to this area, to do what?** No.

**10 years from now I see myself:** Working.  
**Favorite book, music, movie and game:** "The Street Lawyer," book; Steely Dan, music; "Basic," movie and Cranium, game.

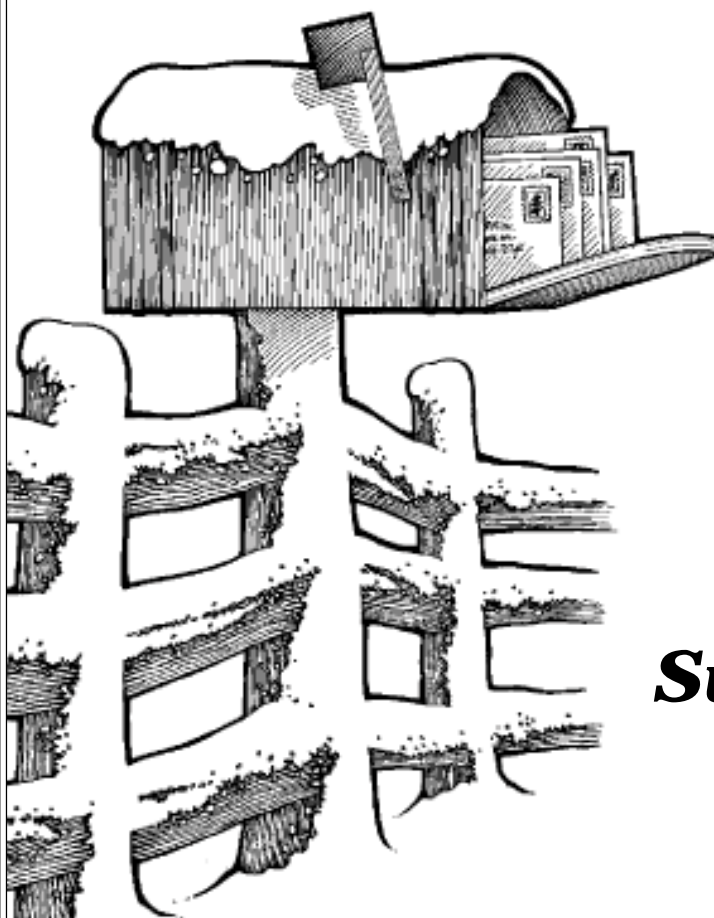
**How do you want the community/school to remember you?** As a leader.

**Best advice ever received or what advice would you give someone younger than you:** Try things at least once and give it your all.

**Favorite Quote:** I don't know.



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