

Women win one, lose one

Lady Devils down Quinter, fall to Hoxie

The Oberlin Lady Devils fell 79-63 to Hoxie last Tuesday but came back on Friday to beat Quinter 50-30.

On Tuesday, the Decatur Community High girls traveled to Hoxie to take on the Indians.

The Hoxie girls started out hot, hitting 27 points in the first quarter and 23 in the second to Oberlin's 12 and 16. They lead the Lady Devils 50-28 at the half.

In the second half, the Oberlin girls got going and out-scored the home team 14-12 in the third quarter and 21-17 in the fourth, but still trailed at the gun.

"We got into a lot of trouble early in this game, mainly from our turnovers," Coach Terry Ream said. "It took us some time to adjust to their speed, and we got ourselves into trouble and had to make some adjustments to our normal style."

"We got the opportunity to find out some things that we need to work on and adjust the way we play in certain situations. We played a lot better in the second half, and that should help us improve ourselves on down the road."

"Sarah Murray came off the bench and played extremely well. Our entire bench is improving, and will be key to us for the rest of the season."

The Oberlin girls did well at the free-throw line, hitting 21 of 33 tries for 63 percent, while the Indians were only able to sink 12 of 26 for 47 percent.

Scoring were Murray, 15; Kaitlyn Stapp, 14, including three threes and five of six free throws; Tricia Dorshorst, 12; Jamie Elwood, 10



GUARDING AND TRYING TO STEAL THE BALL from a Quinter Bulldog, Lydia Karnopp and Jamie Elwood helped the Lady Red Devils to a 50-30 victory Friday night.

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including a three; Lydia Karnopp, 6; Heather Williams, 3; Kim Wessel, 2; and Lauren Fortin, 1.

Dorshorst led the rebounding with 10, followed by Murray, seven; Elwood and Fortin, five each; Karnopp, three; and Stapp, Courtney Gillespie, Williams, Wessel and Christa Hardy, one each.

Elwood had the most steals with six, followed by Stapp and Murray, three each; Fortin, two; and Karnopp and Williams, one each.

Elwood was the assist leader with four, followed by Fortin and Williams, two each, and Murray, one.

On Friday, the Lady Red Devils were home as the Quinter Bulldogs came to call.

Neither team scored much in the first quarter, as Oberlin was able to hold the Bulldogs to 4 points while hitting 10, six of which were the result of Elwood three pointers. In the second quarter, Oberlin scored 12 while Quinter hit 7. At the half, the home team led 22-11.

The third quarter was Oberlin's best, as the girls hit 20 points while

holding Quinter to only 5. In the fourth quarter, it was Quinter's turn, as the Bulldogs outscored the Devils 14-8.

Neither team made many trips to the free-throw line, but when they did, both did well. Oberlin was three for six in charity shots and Quinter hit five of seven for 71 percent.

"This was a good win that gets us to 4-0 in the league standing with Colby, Goodland and Hoxie as the other three league games remaining." (The Hoxie game was not considered a league contest, he said.)

"I thought we were a step slower than usual, but we got the tempo picked up a little in the second half, and that allowed us to pull away in the third quarter. We got to play a lot of girls, and they did a nice job coming off the bench."

Scoring were Stapp, 15 including a three pointer; Elwood, 12; Fortin, 10; Dorshorst, 7; Gillespie, 4 including two for two free throws; and Karnopp, 2.

Karnopp led the rebounding with seven, followed by Dorshorst, six;

Stapp, Fortin and Murray, four each; Elwood, three; Gillespie and Hardy, two each; and Megan Barrett and Wessel, one each.

On Monday, the Lady Devils were to play a makeup game with Norton, and on Tuesday the annual Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament was to start, although Oberlin will not play until Thursday.

Oberlin will play Resurrection Christian, from the Denver area, in the opening round at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the senior high gym. Oberlin is now 5-3 while Resurrection had a 4-3 record.

The winner will play at 6:30 p.m. Friday against the winner of the Hoxie (7-0) and St. Francis (1-7) game in the senior high gym while the losers will play at 3:30 p.m. in the junior high gym.

On Saturday, the championship game will be at 5:30 p.m. and third-place contest at 2:30 p.m. in the senior high gym while the fifth-place game will be at 5:30 p.m. and the seventh-place contest at 2:30 p.m. in the junior high gym.

In the fourth, Quinter outhit the Oberlin boys 9-7 for the victory.

"Quinter has a solid team and we did not play very well," Coach Ahlberg said.

Scoring were Grafel, 13; Juenemann, 10; L. Fortin, 8; Inman, 6; and Thomas, 4.

Grafel was the rebound leader with nine followed by Juenemann, seven; L. Fortin, six; J. Fortin and Thomas, four each; and Inman, Brent Stallman and Anderson, one each.

L. Fortin and Juenemann had two assists and Grafel, Inman, J. Fortin and Stallman, one each.

L. Fortin had three steals followed by Thomas and Anderson, two each, and Grafel and Juenemann, one each.

On Monday, the Red Devils were scheduled for a makeup game with the Norton Blue Jays. On Tuesday the annual Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament was to kick off with teams from Cambridge, Neb., playing Rawlins County; Quinter playing Hoxie and St. Francis playing Oakley.

The first round continues on Thursday as Oberlin plays Resurrection Christian, a Denver area team, at 8 p.m. in the senior high gym.

The winner of that contest will play the winner of the St. Francis-Oakley game at 8 p.m. Friday in the senior high gym while the losers will meet at 8 p.m. Friday in the junior high gym.

The games will continue through Saturday, with the championship at 7 p.m. and the third-place contest at 4 p.m. in the senior high gym. The fifth-place game will be at 7 p.m. and the seventh-place game at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym.

High school boys drop two games

The Decatur Community High boys lost to Hoxie and Quinter last week.

Last Tuesday, the Red Devils went to Hoxie to take on the Indians but lost 79-63.

Neither team dominated the game, but Hoxie was able to stay just a little ahead the whole night, outscoring the Red Devils a little in every quarter.

In the first quarter, the Indians led 18-15 and in the second, they outscored Oberlin 22-17 to lead 40-32 at the half. In the third quarter, they hit 16 to Oberlin's 14 and in the fourth 23 to the Red Devils' 17.

"We had too many unforced errors in the second half," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Hoxie is very quick, and they played well."

"We were not very effective at the free-throw line, as we only connected with four of 17. We also had bunches of defensive errors, and we got out rebounded."

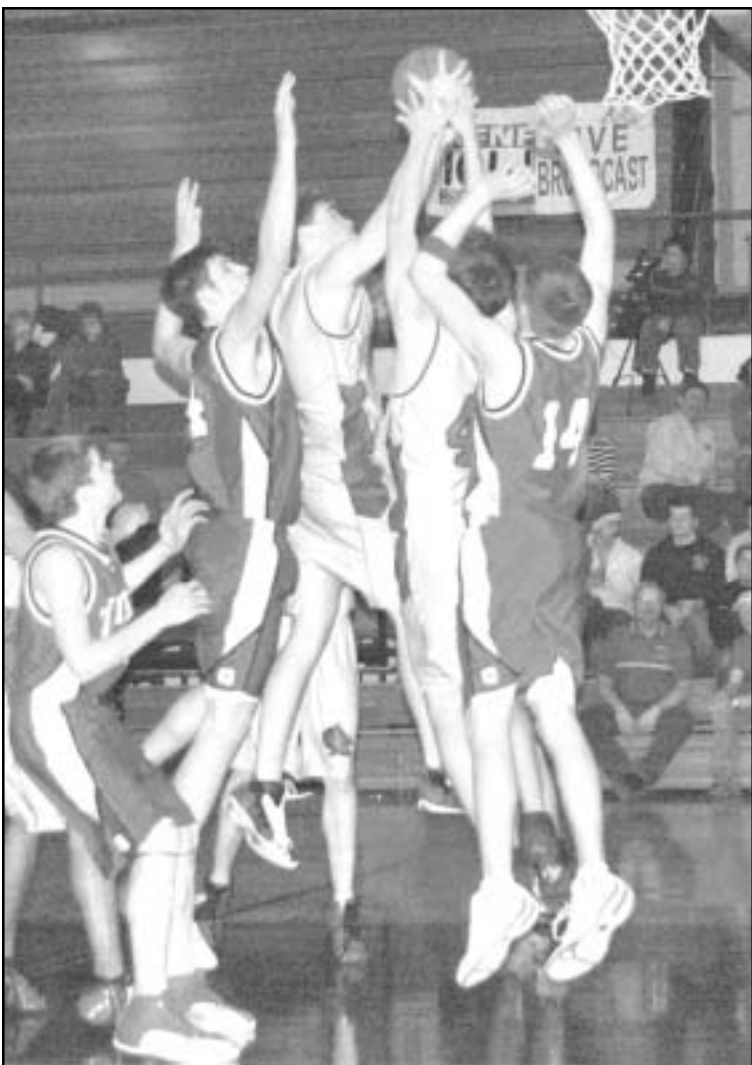
"We will learn from this one." Oberlin had 21 rebounds to Hoxie's 37 and 20 turnovers to the Indian's 15.

Scoring were senior Lance Fortin with 20 points; junior Teryn Grafel, 14; juniors Jason Thomas and Jesse Juenemann, 9 each; junior Josh Fortin, 6; junior Andy Inman, 3; and senior Andy Anderson, 2.

L. Fortin and Grafel shared rebounding honors with six each, followed by Juenemann and J. Fortin, three each; Thomas, two; and Inman, one.

L. Fortin was the assist leader with five, followed by Grafel, four; Juenemann, three; and Inman, J. Fortin and Anderson, one each.

Juenemann had a pair of steals while L. Fortin, Thomas, Grafel, Inman and J. Fortin all had one each.



GOING FOR A REBOUND, Lance Fortin and Jesse Juenemann (in light uniforms) fought with a couple of Quinter Bulldogs for possession of the basketball on Friday night.

—Herald photo by Jonna Inman

On Friday, the Red Devils fell 66-44 to the Quinter Bulldogs in Oberlin.

Again the game started out even, with each team scoring 12 points in the first quarter. In the second quarter,

however, Quinter came alive and hit 21 while Oberlin was only able to sink 12. In the third quarter, it was more of the same, as Quinter hit 24 and the Red Devils only 10. After three, the Bulldogs led 57-34.

"We were ahead the whole ball game," Coach Grafel said. "A few mistakes later, a couple of missed shots and some defensive errors really cost us at the end."

"We played really hard and we're disappointed about the outcome, but we are getting better every day and that will pay off as the season goes on."

Oberlin took a 16-9 lead in the first quarter and outscored the Bulldogs in the second 16-13 to lead 32-22 at the half.

In the third quarter, both teams scored 16, but in the fourth Quinter made the right moves to hit 22 while the Oberlin boys were only able to

put up 11. While Oberlin went to the free-throw line five times and hit three of those the Bulldogs got to take 21 charity shots and sank 16.

Scoring were Robinson, 23 with a pair of three pointers; Leitner, 16; Edgerton, 7; Brent Stallman, 4; Glodt, 3; and Gilliam, Hitt and May, 2 each.

The junior varsity was to play on Monday in a makeup game with Norton, then get the rest of the week off while the varsity boys play in the annual Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament. The next junior varsity match should be Friday, Jan. 28, in Goodland.

Junior varsity girls beat Quinter 49-32

The Decatur Community High girls junior varsity basketball squad beat Quinter's junior varsity 49-32 on Friday in Oberlin.

The game started out even, with Oberlin outscoring Quinter 10-8 in the first quarter. Then the Lady Devils took off and hit 16 points while holding the Bulldogs to 4 to take a 26-12 lead at the half.

In the third quarter the teams were again pretty even, with Quinter hitting 14 and Oberlin 12. In the fourth, Oberlin scored 11 points and Quinter 6, four on free-throws.

"We were very happy with the way the junior varsity played," Coach Terry Ream said. "They all came out ready to play and executed well the entire game."

Scoring were Heather Williams, 14; Courtney Gillespie, 11; Kim Wessel, 6; Christa Hardy, Whitney

Ashley and Sarah Murray, 4 each; and Lora Marietta, Jessica Dellere and Marci Metcalf, 2 each.

The Oberlin girls hit nine of 12 for 75 percent of their free throws. Wessel and Williams were two for two while Gillespie hit five of six.

Last Tuesday, the girls were in Hoxie and were able to play one quarter.

The junior varsity Indians won the quarter 10-9.

Scoring for Oberlin were Lacey Ream, 6, and Wessel, 3.

The junior varsity was to play Monday in a makeup game with the Norton Blue Jays.

After that, the younger girls will have the week off as the varsity plays in the Oberlin Invitational.

The junior varsity should return to action on Friday, Jan. 28, traveling to Goodland to take on the Cowgirls.

C-Team beats Bulldogs, loses to Cowboys, Indians

The Oberlin boys freshman or C-team basketball squad played three games last week, beating Quinter but losing to Goodland and Hoxie to take its record to 2-6.

Last Monday, the Goodland freshman were in Oberlin to take a 70-52 victory over the Decatur Community High boys.

Oberlin had a good first quarter, as the young Devils outscored the Cowboys 12-9. In the second quarter, the visitors took control and hit 22 to Oberlin's 12 to take a 31-24 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Goodland landed a couple of three pointers to outscore Oberlin 20-17, and in the fourth the Cowboys hit 19 and the Devils 13.

"We are starting to score points, but our defense needs to get better," Coach Keith Grafel said.

Scoring were Ace Manning, 17; Nolan May, 11; Jobey Black and Cody Haas, 8 each; Seth Ritter, 6; and Mitchell Hitt, 2.

The Devils hit six of 10 free throws while the Cowboys were 10 for 22.

On Monday, the boys went to Hoxie but fell 47-36 to the Indians.

"We need to hit more open shots and do a better job on the boards," Coach Grafel said. "We had a very slow start and just never really got back in the game."

The Oberlin boys were only able to land two baskets in the first quarter, although one was for three points, so they were outscored 16-5 by the Indians.

In the second quarter, the Devils upped their output to three field goals and a free throw for 7 points, but the Indians hit 18 to take a 34-12 lead at the half.

In the third quarter Oberlin outscored Hoxie 10-8, and in the fourth 14-5, but the Indians' lead was too much.

Scoring were Black, 13; Ritter and Manning, 7 each; Hitt, 4; Haas, 3; and May, 2.

Ritter, Black and Haas made three-point shots.

The Red Devils hit five of 10 free throws and the Indians were able to sink three of eight.

Friday was a better night for the young Red Devils, as they beat the Quinter Bulldogs 52-30 in Oberlin.

"We played very well," Coach Grafel said. "We had nice, balanced scoring and our defense played as well as we can play for four full quarters."

Oberlin stayed on top the whole game, opening with an 16-10 margin in the first quarter and stretching that by outscoring the Bulldogs 11-6 in the second for a 27-16 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, each team scored 11, and in the fourth, Oberlin outscored Quinter 14-3 for the win.

Scoring were Manning, 15 including a three pointer; May, 12; Ritter, 8; Gilliam, 6; Black and Haas, 4 each; and Hitt, 3.

The Red Devils hit three of seven free-throw attempts and the Bulldogs sank five of 16 charity shots.

Senior Profile



Kyle Kinser

Name: Kyle Kinser
Parents: Tim and Mary Kinser

Age: 18
Activities: Football, basketball, student council president and Kay club treasurer.

Plans after high school: I plan to attend either Fort Hays State University or Kansas State University

and major in business management.

Do you plan on returning to this area, to do what? I probably don't plan to work here, but maybe retire here.

10 years from now I see myself: As a successful business owner of a major corporation.

Favorite book, music, movie and game: "Fallen Angels," book; "Gold Member," Austin Powers and Monopoly, game.

How do you want the community/school to remember you? I would like them to remember me as a good student council leader and a well respected student.

Best advice ever received or what advice would you give someone younger than you: I would tell someone younger than me to do the best that they can and work hard but also to have fun.

Favorite Quote: "Be all that you can be."

