

# Wrestlers come in third at tournament

The Decatur Community High wrestlers came in third in the annual Oberlin Invitational Tournament on Saturday, but had only one champion.

Gage Reichert was the only Oberlin wrestler to not lose a match, coming out as the winner at 112 pounds.

Helping Oberlin to its third-place finish were second-place medal winners David Barth, 125 pounds; Jonathon Richards, 135; Scott Miller, 152; and Adam Steinmetz, 160; third placers Breck Simonsson, 119, and Gannon Reichert, 171; and fourth placers Denton Bailey, 145, Jake Padgett, 215, and Brock Euhus, 275.

Smith Center took top honors in the tournament with 171.5 points, followed by Oakley, 170.5; Oberlin, 154; Yuma, Colo., 94; Kearney, Neb., 92; Lakin, 59; McCook, 55; Stockton, 54; Overland, Colo., 53; Hill City, 33; Sublette, 32; Osborne, 27.5; Quinter, 24; and Dakota Ridge, Colo., 13.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

• 103, Aaron Helm, lost to Z. Gleason, Kearney, and Michael

Halbleib, Oakley.

• 112, Gage Reichert, had a first-round bye, beat Alex Smith, McCook, and Mark Samuelson, Oakley, for first place.

• 119, Breck Simonsson, lost to Caleb Baalman, Oakley; had a bye in the second round; beat Josh Reichenbach, Dakota Ridge; and beat Michael Baxter, Stockton, for third place.

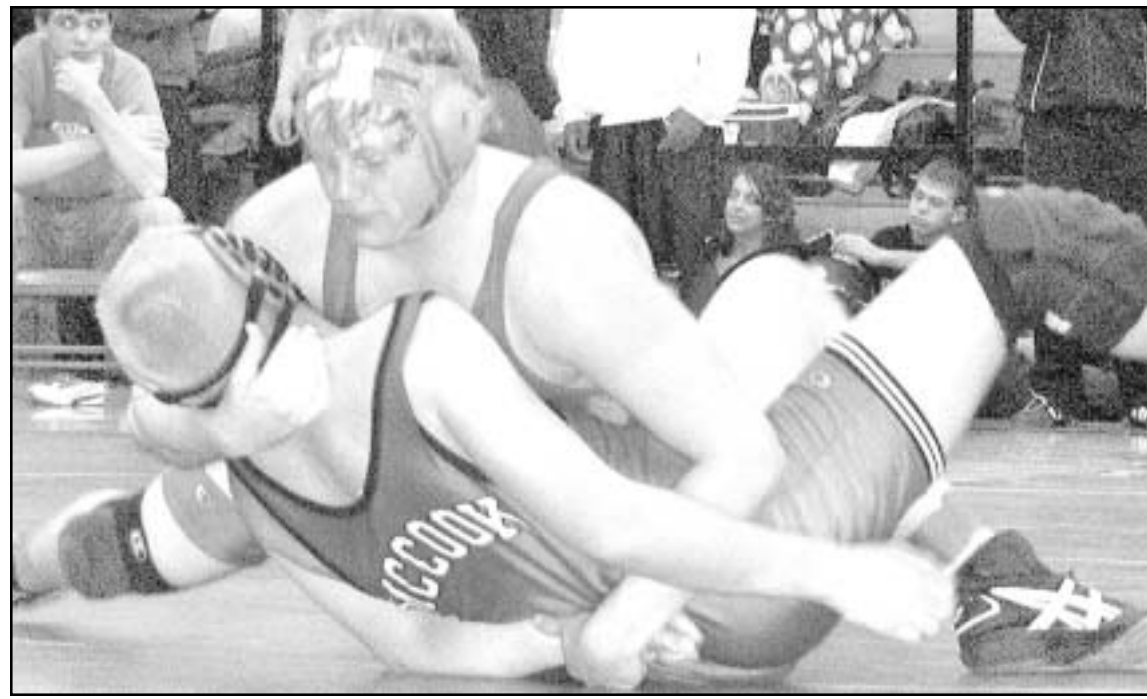
• 125, Barth, beat Cody Johnson, Hill City; beat David Hunt, Overland; and lost to Justin York, Smith Center, for second place.

• 130, Kane Ware, had a bye in the first round; lost to Dallas Korus, McCook; and lost to Kalen McDonald, Yuma.

• 135, Richards, beat Shane Beardsley, Lakin; beat Travis Warner, Smith Center; and lost to Levi Younkin, Oakley, for second place.

• 140, David Urban, had a bye in the first round; lost to Kelly Younkin, Oakley; beat Josh Bell, Hill City; and lost to Josh Newbury, Yuma.

• 145, Bailey, beat Zach



**ABOUT TO MAKE A PIN**, Jake Padgett, wrestling at 215 pounds, took Matt Bair of McCook to the mat during their match at the Oberlin Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Newbury, Yuma; lost to Shawn Kuhlman, Oakley; beat Matt

Martinez, Lakin; and lost to Z.

• 152, Miller, beat John Smith, Hill City; beat Marvin Peterson,

Kearney; and lost to Tom Kriley, Smith City, for second place.

• 160, Steinmetz, beat Chase Pieson, McCook; beat Randy Anderson, Overland; and lost to Jake Nichols, Smith Center, for second place.

• 171, Gannon Reichert, beat Steven Lee, Lakin; lost to Jeff Dennis, Oakley; beat Jeremy Nelson, Stockton; and beat Caleb Simon, Quinter, for third place.

• 189, Bret Marietta, beat Sam Frazier, McCook; lost to Justin Hall, Stockton; lost to Justin Metcalf, Hill City.

• 215, Padgett, lost to Tony Green, Kearney; beat Matt Bair, McCook; beat Jacob Kessler, Lakin; beat T. Green, Kearney; and lost to Chris Pulec, Stockton, for fourth place.

• 275, Euhus, beat Stephen Stahl, Overland; lost to Justin Tuell, Yuma; beat S. Icenogle, Kearney; lost to R. Birney, Sublette, for fourth place.

On Friday and Saturday, the boys will travel to the tough Beloit Invitational Tournament.



**SHOWING HIS WINNING STYLE**, Tyler Shields of Oberlin took first place in the 500-yard freestyle at the McCook YMCA during a swim meet on Saturday.

## Devil Ray swimmers win meet

The Devil Ray swimmers from McCook and Oberlin won their own meet on Saturday at the YMCA pool in McCook.

Swimmers from Hastings and Lincoln, Neb., also competed in the events.

"The swimmers continue to improve their times, and some are even trying new events," said Coach Tracy Flaska. "This is a great group of kids with tremendous attitude."

"I would also like to add that I am so grateful to the YMCA for the use of their great facility, and to the parents who were so supportive and willing to help."

Swimmers competing were:

**Girls 8 and under**

• Madison Monaco, second, 25-yard backstroke; third, 50-yard freestyle; fourth, 25-yard freestyle; and seventh, 25-yard breaststroke.

• Alexis Hissong, third, 25-yard breaststroke, and fifth, 25-yard backstroke and 25-yard freestyle.

• Caitlin Shields, fourth, 50-yard freestyle and 25-yard backstroke; sixth, 25-yard breaststroke; and seventh, 25-yard freestyle.

• Jakobi Blau, sixth, 25-yard freestyle; seventh, 25-yard backstroke; and eighth, 25-yard breaststroke.

• Erica Wood, sixth, 25-yard backstroke, and eighth, 25-yard freestyle.

• Kyleanna Blau, 25-yard freestyle.

**Boys 8 and under**

• Ganon Henningson, first, 25-yard backstroke; second, 50-yard freestyle; and third, 25-yard freestyle.

• Keagan Blau, first, 25-yard freestyle, and third, 25-yard back-

stroke.

**Girls 9-10**

• Kiah Blau, first, 100-yard freestyle; second, 100-yard individual medley; and third, 50-yard breaststroke.

• Miranda Holliday, second, 50-yard freestyle; third, 100-yard freestyle; and seventh, 50-yard breaststroke.

• Jamie Soderlund, second, 50-yard butterfly; third, 50-yard freestyle; fourth, 50-yard backstroke; and eighth, 50-yard breaststroke.

• Cassidy Shields, third, 100-yard individual medley; fourth, 50-yard butterfly and 50-yard breaststroke; and fifth, 50-yard freestyle.

• Karli Blank, sixth, 50-yard freestyle.

• Medley and freestyle relays, both first, Soderlund, Shields, Blau and Holliday.

**Boys 9-10**

• Jake Fahrenbruch, first, 50-yard butterfly, 50-yard backstroke, 50-yard breaststroke and 50-yard freestyle.

• Nolan Henningson, second, 50-yard backstroke, 50-yard breaststroke and 50-yard freestyle.

**Girls 11-12**

• Hillary Chvatal, first, 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle; and fourth, 50-yard butterfly and 50-yard backstroke.

• Madeline Shaddock, first, 50-yard butterfly, 50-yard backstroke and 50-yard breaststroke; and second, 100-yard freestyle.

• Kayla Fahrenbruch, third, 50-yard butterfly; fourth, 50-yard breaststroke; and fifth, 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle.

• Emily Wood, sixth, 100-yard

freestyle and 50-yard freestyle; and eighth, 50-yard backstroke.

• Clarissa Walkowiak, ninth, 100-yard freestyle, 50-yard breaststroke and 50-yard freestyle; and 10th, 50-yard backstroke.

• Ashley Horton, second, 50-yard backstroke and 50-yard breaststroke; and fourth, 50-yard freestyle.

• Ashley Noltensmeier, fifth, 50-yard butterfly; sixth, 50-yard breaststroke; eighth, 50-yard freestyle; and ninth, 50-yard backstroke.

• Medley relay, second; and freestyle relay, first, Noltensmeier, Horton, Walkowiak and Wood.

**Boys, 11-12**

• Tyler Shields, first, 500-yard freestyle, 50-yard backstroke, 200-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke.

**Girls, 13-14**

• Heather Glodt, first, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley.

• Whitney Korgan first, 100-yard freestyle, and second, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley.

**Boys, 13-14**

• Casey Sines-Baker, first, 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke; and second, 100-yard breaststroke.

• Medley relay, Freestyle relay, both first, Madeline Shaddock, Kayla Fahrenbruch, Korgan, Chvatal.

• Kimberly Kness, first, 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley.

The Devil Rays' next meet will Saturday, Feb. 19, in Hastings.

## Junior High girls lose two

The Decatur Community Junior High girls started their basketball season off with losses to the Goodland Junior High Mustangs.

The Oberlin girls had a tough time getting started this year after losing three days of school to snow and ice at the beginning of their practice time.

The Oberlin seventh graders lost 31-19 to the Mustangs in Goodland.

"Defensively we struggled," Coach Melissa Dreher said. "We are still out of shape, but the girls continue to work hard."

Sara Copeland was the leading scorer for Oberlin with 11 points, two rebounds and three steals. She was followed by Kira Meitl, 3 points; Mary Olson and Stephanie Bruggeman, 2 each; and Adrienne Pauls, 1.

The Oberlin eighth grade fell 33-29.

"Our girls were leading the whole game until 1:50 left in the game," Coach Dreher said. "They pressed us and we turned the ball over, and they scored 4 points to take the lead."

"With only five practices, we just didn't have a lot of time to go over

everything we needed to.

"All the girls gave a great effort. We still have a lot to learn before next week's game against Atwood."

Cherish Manning was the leading scorer with 10 points, three rebounds and five steals. She was followed by Annamarie Larue, 5 points, three rebounds and one steal;

Cindy Murray, 4 points, two rebounds and three steals; Sabrina Dellere, 4 points and four rebounds; Heather Ploussard, 4 points; and Tamara Ketterl, 2 points.

The girls will be in Atwood on Thursday with the seventh-grade game starting at 4:30 p.m.

## Kid wrestlers compete

Six Oberlin kid wrestlers attended a meet in Ellis on Saturday and all returned with ribbons, including a second, three thirds and two fourths.

On Saturday, the kids will be at a tournament in Atwood. Organizers say that 31 youngsters are planning to go. Action will start at 9 a.m. at the high school.

Then on Saturday, Feb. 5, Oberlin will be host to scores of young wrestlers and their parents and grandparents.

Volunteers are needed to help with all the activities. Anyone interested should call Becky Tate at 475-1040 or Virginia Cooper at 475-2825.

Wrestling in Ellis were:

• Kolton Paul, 10 and under, 64 pounds, second place.

• Koden VanPelt, 6 and under, 43 pounds, third.

• Kyle VanPelt, 6 and under, 55 pounds, third.

• Dakota Tate, 8 and under, 49 pounds, third.

• Bryson Wesley, 8 and under, 58 pounds, fourth.

• Dalton Paul, 12 and under, 92 pounds, fourth.

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## Junior High wrestlers do well at meet

Although there were no team scores kept, the Decatur Community Junior High boys won their share of matches in their first wrestling meet on Thursday.

"It was a very good first outing for us," Coach Jim Andersen said. "We were pretty green yet, but we won a lot more than we lost."

The wrestlers, who lost three days of practice due to snow at the first of the month, played host to St. Francis and the Goodland on Thursday.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

• 86 pounds, Christian Rittman, was pinned by K. Sheldon, Goodland.

• 92, Clay Andersen pinned Terrence Lamb, St. Francis, and won 6-0 over T. Dautel, Goodland.

• 92, Nathan Baker, was pinned by T. Dautel, Goodland, and pinned Q. Ragels, Goodland.

• 92, Cody Kane, pinned Ragels, Goodland, and Lamb, St. Francis.

• 98, Daniel Jordan, pinned his opponent from St. Francis.

• 98, Gatlin Reichert, pinned E. Whalen, Goodland.

• 98, Wiley Farr, pinned K. Keith, Goodland.

• 104, Andrew Richards, pinned L. Roeder, Goodland.

• 104, Hunter Nedland, was pinned by E. Roeder, Goodland.

• 110, Kaden Macfee, pinned his St. Francis opponent.

• 116, Jacob Fortin, pinned David Stephens, St. Francis, and N. Berge-

man, Goodland.

• 116, Nolan Wasson, lost 5-1 to L. Delgado, Goodland.

• 122, Everett Urban, pinned P. Starr, Goodland and Matt Raile, St. Francis.

• 122, Ray Zodrow, pinned T.J.

Freeman, Goodland, and was pinned by K. Amthor, Goodland.

• 130, Lucas Juenemann, won 6-0 over Jesse Pacheco, St. Francis.

• 138, Nathan Simonsson, won 6-0 over J. Bondell, Goodland, and lost 9-2 to Scott Ford, St. Francis.

• 142, Sean Herring, pinned C. Nelson, Goodland.

• 154, Herring, was pinned by R. Taylor, Goodland.

• 162, Jaxen Alstrom, lost 4-1 to Z. Lohr, Goodland, and was pinned by Sam Sowers, St. Francis.

• 182, Donovan Baumann, was pinned by T. O'Harah, Goodland.

• 275 pounds, Baumann, was pinned by C. House, Goodland.

The junior high team will travel to Colby to take on Colby and Hoxie starting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27.

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