

Lady Devils get fourth at tournament



PUTTING TWO IN THE BASKET, Lance Fortin went for a layup in a game against Resurrection Christian on Thursday. — Herald photos by Jonna Inman

The Decatur Community High girls placed fourth in the Annual Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament last week, winning one game and losing two.

Oberlin beat Resurrection Christian out of Loveland, Colo., on Thursday, then fell to Hoxie on Friday and to Cambridge on Saturday.

Hoxie took first, beating St. Francis, Oberlin and Rawlins County. Rawlins County knocked off Oakley and Cambridge on its way to second place.

Cambridge beat Quinter and lost to Rawlins County before coming back to beat Oberlin for third. Oakley took fifth, Resurrection sixth, Quinter seventh and St. Francis eighth.

While most of the first-round games were played last Tuesday, Oberlin and Resurrection played on

Thursday.

Students and sponsors from the Christian high school said it took them about six hours to get to Oberlin. Most stayed at the Frontier Motel, but a few opted for other places including the LandMark Inn.

After playing on Thursday, Resurrection students joined pupils from Oberlin in classes on Friday.

The Lady Devils downed the Colorado girls 59-38.

"The whole team got involved with this game and all played well, giving us a first-round win in our tournament," Coach Terry Ream said. "The visiting Resurrection Christian team from Colorado has improved a lot since we played them last year in their first trip to our tournament."

"Our girls really enjoy playing and hosting the Colorado girls dur-

ing their trip here. Hopefully, they will continue to come here in the future, as our girls look forward to seeing them each year. My hat goes off to the staff, kids, fans and especially Coach Radford for the class they bring along with them."

While the score looks lopsided, the Colorado girls were able to keep up in the second and fourth quarters while Oberlin hit them hard in the first and third.

In the first quarter, Resurrection was kept to three field goals for 6 points while Oberlin shot 18 points.

In the second, both teams scored 14 and in the fourth, both scored 13.

In the third quarter, it was another runaway for Oberlin, as they held the Colorado girls to one two-point and one three-point basket while putting 14 on the board.

Scoring were Lauren Fortin, 14;

Jamie Elwood, 13; Tricia Dorshorst, 10; Sarah Murray, 8; Lydia Karnopp and Kaitlyn Stapp, 5 each; and Heather Williams and Courtney Gillespie, 2 each.

Murray had eight rebounds, followed by Stapp and Elwood, five each; Karnopp, Dorshorst and Gillespie, four each; Fortin and Williams, three each; and Lora Marietta and Kim Wessel, one each.

Elwood was the team's biggest thief with 10 steals, followed by Fortin, four; Dorshorst and Williams, three each; Murray, two; and Stapp and Karnopp, one each.

Elwood also led in assists with eight, followed by Stapp, three; Karnopp, two; and Fortin and Christa Hardy, one each.

The next game will be Friday night in Goodland, with a start time of 6:30 p.m. Central Time.

Oberlin girls lose to Hoxie, Cambridge

After their win on Thursday in the annual Oberlin Invitational, the Lady Red Devils faced the Hoxie Indians, who beat them 69-46 and went on to beat Rawlins County to win the tournament.

"We played probably as good as we have this season in the first half," Coach Terry Ream said. "We went into the locker room at half time in good shape, but we got into deep foul trouble less than two minutes into the third quarter."

"I was extremely happy with the way all of our girls played the entire game. We came up short at the end, but I'm very proud at the way they conducted themselves, both on and off the court."

Oberlin outplayed the Indians 16-12 in both of the first two quarters to lead 32-24 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Lady Devils gave the Indians 16 trips to the foul line and the visitors sank eight of them. The Indians hit 22 points in the quarter while holding Oberlin to 5. That left the score at 37-46, in favor of Hoxie.

The fourth quarter was more of the same, as Hoxie sank eight of 11 charity shots and made 23 total



OBERLIN'S Heather Williams was ready for the ball to come her way during a game against Resurrection High.

points to Oberlin's 9.

Scoring were Jamie Elwood, 11; Kaitlyn Stapp, 10; Lauren Fortin, 8; Sarah Murray, 6; Lydia Karnopp, 4; Kim Wessel, 3; and Courtney Gil-

lespie and Heather Williams, 2 each. Stapp led the rebounds with seven, followed by Tricia Dorshorst and Murray, five each; Williams, four; Fortin and Karnopp, three each; and Elwood and Gillespie, two each.

Elwood had three steals, Fortin and Murray, two each, and Stapp and Christa Hardy, one each.

Elwood and Fortin led in assists with three each. Dorshorst had two and Stapp, Karnopp, Murray and Williams had one each.

On Saturday, the Lady Devils met the girls from Cambridge, Neb., in their final game of the tournament, playing for third place. The visitors handed Oberlin a 46-39 loss for fourth place.

"I think the fifth game in eight days finally caught up with us," Coach Ream said. "We played hard, but our shots were really off and our speed on defense was about a step slow, yet we still were in the game the whole way."

"Kaitlyn and Jamie represented us well by making the all tournament team and Kaitlyn won the free-throw contest. Any individual award we get says a lot about this

team, as it takes all of them working together to accomplish our goals."

"Our schedule is going to help us this week, as we got Tuesday off before heading to Goodland on Friday for a league match-up. We are 4-0 in the league right now and are looking forward to the challenge the next couple of weeks."

The scoring wasn't high, but Cambridge was able to outscore the Lady Devils 10-4 in the first quarter and 14-9 in the second to lead 24-13 at the half. In the third quarter, Oberlin shrank the difference by outscoring the Nebraska girls 17-14 and in the fourth they hit 9 points to Cambridge's 8.

Scoring were Fortin, 12; Stapp, 9; Elwood, 6; Karnopp, 4; Dorshorst and Murray, 3 each; and Williams, 2.

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

Fortin had six steals, Dorshorst, three, and Elwood, two.

Stapp led the assists with seven, followed by Elwood, four, and Dorshorst, one.

Boys take third at invitational

The Decatur Community High boys took third in the annual Oberlin Invitational Tournament last week, defeating Resurrection Christian and Cambridge, Neb., but falling to Oakley.

Quinter won the tournament, defeating Oakley, Cambridge and Hoxie. Oakley came in second after downing Oberlin and St. Francis.

Oberlin took third; Cambridge, fourth; Hoxie, fifth; St. Francis, sixth; Rawlins County, seventh; and Resurrection, eighth.

In the first game on Thursday, the Oberlin boys beat Resurrection, from Loveland, Colo., 68-51.

"Our play from off the bench was very good. Andy Inman really contributed tonight with 13 points and five assists," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Our balanced scoring was a positive. Jason Thomas was very active tonight with nine rebounds and four steals."

The game started out even, with both teams scoring 19 points in the first quarter. Then Oberlin opened up, outscoring Resurrection 18-7 in the second, 14-12 in the third and 17-13 in the fourth quarter.

Both teams had lots of rebounds. Oberlin had 37 and Resurrection 41, including 21 on missed Oberlin shots, Coach Ahlberg said.

Resurrection had 27 turnovers while Oberlin only had 16.

Scoring were Teryn Grafel, 15; Inman, 13; Jesse Juennemann, 12; Thomas, 10; Lance Fortin, 9; Andy Anderson and Josh Fortin, 4 each; and Andy Leitner, 1.

Thomas led the rebounding with nine, followed by L. Fortin, eight; Anderson, six; Juennemann, four; L. Fortin, Grafel and J. Fortin, three each; Inman, two; and Brent Stallman and Kurt Olson, one each.

Inman had five assists followed by Anderson, four; L. Fortin, three; Juennemann, two; and Thomas and Grafel, one each.

Thomas led the steals with four, followed by Inman, three; and Grafel, Juennemann and Anderson, two each.

On Friday, Oakley was too much for the Red Devils, whipping them 70-57.

"This was a roller coaster game," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "We had good offensive execution in the first quarter, but a bunch of turnovers in the second. We made a great scramble effort in the third quarter to get back in the game, but unforced errors and turnovers in the fourth hurt us."

Oberlin led off the first quarter 29-12, but Oakley took control in the second, outscoring the Red Devils 29-6 to lead 41-25 at the half. In the third quarter, it was Oberlin again, as they outscored the Plainsmen 20-9 to close the gap to 50-45. In the fourth quarter, however, it was Oakley, as the Plainsmen scored 20 points to Oberlin's 12. That sealed the defeat.

Scoring were L. Fortin, 20; Inman, 10; Juennemann, 9; Teryn Grafel, 8; Anderson, 6; and Thomas and Leitner, 2 each.

Juennemann led rebounding with six, followed by L. Fortin, Inman and J. Fortin, four each; Anderson, two; and Thomas and Grafel, one each.

Anderson had five assists; Thomas, four; and L. Fortin and Juennemann, one each.

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

On Saturday, the boys won third place by defeating Cambridge 64-59.

"It was a good quality win against a good team," Coach Ahlberg said. "We had a positive assist-to-turnover ratio and shot 50 percent. That is a winning combination."

Oberlin hit 18 points to Cambridge's 17 in the first quarter, then allowed the Nebraska boys to get ahead as Cambridge outscored the Red Devils 14-9 in the second to lead 31-27 at the half. In the third quarter, Oberlin narrowed the margin by hitting 17 points to Cambridge's 16 and in the fourth, the Red Devils put the game away by outscoring the visitors 20-12.

Scoring were L. Fortin, 20; Inman, 16; Anderson, 8; Juennemann, 7; Grafel, 6; J. Fortin, 4; and Thomas, 3.

L. Fortin and Thomas led rebounding with eight each, followed by Grafel, four; Inman and Anderson, three each; and Juennemann and J. Fortin, one each.

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

L. Fortin had a pair of steals while Thomas and Grafel had one each.

L. Fortin was named to the all-tournament team and Anderson to the all-academic team.

On Friday, the boys will travel to Goodland to take on the Cowboys about 8 p.m. (Central Time) in a Northwest Kansas League game.

Oberlin students named to All-Tournament teams

Two Decatur Community High girls and a boy were among those named to the All-Tournament teams after the annual Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Decatur Community High also had two students named to the All-Academic teams after the tournament.

Named to the All-Tournament girls team were Kaitlyn Stapp and Jamie Elwood, Oberlin; Jacie Hoyt

and Danielle Pratt, Hoxie; Ariel Dunker and Chelsie Kramer, Rawlins County; Lisa Minnick and Stacie Moore, Cambridge, Neb.; Veronica Kuhlman, Oakley; and Aubrey Scott, Resurrection Christian, Loveland, Colo.

Named to the All-Tournament boys squad were Lance Fortin, Oberlin; Chad Baalman and Mykel Rodriguez, Oakley; Waid Vontz and Anthony Lytle, Cambridge;

Trent Blackwell and Tyler Reed, Quinter; and Jeff Cameron and Jordan Vickers, Hoxie.

Named to the girls division of the All-Academic team were senior Megan Barrett, Oberlin; senior Andi Langley, Cambridge; junior Carissa Heim, Hoxie; junior Liz Taylor, Oakley; senior Jayme Evans, Quinter; senior Emily Walters, Rawlins County; senior Chelsey Burrus, Resurrec-

tion; and junior McKenzie Grace, St. Francis.

Named to the boys division were senior Andy Anderson, Oberlin; senior Grant Moore, Cambridge; senior Brad Eland, Hoxie; senior Marcus Geist, Oakley; senior Grady Kesler, Quinter; junior Jeff Rienen, Rawlins County; senior Brian Christie, Resurrection; and junior Heath Owens, St. Francis.

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