

Oberlin downs Grinnell

Red Devils beat Warriors on home court

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team beat Grinnell on Friday.

Last Tuesday, the Red Devils played the Grinnell Warriors in Oberlin and gave the crowd something to cheer about with a 61-40 victory.

"Andy Anderson and Josh Fortin both came off the bench and gave us solid play inside tonight," Coach Dick Ahlberg said.

Oberlin outscored their visitors in all but the third quarter, 18-10 in the first, 15-7 in the second and 22-12 in the fourth. In the third period, the Warriors, down 33-17 at the half, tried to make a comeback by outscoring Oberlin 11-6.

The victory took Oberlin a little closer to the 50 percent mark with seven wins and eight losses.

Oberlin out-rebounded the Warriors 38-25 and had 24 turnovers while Grinnell had 29.

Scoring were Andy Inman, 15; Lance Fortin and J. Fortin, 10 each; Teryn Grafel, 8; Anderson, 7; Jason Thomas, 6; Jesse Juenemann, 4; and Jace Robinson, 1.

Anderson was the top rebounder with nine, followed by Grafel, eight; Inman, seven; L. Fortin, five; J. Fortin, four; Thomas, three; and Juenemann, two.

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

L. Fortin, Grafel, Inman and Anderson each had a pair of steals and Thomas, Juenemann and Robinson each had one.

On Friday, the Red Devils were smothered 72-39 by the Eagles in



GOING UP FOR A BASKET, Lance Fortin helped the Oberlin boys to a 60-41 victory over Grinnell last Tuesday. Ready to back up the play were No. 30, Andy Inman, and No. 21, Teryn Grafel. — Herald photo by Jonna Inman

Colby.

Colby started out hot, outitting the Red Devils 25-5 in the first quarter and 21-12 in the second to lead 46-17 at the half.

In the second half, the Red Devils did better, however. The Eagles edged the Devils 16-15 in the third quarter and 10-7 in the fourth for the win.

"Colby's quickness really bothered us," Coach Ahlberg said. "In

the first quarter, we had 10 turnovers and only five shots.

"Then, we had two starters injured. Jason Thomas and Teryn Grafel did not play. We hope to get them back sometime this week."

Colby out-rebounded the Red Devils 26-20 and had only 10 turnovers to Oberlin's 24. The Eagles had 15 steals to the Devils' four.

Scoring were L. Fortin, 21; Juenemann, 6; Inman, 5; J. Fortin,

4; and Andy Leitner, 3.

L. Fortin was the top rebounder with 10, followed by Juenemann, six; Inman, two; and Nolan May and J. Fortin, one each.

L. Fortin and Juenemann each had three assists. Anderson had a pair. Leitner, Inman and J. Fortin made one each.

L. Fortin had two steals and Kyle Glodt and Anderson made one each. This week the Red Devils were to

take on Norton Tuesday, and play Hoxie on Friday at home. The boys games should start about 8 p.m.

Coach Ahlberg says both are strong opponents, and the Red Devils will be in for a couple of tough battles.

Next week, the Red Devils will be in Atwood to take on the Rawlins County Buffaloes at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Devils down Eagles

Wrestlers take second in tournament

The Decatur Community High wrestlers downed the Golden Eagles from Colby 44-21 in a dual meet in Oberlin on Friday and came in second in a 14-team tournament at Southwest High School, east of McCook, on Saturday.

"It was nice to get a win (against Colby) in our last home dual," Coach Joe Dreher said. "That was the best we looked as a team all year. Everyone wrestled with a little more intensity."

On Saturday, Oberlin had two champions, Scott Miller and Terry Urban, plus two seconds, two thirds, one fourth, three fifths and a sixth.

Wrestling were:

- 103 pounds, Aaron Helm lost to Bryan Biemer, Colby, and won one and lost two in Nebraska.

- 112, Gage Reichert beat Brent Luedke, Colby, and won two and lost one to take second in Nebraska.

- 119, Breck Simonsson lost to Trenton Powell, Colby, and won two and lost two to finish fourth in Nebraska.

- 130, Kane Ware lost to Jared Flanagan, Colby, and lost two in Nebraska.

- 135, Jon Richards beat Jesse Hawk, Colby, and won three and lost one for third in Nebraska.

- 140, David Urban pinned Eric Jurek, Colby, and won two and lost three for sixth in Nebraska.

- 145, Denton Bailey lost in overtime to Cole Garcia, Colby, and won two and lost one for second in Nebraska.

- 152, Scott Miller beat Taylor Finley, Colby, and won four for first in Nebraska.

- 160, Terry Urban beat Ben Jurek, Colby, and won four for first in Nebraska.

- 171, Gannon Reichert beat Ross Wright, Colby, and won three and lost one for third in Nebraska.

- 189, Bret Marietta pinned Trent Mazanac, Colby, and won three and lost two for fifth in Nebraska.

- 215, Jake Padgett pinned Michael Juenemann, Colby, and won three and lost two for fifth in Nebraska.

- 275, Brock Euhus pinned Nick Kriss, Colby, and won three and lost two for fifth in Nebraska.

St. Francis won the Southwest tournament with 240.5 points. Oberlin had 189.5, Franklin, 152; Red Cloud/Blue Hill, 145; Hershey, 131.5; Southern Valley, 115.5; Rawlins County, 111.5; Southwest, 90; Sutherland, 85; Cambridge, 75; Dundy County, 55; Chase County/Imperial, 32; Hitchcock County, 13; and Grant, 2.

"We performed pretty well (on Saturday)," Coach Dreher said. "We're a little banged up, but we just have to get everyone ready for the regional tournament."

That tournament will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-19. This weekend, the team will be in Hoxie for a dual meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, the younger wrestlers will be at a novice tournament in Colby.

Junior varsity boys win one, lose two games

The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys extended their record to 3-9 with a victory over Grinnell and losses to Goodland and Colby.

The junior varsity beat the young Grinnell Warriors 58-44 at home last Tuesday.

"Everyone contributed well for us tonight to get this win," Coach Keith Grafel said. "Our inside people played very hard, and our guards did a nice job of protecting the ball. We just didn't shoot very well again at the free-throw line. We just have to get better every day."

Oberlin took the lead in the first quarter, outscoring Grinnell 17-12. In the second, the Red Devils edged the Warriors at the basket 8-7 to lead 25-19 at the half. Each team hit 12 points in the third quarter, and in the fourth, Oberlin outit Grinnell 21-13.

However, Oberlin was only able to sink seven of 26 free throws for 27 percent while the Warriors put 18 of 31 in the basket for 58 percent.

Scoring were Andy Leitner, 12; Jace Robinson, 11; Nolan May, 9; Kyle Glodt and Kurt Olson, 7 each; Brent Stallman, 5; Bruce King, 3;

Oberlin boys take third in tourney

The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys basketball team came in third in a tournament in Colby last week after losing to Colby in the first round and coming back to beat Oakley in the second.

In the first round of the tournament last Monday Colby downed Oberlin 67-37.

"We were never really in the game from the beginning," Coach Keith Grafel said. "If you get very far behind Colby, you really don't have a lot of opportunity to catch up. We have to run our offense better, and get back on the defensive end of the floor."

"We got beat by a better team tonight."

Colby started out hot outitting Oberlin 19-5 in the first quarter and

kept up the pressure in the second outscoring the Red Devils 23-12 to take a 42-17 lead at the half.

In the third quarter Oberlin scored 13 and Colby, 11 and in the fourth the Eagles outscored the Red Devils 14-7.

Oberlin sank 10 of 17 free throws for 59 percent while Colby put in 22 of 30 for 73 percent.

Scoring were Jace Robinson, 11; Brent Stallman and Nolan May, 6 each; Andy Leitner, 4; David Edgerton, 3; Ace Manning, Kyle Glodt and Andy Gilliam, 2 each; and Kurt Olson, 1.

The team looked better on Thursday against Oakley as the Red Devils downed the Plainsmen 50-44.

"We played a pretty solid game," Coach Grafel said. "Our

defense late in the game was very good and we executed our offense pretty well all night.

"This was a nice win to get in this tournament to capture third place."

Oberlin started out in the lead 15-8 in the first quarter. In the second Oakley outscored the Red Devils 11-8 but Oberlin led 23-19 at the half. In the third quarter Oberlin added 17 to its total while Oakley added 13 and in the fourth Oberlin hit 14 to the Plainsmen's 8.

Both teams were seven for 13 at the free throw line.

Scoring were Leitner, 14; May 10; Robinson, 9; Glodt, 4; Gilliam, Jobey Black and Edgerton, 3 each; and Manning and Olson, 2 each.

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On Friday, the Red Devils were in Colby, where they lost 70-48 to the Eagles.

"We played really well early, but gave up too many easy baskets in the second quarter," Coach Grafel said.

"We put them at the foul line a lot during the third quarter, and just got

way too far behind to catch up."

Oberlin led the Eagles 12-6 after the first quarter, but Colby outscored the Red Devils 26-11 in the second to take a 32-23 lead at the

half. In the third and fourth, Colby was still hot and outscored Oberlin 22-11 and 16-14.

Both teams hit 12 out of 21 free throws for 57 percent.

Scoring were Glodt, 12; Leitner, 10; Edgerton and May, 7 each; Stallman and Olson, 4 each; and Jobey Black and Robinson, 2 each.

On Jan. 28, the Oberlin junior varsity lost 85-49 to the Goodland Cowboys.

"This was a very quick and physical team," Coach Grafel said.

"We had trouble taking care of the ball and our on ball defense was not very good."

"We didn't give up, and I was very proud of our players for playing hard to the very end."

"It really surprises me that in such a fast-paced, physical game that they shot 26 free throws and we only got to the line seven times."

Oberlin hit five of seven free throws for 71 percent while Goodland sank 21 of 26 for 81 percent.

Scoring were Leitner, 14; Edgerton and May, 8 each; Gilliam, 6; Robinson, 5; Black, 4; and Olson and King, 2 each.

Eighth-grade girls win one, drop three

The Oberlin eighth-grade girls basketball team beat Rawlins County on Jan. 20 but lost to Hoxie, Colby and Quinter the following week.

The Decatur Community High Red Devils beat Rawlins County 32-17 in Atwood.

"All the girls continue to work hard during practice," Coach Melissa Dreher said. "We are still trying to get in shape and learn everything we need to know."

Scoring for the Red Devils were Cindy Murray, 12 points; Cherish Manning, 9; Heather Ploussard, 4; Annamarie Larue, 3; and Sabrina Dellere and Jacinta Carter, 2 each.

On Jan. 27, the young Lady Devils lost 49-13 to Hoxie at home.

"Hoxie's eighth-grade girls were very aggressive on defense," Coach Dreher said. "We just had a hard time trying to beat their press."

Scoring were Manning and Dellere, 4 each; Murray, 3; and Ploussard, 2.

Last Tuesday, the Oberlin girls lost 34-21 to the Colby Eagles in a road game.

"Cindy Murray had a good game, leading with 18 points," Coach Dreher said.

Also scoring were Ploussard, 2, and Tamara Ketterl, 1.

On Thursday, the young Devils were home again but lost 38-6 to the Quinter Bulldogs.

"The girls really struggled tonight," Coach Dreher said. "It seemed everything we tried to do didn't work. The Quinter girls were big and aggressive in the middle. Our girls need to continue to focus on fundamentals in every game."

Scoring were Murray, 4, and Ploussard and Larue, 1 each.

The girls will play Oakley in Monument on Thursday, with the seventh-grade game starting at 4:30 p.m.

Next Thursday, the girls will have their last home game as the St. Francis Indians come to call.

Seventh graders beat Hoxie, lose three games

The Oberlin seventh-grade girls beat Hoxie but lost to Rawlins County, Quinter and Colby over the last couple of weeks.

On Jan. 20, the young Lady Devils lost 32-27 in overtime to the Rawlins County Buffaloes in Atwood.

"The girls gave a great effort, coming from behind to put the game in overtime," Coach Melissa Dreher said.

Scoring were Sara Copeland, 9 points; Kira Meidl, 8; Mary Olson, 6; and Brandt Diederich and Ashley Horton, 2 each.

On Jan. 27, the girls beat the Hoxie Indians 38-25 in a home game.

Scoring were Copeland, 13; Adrienne Pauls, 9; Olson and Meidl, 4 each; Kelsey Padgett, Diederich, Alex Ortiz and Horton, 2 each.

Feb. 1, the seventh graders were edged by the young Eagles 28-27 in Colby.

Scoring were Copeland, 11; Pauls, 6; Olson and Diederich, 6 each; and Stephanie Bruggeman, 2.

On Thursday, the girls lost a close game 23-21 to the Quinter Bulldogs in Oberlin. Scoring were Olson, 10; Copeland and Diederich, 4 each; and Pauls, 3. "The seventh-grade girls continue to work hard every day at practice," Coach Dreher said. "They have been improving fundamentally every game."

The girls will be in Monument to take on Oakley at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Next week, the Oberlin junior high girls will have their last home game starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday against St. Francis.

Junior High wrestlers take on Hoxie, Colby

The Decatur Community Junior High wrestlers went against Hoxie and Colby in Colby on Jan. 27.

Wrestling were:

- Jordan Tally, pinned by Harlow and Reed, Colby, and pinned Wayner, Colby.

- Clay Andersen, lost to Taylor, Colby; pinned B. Schroeder, Colby; and beat L. Schroeder, Colby, 10-0.

- Nathan Baker, beat McClure, Colby, 4-2, and was pinned by Taylor and B. Schroeder, Colby.

- Daniel Jordan, beat McEvoy, 5-4, and L. Schroeder, Colby, 5-3.

- Christian Rittmann beat McClure, Colby, and lost to McClure, Colby.

- Cody Kane was pinned by Schroeder and Taylor, Colby.

- Andrew Richards lost to L. Schroeder and Voss, Colby, and pinned Roll, Hoxie.

- Logan Fortin lost to Rasmussen, Colby, and beat McEvoy, Colby.

- Voss, Colby, and pinned Rall, Hoxie.

- Kaden MacFeel lost to Harter, Colby.

- Jacob Fortin was pinned by Stephens, Colby; pinned Schamberger, Hoxie; and wrestled Stickle, Colby.

- Everett Urban lost to Zweygardt, Colby, and beat Stickle, Colby, 4-3.

- Nolan Wasson was pinned by WehKamp and Huffles, Colby, and wrestled Harter, Colby.

- Ray Zodrow was pinned by Huffles and WehKamp, Colby.

- Lucas Juenemann was pinned by Kriss, Colby; pinned Johnson, Hoxie; and lost to Arnerberger, Colby.

- Nathan Simonsson lost 9-0 to Taylor, Hoxie, and was pinned by Kriss and Kaus, Colby.

- Sean Herring was pinned by Sager and Weber, Colby, and wrestled Bracht, Hoxie.

- Jaxen Alstrom beat Baalman, Hoxie, and wrestled Miller, Colby.

- Donovan Baumann pinned Shipley and McGinty, Hoxie, and was pinned by Pope, Hoxie.