



HEADING FOR THE BASKET, Jesse Juenemann made a fast layup during Thursday's game against Norton.

Red Devil boys win one, lose one

The Decatur Community High boys defeated Rawlins County, 62-45, last Tuesday in Atwood, but lost a makeup game 62-45 to Norton at home on Thursday.

The Atwood game started off as a struggle for the Red Devils, and the Buffaloes led 12-11 at the end of the first quarter. However, in the second quarter, the home team started playing good defense and hitting the basket to outscore the Buffaloes 18-8 and take a 29-20 lead into the break.

In the third quarter, Oberlin kept up the pressure, outhitting the visitors 15-4 for an impressive 44-24 lead at the end of three. In the last quarter, the Buffaloes got back in the game as Oberlin Coach Dick Ahlberg gave some of his younger players court time. Atwood outscored Oberlin 21-18, but that didn't make much of a dent in the Red Devil lead.

"We had kind of a slow start," Coach Ahlberg said. "However, we played good defense in the second and third quarters. The boys took care of business and we were able to play 13 players. This was a solid team effort."

The win put the Red Devils record at 8-10, while the Buffaloes fell to 5-13.

Scoring were Andy Inman, 17; Lance Fortin, 15; Jesse Juenemann, 10; Josh Fortin, 7; Andy Anderson, 6; Teryn Grafel, 4; and Jason Thomas, 3.

L. Fortin was the top rebounder with 10, followed by Grafel, eight; Inman, seven; Anderson, five; J. Fortin and Juenemann, three each; and Thomas, Andy Leitner, Ace

Manning and Nolan May, one each. L. Fortin also led in assists with four, followed by Thomas and Grafel, three each; J. Fortin and Anderson, two each; and Juenemann, Inman and Kyle Glodt, one each.

Inman and J. Fortin had three steals each while Grafel and Juenemann picked up two each, and L. Fortin and Thomas had one apiece.

The Red Devils grabbed 40 rebounds to outscore the Buffaloes' 34.

On Thursday, the Oberlin boys would have been better off if it had snowed again, as they lost 68-37 to the Norton Blue Jays.

Both games between Norton and Oberlin have been canceled because of bad weather, and each time the Blue Jays have won the makeup game.

On Thursday, the Jays jumped out to a 25-10 lead and held on, letting Oberlin in the game only in the last quarter. In the second quarter, the visitors outhit the Red Devils 20-9 to take a 45-19 lead at the half. In the third quarter, it was 17-4 for a 62-23 Norton lead. In the fourth, Oberlin was able to outhit the visitors 14-6, but the final was still 62-45.

Scoring were L. Fortin, 14; Inman, 10; Juenemann, 8; Grafel and J. Fortin, 2; and Glodt, 1.

No other statistics were available for the game.

The Red Devils were to play their last regular game at home on Tuesday against Phillipsburg. This was to be senior night, when the senior players, managers, cheerleaders and their parents are honored.

Lady Devils lose to Atwood, Norton

It was a tough week for the Oberlin High girls, as the Lady Red Devils were edged 53-51 by the Atwood Buffaloes last Tuesday, then waxed 61-38 by the Norton Lady Blue Jays on Thursday in a makeup game.

In Atwood, the score stayed close the whole game.

In the first quarter, the Decatur Community High girls led Rawlins County 14-12. In the second, Atwood scored 12 to Oberlin's 9 to take a 24-23 lead at the half. In the third quarter, Atwood was able to widen its lead by outscoring Oberlin 12-7 to take a 36-30 lead.

In the fourth quarter, though, the Lady Devils fought back, outscoring Atwood 21-17. That still left them with two points less than the Buffaloes.

Scoring for Oberlin were Kaitlyn Stapp, 18, including two three-pointers; Lauren Fortin, 11 including a three pointer; Jamie Elwood, 8 including a three pointer; Tricia Dorshorst and Sarah Murray, 5 each; and Lydia Karnopp, 4.

Dorshorst led the rebounding with 10, followed by Murray, five; Fortin and Karnopp, four each; Elwood, three; and Stapp, two.

Elwood had four steals while Stapp, Fortin and Dorshorst had

three each. Elwood also led in assists with four, while Fortin had a pair and Stapp and Dorshorst had one each.

The Lady Devils were 11 for 24 at the free-throw line for 46 percent, while the Lady Buffaloes were 14 for 28 for 50 percent.

While Tuesday's game was exciting, Thursday's was tough, as the visiting Lady Blue Jays jumped out to a 16-4 lead in the first quarter.

Oberlin did better in the second period, outscoring the visitors 12-8, but the girls were still behind 34-16 at the half.

In the third quarter, Norton outscored Oberlin 17-11 and in the fourth 20-11 for a lopsided victory.

Scoring were Stapp and Fortin, 10 each; Elwood and Dorshorst, 6 each; Murray, 4; and Heather Williams, 2.

Fortin and Stapp each hit two three-point shots and Elwood contributed one three-pointer.

Statistics for rebounds, steals and assists were not available from the Norton game.

The Lady Devils sank five of 10 free throws for 50 percent while Norton hit 13 of 24 for 54 percent.

The Red Devils were to play Phillipsburg on Tuesday in the last home game of the season.



SURROUNDED BY BUFFALOES, Kaitlyn Stapp was preparing to shoot during Oberlin's 53-51 loss to Rawlins County High last Tuesday. — Herald photos by Jonna Inman

On Monday, Feb. 28, substitute play will start. The locations depend on how the teams do this last week of regular play.

Eighth grade beats Oakley, falls to Sainty

The Oberlin eighth-grade basketball team beat Oakley 18-17 in overtime on Feb. 10 but lost 25-21 to St. Francis on Thursday.

"The girls missed a lot of shots but played pressure defense to keep them in the game," Coach Melissa Dreher said after the Oakley game.

Annamarie Larue was the leading scorer for the little Devils with 9 points, followed by Cindy Murray, 4; Sabrina Dellere, 3; and Cherish Manning, 2.

On Thursday, the junior Lady Red Devils couldn't overcome the young Indians.

"The girls missed a lot of shots in the first half, but came out after the break and started taking control of the game," Coach Dreher said. "We just came up short."

Manning was the top scorer with 10, followed by Dellere, 4; Heather Ploussard, 3; and Murray and Larue, 2 each.

The eighth graders were to start the Northwest Kansas League Tournament on Monday against St. Francis in Sainty. The winners will play the winners of the Oakley-Quinter game at 3:15 p.m. Thursday in the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. The losers will play there

at 2 p.m. Thursday. Also to play on Monday were Hoxie against Atwood and Colby against Goodland.

The championship game will be at 5:45 p.m. Thursday at the Goodland fieldhouse. The third-place game will be at the same time at the Goodland junior high gym. The fifth-place contest will be at Max Jones at 4:30 p.m. and the seventh-place game will be at the junior high at 4:30 p.m.

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth graders ended their regular season 2-5.

Seventh graders down Oakley and St. Francis

The Oberlin seventh-grade girls basketball team beat Oakley 35-27 on Feb. 10 and downed St. Francis 43-7 last Thursday.

"The girls continue to work hard and play good pressure defense," Coach Melissa Dreher said.

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh graders were to start play in the Northwest Kansas League tournament on Monday in Goodland. The tournament will continue on Thursday in Atwood. The time of that game was to depend on how the girls did in the first round.

Oberlin was to play Goodland in the first round and the winner will

face the winner of the Colby-St. Francis game at 4:15 p.m. Thursday in the grade school gym in Atwood. The losers will play in that gym at 3 p.m. The championship finals will be held at 6:45 p.m. in the high school gym. The third-place game will be at 6:45 p.m. in the grade school. The fifth-place game will be at 5:30 p.m. in the high school and the seventh-place game will be at 5:30 p.m. in the grade school.

Also in the tournament are Rawlins County, which was to play Oakley, and Quinter which was to play Hoxie on Monday.

The Oberlin seventh graders were 3-4 in the regular season.

Freshman girls defeat Sainty

The Decatur Community High girls freshman or C-team beat St. Francis, 48-46, last Monday in Sainty.

The game was exciting, as the girls fought neck-and-neck the whole time.

At the end of the first quarter, Oberlin led 12-11 and at the half the Lady Red Devils were ahead 26-24. However, the Lady Indians

took a one-basket advantage 36-34 after three. Oberlin was ahead 48-46 as the buzzer sounded.

Scoring for Oberlin were LeAnna Sheaffer, 18; Jessica Dellere, 13; Heather Glodt, 8; Kenzie Fisher, 6; and Alyssa Montgomery, 3. Oberlin hit six of 19 free throws for 32 percent, with Dellere hitting three out of four and Sheaffer two out of three.

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