

OBERLIN JUNIOR JONATHON RICHARDS (above) won two matches and lost two in the state wrestling tournament over the weekend. Coach Joe Dreher (below, left) and assistant Caleb Howland got into the spirit of the tournament. —Herald photos by Joe Stanley and Patti Richards

Eight compete at state

One wrestler takes sixth at tournament

Decatur Community High School junior wrestler Scott Miller took sixth place at 152 pounds in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament in Hays over the weekend.

Oberlin sent eight wrestlers to the meet, but Miller was the only one to place. As a team, the Red Devils tied for 21st place.

“We had some ups and downs,” Coach Joe Dreher said. “Some guys wrestled well and some just so-so. “We lost several close matches. Although we had only one place, I think we have a lot to look forward to next year.”

Of the eight Red Devil wrestlers at state, three were seniors, three juniors, one a sophomore and one a freshman.

Norton took first in the meet with 155.5 points, followed by St. Francis, 104; Oakley, 90.5; Silver Lake, 84; Smith Center, 82; Hoxie, 76.5; Atchison County, 71; Beloit, 59.5; Phillipsburg, 47; Stockton, 44; Sedgwick, 43.5; Lincoln, 42; Sabbath, 39.5; Eureka, 38; Wichita Independent, 38; Sylvan, 36; Cimarron, 34; Trego Community, 33.5; West Elk, 32.5; Lyons, 31; Oberlin, 30; Plainville, 30; Garden Plain, 29; Hoisington, 28; Thomas More Prep, 24.5; Minneapolis, 24; Mankato, 22; Atwood, 21; Baxter Springs, 19.5; Herington, 19; Onaga, 19; Rock Creek, 17; Chase County, 16.5; Hesston, 16.5; Ellsworth, 16; Marion, 11; Caney Valley, 10; Cherryvale, 10; Osborne, 9; Remington, 9; Fredonia, 8; Oskaloosa, 7;

Junior Devils end with a loss

The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys ended their basketball season with a 57-47 loss to Phillipsburg last Tuesday.

Phillipsburg started out strong, outhitting the Red Devils 19-12 in the first quarter.

In the second quarter the teams were about equal, although the Panthers did add a point to their margin, outshooting Oberlin 9-8 for a 28-20 lead at the half.

In the fourth quarter, the Panthers again hit hard, outscoring Oberlin 19-13. In the last quarter, they poured on the offense, 27-14.

Oberlin was five for 27 for 18.5 percent at the free-throw line while the Panthers hit 11 of 26 charity

shots for 42 percent.

Scoring were Jace Robinson, 12; Kurt Olson, 8; Nolan May, 6; Ace Manning and Kyle Glodt, 4 each; Andy Leitner and Seth Ritter, 3 each; Brent Stallman and Andy Gilliam, 2 each; and Jobey Black, 1.

Robinson had a pair of three pointers and Ritter hit one.

The junior varsity had a 5-11 season while the freshmen or C-team had a 5-8 record.

“This was probably not quite the season we had planned on,” Coach Keith Grafel said, “but I felt everyone really improved throughout the season.

“Our freshmen did a nice job of learning the system, and they really

learned to play hard.

“The junior varsity struggled throughout the year at the free-throw line, but with work during the off season, and summer camp, we could be very good next season.

“I want to thank all the parents, friends and relations of these players for their great support at away games and all their support throughout this season.

“These players had great, positive attitudes and worked hard throughout the year. It was been a fine year for Decatur Community High School basketball, and we look forward to greater success in our future.”

“On Thursday, the boys won a makeup game with Norton 52-47.

“We played pretty well,” Coach Grafel said. “We had lost to them earlier in the season by 13 points. We really played great defense throughout the game. We shot poorly at the free-throw line again, but we still found a way to win.”

Defense was the game in the first quarter, as Oberlin hit for just 5 points and Norton 4. In the second quarter, Oberlin was able to sink seven baskets and four out of five free throws for 18 points to Norton’s

12.

Again in the third quarter, Oberlin outshot the Blue Jays, this time 17-14 to lead 40-30. In the fourth quarter, the Red Devils went to the charity line 19 times and were able to sink only four. Norton outhit Oberlin 17-12 in the last quarter but still couldn’t pull ahead.

Oberlin sank 12 of 32 free throws for 37.5 percent while the visitors hit five of 10 for 50 percent.

Scoring were Glodt, Leitner, May and Robinson, 10 each; Olson, 7; Manning and Edgerton, 2 each; and Gilliam, 1.

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Devils lose to Plainville

Oberlin boys drop first round in substate play

BULLETIN

The Oberlin boys lost 71-62 to Plainville in the first round of the substate basketball tournament Monday night, ending their season. Lance Fortin scored 20 points to lead the team.

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team ended its regular season with a 58-50 loss to Phillipsburg last Tuesday, posting an 8-12 record.

The Panthers ended their season 13-7 with the victory.

While Oberlin had a couple of good quarters, the Panthers started out with a big lead, outhitting the Red Devils 20-7 in the first quarter.

Oberlin fought hard and edged the visitors 16-14 in the second to cut the Phillipsburg lead to 34-23 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Panthers scored 12 and the Red Devils 11.

The fourth quarter was Oberlin’s best, as the Devils scored 16 while holding the Panthers to 12.

“We played hard, but not well enough to win,” Coach Dick Ahlberg said. “Our long-range shooting was subpar. We only hit four of 17 three-point shots.”

Oberlin was also short at the free-throw line, as the Devils hit four of 10 charity shots for 40 percent while the Panthers put in 21 of 37 gifts for 57 percent and more than enough points for a victory.

Oberlin had 33 rebounds to Phillipsburg’s 32 and 20 turnovers to the Panther’s 18.

Scoring for the Devils were Lance Fortin, 18; Andy Inman, 11; Jason Thomas, 8; Teryn Grafel and Josh Fortin, 4 each; Andy Anderson, 3; and Jesse Juenemann, 2.

L. Fortin also led the rebounding with nine, followed by Inman, six; Grafel, five; J. Fortin, four; and Thomas, Juenemann and Anderson, three each.

L. Fortin and Grafel each had three assists while Juenemann and Anderson had two apiece and Inman had one.

All of the Oberlin scorers had one steal each for seven altogether.

Jr. varsity girls stop Phillipburg

The Decatur Community High girls junior varsity ended their basketball season with a 53-40 win over the Phillipsburg Panthers at home last Tuesday.

Both teams started out even, as Oberlin edged the Panthers 13-12 in the first quarter. However, in the second quarter, Oberlin pulled ahead as the Lady Red Devils outhit the Panthers 15-7 to take a 28-19 lead at the half.

Each team made 13 points in the third quarter, and Oberlin outscored Phillipsburg 12-8 in the fourth.

Scoring were Sarah Murray, 12; Heather Williams, 11; Lacey Ream, 6; LeAnna Sheaffer, 5; Whitney Ashley, Kim Wessel and Courtney Gillespie, 4; Lora Marietta, 3; and Christa Hardy and Katrina Wentz, 2.

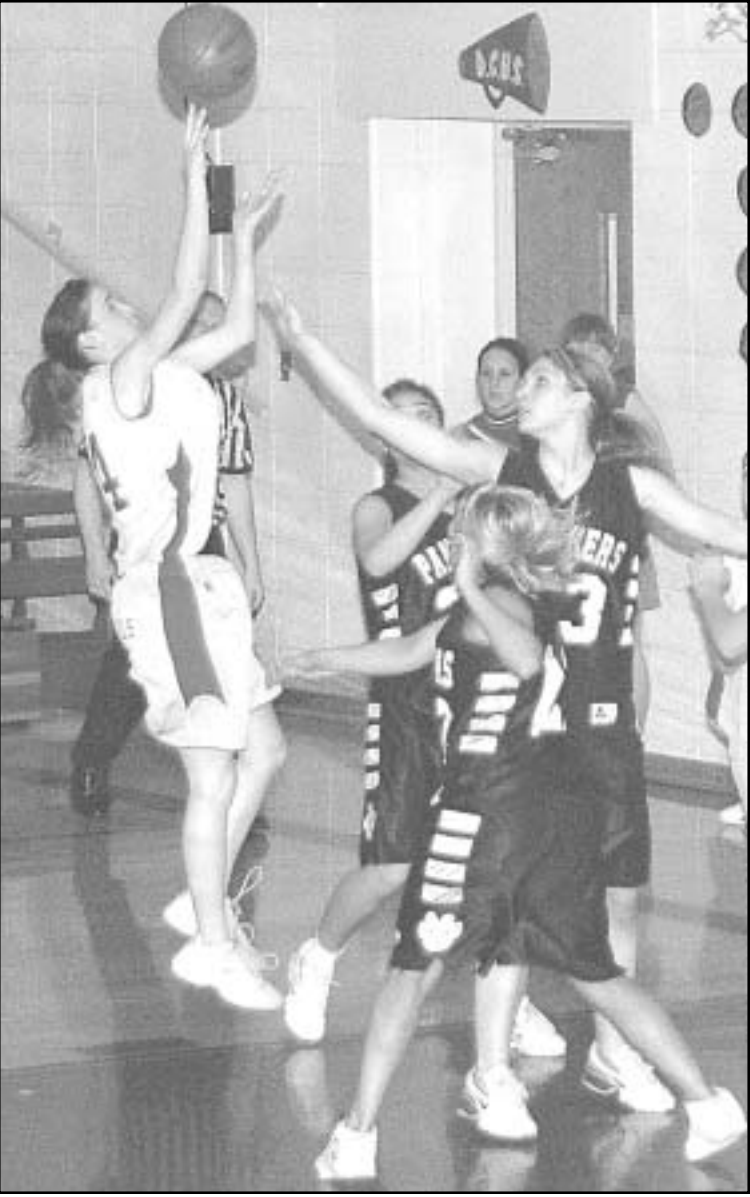
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GOING FOR A SHOT, Jamie Elwood helped the Lady Red Devils beat the Phillipsburg Panthers last Tuesday in Oberlin’s last regular-season game. —Herald photo by Jonna Inman

Lady Red Devils down Phillipsburg

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team ended its regular season on a winning note, downing the visiting Phillipsburg Panthers 49-37 last Tuesday.

The win brought the girls’ record to 9-11 this season going into the sub-state tournament, which started Tuesday.

The teams started off evenly, with the Panthers edging Oberlin 11-10 in the first quarter. In the second quarter, however, the Lady Red Devils got hot and outhit the visitors 17-8 to take a 27-19 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin scored four baskets for 8 points while Phillipsburg hit a pair of baskets and a pair of free throws for 6, so the Lady Devils led 35-25 after three periods.

In the final quarter, Oberlin again outscored Phillipsburg, this time 14-12.

Oberlin made 13 trips to the charity line, but was only able to sink five baskets for 38 percent. Kaitlyn Stapp sank three out of four of her tries for most of the Oberlin free-throw production.

The Panthers were 50 percent at the free-throw line, sinking 10 of 20 tries.

Scoring for Oberlin were Stapp and Jamie Elwood, 16 each; Tricia Dorshorst, 8; Lauren Fortin, 7; and Megan Barrett, 2.

Dorshorst led the rebounding with 12, followed by Elwood, Lydia Karnopp and Sarah Murray, four each; Stapp, three; Fortin, two; and Christa Hardy and Barrett, one each.

Elwood had a pair of three-point shots, while Stapp and Fortin sank one each.

Elwood had 11 steals while Stapp and Fortin had five each and Dorshorst and Karnopp one each.

Elwood also led assists with three, followed by Stapp and Karnopp, two each, and Fortin and Heather Williams, one each.

The Ellis Lady Roadrollers were to be in town at 7 p.m. Tuesday for the first game of substate.

The winner will take on the winner of the substate contest between Stockton and Osborne on Friday in Smith Center.

Senior Profile



Kimberly Ketterl

Name: Kimberly Ketterl

Parents: Kevin and Lynetta Ketterl

Age: 17

Activites: Choir and Catholic youth organization.

Plans after high school: Going to college.

Do you plan on returning to this area, to do what? No.

10 years from now I see myself: Out of college and starting a career.

Favorite movie, book, music, game: “The Bell Jar,” book; “50 First Dates” and music is pop.

How do you want the community/school to remember you? I want the community/school to remember me as a nice girl who tried hard to do her best.

Best advice ever received or what advice would you give someone younger than you: Try your hardest and do your best. Never quit until the end.

Favorite Quote: “Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do,” John Wooden.



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