

Devils down Indians

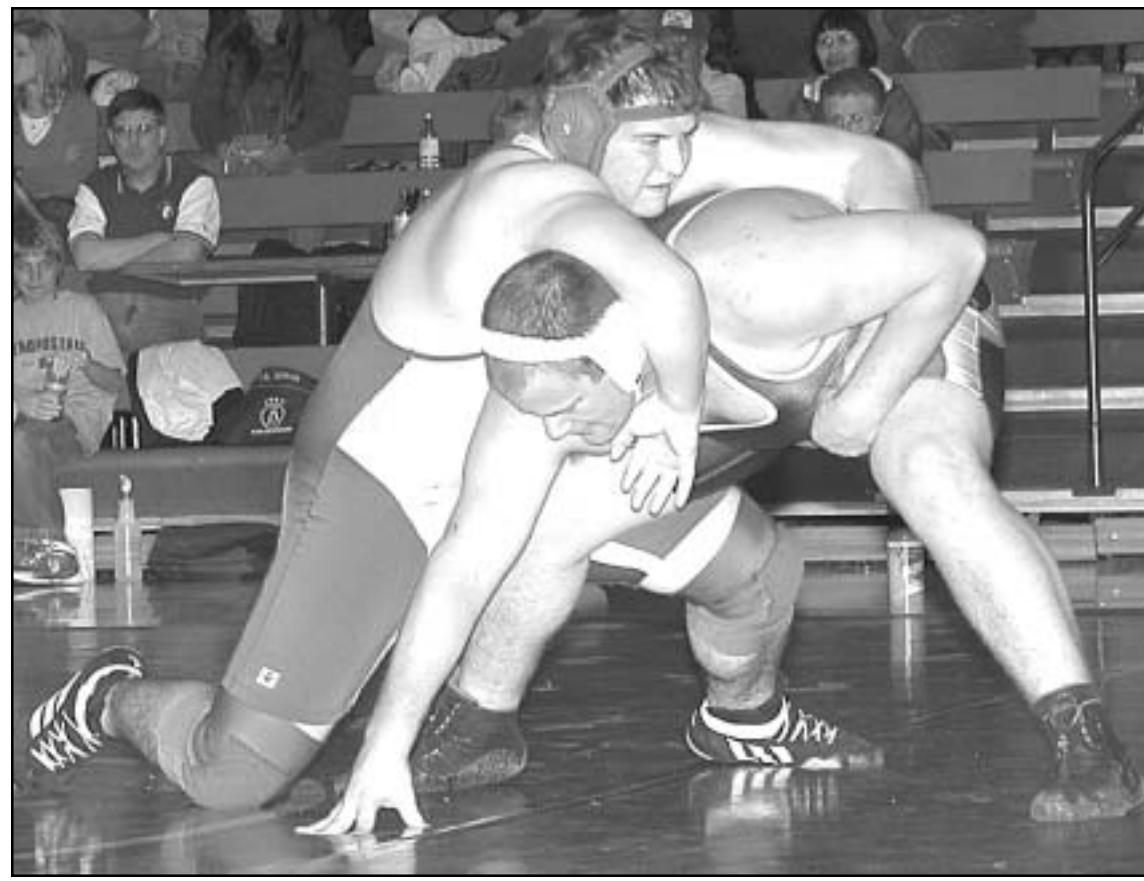
Oberlin wins wrestling dual

By JIM MERRIOTT

Friday evening, the Decatur Community High Red Devils, coached by Joe Dreher, handled St. Francis the old-school way, using blood, sweat and conditioning to overpower the Indians in nice fashion, 42-29, in a dual meet.

VARSITY RESULTS

103 — Aaron Helm, won by forfeit.
 112 — Andrew Richards, lost by fall in second period to Josh Carpenter.
 119 — Gage Reichert, won by forfeit.
 125 — Oberlin open.
 130 — Everett Urban, won by fall in first period over J. Pachaco.
 135 — Breck Simonsson, lost 4-19 to D. Loyd.
 140 — Jonathon Richards, won by fall in second period over J. Sherlock.
 145 — David Urban, lost 8-15 to J. Glenger.
 152 — Garrit Peters lost 3-4 to M. Brown.
 160 — Scott Miller, won by fall in second period over T. Hillt.
 171 — Drew Martin lost 3-6 to R. Rogers.
 189 — Terry Urban won by fall in second



OBERLIN'S BROCK EUHUS (on top) wrestled Brennon Wilger of St. Francis on Friday in St. Francis. Wilger won the 275-pound heavyweight match. — Herald photo by Jeannie Martin

period over D. Gulmiller.
 215 — Regan Badsky, won by fall in the second period over S. Warren.
 275 — Brock Euhus, lost 0-7 decision to B. Wilger.

JUNIOR VARSITY RESULTS

103 — Jordan Tally, won by fall first period over J. Meyers.
 130 — Kane Ware, lost by fall in the second period to D. Meyer.

145 — Royal Fisher lost 4-9 to S. Ford.
 152 — Nathan Simonsson, won 9-2 over T. Miller.
 152 — Jared Marcuson, won over T. Miller 20-4.
 171 — Cameron Nedland, won by fall in third period over Z. Mills.
 189 — Jacob Unger, lost by fall in third period to S. Sowers.

Saturday, the junior varsity

wrestled in the Oberlin 9-10 tournament, with six teams:
 103 — Tally, didn't place.
 135 — Corey Cook, didn't place.
 140 — Fisher, fourth.
 152 — Marcuson, second.
 153 — Nathan Simonsson, didn't place.
 171 — Nedland, didn't place.
 189 — Unger, third.
 215 — Colt Diederich, first.
 275 — Gabe Moore, second.

Oberlin pounds Hill City

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Decatur Community High girls (4-1) beat the Hill City Hens, 64-36, last Tuesday. The Lady Red Devils jumped to a 16-8 first-quarter lead and had a 29-10 lead at half time.

In the third quarter, the Lady Devils never let up, adding another 22 points.

By the end of the fourth quarter, the Pheasants were plucked.

Junior forward Tricia Dorshorst lead scoring with 16 points, six rebounds, one assist and two steals. Lauren Fortin hit 14 points, three rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Kim Wessel lead the Devils with nine boards, scored 5, and had two assists and two steals.

Lacey Ream stole the ball four time, scored 5, had three rebounds and three assists.

Courtney Gillespie snatched seven rebounds.

"We are beginning to play more consistently," said Coach Terry Ream, "and the results are beginning to show that. Lauren, Sarah and Tricia had a good scoring night for us. Kim, Courtney, Heather (Glodt) and Emmie (Pauls) came off the bench and played well."

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
OBERLIN	16	13	22	62
HILL CITY	8	21	6	10

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

OBERLIN: Dellere 0-0-2-0-0, Fortin 3-2-2-2-14, Murray 5-0-3-2-12, Wessel 1-1-0-0-5, Gillespie 1-0-2-0-2, Ream 1-1-3-0-5, Williams 2-0-4-1-5, Dorshorst 6-0-6-4-16, Pauls 2-0-3-1-5. Totals: 21-4-25-10-64.
 HILL CITY: Jamie A. 3-0-10-8-14, Brittany A. 2-0-2-2-6, Liz M. 2-0-2-2-6, Katelyn K. 3-0-0-0-6, Crystal K. 1-0-0-0-2. Totals: 12-0-14-12-36.
 Three-pointers: Wessel (1), Ream (1).
 In girl's JV action, Oberlin topped Hill City 40-26.

Sports writer proud of Devils

Being the new sportswriter here in Oberlin and being new to town is kind of overwhelming during the holiday season.

Just as I was getting used to reporting high school and junior college football in Hutchinson, along came my favorite sport — basketball — and this job. So I packed my bags and headed off to the great northwest Kansas area.

Growing up in eastern Kansas, living just a few miles east of Lawrence, I took it for granted that a winning tradition in NCAA Division I basketball came naturally. I had seen in person Wilt Chamberlin, Bill Bridges, Walt Wesley; played a pick-up game versus Jo Jo White; and watched Bud Stallworth score 52 points against Missouri.

While attending Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, retired basketball coach Sonny Maynard kindled a fire in me for this great sport. Our team played and defeated the KU freshman team at Allen Field House in 1972. In my two years at the college, our team was fortunate enough to play in the Jayhawk Junior College Conference Eastern championship hosted at Hutchinson Sports Arena, the Mecca of junior college sports arenas, where the National Division I Men's tournament is held each year.

After junior college, the venture continued to Kansas State College of Pittsburg (now Pittsburg State University). In Pittsburg, I worked with retired head coach Bob Johnson, who lead Pittsburg to the NAIA Men's National tournament in Kansas City.

On graduation I became a football, basketball, and baseball coach at Pittsburg High School and St. Mary's-Colgan High School in Pittsburg, working with Kansas Hall-of-Fame coaches Larry Gorman and Frank Crespino. My girls softball team at Colgan went on to win 77 straight games during a four-year period in the late 1970s.

Coaching these sports helped me understand the game from the inside out.

From 1979 to 2004, I coached junior high and high school sports in



The Jayhawker

By Jim Merriott

Colorado, receiving a 20-year coaching award by the Colorado Coaches Association for winning 43 games in a row as a head coach.

Along with coaching, I became a sportswriter and radio sports talk show host in Denver, reporting on high school and college games and on the Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Rapids (soccer), Mammoths (lacrosse) and the Colorado Crush (arena football).

This proud Jayhawk fan began patiently waiting each year for the CU-KU game, the only sold-out game each season at Coors Event Center in Boulder. It got depressing, going to empty arenas watching and reporting on the Rocky Mountain version of basketball.

My only salvation was the high school games. The high school spirit, crowd and cheering fans were the only thing that kept me going. It became difficult to watch and report on the University and the Denver Nuggets. Something was missing: the true basketball fan. I don't mean the people who come and pay \$50 to see a game. I mean the real basketball fans, the ones who eat, drink, sleep and bleed basketball.

Now that both of my sons are off

playing varsity sports in college, it is time for me to ask Santa for a Christmas present. So what in the devil do I want for Christmas? I want to be able to go to a basketball game and see it played and appreciated. Where we watch our sons and daughters give all they have on the court. The game should be well attended by the local fans, whether they win or lose.

These kids need to be noted and applauded. It is with great pleasure that I will be reporting on your town and your team.

It is also highly important that we get the town's donut and coffee shop back up so there is a place we all can go to talk over business, weather, town doings and THE GAMES.

It is important to the community to hash over sporting events. That gives us an identity, a sense of town pride.

There is nothing like living in a small town. Be proud that you live here. It is good to be back home in Kansas, away from the smog, traffic, gangs and ulcer-paced big city.

Cities may be a nice place to visit, but that's where it stops.

Happy Holidays and good luck to the Red Devils.



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 December 26.

Happy Holidays

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OBERLIN	7	2	4	13
ST. FRANCIS	12	13	16	8

Scoring

OBERLIN: Glodt 1-0-0-0-2, Leitner 1-0-0-0-2, Grafel 4-0-0-0-8, Inman 4-0-2-1-9, Robinson 1-0-0-0-2, Gilliam 0-0-2-0-0. Totals 11-1-4-1-26.
 ST. FRANCIS: Hawkins 3-1-0-0-9, Crabtree 4-0-0-0-8, A. McAtee 1-0-0-0-2, Ketzner 1-0-0-0-2, J. McAtee 6-0-3-2-14, Weeden 3-1-2-1-10, Owens 1-0-0-0-2, Peter 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 20-2-5-3-49.

Lady Devils beat St. Francis Indians

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Decatur Community High School girls (5-1) continued their run of success into the Christmas break by overpowering the St. Francis Indians (1-5) 62-30 Friday night on their home court.

Junior Tricia Dorshorst led all Lady Devils with 19 points, followed by Lacey Ream's 13.

The Lady Red Devils got off to a slow start, trailing the Indians 7-4 early in the first period, but fought back to tie the score at the end of the quarter 9-9.

Lauren Ross kept St. Francis in the game in the first quarter, scoring five of her game-high 11 points for the Indians.

The Oberlin team heated up in the second quarter, scoring 16 points to the Indians' four, and leading 25-13 at half time.

Lacey Ream hit six of the 16 points in the second quarter. Kim Wessel and Sarah Murray added three each, and Lauren Fortin and Lydia Karnopp added two each.

The Lady Red Devils came out of the locker room on fire in the third quarter, outscoring St. Francis 20-12 and ending the period 45-35.

Dorshorst hit three nice shots from outside, leading the Devils with six in the third quarter. Ream added a field goal and two free throws. Fortin and Karnopp added two points each. Courtney Gillespie hit two free throws coming off the bench.

The Oberlin girls just kept adding coal to the fire in the fourth quarter, cooling St. Francis as they scored 18 points to the crumpled Indians' five.

Coach Terry Ream pretty much cleared the bench toward the end.

Dorshorst finished the quarter with seven of her game-high 19 points.

Wessel and Murray each hit two more baskets, ending up with five points each.

Fortin and Karnopp ended play with 8 points apiece. Gillespie fin-

ished with four. Gillespie played a key role, coming off the bench and providing muscle under the boards for both offense and defense. St. Francis had trouble handling Oberlin's press, man and zone defenses.

"This is a key win for our program going into the Christmas break," Coach Ream said. "Tricia Dorshorst played extremely well tonight. Lacey also did some nice things out there...."

"We were all pretty excited," said Dorshorst. "We realize that we will be playing tougher competition after the first of the year, and we are preparing for it. We want to be a better team than last year's."

"I feel we played pretty good on both ends of the court tonight," said Wessel. "I know we made some mistakes, but I have a good feeling about this team. We work together well."

The Lady Devils are off until Tuesday, Jan. 3, when they travel to Norton.

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OBERLIN	9	16	20	18	62
ST. FRANCIS	9	4	12	5	30

Scoring

OBERLIN — Fortin 4-0-1-0-8, Murray 2-0-2-1-5, Wessel 2-0-1-1-5, Gillespie 1-0-2-2-4, Karnopp 3-0-4-2-8, Ream 4-1-2-2-13, Dorshorst 8-5-3-0-19. Totals 24-1-15-11-62.
 ST. FRANCIS — Fleming 4-0-0-0-8, Zimbelman 2-0-0-0-4, Ross 4-0-3-3-11, Rice 1-1-0-0-5, Knodel 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 12-1-3-3-30.

In junior varsity action, the Oberlin girls continued their success, defeating the St. Francis junior varsity 46-32. LeAnna Sheaffer led all scorers with 10 points. Whitnee Ashley and Emmie Pauls each scored nine.

In C-team action, Oberlin's Cindy Murray topped all scorers with six points and Heather Plossard added four en route to a 20-12 two-half victory.

Red Devil boys downed by Hill City Ringnecks

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Hill City Ringnecks (2-1) handed the Oberlin Red Devils (1-4) their fourth loss of the early season last Tuesday night, 62-32.

The Oberlin boys' shot selection produced only a shooting average of 35 percent as the Red Devils had trouble adjusting to a variety of defenses.

"Hill City did a nice job of changing defenses, along with shooting 60 percent from the field," said Coach Dick Ahlberg.

Hill City lead at the half 29-16. The Red Devils came out flat in the second half, scoring just 6 points in

the third quarter to Hill City's 23.

The Ringnecks out-rebounded the Red Devils 24 to 20 and committed fewer turnovers (14) to Oberlin's 20. Hill City had four scorers in double figures, Gerster 15 points, Thompson and Brown 13, and Welter 10.

The Red Devils were lead by Jesse Juenemann's 11 points. Andy Inman finished with six points, five rebounds, five assists and one steal. Andy Gilliam pumped in four points and grabbed four rebounds.

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OBERLIN	10	6	6	10	32
HILL CITY	14	15	23	10	62

Sainty overcomes Devils

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Decatur Community High School boys continued their quest for winning ways Friday, only to drop another game 49-26 to the St. Francis Indians at home.

"We had a time of it trying to score underneath the basket tonight," said Coach Dick Ahlberg.

St. Francis took a 12-7 lead into the second quarter, then added 13 points to the Red Devils' 2, and led at the half 25-9. The Indians continued the surge in the third period, outscoring the Red Devils 16-4 to lead 41-13 after three.

Oberlin played hard, but couldn't hit critical baskets during key possessions early on. Turnovers and poor shot selection broke their concentration and momentum.

Senior Andy Inman lead all Red Devils with nine points. Jobey Black hit the only three-pointer for Oberlin. Teryn Grafel added eight points and did a nice job on the boards. Jace Robinson, Andy Leit-

ner, and Kyle Glodt each scored two points.

"We didn't play bad defense," Inman said. "We just couldn't get the ball in the hole tonight. Hopefully we can improve over the Christmas break."

The Red Devils must pick up the pieces and prepare to play archrival Norton on the road at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, after the Christmas break.

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