

Oberlin girls come back at last minute

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Decatur Community High Lady Devils defeated the Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes in their most exciting game of the season on their home court Friday night, taking a come-from-behind 44-38 win.

Senior Kim Wessel came off the bench with 1:53 left in the fourth quarter and hit a three-point shot that gave the Lady Red Devils a 39-38 lead.

Before that, Atwood had pretty much controlled the game. Wessel then hit back-to-back free throws with 52 seconds left to ice the victory.

With 5:04 in the fourth quarter, Junior Lacey Ream had tied the score at 32 with a nice lay-in, but the Lady Buffs regained the lead until Wessel's key shot.

"This was a tough game for us coming back from the holiday break," said Coach Terry Ream. "Atwood is a solid team and they didn't let us get into a flow that we were comfortable with until the fourth quarter."

The Lady Red Devils were led by Tricia Dorshorst with 11 points and 5 rebounds, followed by Lauren Fortin with 10 points, 5 rebounds and 7 steals; Sarah Murray, 9 points,

5 rebounds, 1 steal; Wessel, 9 points, 2 rebounds, 1 blocked shot and 1 steal; L. Ream, 4 points, 3 steals and 1 rebound; and Emmie Pauls, 6 rebounds, 1 point, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot.

Rawlins County's top scorer was Sarah Miller with 11, followed by Megan Cahoj, 8; Emily Wahrman and Lauren Wolters with 6 each; Sydney Carlson, 4; and Macy Migchelbrink, 3.

Atwood out rebounded the Lady Red Devils 30-24, but turned the ball over 23 times compared to Oberlin's 21.

"I'm really pleased and proud of how the girls fought through the struggles we had during this game," Coach Ream said, "and believe this will help us as we head into the meat of our schedule."

The (5-2) Lady Red Devils were to travel to Hoxie on Tuesday night with the goal of winning their fifth game in a row against the Lady Indians at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday Oberlin will play the Quinter Lady Bulldogs, here at 6:30 p.m.

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OBERLIN SENIOR LAUREN FORTIN applied the Lady Red Devils' swarming defense against Atwood's Megan Cahoj (12) in a come-from-behind victory Friday against Rawlins County. Oberlin defeated the Lady Buffs 44-38.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

lins County; St. Francis; Quinter; Oakley; Hoxie; and Jefferson Academy of Denver. Games start at 3:30

p.m. The Norton game that was scheduled for Jan. 2 and canceled because

of the snow storm has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 25, in Norton. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Boys play well, still lose to Atwood in fourth

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Decatur Community High boys played well for three quarters at home Friday, but they could not put the finishing touch on Rawlins County in the fourth quarter and lost a heartbreaker 58-53.

It was Oberlin's fifth loss in a row, leaving the Red Devils 1-6.

In their first game of the new year, Coach Rusty Montgomery's squad showed signs of improvement, hustling and diving for loose balls, cutting their turnovers in half to 14, and proving to their opponents that their youthful bench will be something to reckon with in the near future.

Senior starter Andy Leitner was top scorer for the Red Devils with 11 points and 4 rebounds, followed by senior starter Jobey Black with 10 points and 3 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Sam Stapp came off the bench, providing 10 points and 5 rebounds with burning desire. He sparked the Red Devils by driving the lane, something that has been missing the last two seasons. His gunslinger style of play provided the much-needed scoring

threat needed down under the basket.

Sophomore Jacob Fortin also came off the bench, providing some of the speed the Red Devils have lacked in their transition game. He hit one of his two three-point baskets during crunch time, finishing the evening with 8 points and 1 rebound.

Others who scored were Nolan May with 4 points and 10 rebounds; Lucas Juenemann, 4 points and 4 rebounds; Logan Fortin, 4 points and one rebound; and Andy Gilliam, 9 rebounds.

The Red Devils were 8 of 13 from the free-throw line for a 61.5 percent; Atwood was 14 of 22 for 63 percent.

The Buffaloes out rebounded Oberlin 51 to 42. The Red Devils outshot Atwood from three-point range, 3 for 9 for 33 percent compared to the Buffaloes' 2 for 14 for 14 percent.

Rawlins County outshot the Devils from the field, hitting 19 of 38 shots for 50 percent. The Red Devils were 18 for 60 for 30.5 percent.

Atwood was led by Drew Basgall with 16 points, followed by Jason Argabright, 15; Elijah Kastens, 11; Corey Mercer, 8; Marcus Cahoj, 7; and Wesley Martin, 1. Rawlins County improved to 4-3.

"The loss was a heartbreaker, but the boys will be ready for the next game," said Coach Rusty Montgomery.

Oberlin was to travel to Hoxie on Tuesday to battle the Indians. The boys game was to start about 8 p.m., right after the girls are done. Friday, Oberlin will play the Quinter Bulldogs in a home game. That game also will start about 8 p.m., right after the girls.

Next Tuesday, the Red Devils will be hosts for the 37th annual Oberlin Invitational. Oberlin has invited Cambridge, Neb., Rawlins County, Quinter, Hoxie, St. Francis, Oakley and Jefferson Academy of Denver. Games begin at 3:30 p.m.

The Norton game scheduled for last Tuesday and canceled due to the storm has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 25, in Norton starting around 8 p.m., after the girls.

Oberlin swimmers nail blues

The McCook YMCA Devil Rays swim team held the first meet of 2007 Saturday, and Nicky McDonald led the Oberlin swimmers by bringing home the gold medal in the 50-yard freestyle, 25-yard butterfly, 25-yard backstroke and 25-yard breast stroke.

Keagan Blau brought home a first-place medal in the 50-yard butterfly and Kiah Blau snared three, in the 50-yard butterfly, 50-yard breaststroke and the 50-yard freestyle. Jakobi Blau took first in the 25-yard freestyle and 100-yard individual medley. Albany McDonald took first in the 25-yard butterfly, 25-yard backstroke and 25-yard breast stroke.

The McCook team entered 25 swimmers. All Devil Ray relay teams won blue ribbons.

"The meet went very well," said Coach Tracy Flaska. "The parents and volunteers deserve a pat on the back for making it a great meet."

Results:
• J. Blau, girls 8 and under, 50-yard freestyle, second, 44.89 seconds; 25-yard freestyle, first, 18.30; 100-yard individual medley, first, 2:13.70.
• Keagan Blau, boys 9-10, 50

flystroke, first, 58.18; 50 backstroke, second, 55.29; 50 freestyle, fourth, 44.67.

• Kiah Blau, girls 11-12, 50 flystroke, first, 35.28; 50 backstroke, third, 41.93; 50 breaststroke, first, 43.30; 50 freestyle, first, 31.20.

• Kaylee May, girls 11-12, 50 flystroke, third, 48.35; 50 breaststroke, second, 49.05; 50 freestyle, fifth, 38.13.

• Kelsey May, girls 9-10, 50 flystroke, third, 53.89; 50 breaststroke, fourth, 1:02.50; 50 freestyle, third, 39.86; 100 individual medley, third, 1:55.84.

• A. McDonald, girls 8 and under, 50 freestyle, third, 49.05; 25 flystroke, first, 26.09; 25 backstroke, first, 24.90; 25 breaststroke, first, 27.39.

• N. McDonald, boys 8 and under, 50 freestyle, first, 43.20; 25 flystroke, first, 23.64; 25 backstroke, first, 25.69; 100 freestyle, first, 1:48.09.

• Jamie Soderlund, girls 11-12, 100 freestyle, second, 1:11.38; 50 flystroke, second, 40.81; 50 backstroke, second, 38.60; 50 freestyle, second, 31.42.

Relays:
• Girls 8 and under 100 medley

(Morgan Rodgers, Hannah Kohl, A. McDonald, J. Blau), first, 1:47.48.

• Boys 12 and under 200 medley (Sam Backer, Keegan Williams, N. McDonald, Keagan Blau), first, 3:48.19.

• Girls 14 and under 200 medley (Soderlund, Ka. May, Kiah Blau, Hillary Chvatal), first, 2:31.27.

• Girls open 200 medley (Jessica Premer, Kelsey May, Ashley Noltemseir, Kristen Burns), first, 3:26.60.

• Girls 8 and under 100 freestyle (J. Blau, Kohl, Rodgers, A. McDonald), first, 1:41.56.

• Girls 10 and under 200 freestyle (Kelsey May, Anna Graff, Kerrigan Klein, Taylor Geisler), first, 3:48.40.

• Boys 10 and under 200 freestyle (Graff, Backer, N. McDonald, Keagan Blau), first, 3:31.40.

• Girls 14 and under 200 freestyle (Kiah Blau, Soderlund, Kaley May, Chvatal), first, 2:18.24.

"I enjoyed seeing all the first-place finishes," said Flaska, "however I really want the kids to improve their times and get their personal best."

The Devil Rays' next meet will be Saturday, Feb. 10, in Hastings, Neb.

- 112 pounds, Gatlin Reichert, third place, 5-10.
 - 125 pounds, Farr, first, 3-12.
 - 130 pounds, Ray Zodrow, third, 4-4.
 - 145 pounds, Corey Cook, third, 3-3.
 - 160 pounds, Royal Fisher, fourth, 2-6.
 - 171 pounds, Marcuson, first, 6-1.
 - 171 pounds, Jaxen Alstrom, second, 5-3.
 - 275 pounds, Diederich, first, 6-2.
- Also wrestling:
- 152 pounds, Kane Ware, 2-5.
 - 160 pounds, Nathan Simonsson, 2-3.
 - 275 pounds, Richard Beaudette, 1-6.

"It was good to get the mat time" said Coach Joe Dreher. "Several guys hadn't wrestled since mid-December."



OBERLIN SOPHOMORE SAM STAPP watched one of the 10 points he contributed coming off the bench Friday against Rawlins County.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Buff's best junior boys

The Oberlin junior varsity boys lost Friday to the Rawlins County Buffaloes 58-50 in a home game.

Sophomore Jacob Fortin led the Red Devils with 22 points, followed by freshman Toby Peters with 6; Sam Stapp, 5; Logan Fortin and Lucas Juenemann, 4 each; Cody Haas, 3; and Nathan Baker, Cameron Weishapl, and Joe Dunham, 2 each.

"It was the first time we played as a team tonight," said Coach Greg Olson.

"Oberlin played us tough tonight," said Rawlins County Coach Wally Autem. "We were fortunate to hold the Red Devils to only one basket in the final period."

The (0-3) Decatur Community High junior varsity was to travel to Hoxie Tuesday.

Town offers kid tourneys

The 14th annual Holdrege Becton, Dickinson Basketball Tournament will be March 2-3, for boys and girls in fifth and sixth grades. A seventh- and eighth-grade meet will be March 16-17. Entry fee is \$70. For information call Rod Ridenour at (308) 995-6620 or write 1107 Maberly St., Holdrege, Neb., 68049.

Wrestlers pin down Atwood

The Decatur Community High wrestling team defeated the Rawlins County Buffaloes 44-31 in a dual meet in Atwood on Friday, bringing Oberlin's dual record to 5-4 for the season.

The Red Devils, coming off the Christmas break, were led by Gage Reichert, 140-pound division; David Urban, 152-pound division; and Regan Badsky, 215-pound division, who pinned their opponents.

Strong performances also came from Andrew Richards, 119-pound division; Garrit Peters, 171-pound division; and 2006 All-State Wrestler Terry Urban, 189-pound division, who out pointed their opponents. Each team forfeited two matches.

Individual results were:

- 103 pounds, open, Atwood, Garth Griffith.
- 112 pounds, open, Oberlin, Aaron Helm.
- 119 pounds, Oberlin, Richards defeated Kevin Wolters, 11-2.
- 125 pounds, open, Atwood, Matt Migchelbrink.
- 135 pounds, open, Oberlin, Ray Zodrow.
- 140 pounds, Oberlin, Reichert, pin at 1:34 in second period over Zach Ruda.
- 145 pounds, open, Oberlin, Breck Simonsson.
- 152 pounds, Oberlin, D. Urban, pin at 1:32 in second period over Dayne Fanders.
- 160 pounds, Atwood, Lance Finley, pin in third period over Jared Marcuson.
- 171 pounds, Oberlin, Peters, defeated Elijah Jones, 14-4.
- 189 pounds, Oberlin, Urban defeated, John Binning, 8-0.
- 215 pounds, Oberlin, Badsky, pin at 00:24 in first period over Taylor Carroll.
- 285 pounds, Atwood, Shelby Wright pin at 1:22 in third period over Brock Euhus.

"We have to begin the heart of our season with tough tournaments the next four weeks," Coach Joe Dreher said.

Saturday, Oberlin will be host for the 37th annual Oberlin Invitational starting at 10 a.m. Invited are teams from Hill City, McCook, Lakin, Smith Center, Goodland, Hoxie, Kearney, Neb., Yuma, Colo., Oakley, Osborne and Quinter.

Junior varsity wins at home

The Decatur Community High junior varsity girls defeated the Rawlins County Lady Buffs 39-27 in home basketball action Friday.

Oberlin junior LeAnna Sheaffer led all scorers with 9 points, followed by junior Heather Glodt with 8; Cindy Murray, Nikki Wessel and Mary Olson, 6 points each; and Adrienne Pauls, 4. Rawlins County scorers were Emily Chessmore and Wendy Castens with 7 each; Melissa Rall, 4; Jill Bergling, 3; and Sami Leitner, Whitney Green and Wanda McCain, 2.

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