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Sports

Plainsmen down Devils in close tourney game

By JIM MERRIOTT

Oakley Plainsman Paul Kuhlman scored 40 points on Saturday, Jan. 20 to help his team down the Decatur County boys 66-60 in the final game of the 38th annual Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament.

Kuhlman dominated the inside against the Red Devils, making the majority of his shots within five feet of the hoop.

Oberlin's Jobey Black had the first double-double for the Red Devils this season scoring 22 points and pulling down 13 rebounds, a pair of steals, and a blocked shot.

He was followed by Logan Fortin, 8 points, four rebounds, and two blocks; Nolan May, 8 points and 7 rebounds; and Jacob Fortin, 8 points and a rebound.

Sam Stapp came off the bench to score 4 points and have six rebounds and a blocked shot.

Also scoring were Kurt Olson, 4 points and five rebounds; Lucas Juenemann, 4 points, four rebounds, and a steal; Kyle Glodt, 2 points; Andy Gilliam, five rebounds and a block; Cody Haas, a rebound and a block; and Seth Ritter, a steal.

"The guys played one hell of a ball game," said Coach Rusty Mont-

gomery. "That was the best game they have played this year."

Oberlin out rebounded Oakley 47 to 42, but turned the ball over 24 times compared to the Plainsmen's 11.

Oberlin led 16-13 after the first quarter, but Oakley came back to tie the game 33-33 at halftime.

The Plainsmen then took a 45-42 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Red Devils and Plainsmen fought tooth and nail with the lead changing hands several times during the final period until Oakley pulled ahead 60-54 with 43 seconds left. Oberlin and the Plainsmen traded baskets, but the Red Devils could not overcome the six-point lead.

Other Oakley scorers were: Chase Sperber and Lex Parson, 8 each; Jared Sperber, 7; and Logan Morel, 3.

It was the Red Devils' 10th loss in a row dropping their record to 1-11.

Oberlin's next action will be Friday when they travel to Goodland to take on the Cowboys. The Red Devils game will start around 8 p.m. following the girl's game that starts at 6:30 p.m.



OBERLIN'S JOBEY BLACK was the first Red Devil to record a double-double this season. Black scored 22 points and pulled down 13 rebounds in the 66-60 loss to Oakley on Jan. 20.
— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Junior Devil girls split a double-header

The Decatur Community junior high girls seventh- and eighth-grade basketball teams split a double-header with the Hoxie Indians Thursday.

The seventh grade won a nail biter over the Indians 19-18. The eighth grade lost 31-27.

Kiah Blau led the younger Lady Red Devils with 7 points, sinking the winning free-throw during the last few seconds of the game. Serena Stacy followed with 6; Megan Huntley, 4; and Megan Wentz with 2 points.

Hoxie took an 8-6 lead into the second quarter before the Lady Devils took control of the second and third quarter. Oberlin hung onto their lead in the fourth quarter, though they were out scored 6-3 by Hoxie.

In eighth-grade action, Hoxie took a quick lead in the first quarter 11-7, then extended their lead to 21-14 at halftime. Oberlin out scored the Indians in the third quarter 8-6,

but could not make up the difference in the final period.

Jordan Dreher led Oberlin with 11 points followed by Carissa Wentz, 8; Tiffany Anderson, 4; and Sara Kyte and Rachelle Scott put in 2 each.

The Lady Red Devils regular season game with Colby that was scheduled for Thursday in Colby was switched to Tuesday this week.

The Quinter game has been rescheduled for Feb. 12 starting at 4:30 p.m.

The rescheduled game with St. Patrick's of McCook has been set for Feb. 6 starting at 2:30 p.m. The Northwest Kansas Junior High League tournament will be Feb. 19-22.

The first round games will be assigned according to the team's final season record.

The second round seventh-grade game will be held in Oberlin. The eighth-grade second round will be on the road at Hoxie.

Invitational finals planned for Monday

The boys finals and the fifth-place consolation game of the 38th annual Oberlin Invitational which was canceled Saturday Jan. 20 has been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 5, starting at 4:30 p.m.

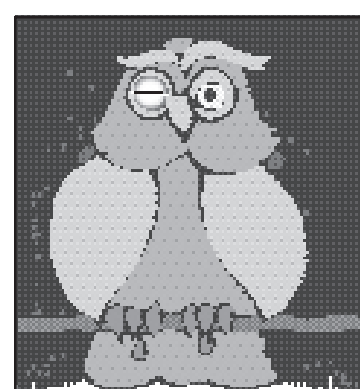
Cambridge, Neb., will face Rawlins County for fifth place at

4:30, with the finals between the Hoxie and St. Francis Indians directly following the consolation game at around 6 p.m. in the senior high school gymnasium. For further details contact the high school at (785) 475-2231.

State basketball tournaments set

The Kansas State High School Activities Association has scheduled the 2007 State Basketball Championship tournament sites beginning with the Class 6A tournament being played at White Auditorium in Emporia; Class 5A, Topeka, Expocentre; Class 4A, Salina, Bi-

centennial Center; Class 3A, Hutchinson, Sports Arena; Class 2A, Manhattan, KSU, Bramlage Coliseum; Class 1A, Hays, FHSU, Busch Gross Coliseum. All tournament games will be between March 7 and March 10.



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