

Junior High wins 18 matches against Oakley

The Decatur Community Junior High wrestling team won 18 matches and lost 10 against the Oakley Plainsmen and the St. Francis Indians Thursday in a dual match here in Oberlin. There were no team scores kept.

The 13-man team consisted of Tyler Shields, Matt Whittman, Brent Juennemann, Jacob Helm, Nolan Peters, Ryan Bishop, Josh Ritter, Chad Williams, Dalton Paul, Lakota Dennis, Johnathon Samson, Jacob LaRue, and Dalton Dolan. The team is coached by first-year coach Shane Bird.

- Match results:
- Shields, 86 pounds, pinned by Issac Schiltz, of St. Francis.
 - Whittman, 86 pounds, pinned by Schiltz, St. Francis.
 - Juennemann, 92 pounds, pinned Levi Hefner, Oakley; pinned Lucas Raile, St. Francis.
 - Helm, 92 pounds, pinned Logan Whitmore, St. Francis; pinned Hefner, Oakley; pinned Brandon Keckir, St. Francis.
 - Peters, 98 pounds, pinned Tyler Lampe, St. Francis; pinned Ty Zweggardt, St. Francis.
 - Bishop, 116 pounds, pinned by Cody Sherlock, St. Francis; pinned Alex Draper, St. Francis; pinned Mickey Stewart, Oakley.
 - Ritter, 122 pounds, lost 12-0 to

Eric Albers, Oakley; pinned Brandon Finley, St. Francis.

- Williams, 122 pounds, lost 10-8 to Finley, St. Francis; pinned by Albers, Oakley.
- Dennis, 122 pounds, lost 9-0 to Finley, St. Francis.
- Paul, 130 pounds, defeated Nate Cox, Oakley, 5-0; pinned Coulter Boyd, Oakley; pinned Michael Adams, St. Francis.
- Samson, 130 pounds, pinned by Boyd, Oakley; lost 8-2 to Andy Huffman, Oakley.
- LaRue, 170 pounds, pinned Tyler Jantzen, Oakley; pinned Andrew Wolfram, Oakley; pinned by Adam Guthmiller, St. Francis.
- Dolan, 275 pounds, pinned Brooks Hobrack, St. Francis; pinned Nathan Lamb, St. Francis; pinned Thomas McCully, St. Francis.

“The team looked good,” said Coach Bird. “The kids worked hard for three weeks and were excited to see some mat time. The team’s attitudes and aggressiveness showed throughout the dual. We will continue to work hard and get better.”

The Red Devils next see action when they travel with the high school team Feb. 9 to Hoxie, making up the Jan. 18 match that was canceled. Their match will occur prior to the varsity match.



ANDREW RICHARDS locked horns with Colby’s Trenton Powell in the 119-pound division during the Northwest Kansas League tournament in Hoxie. Powell pinned Richards for the win. — Herald photo by Patti Richards

Wrestling team finishes in fourth place

The Decatur Community High wrestling team finished fourth, scoring 111.5 points, at the Northwest Kansas League tournament held in Hoxie Saturday.

Oberlin had one first-place finish by Everett Urban in the 135-pound division; three second-place finishes, Aaron Helm, 103 pounds; Gage Reichert, 140 pounds; and Brock Euhus, 275 pounds; and three third-place finishes, Breck Simonsson, 135 pounds; Terry Urban, 189 pounds; and Regan Badsky, 215 pounds.

Colby won the tournament with 195.5, followed by Goodland, second, 155.50; Oakley, 115; Oberlin, 111.50; St. Francis, 105.50; Rawlins County, 67; Hoxie, 39; and Quinter, 12 points.

Oberlin results:

- Helm, 103 pounds, second, 1-1 for the tournament, defeated Kade Sheldon, Goodland, 9-4; lost 2-0 to Nathan Reed, Colby.
- Gatlin Reichert, 112 pounds, 0-2, pinned by Trevor Popp, Hoxie; pinned by Terrence Lamb, St. Francis.
- Andrew Richards, 119 pounds, 1-2, pinned by Trenton Powell, Colby; pinned Britt Zweggardt, Goodland; pinned by Kevin Wolters, Rawlins County.
- Wiley Farr, 130 pounds, 1-2, lost 10-0 to Gavin Smull, St. Francis; pinned Lorenzo Delgado, Goodland; lost 5-4 to Alex Babb, Rawlins County.
- E. Urban, 135 pounds, first, 3-0, 10-4 win over Darren Sporing, Colby; pinned Caleb Baalman, Oakley; 5-3 win over Keegan Smith, Goodland.
- G. Reichert, 140 pounds, second, 1-1, defeated Garrett Zweggardt, Colby 2-0; lost 7-1 to A.J. Stephens, Goodland.
- Simonsson, 145 pounds, third, 3-1, pinned Cass Baalman, Hoxie; lost 12-6 to Jared Flanagan, Colby;

pinned Tyrel Smith, Goodland; pinned Brady Frawan, St. Francis.

- David Urban, 152 pounds, 0-2, lost 11-3 to Jordan Glander, St. Francis; lost 7-5 to Eric Jurek, Colby.
- Jared Marcuson, 160 pounds, 1-2, defeated Lance Finley, Rawlins County, 6-2; pinned by Kelly Younkin, Oakley; pinned by Justin Sherlock, St. Francis.
- Garrit Peters, 171 pounds, 1-2, defeated Elijah Jones, Rawlins County, 10-4; pinned by Brett Shields, Goodland; lost 6-3 to Randy Richmeier, Quinter.
- T. Urban, 189 pounds, third, 2-1, lost 5-2 to John Binning, Rawlins County; pinned Steven Cox, Oakley; defeated David Gutthmiller 1-0.
- Badsky, 215 pounds, third, 2-1, 8-0 loss to Aaron Racelle, Oakley;

won 16-0 over Cody Pope, Hoxie; won due to injury over T.J. Hawkins, Goodland.

- Euhus, 275 pounds, second, 1-1, pinned Shelby Wright, Rawlins County; lost 4-3 to Bob Doxon, Goodland.

“I thought we wrestled ok,” said Coach Joe Dreher. “We will focus on little things and conditioning to get us ready for February. Five of the eight schools in our league are ranked.”

In Friday night action, the Goodland Cowboys traveled to Oberlin defeating the Red Devils 37-27 in a league match.

- Helm, 103 pounds, 7-1 win over Sheldon.
- G. Reichert, 112 pounds, win by forfeit, Goodland open.
- Richards, 119 pounds, pinned B. Zweggardt.

- Farr, 125 pounds, pinned by Kerek Mason.
- Ray Zodrow, 130 pounds, pinned by Delgado.
- E. Urban, 135 pounds, 6-1 win over Smith.
- G. Reichert, 140 pounds, lost 4-7 to Stephens.
- Simonsson, 145 pounds, pinned Smith.
- D. Urban, 152 pounds, lost 5-13 to Aaron Deeds.
- Marcuson, 160 pounds, pinned by Ryan Taylor.
- Peters, 171 pounds, pinned by Shields.
- T. Urban, 4-1 win over Josiah Goodly.
- Badsky, 5-6 overtime loss to Hawkins.
- Euhus, 0-3 loss to Doxon.
- Colby travels to Oberlin Friday for a dual match starting at 6:30 p.m.

Lil’ Devils Wrestling Club finishes with six in first place

The Oberlin Lil’ Devils Wrestling Club put on quite a show Saturday, Jan. 20, in Norton.

Wrestlers and parents braved the snowy highways to attend the tournament and were rewarded with six first-place finishes.

“The highways were a mess and we were afraid wrestlers, parents, and fans might have problems returning to Oberlin after the match, but everything worked out fine,” said Coach Kevin Brown. “The kids did a great job and have been working hard and learning a lot in practice.”

First-place medalists included Kel Grafel, Tabor Erickson, Kelly Brown, Dayton Dreher, Chris Anderson, and Channing Farr.

Other results:

- Dawson Kempt, six years and under, 46-pound division, fourth place.
- Grafel, six and under, 49 pounds, first.
- Nicky McDonald, six and under, 49 pounds, third.
- Kaden Van Pelt, 8 and under, 53 pounds, second.
- Max Diederich, 8 and under, 58 pounds, second.
- Erickson, 8 and under, 70 pounds, first.
- Dayton Kempt, 8 and under, did not place.
- Kyle Van Pelt, 8 and under, 73

- pounds, third.
 - Brown, 8 and under, 95 pounds, first.
 - Wesley Geihlsler, 10 and under, 61 pounds, third.
 - Jordan Baker, 10 and under, 61 pounds, fifth.
 - Gabe Anderson, 10 and under, 64 pounds, second.
 - Andrew Heller, 10 and under, 64 pounds, third.
 - Chance Uehlin, 10 and under, 73 pounds, did not place.
 - Bryson Wesley, 10 and under, 73 pounds, fourth.
 - Austin Kyte, 10 and under, 76 pounds, fourth.
 - Dreher, 10 and under, 85 pounds, first.
 - Regent Erickson, 10 and under, 110 pounds, did not place.
 - Rex Diederich, 10 and under, 120 pounds, second.
 - Anderson, 12 and under, 72 pounds, first.
 - Zach Lahe, 12 and under, 76 pounds, fifth.
 - Kolton Paul, 12 and under, 88 pounds, did not place.
 - Kade Brown, 12 and under, 100 pounds, second.
 - Farr, 12 and under, 165 pounds, first place.
- The Lil’ Devils next competition will be against Sainty, in St. Francis on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Sprint cars add drivers

The United Rebel Sprint Series 305 Sprint Car Division continues to grow with 15 new drivers committed to the 2007 season. This brings the number of drivers to about 30.

Fremont, Neb., native Gregg Bolte, the 1999 IMCA National Rookie of the Year, heads the pack. He returns after a two-year layoff.

Mike Spear, Lincoln, also returns along with Josh Fairbank, Goddard; Cody Salem, St. Jo, Mo.; Corey Lutters, Kansas City, Kan.; Bill Hays, Elwood, Neb.; Ian Christie, Limon, Colo.; Benjamin Chaffin, Kinsley; Reed Bernbeck, Ramson; 16-year-old Kasey Beckham, Valley Center; Todd Johnson, Norcat; Chuck Lutters, Goodland; Greg Thyfault; and his 17-year-old rookie son, Patrick Thyfault, Topeka.

Other father and son combinations include Larry Radcliffe and his sons, Shawn and Jeff.

The United Rebel Sprint Series opens Saturday, May 5, at the Oberlin Speedway. The series continues Sunday, May 6, at Dawson Speedway in Lexington, Neb.

For more information visit the website at www.unitedrebel-sprintseries.com.

Little wrestlers compete in tourney

The Oberlin Little Devils wrestling team competed in its first tournament earlier in the month in Atwood and brought home several gold medals.

Young swimming sensation Nicky McDonald transferred his quick moves from the pool to the mat taking home a first place in the 6 and under age group at 49 pounds.

Also taking first places were:

- Kaden Van Pelt, 8 and under, 52 pounds.
- Kelly Brown, 8 and under, 95 pounds.
- Wesley Geihlsler, 10 and under, 61 pounds.
- Chris Anderson, 12 and under, 72 pounds.
- Kade Brown, 12 and under, 100 pounds.

Other Oberlin wrestlers were:

- Reegon Witt, 6 and under, 58 pounds, fourth.
- Tristen Davis, 8 and under, 43 pounds, second.
- Jeff Juennemann, 8 and under, 61 pounds, third.
- Max Diederich, 8 and under, 61 pounds, fifth.

- Taylor Erickson, 8 and under, 70 pounds, second.
- Kyle Van Pelt, 8 and under, 73 pounds, fourth.
- Konnor Witt, 8 and under, 95 pounds, third.
- Jordan Baker, 10 and under, 61 pounds, fourth.
- Gabe Anderson, 10 and under, 64 pounds, fourth.
- Andrew Heller, 10 and under, 64 pounds, fifth.
- Chance Uehlin, 10 and under, 73 pounds, did not place.
- Bryson Wesley, 10 and under, 73 pounds, did not place.
- Austin Kyte, 10 and under, 76 pounds, second.
- Dayton Dreher, 10 and under, 82 pounds, second.
- Regent Erickson, 10 and under, 110 pounds, third.
- Rex Diederich, 10 and under, 120 pounds, third.
- Zach Lahe, 12 and under, 72 pounds, fifth.
- Kolton Paul, 12 and under, 84 pounds, did not place.
- Channing Farr, 12 and under, 165 pounds, third.

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