

Devils victors again

By JIMMERRIOTT
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 The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade boys moved their basketball winning streak to three games last week by polishing off the young Oakley Plainsmen in Oakley, then hammering the Quinter Bullpups here on Thursday.

The young Red Devils downed Oakley 40-26 last Tuesday behind strong performances from Kade Brown, who pumped in 14 points to lead the team, and Ty Bruggeman, "The Windex man," was one rebound short of a double-double. Bruggeman scored 11 points and cleared the glass nine times.

Strong supporting roles came from Zach May, who scored seven points, had 10 rebounds and five steals; Ryan May, four points, three steals; and Channing Farr with four points.

"We were not very sharp offensively in the first half," said Coach Tim Breth. "We turned it on in the second half."

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
 Oakley 4 5 7 10 26
 Oberlin 9 2 17 12 40

Thursday the Red Devils poured it on Quinter, cruising to a 32-11 victory.



REDDEVILSHANE McEVOY of the eighth-grade team pulled down a defensive rebound in a recent game here in Oberlin. McEvoy is the top rebounder on the team so far this year.

Brown led Oberlin again in scoring with 10 points and five steals. Unselfish play has been the key to the young Devils' success, as the team has spread the scoring around so far this season. Against the Bullpups, Brown got support from Z. May who scored eight points, collected 10 rebounds and had five steals, followed by Bruggeman with six

us the spark," Breth said. "We continued to put pressure on Quinter, which created Bullpup turnovers."

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
 Quinter 4 0 3 4 11
 Oberlin 6 12 4 10 32

The junior Devils were to play in the St. Patrick's High School tournament in McCook on Monday. Thursday, they will play the Hoxie Indians in the Oberlin junior high gymnasium at 4:30 p.m.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Optimism laces first practice for boys team

New basketball coach Greg Olson and his assistant, teacher Tim Thornton, brought a new, optimistic attitude to the Red Devils' first practice Monday.

"We encourage everyone to join the team as we tip off a new era in Decatur Community High School basketball," said Olson. "As a young team, we hope to instill sportsmanship, pride, confidence and teamwork into our young athletes."

The Red Devils will return junior starters Lucas Juenemann and Logan Fortin. Other returning lettermen include senior Cody Haas and junior Sam Stapp.

Other athletes who signed up at the preseason meeting include senior Cameron Weishapl and juniors Cole May, Jay Wessel and Jacob Fortin. Sophomores include Jeffery Isbell, Nolan Wasson, Toby Peters, Christian Rittmann, Kaden Macfee and Chris Schiessler. Freshmen are Dakota Soderlund and Chad Williams.

Olson and Thornton will prepare the Red Devils for the annual Food Scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. this coming Tuesday in the high school gym. Nonperishable food items will be accepted at the door for admission, with donations going to the Decatur

Scrimmage is Tuesday

The annual Decatur Community High School boys and girls varsity Food Scrimmage will tip off in the high school gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Both teams will show their stuff in intrasquad play, giving fans their first glimpse of the Red Devils for the year.

Admission is a can or package of nonperishable food as a donation for the Decatur County Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to kick off the 2007-2008 basketball season.

For information, call the school office at (785) 475-2231.

County Food Pantry. Oberlin will open the season on the road against the Oakley Plainsmen on Friday, Nov. 30, starting about 8 p.m. or just after the varsity girls game, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Lady Devils have a new look

Decatur Community High School girls basketball will have a new look this season, said Coach Terry Ream, with a new assistant coach — former Red Devils player Lindsay Fortin — and a new set of young players.

Oberlin will return just one starter from last year's team, senior point guard Lacey Ream, the coach's daughter.

Gone from last season's graduating class are Emmie Pauls, Tricia Dorshorst, Sarah Murray, Heather Williams, Kim Wessel and Lauren Fortin.

Also returning to the new-look Lady Red Devils are seniors Heather Glodt and Nikki Wessel, and five sophomores, Adrienne Pauls, Mary Olson, Brandi Diederich, Jessica Fredrickson and Ashley Horton.

New to this year's squad are Annamarie Larue, Cindy Murray, Farra McChesney, Ellie Walker and

Kortney Fisher.

Up-and-coming freshmen include Jordan Dreher, Carissa Wentz, Jori Diederich, Erin Jeffery, Tiffany Anderson and Rosa Lopez.

"We lost a lot of our varsity players from last year's team because of graduation," Ream said. "We will not have a lot of experience to begin the season."

"I expect us to struggle a little early in the season, until we get comfortable with each other. We have good athletes who will have to step up and play well from the start."

"I have a great group of girls who work hard and are a lot of fun," said Coach Ream, "so I am excited to get started and see how good a team we can become."

The Lady Red Devils open the regular season Nov. 30 on the road in Oakley, facing the Lady Plainsmen starting at 6:30 p.m.

Eighth graders lose two ball games

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade boys dropped two games last week, losing in Oakley on Tuesday 30-17 and Thursday here in Oberlin to Quinter 37-25.

The young Red Devils kept it close in the first quarter, behind Oakley just 11-8.

The boys picked up their game in the second quarter, but trailed 17-12 at halftime.

The Plainsmen outscored Oberlin in the third quarter 6-2. The Red Devils continued to struggle, scoring just five points during the second half.

Shane McEvoy led the Red Devils with eight points and six rebounds; Brent Juenemann scored four points; Garrett Berry, three points, four rebounds; and Saeger Grafel, two points, five rebounds, and five steals.

"We continue to play hard," said Coach Tim Breth. "We just have trouble putting the ball in the basket."

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
 Oakley 11 6 6 7 30
 Oberlin 8 4 2 3 17

Thursday, Oberlin battled a much larger and physical Quinter team,

improving its scoring, but losing by 12 points.

McEvoy took command again, leading the young Red Devils with nine points and six rebounds.

He was followed by Juenemann, who had a nice game with eight points, five rebounds, and five steals; Grafel, three points and four rebounds; Conner McHugh, three points; and Berry with two points and six rebounds.

"I am proud of how hard we battled against the bigger and more talented Quinter bunch," Breth said. "If we continue to play that hard, we

will get our wins."

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
 Quinter 9 7 11 10 37
 Oberlin 6 5 7 7 25

The Red Devils, who dropped to 1-2 for the season, were scheduled to play in the St. Patrick's High tournament in McCook on Monday.

The boys will play the Hoxie Indians here on Thursday in the junior high gym, starting immediately after the seventh-grade game at 4:30 p.m.

Lady Devil signs letter to play volleyball

Decatur Community High senior volleyball star LeAnna Sheaffer has signed a letter of intent to attend Colby Community College for the fall 2008 season.

Sheaffer was captain of the Lady Red Devils team this fall and one of the top hitters, passers, and servers for the school.

She ended her career with a 94 percent serving average, a 91 percent blocking average, an 87.5 percent passing average and 752

total attacks.

"I am very happy for LeAnna," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "Colby is a good fit for her."

"I am really excited and it is a good accomplishment," Sheaffer said. "I feel privileged to have the opportunity to continue playing at the next level."

LeAnna is the daughter of Steve and Dawn Sheaffer of Oberlin.



L. Sheaffer

— Basketball —

Decatur Community High Basketball Schedule

Nov. 20	Food Scrimmage	here	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	Oakley	There	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 4, 7, 8	McCook Tournament		TBA
Dec. 11	Hill City	There	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	St. Francis	Here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Norton	Here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Hoxie	Here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Quinter	Here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 15, 17-19	Oberlin Invitational		TBA
Jan. 25	Goodland	Here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Grinnell	There	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Colby	Here	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Norton	There	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Hoxie	There	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Golden Plains	Here	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Phillipsburg	There	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 25, 26, 28, 29	Substate		TBA
March 1	Substate		TBA
March 5-8	State Basketball Champ.		TBA

Girls Head Coach: Terry Ream
 Boys Head Coach: Greg Olson
 Boys Assistant: Tim Thornton

Wrestlers start practice

An optimistic group of 20 wrestlers began practicing Monday for the 2007-2008 Decatur Community High team under the supervision of Coach Joe Dreher.

The team will return 10 letterwinners from last year's squad, including Gage Reichert, who finished fourth in state competition last year; David Urban, Jared Marcuson, Colt Diederich, Andrew Richards, Everett Urban, Nathan Simonsson, Gatlin Reichert, Wiley Farr and Ray Zodrow.

Others from last year's team include Cody Kane, Hunter Nedland,

Daniel Johnson and Jaxen Alstrom.

Newcomers to the team include Ace Manning, Sean Ybarra and freshmen Jacob Helm, Nolan Peters, Dalton Paul and Jacob Larue.

"We return 10 lettermen, including one state player," said Dreher. "Right now, we have no idea of who will be in each weight class, but there will be some great competition in the practice room," Coach Dreher said. "The first month or so, we will really focus on technique. Our conditioning will gradually come along, but in January, our practices will be more intense."

Oakley Plainsmen drop out of play offs

The Oakley Plainsmen, representing the Northwest Kansas League in football this season in the state playoffs, learned what eight other teams have found out during the fall: The Smith Center Redmen are for real.

The 11-1 Plainsmen ended their season Friday with a devastating 48-0 loss to the Redmen in the quarterfinals of the Class 1A-2A playoffs.

The Smith Center team, coached by veteran Roger Barta, has yet to be scored on this season. The Redmen

will play the lone survivor of the Northwest Kansas League, the 11-1 St. Francis Indians, at 7 p.m. Friday night in Smith Center. Sainty advanced to the semifinals of the state playoffs by downing Minneapolis on Saturday 47-14.

The Indians' only loss this season came at the hands of Oakley. Last season, the Indians lost a tough playoff game 6-2 in St. Francis to the Redmen, who won their second straight Class 2-1A state title. The 11-0 Redmen are riding a 52-game winning streak.

Kid wrestlers set meeting

The Oberlin Kids Wrestling Club will have an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, in the grade school cafeteria.

Coach Kevin Brown said he would like to invite any children interested in wrestling this year,

along with their parents, to attend this meeting.

Sign-ups will begin at the meeting, along with a discussion of fundraising ideas for the club.

For information, contact Mr. Brown at 475-3644.

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