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Sports

Seventh graders win against Hoxie

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The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade boys edged the Hoxie Indians in a come-from-behind 21-17 basketball victory Thursday here in Oberlin to keep their unbeaten record intact.

The young Red Devils raised their season mark to 5-0. Oberlin also played a fifth quarter against Hoxie, taking the short game 20-0 after

emptying the Red Devils' bench.

High post Tyler Bruggemann led the fighting Red Devils with six points and nine rebounds. Guard Ryan May also scored six points and stole the ball four times. Zach May followed with five points, six rebounds, and two steals, and Kade Brown posted four points and three rebounds.

"Our defense kept us in the ball game," said Coach Tim Breth.

"Our offense struggled at times. This team just continues to find a way to win."

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
Hoxie 6 4 3 4 17
Oberlin 6 0 10 5 21

The Red Devils were scheduled to play Rawlins County in Atwood on Monday. Oberlin finishes the regular season Thursday, Nov. 29, in Goodland against the Grant Junior High Mustangs.

Red Devils win in McCook

The mighty Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade boys extended their basketball winning streak to four games Monday, Nov. 12, squeaking by St. Patrick's 27-25 in McCook.

Up to this point in the season, St. Patrick's has been the only team to challenge the running Red Devils.

Zach May was on fire in McCook, using his quickness and speed to lead Oberlin with 15 points.

He was followed by Brady Fortin and Tyler Bruggeman with five each, while Kade Brown added two.

Oberlin's ability to distribute the ball to the open man and the boys' unselfish attitude have been the keys

to their success. Fortin's ability to come off the bench and spell May has kept the offense at full throttle.

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
St. Pat's 7 4 5 9 25
Oberlin 6 3 8 10 27

The Red Devils raised their season record to 4-0. Coach Tim Breth was not available for comment.

Boys struggle against Indians

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The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade boys basketball team continued to struggle Thursday in a home game against the Hoxie Indians, losing its fourth game of the season 47-38 to drop the team's record to 1-4.

Oberlin got off to a poor start in the first quarter due to cold shooting, miscues and turnovers, and trailed the Indians 15-4 as the second period started.

The young Red Devils picked up the pace in the second quarter, scoring 11 points, but trailed Hoxie 28-15 at halftime.

Hoxie came out in the third quarter

determined to put the game away, outscoring the Red Devils 11-6 to end the period up 39-21.

Oberlin made a last-ditch effort to catch the young Indians, outscoring Hoxie's reserves 17-8 in the fourth quarter, but fell short by nine points.

Saeger Grafel had a solid all-round game, scoring 15 points and pulling down six rebounds, along with three steals.

Brent Juenemann scored his first double-double of the season, scoring 10 points and ripping 10 rebounds from the glass, and had three steals.

Shane McEvoy scored four points and had two steals, Garret Berry

four points and Conner McHugh three points.

"We would love to have the first quarter back," said Coach Tim Breth. "The players showed great determination to battle to within four points with the 1:30 left in the game. What an effort."

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
Hoxie 15 13 11 8 47
Oberlin 4 11 6 17 38

The Red Devils were to play at Rawlins County in Atwood on Monday. Oberlin wraps up the regular season Thursday, Nov. 29, in Goodland against the Grant Junior High Mustangs.



OBERLIN EIGHTH-GRADERS Conner McHugh, (43, right) and Saeger Grafel (center) watched a Brent Juenemann basket swish through the net Thursday against Hoxie. The Indians defeated the Red Devils 47-38 in Oberlin

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Eighth graders lose on road

The tough-luck Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade team lost in McCook on Monday, Nov. 12, to St. Patrick's, 36-27.

Oberlin came out of the chutes cold again, struggling to find a scoring offense and spotting the men in green to a 13-5 lead in the first quarter.

The Red Devils matched St. Patrick's scoring in the second quarter,

but trailed 20-15 at the half.

Oberlin came out strong in the third quarter, outscoring St. Pat's 9-5, to trail by two points at the start of the fourth quarter, 25-23.

In the fourth quarter, though, the wheel began to fall off as St. Patrick's caught fire again and outscored the Red Devils 11-6 to take the victory.

Saeger Grafel and Shane McEvoy

led the Red Devils with seven points each, followed by Brent Juenemann with five, and Conner McHugh and Tyler Shields with four each.

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
St. Pat's 13 7 5 11 36
Oberlin 5 7 9 6 27

The Red Devils dropped to 1-3 for the season. Coach Tim Breth was not available for comment.

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