

Devils take fourth

The Decatur Community High wrestling team took fourth in the Hoxie Invitational tournament on Saturday with eight out of 11 wrestlers placing.

In addition to the team's fourth-place finish, Everett Urban and Jared Marcuson took home first-place honors, Urban at 145 pounds and Marcuson at 189 pounds.

Norton took first for the second year in a row with 226 points. Oakley was second with 144; Plainville, 111; Oberlin, 95; Hoxie, 74; Trego/WaKeeney, 59; and Holcomb, 58 points.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

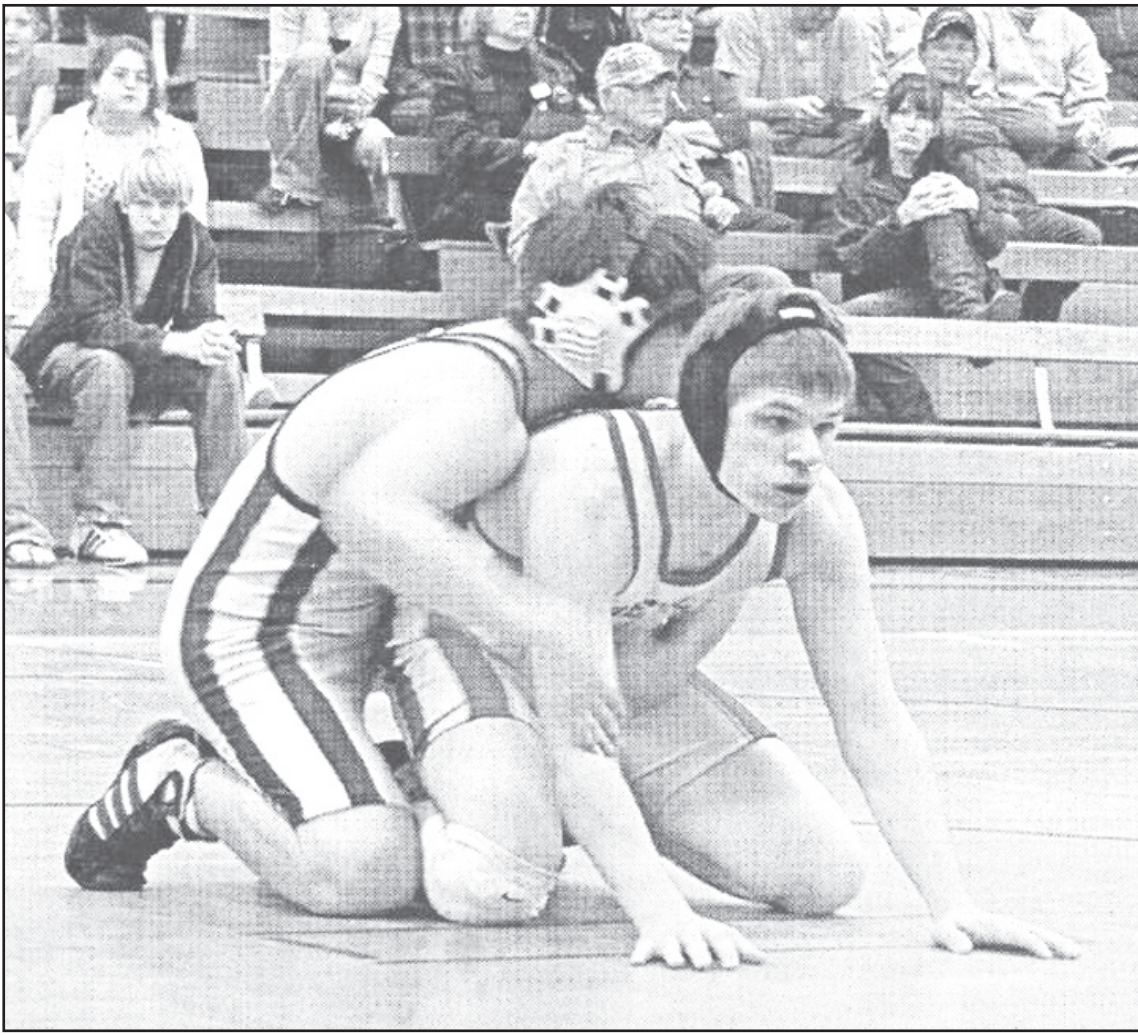
- 112 pounds - Nolan Peters, 2-2, fourth place.
- 125 pounds - Gatlin Reichert, 0-2.

- 130 pounds - Wiley Farr, 2-2, fourth place.
- 135 pounds - Andrew Richards, 3-1, third place.
- 140 pounds - Dalton Paul, 0-2.
- 145 pounds - Urban, 3-0, first place.

- 152 pounds - Gage Reichert, 1-1, second place.
- 160 pounds - Ace Manning, 1-2, fourth place.
- 171 pounds - Nathan Simonsen, 0-2.
- 189 pounds - Marcuson, 3-0, first place.
- 275 pounds - Colt Diederich, 1-2, fourth place.

The Red Devils travel to Colby to wrestle in the 18-team, three-pool dual tournament starting at 2 p.m. Friday. Each pool will have six teams.

Teams include Chaparral of Parker, Colo., Colby, Concordia, Garden City, Goodland, Hays, Hoxie, Liberal, Oakley, Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Pine Creek, Colo., Plainville, St. Francis, Scott City, Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights, Valley Center and Wray, Colo. The tournament will continue starting at 8 a.m. Saturday.



PREPARING FOR THE NEXT PERIOD, Gatlin Reichert, Oberlin, and Steve Samelson, Oakley, wrestled on Friday at 125 pounds. Samelson won the match.

— Herald photo by Jim Merriott

Wrestlers lose to Plainsmen

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Oakley Plainsmen beat the Decatur Community High Red Devils, 46-27, in Oberlin's wrestling season opener at home on Friday.

Red Devils Andrew Richards and Everett Urban led the young team by pinning their opponents in quick fashion.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- 103 pounds - Jacob Helm, won by forfeit.
- 112 pounds - Nolan Peters lost 9-3 to Andrew Peterson.
- 119 pounds - Jace Campbell, Oakley, won by forfeit.
- 125 pounds - Gatlin Reichert, pinned by Steve Samelson.
- 130 pounds - Wiley Farr, lost 6-4 to Michael Halbleib.
- 135 pounds - Richards, pinned

Kyle Zerr.

- 140 pounds - Dalton Paul pinned by Brad Halbleib.
- 145 pounds - Urban, pinned Brett Ringelman.
- 152 pounds - Ace Manning, pinned by Cody Stewart.
- 160 pounds - Gage Reichert lost 8-0 to Kelly Younkin.
- 171 pounds - Nathan Simonsen, pinned by Ethan Jirak.
- 189 pounds - Jared Marcuson, won by forfeit.
- 215 pounds - Aaron Racette, Oakley, won by forfeit.

- 285 pounds - Colt Diederich, won in overtime 8-6.

In junior varsity action:

- 215 pounds - Jaxen Alstrom, defeated Steven Cox 5-3.
- 215 pounds - Jacob Larue, pinned Dalton Elliott.

"Oakley is a good team," said Coach Joe Dreher. "We have several new faces on varsity, including five underclassmen."

The Red Devils will compete in the Colby Invitation at 2 p.m. Friday.

Three football players picked for all-league

Three Decatur Community High players won spots on the second team for the 2007 Northwest Kansas League All-league football team.

Senior offensive tackle Colt Diederich, junior linebacker Everett Urban and sophomore defensive back Wiley Farr were honored by the league, though no Red Devil made the first team.

Four Red Devils received honorable mention, senior David Urban for his defensive line play; senior

Sean Ybarra, offensive long snapper; senior linebacker Royal Fisher; and sophomore Toby Peters at wide receiver.

E. Urban led the Red Devils in tackles with 36 unassisted and 67 assisted for the season. Farr had 17 unassisted tackles and 44 assists.

D. Urban finished with seven unassisted tackles and 33 assists.

No offensive long snaps or blocks were recorded.



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Football fans squabble over coming bowl game

With all the University of Missouri fans squabbling that the Bowl Championship Series selection was unfair because the University of Kansas was picked over their team to play in the Orange Bowl, I have this to say: "Cry me a Missouri River...."

I would be willing to bet that the Jayhawks lobbied much better than the Tigers did to plead their case; besides, Missouri lost twice this season.

I am sure the University of Kansas would much rather have the FedEx Orange Bowl payout of \$14-17 million and an 11-1 record than have the Big 12 North Championship trophy and the \$3 million payoff of the AT&T Cotton Bowl.

Who outsmarted who? I would also be willing to bet that the University of Nebraska, which finished 5-7, would have been elated to attend the Independence Bowl instead of the 6-6 University of Colorado Buffaloes.

It cracks me up that the crying Tiger fans, whose team won four more games than Colorado, will see their team get little more (\$1.8 million) than the University of Colorado's payout of \$1.2 million for the Independence Bowl.

Now, I am no mathematician, but that comes out roughly at just under \$300,000 a game for each Tigers win, which must be split with their bowl opponent.

The same goes for the Jayhawks. Looking from the standpoint of the Jayhawks and their brain trust, each University of Kansas win figures to roughly \$1 million a victory for this season.

Even though Kansas has to split bowl earnings with Virginia Tech, Kansas fans should count themselves lucky for receiving about three times the money that Missouri will get.

Everybody wins. The only problem at University of Kansas is whether they can keep their coach, Mark Mangino, from taking another job, or dying of a heart attack because of his size.

This time, the "Show Me" state was shown a thing or two. Sometimes it pays to get knocked off before the title game, because there is more to lose than a Big 12 crown.

It also should be noted that each of the Big 12 teams that plays in a bowl game receives a percentage of each team's bowl money, a win-win for every team in the conference.

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