

Team goes 2-4 in Colby

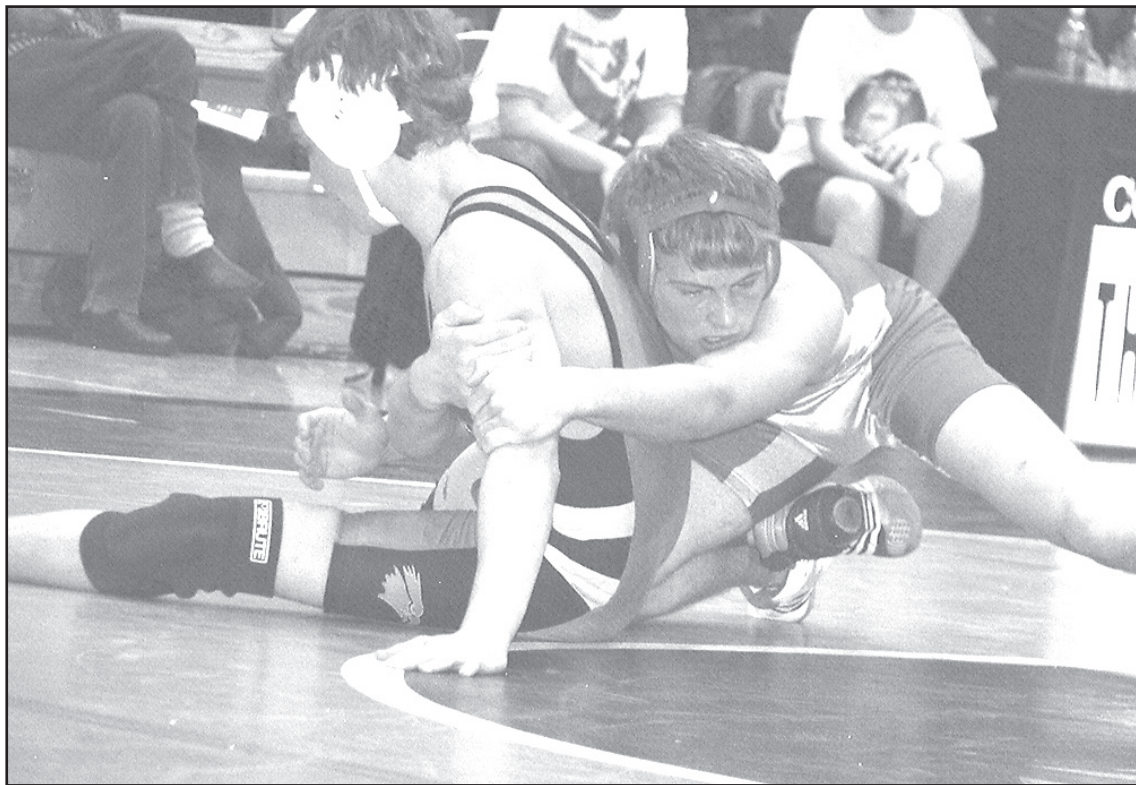
The Decatur Community High School wrestling team finished 2-4 at the Colby Dual Wrestling Tournament over the weekend.

The Red Devils weathered a winter storm to compete in the tournament, held Friday and Saturday in Colby.

In team competition Oberlin defeated Hays High 45-36 and Plainville 36-30.

The Oberlin team lost to Concordia 42-24; Colby, 64-4; Shawnee Heights, 54-23; and Phillipsburg, 49-23.

Gage Reichert went undefeated, leading the Red Devils with six victories in the 145-pound division, followed by Everett Urban with five victories and one loss at 140 pounds. Jared Marcuson finished with four wins and two losses at 189 pounds.



Oberlin's Everett Urban beat Heath Stephens of Colby 4-3 on Friday during the Colby Dual tournament. — Herald staff photo by Joe Falkoff

Oberlin results:

- 103 pounds, Jacob Helm, 0-6.
- 112 pounds, Nolan Peters, 3-3.
- 125 pounds, Gatlin Reichert, 1-5.
- 130 pounds, Wiley Farr, 0-6.
- 135 pounds, Andrew Richards, 2-4.
- 140 pounds, Urban, 5-1.

- 145 pounds, Reichert, 6-0.
- 156 pounds, Ace Manning, 2-4.
- 160 pounds, Royal Fisher, 1-2.
- 171 pounds, Nathan Simons-son, 3-3.
- 189 pounds, Marcuson, 4-2.
- 215 pounds, Jacob Larue, 1-2.
- 215 pounds, Jaxen Alstrom, 0-3.

The Red Devils' next match starts at 6:30 p.m. Friday in St. Francis against the Indians. At 9 a.m. Saturday, Oberlin will host a 9-10 junior varsity tournament at the high school.

Eighth graders lose to Goodland

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade boys basketball team lost 39-26 on Thursday, Nov. 29, to the Grant Junior High Mustangs in Goodland.

Saeger Grafel led the young Red Devils with a double-double, scoring 20 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Brent Juenemann scored four points along with seven rebounds, and Shane McEvoy helped the Red Devils' scoring with two points and

three rebounds. "We knew going in that Goodland was going to be good, with size," said Coach Tim Breth. "We had a hard time keeping them off the offensive boards. Goodland made it tough on us by switching defenses nearly every possession. Saeger seemed to finally find his shooting touch."

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Goodland	12	11	10	6	39
Oberlin	6	6	4	10	26

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Decisions on Nebraska coaches strange

With all this hullabaloo over the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers' 5-7 football season and the firing of Coach Bill Callahan, it seems that I get a mixed view about the happenings of the past few years.

Since I do not have the complete story about why Coach Frank Solich was fired prior to the Callahan era, it is difficult to judge Athletic Director Steve Pederson's decisions.

All I have heard are second-hand water-cooler rumors on Solich, who left the program with a winning record.

When Tom Osborne stepped down as head coach, he also stepped on Pederson's toes by proclaiming that Solich would be his successor.

Solich coached from 1998-2003 with a record of 58-19 (0.753 percentage).

Since Nebraska let Solich go, most football fans feel Pederson used a power play, dropping Solich and hiring Callahan to prove a point. The Cornhuskers' traditional philosophy went out the window with the hiring of Callahan, an outsider who knew little of the Lincoln alumni.

After Peterson was let go halfway through the 2007 season, though, the handwriting was on the wall for Callahan. Callahan's record was 18-17 from 2004-2007, barely a winning percentage at 51.4.

When Osborne was named athlet-



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ic director, Nebraska alumni sent up a cry of relief in hopes of returning to the college football elite they knew during the Bob Devaney-Osborne era which recorded a combined 356-69-5 record.

Devaney was 101-20-2 for 0.829, a winning percentage. Osborne topped him at 255-49-3 for 0.836, also a winning percentage.

"Hire within the system" was the battle cry. Former Nebraska players and alumni wanted things the way they used to be.

My question after the hiring of Bo Pelini, former Husker defensive coordinator under Solich, is this:

Is Pelini a true Cornhusker or did Osborne hire another Callahan?

In my opinion, Nebraska fans wanted a coach forged out of the system. A coach who knew Nebraskans, played for the Huskers and had learned Osborne's approach to the Husker system of offense.

Pelini is not a Nebraskan, even though he coached for the Huskers. He, too, is an outsider.

I thought University of Buffalo head coach and former Cornhusker great Turner Gill should have been Osborne's pick.

Pelini is from Youngstown, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio State University in 1990 with a degree in business marketing. He earned a master's in sports administration at Ohio in 1992.

He played free safety for the Buckeyes from 1987-90. Won All-Big Ten Academic honors three times; and won the Bo Rein Award, given each year to the most inspirational Ohio State senior football player.

Pelini coached as a graduate assistant at Iowa, then two years as an assistant coach in high school before coaching from 1993-99 in the National Football League with San Francisco, New England and Green Bay before being named defensive coordinator for the Cornhuskers, 2000-'02. He was co-defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach for Oklahoma in 2003, and

defensive coordinator for Louisiana State from 2005 to this year.

To me, Osborne jumped the gun in his hiring of another mercenary, an arch rival from the Big Ten, a Buckeye, the enemy.

Everything that is sacred for the Huskers again comes under another professional football coach, who will jump at another offer if it is better.

Nebraska needed to hire a college coach who will stay and stabilize the system. An insider, a coach who grew up in the program.

I realize that college football has turned into a business rather than a sport over the years and each athletic director must do whatever is necessary to keep his job. If Osborne truly wants a carbon copy of the program he and Bob Devaney put together, he should have hired within the program, not another outsider.

Eighth grade finishes 1-7 season

The Decatur Community eighth-grade boys basketball team ended its season with a 44-27 loss to the young Colby Eagles.

The Red Devils ended the season with a 1-7 record and are seeded seventh in the league tournament.

Grant Junior High of Goodland won the Northwest Kansas League championship with a 10-0 record.

They were followed by Rawlins County, 6-2; Hoxie, 5-2; Quinter 4-3; Colby 5-5; Oakley, 2-6; Oberlin; and St. Francis 0-7.

Oberlin was to open the league tournament in Atwood on Monday.

If Oberlin wins, they will play at

3:15 p.m. Thursday in the Rawlins County High gymnasium. If Oberlin lost, they will play on the same court at 2 p.m.

If the Red Devils advance to the championship game, they would play at 5:45 p.m.

If Oberlin would lose in the consolation bracket, their final game would be at 4:30 p.m. In the game against Colby, the Eagles took command leading the Red Devils 15-9 after the first quarter and 25-11 at halftime.

Oberlin's poor scoring in the second and third quarters did them in.

Colby led 33-14 after three quarters.

Saeger Grafel had a well-balanced game with 12 points, seven rebounds and three steals.

He was followed by Zach May, who filled in for the eighth grade team, and scored 6 points.

Nolan Henningson had 4 points and four rebounds; Shane McEvoy, 3 points and five rebounds; and Garret, 2 points and six rebounds.

"It has been a rough season," Coach Tim Breth said. "I am proud of the boys' effort every game. We had spurts, but never could put four quarters together in one game."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Colby	15	10	8	11	44
Oberlin	9	2	3	13	27



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