

Girls overcome Lady Cardinals for 40-21 win

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The Decatur Community High girls basketball team won its first game this season on Friday in McCook at the Cattle Trail Invitational tournament, downing the Hayes Center, Neb., Lady Cardinals 40-21.

The Lady Red Devils were led by 5-foot, 11-inch post Adrienne Pauls and 5-8 forward Jordan Dreher with 10 points each.

Forward Heather Glodt, 5-6, and point guard Lacey Ream, 5-5, scored 6 points each.

Mary Olson, 5-10, came off the bench to score 4 points and Nikki Wessel, 5-4, and Ashley Horton, 5-6, added 2 points each.

The game was pretty much in the bag after the first quarter as Oberlin's fast-break offense and swarming pressing defense held the Lady Cardinals at bay with a lead of 13-6.

Dreher's first-quarter hot-hand shooting sparked the Lady Red Devils to a quick lead.

Oberlin used its front-line height advantage to dominate the offensive and defensive boards. The Lady Red Devils pulled down 36 rebounds to the Lady Cardinals' 28.

Pauls was top rebounder with

seven, followed by Dreher and Ream with six rebounds each; Glodt and Horton, five each; Cindy Murray, three; Olson, two; and Brandi Diederich and Annamarie Larue, one each.

Oberlin shot 45 times from the field, connecting on 14 for 43 percent. The Lady Red Devils were three for seven from the three-point arch for 43 percent. Oberlin was three from four from the free-throw line for 75 percent.

Hayes Center was only eight of 20 from the field for 20 percent, and five of nine from the charity strip for 56 percent. The Lady Cardinals did not attempt any three-point shots.

The Lady Red Devil defense kept Hayes Center in check during the first half causing the more than a dozen Cardinal turnovers. At halftime Oberlin took a commanding 30-10 lead into the locker room.

Oberlin's well-balanced scoring along with an effective bench baffled the worn-out Lady Cardinals.

Wessel and Glodt led the team with four assists each. Ream added three, and Diederich, Jessica Fredrickson, Horton, Dreher, and Larue, one each.

Oberlin made the game fun to watch as the Lady Red Devils played consistent ball for four quar-



OBERLIN'S OPPOSITION, the Lady Cardinals from Hayes Center, Neb., seemed to fight for control of the basketball among themselves. Oberlin beat Hayes Center, 40-21.

— Herald staff photos by Jim Merriott

ters for the first time this season.

Oberlin now has a 1-2 record. "We played well in the first half," said Coach Terry Ream. "We got a big lead and that allowed us to try a lot of different things in the second half that we haven't really had the chance to try in game situations."

Oberlin lost to Maywood High

of Curtis, Neb., in the first round of the tournament and with the win over Hayes Center, the Lady Red Devils were to play Medicine Valley Lady Raiders from Curtis, Neb., on Saturday for fifth but the tournament was rescheduled due to bad weather. The time of the make-up game has yet to be announced.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Hayes Center	6	4	4	7	21
Oberlin	13	17	6	4	40

Girls lose to Maywood in McCook tournament

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team dropped its second game of the short season Tuesday 45-39 at the Cattle Trail Invitational in McCook.

Oberlin led the contest 12-11 going into the second quarter, but the girls could not hold onto the lead.

The Lady Red Devils did manage to play the varsity from Maywood, Neb., evenly through the first half, and the score was tied at 20 going into the half.

The third quarter, the Lady Tigers

came out of the locker room and outscored Oberlin 15-6 to take a 35-26 lead going into the final quarter.

The Oberlin girls did their best to overcome the deficit in the fourth quarter, out scoring Maywood 13-10, but couldn't make up the six-point difference.

Adrienne Pauls had her first double-double, playing a nice game with 16 points and 15 rebounds, two blocked shots and one assist. She was followed by Heather Glodt with seven points, eight rebounds,

two assists and one steal, but scoring fell off from there.

The Lady Red Devils couldn't find another double-digit scorer to make the deciding points.

Mary Olson scored five points and pulled down three rebounds; Cindy Murray scored for the first time this season with four points, two steals and one rebound; Ashley Horton had three points and one rebound; Lacey Ream, two points, four steals, three assist, and two rebounds; and Jordan Dreher added two points,

three rebounds, and two steals.

The Tigers were led by Sue Koester with 14 points, and four other players with at least six.

Oberlin outshot the Maywood girls from the field, hitting 15 of 45 for 33 percent to the Tigers' 13 of 53 for 25 percent. Neither team hit a three-point shot.

Maywood out rebounded the Red Devils 39 to 34 and made fewer turnovers than Oberlin, 25 to 34. They also outshot Oberlin from the free-throw line, hitting 19 of 33 for

58 percent compared to the Red Devils' 9 for 19 for 47 percent.

"I really liked how we competed against a solid Maywood team," said Coach Terry Ream. "We turned the ball over way too many times. We were still able to stay in the game with opportunities to win. We improved in a lot of areas. Since our first game, we have worked hard to fix our weaknesses."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	12	8	6	13	39
Maywood	11	9	15	10	45

Boys beat Indianola on Friday

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It took just three games for the Decatur Community High boys basketball to double last season's win total of one as they defeated the Southwest Roughriders of Red Willow 59-47 Friday in McCook at the Cattle Trail Invitational tournament.

The Red Devils were led by 5-foot, 10-inch guard Lucas Juenemann with 20 points. Juenemann hustled on both ends of the court.

Just behind Juenemann was 5-10 guard Jacob Fortin, who scored 16 points in his first game this season.

"Jacob was the first player in the gym for shoot-around today," said Assistant Coach Tim Thornton. "He has been working hard to define his role on the team."

Oberlin's 5-10 guard Logan Fortin added 10 points from outside shooting.

Cody Haas, 6-5, had 6 points. One of his baskets late in the fourth quarter broke up a Roughrider six-point scoring run.

Whatever Coach Greg Olson and assistant Tim Thornton said in the locker room prior to the game fired up the boys as they came out of the locker room on fire the first period.

However, just minutes into the game, the Red Devils lost one of their top scorer/rebounders when 5-10 forward Sam Stapp went down with a sprained ankle, going after a rebound. Stapp returned later in the game after icing and taping the ankle and scored 2 points.

Toby Peters scored only 6 points, but was constantly scrambling and diving for lost balls.

Oberlin made nice spacing across the front court when it ran its set offense.

The Red Devils 2-3 zone improved its defensive strength as all players kept their arms extended, causing the Roughriders to have a rough time trying to weave through the solid zone defense.

"We came out flat in Tuesday's game against Dundy County and never got on track," said Coach Greg Olson. "Friday, we played much better and came out with a



PREPARING TO TAKE a free throw, Toby Peters sized up the distance during a game against Southwest High School over the weekend.

hard-earned victory over Southwest. We had the opportunity to work on some of the things that I thought would help us later in the season."

After losing to Dundy County and beating Southwest, Oberlin was scheduled to play the Medicine

Valley Raiders of Curtis, Neb., on Saturday for fifth place. The game was postponed due to bad weather. The game will be rescheduled at a later date.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Southwest	10	10	10	17	47
Oberlin	18	10	17	14	59

Dundy County downs boys in the first round

The Decatur Community High boys came back down to earth last Tuesday after an overwhelming victory in their season opener against Oakley.

The Red Devils dropped their first game in the Cattle Trail Invitational 79-35 to Dundy County of Benkelman and Stratton, Neb., making their record 1-1 for the season.

The Tigers had strong games from the brother combination of Kyle and Kendall Glidden: Kyle scored 29 points and Kendall 27.

Oberlin's top scorer was Logan Fortin with 11 points, followed by Lucas Juenemann with eight; Sam Stapp, six; Toby Peters and Josh Ritter, four each; and Nolan Wasson, two.

Dundy County jumped out to a 17-8 first-quarter lead as the cold-shooting Red Devils couldn't seem to find the right combination.

The second quarter saw the Tigers put Oberlin away, scoring 20 points against the porous Red Devil defense. The Red Devils trailed 37-17 at halftime.

The third and fourth quarters were all Dundy County, as the Tigers

scored 22 in the third and 20 in the fourth to seal the deal.

Other Tigers who scored were Phillip Matthews, seven points; Brandon Shirkey, six; Grant Jones and Jared Shillington, four each; and Ben Anderson with two points.

The Red Devils committed 19 fouls to Dundy County's eight. The Red Devils were 3 of 4 from the free-throw line for 75 percent, while the Tigers were 11 of 24 for 46 percent.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	8	9	9	9	35
Dundy County	17	20	22	20	79

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Seventh goes 8-0 this year

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade boys basketball clinched the Northwest Kansas League title Thursday, defeating the young Colby Eagles 42-29 and ending the regular season 8-0.

The young Red Devils received the top seed in the season-ending tournament and were to face St. Francis Monday in Oberlin.

The remainder of the tournament is to be held in Atwood on Thursday. If Oberlin defeats St. Francis in the first round, they play at 3:15 p.m. Thursday in the Rawlins County High School gymnasium. If the Red Devils lose they play at 2 p.m.

The championship game will start at 5:45 p.m.

In the Colby game Oberlin played consistent ball, out scoring the Eagles in all four quarters.

Zach May led Oberlin and just missed collecting a triple-double with 20 points, 11 rebounds, and eight steals.

Kade Brown followed with 12 points and four steals.

Tyler Bruggeman added 4 points and nine rebounds; Channing Farr, 4 points; and Brady Fortin, 2 points and five rebounds.

"What a season!" exclaimed Coach Tim Breth. "I knew we had the potential to be good, but to go undefeated was a pleasant surprise. We controlled the entire game against a very physical Colby bunch. I wouldn't be surprised if we see the Eagles again in the tournament."

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Colby	3	9	5	12	29
Oberlin	10	10	6	16	42

Young girls win contest in overtime

The Decatur Community High junior varsity girls had to go to overtime to win their opening game of the basketball season against the Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes on Monday, squeaking by 34-33 in Oberlin.

Brandi Diederich led the way for the young Lady Red Devils with 18 points, hitting six baskets from the field.

Kortnie Fisher followed with five points; Carissa Wentz and Jessica Fredrickson each scored four; Jori Diederich had two; and Erin Jeffrey, one. Tiffany Anderson also played.

Oberlin had a tough time at the free-throw line, only hitting 7 of 20 for 35 percent.

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Atwood	6	5	8	10	4	33
Oberlin	4	11	4	10	5	34

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