

Boys lose close game to Hill City

The Oberlin boys basketball team lost a close game, 69-64, to the Ringnecks on Thursday in a rescheduled game in Hill City.

Not only did the Red Devils lose the game, they lost their second starter of the season to injury.

Junior guard Jacob Fortin suffered an ankle injury. Last week, the Red Devils lost junior Sam Stapp due to an ankle sprain. Both will be out until after winter break.

Fortin had 19 points, three rebounds and a steal before he was injured.

Lucas Juenemann collected a double-double and was also top scorer for the Red Devils with 20 points, 12 rebounds, two steals and an assist.

They were followed by Toby Peters, 13 points, seven rebounds, two steals and an assist; Logan Fortin, 4 points, 15 rebounds, a steal and an assist; Cody Haas, 4 points and eight rebounds; Josh Ritter, 3 points from three-point range; Chad Williams, 1 point; Dakota Soderlund, four steals; and Cole May, one steal.

Hill City got off to a quick start leading 17-11 in the first quarter.

The Ringnecks continued their assault, adding 22 more points and leading 39-26 at halftime.

Down by 13 starting the second half, Oberlin fought back and whittled away at the Ringnecks lead, out scoring Hill City 24-13 in the third quarter to tie the game at 52-52 after three.

The Red Devils continued to match the Ringnecks until time ran out.

Hill City's top scorer was Chris Miller, 20 points; followed by Dylan Vap, 14; David Gerstner, 12; Reggie Jordan, 11; Ryan Pfeifer, 5; Seth Thompson, 4; and Chris Covington, 3.

"The team lost another starting player to injury during our big comeback in the third quarter," said Coach Greg Olson. "I am very proud and excited about the way the boys stepped up their game and fought the hard fight. We learned a lot about ourselves and our capabilities."

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	11	15	24	14	64
Hill City	17	22	13	17	69



LOGAN FORTIN laid in one of his 14 points against St. Francis on Friday in Oberlin. Fortin recorded a double-double

"Cold weather, timing and injuries appeared to cause turmoil in our home opener Friday night against a hot St. Francis team," Coach Greg Olson said. "We moved our games up one hour to accommodate St. Francis's schedule on Saturday and also due to the winter storm moving in Friday night."

"We missed some easy baskets and Sainty answered with nine three-point baskets. The boys fought

hard and stayed in the game until the third quarter when they outscored us 17-8.

"This was our second game in two nights and we were down two of our usual starting players in the lineup. Our boys played well and never gave up, but couldn't out-gun the St. Francis sharpshooters."

Ted Crabtree led the Indians with 19 points followed by Trent Kinen with 16; Keaton Frewen, 15; and

Trent Raile, 4.

The Indians had nine turnovers and the Red Devils, 11.

Oberlin committed 16 fouls to Sainty's 10.

The Red Devils were 6 of 12 from the free-throw line for 50 percent, and the Indians were 7 of 18 for 39 percent.

Oberlin will be in McCook Thursday to play Medicine Valley of Curtis, Neb., starting at 6 p.m. or just

against the Indians with 14 rebounds as well.

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after the girls game. This will be a makeup game for fifth-place in the McCook High School Cattle Trail basketball tournament.

After the game in McCook, Oberlin will be off for winter vacation, returning to action on Friday, Jan. 4, when they travel to Atwood to play Rawlins County.

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sainty	13	13	17	29	63
Oberlin	14	10	8	16	48

St. Francis Indians overcome Oberlin

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Just prior to the Oberlin-St. Francis boys basketball game Friday, the overhead lights went out and at each end of the court, computer-generated introductory team shots appeared and each player introduced himself just as if the game was being televised.

It was a great beginning but, unfortunately, the Red Devils stumbled 63-48.

Lucas Juenemann continued as

one of the league's top scorers hitting 19 points, eight rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot.

He was followed by Logan Fortin with 14 points, 14 rebounds, a blocked shot and a steal.

Toby Peters scored 7 points, three rebounds and a steal. He was followed by Dakota Soderlund, 4 points and three rebounds; Chad Williams, 3 points, four rebounds, and a blocked shot; and Cody Haas, 1 point, two rebounds and a blocked shot.

Indians down Red Devils

The Decatur Community High wrestling team lost 39-36 to the St. Francis Indians in Sainty on Friday.

For the second week in a row, the Red Devils had to battle wintry weather on the road.

Everett Urban and Jared Marcuson continued their success on the mat by pinning their opponents. Urban pinned Trevor Reed with 21 seconds left in the second period. Marcuson pinned David Guthmiller with 42 seconds left in the third period.

Oberlin wrestling results:

- 103 pounds, Jacob Helm, won by forfeit.
- 112 pounds, Nolan Peters, lost 9-2 to Darris Keller.
- 125 pounds, Cody Kane, pinned by Terrance Lamb in first period.
- 130 pounds, Wiley Farr, lost 8-2 to Josh Carpenter.

- 140 pounds, Daniel Jordan, won by forfeit.
 - 145 pounds, Urban, pinned Reed in second period.
 - 152 pounds, Ace Manning, pinned in third period by Jesse Pacheco.
 - 171 pounds, Nathan Simonsson, lost 11-6 to Adam Guthmiller.
 - 189 pounds, Marcuson, pinned D. Guthmiller in third period.
 - 215 pounds, Jacob Larue, pinned in third period by Talon Jones.
 - 285 pounds, Colt Diederich, won by forfeit.
- The Red Devils' next competition will be at home after winter vacation. The team will hit the mats at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, against Phillipsburg and McCook.

Oberlin plucks Ringnecks

It took an overtime period, but the Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils defeated the Lady Ringnecks 62-57 on Thursday in Hill City.

The game had been rescheduled from last Tuesday.

The Lady Red Devils had four players in double figures.

Mary Olson led Oberlin with 17 points and eight rebounds.

Freshmen Jordan Dreher recorded her first double-double, scoring 13 points and 10 rebounds. She also had three steals and two assists.

Heather Glodt scored 11 points, three assists, two rebounds and two steals. Adrienne Pauls had 11 points,

five rebounds and an assist.

Also playing for Oberlin were Ashley Horton, 6 points and a rebound; Nikki Wessel, 2 points, three rebounds and a steal; Cindy Murray, 2 points; and Lacey Ream, eight assists, four rebounds and three steals.

"This was a great game for us at this point of the season," Coach Terry Ream said. "We fell behind early, settled down and gained control. The girls had to fight hard the rest of the way."

The Lady Red Devils out shot Hill City 49 to 43 percent going 28 for 57 from the field to the Ringnecks' 20 of 46 shots.

Oberlin improved drastically, only turning the ball over 11 times to Hill City's 21.

Both teams collected 18 rebounds.

Hill City out shot Oberlin from the free-throw line hitting 11 of 17 for 65 percent. The Lady Red Devils were just 6 of 32 for 32 percent.

"I am really proud of the way the girls played and the effort they gave in order to get the win," Coach Ream said. "We really made huge strides as a team from this game."

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Hill City	17	9	12	16	3	57
Oberlin	9	17	11	17	8	62

Seventh graders lose final contest

The Decatur Community Junior High School seventh-grade boys basketball team, which finished the regular season on top of the Northwest Kansas League with an 8-0 record, lost 29-28 to the Colby Eagles in the league tournament championship game Thursday.

The Red Devils knocked off St. Francis 57-15 in the first round in Oberlin last Monday to advance to the semifinals Thursday in Atwood.

Oberlin immediately put away Hoxie in the second round, defeating the Indians 34-23 to advance to the finals.

Tyler Bruggemann and Zach May led the Red Devils with 12

points each. Kade Brown followed with 6 points; Ryan May and Brady Fortin added 2 each.

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Hoxie	11	6	2	4	23
Oberlin	8	8	14	4	34

In the finals against Colby, the Red Devils trailed the Eagles 6-5 after the first quarter, then were only capable of scoring 1 point in the second quarter to the Eagles' seven. They trailed Colby 13-6 at halftime.

Oberlin had a better scoring effort in the third quarter, outscoring Colby 11-7 to bring the score within three after the third quarter, 20-17.

The Red Devils made a strong

effort to come back in the fourth, outscoring the Eagles 11-9, but ended up two points shy of a perfect 11-0 season.

Brown led the Red Devils with 9 points followed by Bruggeman with 8; Z. May, 5; Fortin, 4; and R. May, 2.

"The game could have gone either way at the end," said Coach Jason Ketterl. "It went down to the wire. The kids played really hard during the tournament and wanted to win, but it just didn't turn out that way. I feel the season went really well and I am proud to have said I coached these boys."

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Colby	6	7	7	9	29
Oberlin	5	1	11	11	28

during the regular season and sixth in the tournament.

Scoring	1st Half	2nd Half	Final
Colby	22	28	50
Oberlin	15	9	24

Goodland won the tournament and finished the season 13-0. Rawlins County finished the second with an 8-3 record.

Eighth graders finish season 2-9

The Decatur Community eighth-grade boys basketball team went 1-2 in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament, ending the season with a 2-9 record.

The Red Devils lost to the Rawlins County Buffaloes 48-23 in the first round last Monday.

In the second round of the consolation bracket, Oberlin defeated the Oakley Plainsmen 19-15 to advance to the fifth-place game, but lost 50-24 to the Colby Eagles to finish sixth.

Against Oakley, "Both teams shot poorly," said Coach Tim Breth.

"I thought some of their shooting woes had to do with our good defense."

Against Colby, "They just had too much speed and depth," said Breth. "I'm proud of our effort all year long."

The Red Devils finished seventh



Girls down St. Francis Indians

The Decatur Community High junior varsity girls basketball team lost to the Hill City Lady Ringnecks, 31-14, Thursday in Hill City.

Carissa Wentz led the young Lady Red Devils with 7 points followed by Brandi Diederich, Jessica Fredrickson and Tiffany Anderson, 2 each, and Annamarie

Larue, 1.

Oberlin had a tough time getting going as they only scored 1 point the first three quarters and trailed the Ringnecks 27-1 after three.

The Lady Red Devils finally found their touch, outscoring Hill City 13-4 in the fourth quarter, but it was too late.

St. Francis' 28. "We seem to be learning and playing a lot better than the first couple of games and expect that to continue throughout the rest of the season," Coach Ream said.

The girls will be in McCook Thursday for a makeup game, vying for fifth place in the McCook High

Cattle Trail Invitational starting at 4:30 p.m.

After that Oberlin will have a break until they take on Rawlins County in Atwood on Friday, Jan. 4.

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sainty	9	4	6	16	35
Oberlin	17	14	15	13	59

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