



CHAD WILLIAMS put up one of the nine points he scored against St. Francis on Friday, Dec. 14. The junior varsity Red Devils defeated the Indians. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

## Junior varsity takes two, drops pair in first half

New coach sees boys lose to hometown

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Oberlin's junior varsity boys basketball team fell 53-40 to the Oakley Plainsmen in their first game this season on Nov. 30.

The game was new coach Tim Thornton's debut as he returned to his hometown, Oakley, where he played high school basketball.

Outmanned, his Red Devils nevertheless ran the court, hustling, diving for loose balls, and played a new brand of basketball, "T-Ball."

"T-Ball" is a running, pressing, running, hustling, running, team brand of basketball that is exciting to watch, keeping fans on the edges of their seats.

Chad Williams led the Red Devils with 11 points. Nolan Wasson and freshman Josh Ritter added 6 each, followed by Cole May, 4; and Kaden Macfee, Dakota Soderlund and Jeffery Isbell, 2 each.

Oberlin had 25 turnovers. Oakley's were not counted.

Each team committed 10 fouls.

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final

Oberlin 11 6 10 13 40

Oakley 9 9 9 13 53

## Junior varsity takes victory over Atwood

The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys basketball squad chalked up their first win Dec. 3 in Atwood, downing the Rawlins County Buffaloes 49-40.

It was recently hired Coach Tim Thornton's first career victory.

The Red Devils were powered by strong shooting from sophomore Chris Schiessler, who led Oberlin's scoring with 14 points, six from

outside the three-point arch. Oberlin took control of the game from the tip-off, taking a 15-5 lead into the second quarter. The Red Devils continued to pile on the points leading 32-15 at halftime.

Chad Williams followed Schiessler with 13 points. Nolan Wasson added 11; Josh Ritter, 4; Jeffery Isbell, 3; and Dakota Soderlund and Cameron Weishapl, 2 each.

Oberlin committed 16 fouls to Atwood's 14.

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final

Oberlin 15 17 17 0 49

Atwood 5 10 11 14 40

## Ringnecks overcome Red Devils

The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys basketball team fell 47-22 to the Hill City Ringnecks on Dec. 13.

The game, played in Hill City, had been postponed earlier that week due to bad weather.

After playing Hill City, the junior varsity team was 1-2.

Nolan Wasson and Dakota Soderlund tied for top scoring honors with 6 points each.

They were followed by Josh Ritter, 5; Chad Williams, 3; and Nathan Baker, 2.

Hill City jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead in the first quarter, then added another 18 to lead 28-6 at halftime.

The Ringnecks kept the heat on in the third quarter scoring another 15.

Oberlin could only muster 7 points in the third period and trailed Hill City 43-13 after three.

The fourth quarter again belonged to the Ringnecks as they finished off the Red Devils with a 14-9 scoring barrage.

Hill City committed 12 fouls to Oberlin's 10.

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final

Oberlin 2 4 7 9 22

Hill City 10 8 15 14 47

## Oberlin squeaks past St. Francis

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The Decatur Community High School junior varsity boys basketball team won a squeaker Friday, Dec. 14, 34-33, against the St. Francis Indians in Oberlin.

Coach Tim Thornton was able to get all 12 players game time.

The young Red Devils were led by Chad Williams and Nolan Wasson with 9 points each, followed by freshman Dakota Soderlund, 8; and Christian Rittmann, Kaden Macfee, Jeffery Isbell, and Josh Ritter, 2 each.

St. Francis jumped out to a 9-8 lead after the first quarter, but the Red Devils managed to tie the game at 12-12 heading into the locker room at halftime.

Thornton and his crew made offensive and defensive adjustments during the break, which allowed the Red Devils to out score the Indians 14-9 in the third quarter and Oberlin took a 26-21 lead heading into the fourth.

Sainty was able to out score The Red Devils 12-8 in the fourth, but Oberlin managed to hold on for the one-point victory.

"We have to cut down our turnovers, especially the ones that lead to baskets," Thornton said.

"It was good to see the boys step up in the third quarter and take control of the game."

Sainty turned the ball over 41 times to Oberlin's 23.

The next junior varsity game will be in Atwood against the Rawlins County Buffaloes at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4.

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final

Sainty 8 4 9 12 33

Oberlin 6 6 14 8 34

## Medicine Valley downs Oberlin girls

The Medicine Valley Lady Raiders of Curtis, Neb., defeated the Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils a week ago Thursday in McCook at the Cattle Trail Invitational tournament, 40-36.

Medicine Valley finished fifth in the rescheduled game, postponed last week due to wintry weather.

Adrienne Pauls led the Lady Red Devils with 12 points, five rebounds and one blocked shot.

Jordan Dreher continued to score in double figures with 11 points, two rebounds and a steal.

Cindy Murray had a strong game off the bench recording 5 points, six defensive rebounds, three offensive rebounds and three steals.

Point guard Lacey Ream had 4 points, four rebounds, six assists and five steals.

Other Oberlin players were Ashley Horton, 2 points, four rebounds, and one assist and Carissa Wentz, 2 points and a rebound.

Oberlin took a 12-8 lead going into the second quarter and a 25-17 lead into halftime.

The Lady Raiders turned the

tables in the third and fourth quarters, out scoring Oberlin 12-6 in the third period and 11-5 in the fourth quarter for the win.

Oberlin's cold shooting from the field, 13 for 46 for 28 percent, hampered the Lady Red Devils' chances. Medicine Valley shot 17 for 45 for a 38 percent.

The Lady Red Devils out shot the Lady Raiders from the foul line hitting 9 of 15 for 60 percent. Medicine Valley only hit 6 of 20 free throws for 30 percent.

The Lady Raiders out rebounded Oberlin, 32-28.

Turnovers were evenly matched as the Red Devils turned the ball over 20 times to the Raiders 19.

Kallie Welch led the Raiders with 11 points followed by Krysta Thompson, 6; Jordan Zygett, Sarah Schrock, Erica Madron, Aundrea Jorgensen and Bailey Michaels, 4 each; Eva Liakos, 2; and Lauren Burke, 1.

Each team committed 19 fouls.

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final

M.Valley 8 9 12 11 40

Oberlin 12 13 6 5 36



ADRIENNE PAULS has been a key player for the Red Devils.

## Boys fall in McCook Rescheduled game goes against Oberlin

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team dropped to 2-4 Thursday and ended the first half of the season losing to the Medicine Valley Raiders of Curtis, Neb., 45-39 in McCook at the Cattle Trail Invitational.

The Red Devils finished sixth in the tournament, which was rescheduled due to bad weather last week.

Lucas Juenemann led the Red Devils with 15 points, followed by Toby Peters and freshman Dakota Soderlund with 8 each. Logan Fortin added 5 and Cody Haas, 3.

Medicine Valley took an 8-4 lead going into the second quarter.

The Red Devils fought back scoring 13 points in the second quarter,

but still trailed 22-17 at halftime.

Oberlin trailed as much as 10 points in the third quarter.

Strong play from Peters and Juenemann brought the score to 34-31 with 23 seconds left in the third quarter, but the Raiders put on a scoring drive at the end of the quarter to move ahead 36-31.

The Red Devils closed the gap to 40-38 when Haas dropped in a bucket with 5:55 left. But that was as close as the Red Devils would get going down the stretch.

Matt Zysset was the top scorer for the Raiders with 16 followed by Nolan Hammond, 10; Ben Wolfe, 9; Clint Bryant, 8; and Jeff Gleisberg and Tanner Eberle, 1 each.

Oberlin out rebounded Medicine Valley 45 to 41.

"I thought the effort was there," said Coach Greg Olson. "We just couldn't buy a basket."

"I am pleased overall this half of the season. I wish we had a better win-loss record at this point, but we are young. We will pick it up hard on the 28th in preparation for the second half of the season."

The Red Devils will face the Rawlins County Buffaloes at 8 p.m. or just after the girls game on Friday, Jan. 4, in Atwood.

Scoring: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final

M. Valley 8 14 14 9 45

Oberlin 4 13 14 8 39

## Coach gives out wrestlers' records

The Decatur Community High School wrestling team has finished the first half of the season with a mixed bag of wins, losses and pins, and the coach plans to work on conditioning and fine tuning techniques over the winter break.

Coach Joe Dreher released his wrestlers' records as of Saturday.

Nolan Peters	5	7	9
Gage Reichert	1	8	1
Gatlin Reichert	1	8	1
Andrew Richards	7	6	6
Nathan Simonsson	3	7	8
Everett Urban	10	1	10

"With six days off, we will have to work on conditioning and tune our technique," Dreher said. "January and February will be very busy with tournaments every Saturday."

At 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, the Red Devils will spring back into action at home against Phillipsburg and McCook at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3.

Oberlin will play host to Rawlins County in a dual meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, the Red Devils will travel to Benkelman, Neb., for the Dundy County Invitational tournament.

Wrestler	Wins	Losses	Takedowns
Jaxen Alstrom	2	3	4
Colt Diederich	6	5	4
Wiley Farr	2	10	7
Jacob Helm	3	5	2
Daniel Jordan	1	0	0
Cody Kane	0	1	0
Jacob Larue	2	3	1
Ace Manning	2	8	6
Jared Marcuson	9	2	1
Hunter Nedland	0	1	0
Dalton Paul	0	3	0

## Time to enjoy football bowl games

After opening all the presents, eating all the great food and visiting with family and friends until you're all tired of each other, it's time to settle back in an easy chair and watch the big game — all zillion of them.

So, here's the next week's schedule for bowl games:

Thursday, Dec. 27 - Holiday Bowl at San Diego, Arizona State (10-2) vs. Texas (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28 - Champ Sports Bowl at Orlando, Boston College (10-3) vs. Michigan State (7-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28 - Emerald Bowl at San Francisco, Maryland (6-6) vs. Oregon State (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28 - Texas Bowl at Houston, TCU (7-5) vs. Houston (8-4), 7 p.m. (NFL Channel)

Saturday, Dec. 29 - Meineke Bowl at Charlotte, N.C., Connecticut (9-3) vs. Wake Forest (8-4), noon (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29 - Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Mississippi State (7-5) vs. Central Florida (10-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29 - Alamo Bowl at San Antonio, Penn State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 30 - Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La., Colorado (6-6) vs. Alabama (6-6), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31 - Armed Forces Bowl at Fort Worth, California (6-6) vs. Air Force (9-3), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31 - Sun Bowl at El Paso, South Florida (9-3) vs. Oregon (8-4), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Monday, Dec. 31 - Humanitarian Bowl at Boise, Idaho, Fresno State

(8-4) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 31 - Music City Bowl at Nashville, Florida State (7-5) vs. Kentucky (7-5), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31 - Chick-fil-A Bowl at Atlanta, Clemson (9-3) vs. Auburn (8-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31 - Insight Bowl at Tempe, Ariz., Indiana (7-5) vs. Oklahoma State (6-6), 6:30 p.m. (NFL Channel)

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Outback Bowl at Tampa, Wisconsin (9-3) vs. Tennessee (9-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Missouri (11-2) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 10:30 a.m. (FOX)

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Capital One

Bowl at Orlando, Michigan (8-4) vs. Florida (9-3), noon, (CBS)

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Virginia (9-3) vs. Texas Tech (8-4), noon, (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Southern California (10-2) vs. Illinois (9-3), 4 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, Hawaii (12-0) vs. Georgia (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (FOX)



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