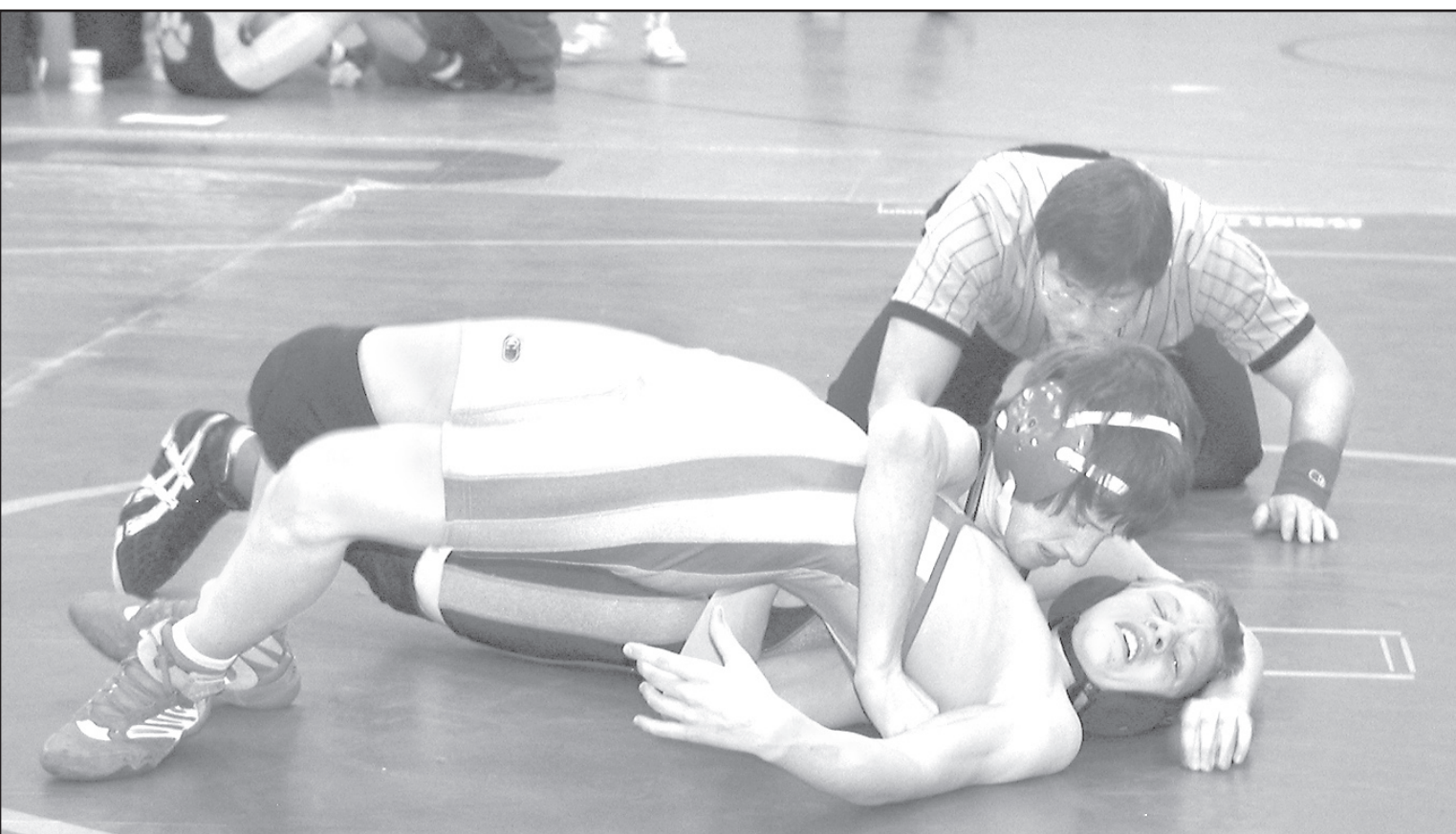


Sports



RED DEVIL JACOB HELM arched his back into the wrestler's bridge position in an attempt to keep from being pinned during a match at the Oberlin Invitational Saturday.

Helm finish fourth in the tournament. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Wrestlers finish fifth at home

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

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The Red Devils finished fifth during the 39th annual Oberlin Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday.

Kearney High School of Kearney, Neb., won the tournament with 238.5 points.

Smith Center finished second with 154.5 points; Oakley, 106, third; Goodland, 102.5, fourth; Osborne, 86, fifth; Oberlin, 82, sixth; McCook, 63, seventh; Hill City, 38, eighth; and Quinter, with no points, ninth.

Top performers for Oberlin included Gage Reichert (11-1), second place at 145 pounds; Nathan Simonsson (6-10), second, 171 pounds; Everett Urban (15-2), third, 140 pounds; and Jared Marcuson (13-5), third, 189 pounds.

Results:
• 103 pounds - Nate Morgan, McCook, first; Asa Stansbury,

Kearney, second; Tracy Hudson, Smith Center, third; Jacob Helm, Oberlin, fourth.

• 112 pounds - Tim Crocker, Kearney, first; Kade Sheldon, Goodland, second; Andrew Peterson, Oakley, third; Garrett Kuhlman, Smith Center, fourth.

• 119 pounds - Jarek Patterson, Kearney, first; Jace Campbell, Oakley, second; Aaron Geist, Osborne, third; Kale Newell, Smith Center, fourth.

• 125 pounds - Colt Rogers, Smith Center, first; Collin Rees, Kearney, second; Cole Orr, Hill City, third; Andrew Richards, Oberlin, fourth.

• 130 pounds - Danny Floyd, Osborne, first; Brandon Rimpley, Kearney, second; Jeremy Chase, Hill City, third; Michael Halbleib, Oakley, fourth.

• 135 pounds - Trevor Oliver, Osborne, first; Brandon Neujahr, Kearney, second; Caleb Burton, Hill City, third; Dalton Paul, Oberlin,

fourth.
A.J. Stephens, Goodland, first; Trevor Rempe, Smith Center, second; Urban, Oberlin, third; Noah Gable, Kearney, fourth.

• 145 pounds - Marshall McCall, Smith Center, first; Reichert, Oberlin, second; Nick Rimpley, Kearney, third; Martin Hojda, Osborne, fourth.

• 152 pounds - Travis Rempe, Smith Center, first; Aaron Deeds, Goodland, second; Justin Dekoh, Kearney, third; Justin Gasselman, McCook, fourth.

• 160 pounds - Warner Phipps, Kearney, first; Kelly Younkin, Oakley, second; Matt Atwood, Smith Center, third; Zach Cady, Osborne, fourth.

• 171 pounds - Jensen Foss, Kearney, first; Simonsson, Oberlin, second; Ethan Jirak, Oakley, third; Jesse Mudd, Smith Center, fourth.

• 189 pounds - Mike Shafer, Kearney, first; Chris Schleeman, Mc-

Cook, second; Marcuson, Oberlin, third; Danny Pfannenstiel, Osborne, fourth.

• 215 pounds - Aaron Racette, Oakley, first; Kirk Palmer, Smith Center, second; Cody Sparks, Kearney, third; Ben Scherling, Goodland, fourth.

• 275 pounds - Bob Doxon, Goodland, first; Derek Wilke, Kearney, second; Matt Bair, McCook, third; Zach Riggs, Oakley, fourth.

Other Oberlin wrestlers:
• 112 pounds - Nolan Peters, 0-2.

• 119 pounds - Cody Kane, 0-2.

• 130 pounds - Wiley Farr, 2-2.

• 152 pounds - Ace Manning, 0-2.

• 215 pounds - Sean Ybarra, 0-1 injured shoulder.

• 275 pounds - Colt Diederich, 0-2.
Oberlin springs into action at the Beloit Invitational starting at 2 p.m. Friday and at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Lady Devils fall to Quinter Bulldogs

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The Quinter Lady Bulldogs basketball squad took a bite out of the Lady Red Devils at home Friday defeating them 44-32.

Oberlin played Quinter tough, but meek scoring in the second and third quarters hampered chances for an Oberlin victory.

Oberlin's Jordan Dreher led all scorers with 17 points, pulled down eight rebounds and had one steal.

Adrienne Pauls scored four points, two rebounds, and one steal;

Cindy Murray, four points, one rebound, and one steal; Mary Olson, three points, two rebounds, three assists, and one steal; Lacey Ream, two points, four rebounds, and two steals; and Brandi Diederich, two points and one assist.

Ashley Horton pulled down four rebounds, two steals, and one assist coming off the bench.

Quinter was led by Jacee Coberly who scored 16 points; Caitlyn McDaniel, nine; Hayley Harvey and Hannah Nemechek, eight each; Crystal Quint, two; and Callie

Kuntz, one.

"We continue to play hard," said Coach Terry Ream. "This was a hard week for us, playing three games against quality opponents."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Quinter	9	12	11	12	44
Oberlin	11	5	6	10	32

"This week will be another busy one for us with the Oberlin Invitational in town," Coach Ream said.

"We are looking forward to starting Thursday and playing three nights in a row. We know that all we need to do is get on a roll and we will be

competitive with anyone we play. The girl's side will be pretty competitive and should be a lot of fun to watch."

The Lady Red Devils open the Oberlin Invitational tournament starting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the high school gym against James Irwin of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Other teams invited to the tournament include the Hoxie Indians who will face Jefferson Academy of Denver, Colo., also starting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the junior high gym.

Boys team loses to Norton Blue Jays

The Norton High boys defeated the Red Devils in Oberlin 74-41 on Monday, dropping the Decatur Community High team to 2-5 for the season with the boys' fifth loss in a row.

The Blue Jays jumped out to a quick lead outscoring the Red Devils 21-11 in the first quarter.

Oberlin outscored Norton in the second half 14-13 but still trailed the Blue Jays 34-25 going into the

locker room at halftime.

Norton came out of the locker room on fire, starting the third quarter by out scoring the Red Devils 23-5, lighting up the basket net.

The fourth quarter wasn't much different as the Blue Jays put the finishing touches on Oberlin out scoring the tuckered out Red Devils 17-11 with their fresh second team bench players.

Lucas Juenemann led Oberlin

with 17 points. Other scorers for the Red Devils were Jacob Fortin with seven; Cole May and Toby Peters, five each; Sam Stapp, four; and Dakota Soderlund and Nathan Baker, two each.

Four Blue Jays scored in double figures. Luke Georgeson scored 23 points; Preston Herman, 16; Logan Kats, 13; and Zac Dreher, 12 points. Jared Cox scored six; Marcus Herman, three; Dakota Dreher, two; and

Luke Ninemire, one.

No other statistics were available.

"We fell behind early," said Coach Greg Olson. "Norton did a good job of taking us out of the game."

"We tried hard, but just couldn't get on track."

Oberlin was scheduled to host the Quinter Bulldogs Friday night.

Girls lose tough-played game on home turf

The Lady Red Devils ran into a buzz saw last Monday losing a tough-played game 69-46 to the Norton Lady Blue Jays at home.

Norton's Hayli Bozarth led all scorers with 26 points. Oberlin's top scorer was Adrienne Pauls with 15 points.

Norton took a quick lead with 13-8 going into the second quarter. The Lady Blue Jays continued to pull away from Oberlin taking a 29-18 lead into halftime.

Norton increased their lead to 47-30 after three quarters, then put the icing on the cake in the fourth quarter outscoring Oberlin 22-16 to take the dual.

Pauls finished the game with a double-double, collecting 10 rebounds as well. She also blocked two shots and recorded one steal.

Heather Glodt added eight points pulling down two rebounds, adding three assists and two steals.

Jordan Dreher scored seven points, six rebounds, and one steal; Mary Olson, six points, six rebounds, one assist and one steal; and Lacey Ream, five points, four assists, four steals, and two rebounds.

Cindy Murray scored three points off the bench, adding five rebounds and three assists; and Nikki Wes-

sel, two points, one rebound, and one steal.

"This was a hard week for us playing three games against quality opponents," said Coach Terry Ream. "We really need to learn to trust our abilities and just play the game."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Norton	13	16	18	22	69

Young Devils open with a win

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth grade girls basketball squad opened their season last Thursday in Oberlin downing the Grant Lady Mustangs of Goodland 24-20 in an exciting action-packed game.

The young Lady Red Devils were led in scoring by the sharpshooting of Serena Stacy with eight points, followed by Kiah Blau, six; Samantha Anderson, four; and Megan Huntley and Megan Wentz each

scored two points.
"With the little time of preparation the girls played really well," said Coach Melissa Dreher.

Goodland took the lead 4-2 in the first quarter, but Oberlin came back strong in the second quarter, out scoring the Lady Mustangs 10-4 to take a 12-8 score into halftime.

The Lady Red Devils strengthened their position in the third quarter, out scoring Grant 4-2 to take a 16-10 lead in the final pe-

riod. The Lady Mustangs put on a scoring surge in the fourth period out scoring Oberlin 10-8 but it was not enough to pass the hometown favorites.

"The girls worked hard all four quarters," Coach Dreher said. "They played as a team."

The Lady Red Devils take their (1-0) record on the road to Atwood Thursday to play the young Lady Buffs starting at 4 p.m. in the high school gym.

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