



**WITH THE BALL** Mary Olson (right) and Adrienne Pauls worked the net last week during the basketball tournament at the high school.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merritt

## Hoxie Lady Indians down Oberlin Red Devils 68-61

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The third-place consolation game at the 39th Oberlin Invitational basketball tourney went down to the wire as the Hoxie Lady Indians defeated Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils 68-61.

With under a minute left in the game, it was an even struggle at 61-61.

Pointguard Lacey Ream led Oberlin with 16 points, nine rebounds, four assists, and four steals.

Adrienne Pauls followed Ream with 15 points, two rebounds, and one assist; Jordan Dreher, 10 points, seven rebounds, four assists, and three steals; Mary Olson, six points, three rebounds, one blocked shot and one assist; Cindy Murray, six points, three rebounds, two assists, and one steal; Ashley Horton, three

points, five rebounds, and one assist; Brandi Diederich, two points and three rebounds; Heather Glodt, two points, two rebounds, and three assists; Nikki Wessel, one point, two rebounds, and a steal; and Annamarie Larue added one rebound.

It was a tie game after the first period with the score 19-19, then Hoxie pulled out to a three-point lead at halftime, 34-31.

Oberlin fought back in the third quarter, out scoring the Lady Indians 14-9 to take a 45-43 lead going into the fourth quarter, but Hoxie fought back out scoring the Lady Red Devils 25-16 to collect the victory.

Hoxie out rebounded the Lady Red Devils 38-37 and committed four less turnovers than Oberlin 28-24.

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just competing against a pretty good Hoxie team," said Coach Terry Ream. "We still didn't play as well as we can and let the game slip away from us at the end. I was proud at the way the girls bounced back after the way we struggled against Oakley Friday night."

The Lady Red Devils spring into action here against the Goodland Cowgirls starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

"Our tournament was really beneficial to us in that we know what to improve on," Ream said. "The tournament showed us how hard we need to work and are beginning to understand how to just play the game. We will keep working hard, keep improving, and we will strive to be as successful as we can the rest of the year."

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## Girls advance to semi finals

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The Decatur Community High girls basketball team advanced to the semi-final round of the 39th annual Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament by trouncing the James Irwin High Lady Jaguars 67-23 in the first round of the tournament.

Eleven Oberlin players scored in the game.

The Lady Red Devils were led by senior point guard Lacy Ream and freshman sensation forward Jordan Dreher who both scored 12 points each. Ream finished with six steals and four assists; Dreher, four rebounds and three steals.

Mary Olson chipped in nine points and six rebounds, followed by Brandi Diederich, seven points, seven rebounds, three steals, and one assist; Cindy Murray, seven points, four rebounds, three steals, and one assist; Adrienne Pauls, six points, four rebounds, three assists, two steals, and one blocked shot; Nikki Wessel, five points, six

rebounds, two steals, and one assist; Carissa Wentz, three points, four rebounds, one assist, and one steal; Jessica Fredrickson, two points and four rebounds; Annamarie Larue, two points, four rebounds, and two assists; and Heather Glodt, two points, two rebounds, and three steals.

Oberlin out rebounded the Lady Jags 48-28. Irwin committed 42 turnovers to Oberlin's 22.

Oberlin jumped out to a quick 20-5 lead after the first quarter, running the out gunned Jags into the floor, then finished them off just before halftime by running the score to 45-8.

The Lady Red Devils put the game into cruise control the second half allowing all players to get an opportunity for floor time.

The worn-out Jags could barely muster enough offense to keep up with the junior varsity in the final frames. Oberlin out scored Irwin 10-9 in the third period, then iced the cake, out scoring the Lady Jags

12-6 in the final period to capture the victory.

Oberlin advanced to play the Oakley Lady Plainsmen in the semifinals, a team that manhandled them in the first game of the season 65-34.

James Irwin's top scorers were Kasey Jones and Hannah Ramsey; each scored nine points. Maggie Helvie and Elizabeth Espe scored two points each and Andrea Beatty finished the scoring with one point.

"We started the tournament against a team, James Irwin of Colorado Springs, that we really didn't know much about," said Coach Terry Ream. "After a slow start, we began to play okay and got a much-needed win. We got a lot of playing time for our bench players and they stepped up and played well."

Oberlin advanced to the semifinals to play Oakley in the winners bracket.

Irwin dropped to the consolation bracket facing Quinter.

## Lady Plainsmen shut out Oberlin

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Oakley Lady Plainsmen basketball squad handed the Decatur Community Lady Red Devils their first loss in the 39th Annual Oberlin Invitational tournament Friday 69-48 ending any chances for Oberlin to win the tournament that they hosted.

The Lady Plainsmen had three players in double figures. Oakley's Kimber Weiser led all scorers with 20 points followed by Alicia Cooksey, 16; and Brea Teeter, 11.

The Lady Red Devils were led by Freshman Jordan Dreher with 15 points, five rebounds, and three assist; followed by Adrienne Pauls eight points, seven rebounds, and

one rebound; Annamarie Larue two points, four rebounds, two steals, and one assist; Ashley Horton ended scoring with one point and one rebound.

Other Lady Plainsmen who scored were: Megan Baalman, nine; Dayna Kuhlman, six; Hannah Hubert, Brandi Horton, and Maggie Stephens, two points each; and Kristen Kuhn, one point.

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one blocked shot; Lacy Ream six points, eight assists, and two steals; Brandi Diederich six points, one assist, and one rebound.

Oakley jumped out to a 22-15 lead after the first quarter, then added another 23 points in the second quarter to lead Oberlin 45-25 at half-time.

Oberlin could never catch up with the lady Plainsmen in the second half being outscored 24-23.

Cindy Murray's game improved especially under the basket, she scored three points off the bench and four rebounds; Mary Olson three points, two rebounds, and one blocked shot; Nikki Wessel two points, two rebounds, and one assist; Heather Glodt two points and

one rebound; Annamarie Larue two points, four rebounds, two steals, and one assist; Ashley Horton ended scoring with one point and one rebound.

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## Sports

# Boys basketball team downs Jaguars 68-35

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Decatur Community High Boys basketball team finished the 39th Oberlin Basketball Invitational on a high note, downing the James Irwin Jaguars of Colorado Springs, Colo., 68-35 Saturday.

The Red Devils finished seventh in the tournament, going 1-2, and moving their season record to 4-7, four times better than last year's record.

The improving Red Devils had eleven players who scored. Three were in double figures.

The Red Devils were led by All-tournament team member Logan Fortin who scored 16 points.

Lucas Juenemann followed Fortin with 12 points and Jacob Fortin added another 10.

Sam Stapp scored six points; Dakota Soderlund, five; Cody Haas, four; Josh Ritter, Chad Williams, and Cameron Weishapf each scored three points; Nolan Wasson ended scoring with two points.

Oberlin jumped all over Irwin out scoring them 20-8 in the first quarter, taking over the game, then put in another 32 in the second quarter to put the game away in early fashion.

Oberlin led at halftime 52-15.

"We came out strong and played well," said Coach Greg Olson.

"Logan earned a spot on the All-tournament team."

James Irwin's top scorer was Christopher Bowen with 12 points. He was followed by David Groves with five; Joshua Guldge, Terill Sebastian, and James Morley with four points each; and Erick Mock, Joshua Steiner, and Damien Tulloss each scored two points.

"We have a lot of work to do to get ready for Goodland on Friday," Olson said.

Oberlin will face the Cowboys around 8 p.m. or just after the girls game Friday here.

## Colorado team defeats Devils in first round

By JIM MERRIOTT

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The Jefferson Academy Jaguars of Broomfield, Colo., defeated the Decatur Community High boys basketball team 56-45 in the first round of the 39th annual Oberlin Invitational tournament Thursday.

Oberlin was led by Logan Fortin with 11 points followed by Lucas Juenemann with 10; Toby Peters, nine; Sam Stapp, eight; Cody Haas, six; and Cole May with one.

The Jags were led by shooting guard Xavier Lewis who had a game high 21 points, followed by Jared Jenkins, 16; Jason, Mihalein, seven;

and Dan Dodson and Tommy Olson scored six each.

Oberlin jumped out to a quick 13-5 lead after the first quarter but inconsistent play, turnovers, and missed baskets started a serious second-half meltdown that cost the Red Devils the game.

Looking strong going into the locker room at the half with a 25-16 lead, Oberlin began to unravel the final two quarters, giving up basket after basket.

The cold shooting Red Devils only scored two baskets from the field in the third quarter.

As the Jags heated up the Red

Devs cooled down, leaving the home crowd little to cheer for.

"We got into early foul trouble," said Coach Greg Olson. "It caught up with us later in the game. We are still plagued by injuries, but we played hard. Jefferson Academy started shooting better late in the game and we just let this one slip away."

Jefferson was to face Quinter in the second round of the winners bracket of the tournament.

Oberlin dropped to the consolation round facing St. Francis.

## St. Francis wins over Devils

By JIM MERRIOTT

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The St. Francis Indians boys basketball team defeated Decatur Community High 63-37 Saturday at the 39th annual Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament.

Oberlin was led by Lucas Juenemann and Toby Peters with eight points each.

Ted Crabtree led all scorers with 21 points, followed by Trent Kinen with 14.

Sainty jumped out to a 13-10 first-quarter lead, then put it into high gear in the second quarter outscoring the Red Devils 24-6 for a 37-16 lead at halftime.

The third quarter wasn't much better for Oberlin as the Indians out scored the Red Devils 17-12 cruising into the fourth quarter.

The score was evenly matched in the fourth quarter 9-9 leaving 0-2 in the tournament.

"St. Francis took us out of the

game in the second quarter," Coach Greg Olson said. "We tried, but couldn't overcome that deficit. The Indians played very well and kept us from scoring."

Oberlin finished the tournament against the James Irwin Jaguars playing for seventh place.

The Red Devils begin league play again Friday against the Goodland Cowboys starting around 8 p.m.

## Two girls named to top team

Decatur Community High School has announced the All-Tournament teams for the 39th annual Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament held this weekend.

Girls' All-Tournament team includes Kimber Weiser, senior; Oakley; Sara Miller, senior, Rawlins County; Kendra Sprecher, junior, Hoxie; Brea Teeter, senior,

Oakley; Laura Wolters, senior, Rawlins County; Lacey Ream, senior, Oberlin; Hannah Jones, senior, Jefferson Academy; Jordan Dreher, freshman, Oberlin; Corinna Hoyt, senior, Hoxie; Maci Migelbrink, senior, Rawlins County.

Boys' All-Tournament team includes Xavier Lewis, senior, Jefferson Academy; Matt Weis,

junior, Hoxie; Drew Basgall, junior, Rawlins County; Brandon Wittman, senior, Quinter; Ted Crabtree, senior, St. Francis; Brady Reed, sophomore, Quinter; Logan Fortin, junior, Oberlin; Marcus Cahoj, junior, Rawlins County; Jon Peltz, junior, Hoxie; Jared Jenkins, sophomore, Jefferson Academy.

## All-academic players selected

The 39th Oberlin Invitational basketball All-academic teams for the 2008 season are as follows:

Girls:

Brea Titter, senior, Oakley; Elizabeth Gienger, junior, St. Francis; Laura Wolters, senior, Rawlins County; Jacee Coberley, junior,

Boys:

Trent Raile, sophomore, St. Francis; Blake Studer, sophomore, Rawlins County; Konnel Keller, senior, Oakley; Tanner Ryan, sophomore, Jefferson Academy; Nolan Wasson, sophomore, Oberlin; Erick Mock, sophomore, James Irwin; Joshua Gaede, senior, Hoxie; Luke Ochs, junior, Quinter.

## Bulldogs win over Oberlin boys

By JIM MERRIOTT

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The Decatur Community High School boys basketball team was defeated by the Quinter Bulldogs 90-51 Friday, Jan. 11, in Oberlin.

The Red Devils had four Bulldogs score in the double figures.

Lucas Juenemann was top scorer for Oberlin with 11 points. Toby Peters and Logan Fortin followed with nine points each. Jacob Fortin finished with eight points; Sam Stapp and Dakota Soderlund, six points each; and Josh Ritter, two points.

"Quinter shot the ball well," said Coach Greg Olson.

Matt Bird and Kenton Wolf led the Bulldogs with 17 points each; Brady Reed followed with 13 and Wittman 11 for Quinter, raising Quinter's record to 8-1.

The Bulldogs' bench scored 32 points, with Eddie Machen, eight; Kevin Balluch and Luke Ochs, six each; Zack Nemechek, six; Scott Ochs, four; and Jordy Hargitt, two.

"We never gave up," Olson said.

"We are looking forward to our Invitational tournament this week."

key," Olson said.

Quinter's full-court trapping defense caused the Red Devils trouble most of the night. After the Bulldogs had a substantial lead, Coach John Crist pulled the dogs off, but between Oberlin turnovers and poor shot selection the Red Devils could never get a solid point run going.