

Grinnell downs Lady Devils in Grainfield

The Wheatland/Grinnell Lady Thunderhawks defeated the Decatur Community High Girls basketball team 68-53 in Grainfield last Tuesday.

Adrienne Pauls was top scorer for the Lady Red Devils with 14 points, three rebounds, two assists, and three steals followed by Erin Jones, 10 points, a rebound and a steal; Heather Glodt, 9 points and two steals; Lacey Ream, 6 points, three assists and a rebound; Jordan Dreher, 5 points, two rebounds and a steal; Ashley Horton, 4 points; Mary Olson 3 points and three rebounds; and Annamarie Larue, 2 points and two rebounds.

Grinnell outscored the Lady Red Devils 13-11 in the first quarter and led 30-18 at the half.

Oberlin scored 35 points in the second half but Grinnell scored 39.

Grainfield's Megan Weaver led the Lady Thunderhawks with 22 points followed by Tessa Weaver, 14; Trisha Tholen, 9; Stacy Schuster, 7; Amanda Wolf, 6; Dayna Shaw and Taylor Rathgeber, 4 each; and Taylor Ostmeyer, 2 points.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Grinnell	13	17	13	25	68
Oberlin	11	7	19	16	53

Coach Terry Ream was unavailable for comment.

Junior varsity wins one, loses one

The Decatur Community High junior varsity girls basketball team went 1-1 at the Colby Invitational tournament last week.

The Lady Red Devils lost to Colby 56-31, then beat Oakley 41-28.

In the game against Colby the Lady Eagles took control of the first quarter, 22-7.

Oberlin struggled on offense in the first half and Colby led 34-11 at the half.

Oberlin got on track in the third quarter closely scoring 11 to Colby's 12 points.

Colby added another 10 in the final frame to Oberlin's 9.

Erin Jones was the top scorer for Oberlin with 10 points followed by Brandi Diederich and Annamarie Larue, 6; Carissa Wentz, 4; Tiffany Anderson, Kortnie Fisher and Ashley Horton, 2 each; and Jessica Fredrickson, 1.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Colby	22	12	12	10	56
Oberlin	7	4	11	9	33

Boys C-team takes victory

Oberlin's freshman defeated the Rawlins County Buffaloes 49-40 in the only "C" team game of the season Jan. 4 in Atwood.

Due to a shortage of players and time, Decatur Community High School had not been able to muster enough players to build a freshman team until now, said assistant coach Tom Thornton. The squad only has three freshmen, so several sophomores who needed floor time filled in for the day.

Chris Schiessler was top scorer for Oberlin with 14 points, followed by Chad Williams, 13; Nolan Wasson, 11; Josh Ritter, four; Jeffrey Isbell, three; and Cameron Weishapl and Dakota Soderlund, two each.

Atwood was led by Keaton Argabright with 14 points; Blake Studer, 11; and Billy McCain and Tyler Rall, six.

The Red Devils scored first and led 15-5 after the first quarter. They increased their lead to 32-15 going into the locker room at halftime.

Oberlin kept adding fuel to the fire in the second half with 17 more points. Atwood scored 25 points in the second half but could not catch up.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Atwood	5	10	11	14	40
Oberlin	10	15	17	7	49

"It was a nice victory for us," said Coach Tim Thornton. "All our boys got much-needed experience. They worked hard and hustled every second of the game."

Oberlin scored another 15 points in the third and taking a 33-13 lead into the fourth quarter for an easy win.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	2	4	7	9	22
Hill City	10	8	15	14	47

St. Francis

On Dec. 14 Oberlin's junior varsity recorded its first win downing the St. Francis Indians in Oberlin in a 34-33 thriller.

Williams and Wasson led the Red Devils with 9 points each followed by Soderlund, 8, and Christian Rittman, Macfee, Isbell and Ritter, 2 each.

Sainty took a 9-8 lead after the first quarter, but the Red Devils managed to tie the score at 12 by halftime.

Thornton made defensive adjustments at halftime and Oberlin outscored Sainty 14-9 in the third quarter leading 26-21.

The Indians came back out scoring Oberlin 12-9 in the fourth, but came up a point shy. The Indians turned the ball over 41 times in the game compared to the Red Devils' 23.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sainty	8	4	9	12	33
Oberlin	6	6	14	8	34

Atwood

On Jan. 4 the junior varsity lost 58-53 to the Buffaloes in Atwood.

Freshman Chris Schiessler led the young Red Devils with 14 points followed by Wasson, 10; Williams, 8; Soderlund, 7; Ritter, 6; Baker, 5; and May, 3.

Oberlin came out sluggish in the first quarter and trailed 11-6 at the



FIGHTING FOR THE BASKETBALL, Oberlin's Jordan Dreher and Lacey Ream surrounded a Colby player during Oberlin's match against the Lady Eagles on Friday. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Colby Eagles down Oberlin

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The No. 3-ranked Class 4A Colby Lady Eagles, 15-0, defeated the Decatur Community High girls basketball team, 55-21, Friday in Oberlin.

Colby's full-court press defense left Red Devils fans scratching their heads as the Lady Eagles caused Oberlin to turn over the ball 37 times.

The Lady Eagles had three players in double figures.

April Gee led Colby with 14 points, six rebounds, three steals, two blocked shots and an assist. She was followed by Paige Stephens, 12 points, four rebounds, four steals and two assists.

Colby outscored the Lady Red Devils 20-6 in the first period.

The Lady Eagle defense gave

Oberlin fits.

The second quarter wasn't much better for the Lady Red Devils as Colby added another 10 points to the scoreboard to Oberlin's pair.

The Lady Eagles led 30-8 at halftime.

Oberlin was able to score 9 points in the third quarter, but could not stop the sharp-shooting of the Lady Eagles in the paint.

Colby led 41-17 after three.

The Lady Eagles sealed the deal in the fourth quarter outscoring the frustrated Oberlin team 14-4.

Freshman Jordan Dreher led the Lady Red Devils with 12 points, two rebounds and a steal. She was followed by Erin Jones, 4 points, one rebound and a steal; Cindy Murray, 3 points and five rebounds; and Ashley Horton, 2 points.

Other scorers for Colby were Aubrette Stephens, 10 points, four rebounds, four steals and three assists; Taylor Young, 6 points, 11 rebounds, three steals and an assist; Kathy Kaus, 6 points; Kayla Hockersmith, 4 points and four steals; and Tasha Wagoner, 3 points, five assists and a steal.

Oberlin turned over the ball 37 times to Colby's 13, and were out rebounded by the Lady Eagles 29-17.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Colby	20	10	11	14	55
Oberlin	6	2	9	4	21

Coach Terry Ream had no comment.

The Lady Red Devils were to play the Lady Blue Jays in Norton on Tuesday and will play the Lady Indians in Hoxie at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Junior varsity boys work to improve on 1-5 record

By JIM MERRIOTT

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Tim Thornton, Oberlin's new assistant boys basketball coach, thinks this team is improving but after losing five of its first six games, the Red Devils junior varsity still has a ways to go.

Oakley

On Nov. 30, Thornton made his debut as a high school coach in his hometown of Oakley.

Oberlin lost that game 53-40, but made it interesting for the fans.

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

Oberlin took an 11-9 lead in the first quarter, but lost it in the second and trailed the Plainsmen 18-17 at halftime.

Oberlin kept the game close trailing 27-25 at the end of three. However, in the fourth Oakley erupted for 26 points, twice what the Red Devils were able to put up.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	11	6	10	13	40
Oakley	9	9	9	26	53

Hill City

On Dec. 13, the junior varsity Red Devils lost 47-22 to the Ringnecks in Hill City.

Wasson and Soderlund tied for top honors scoring 6 each followed by Ritter, 5; Williams, 3; and Nathan Baker, 2.

The Ringnecks jumped out to a 10-2 lead, then added another 18 to put the game out of reach at halftime at 28-6. Hill City turned up the heat,

scoring another 15 points in the third and taking a 33-13 lead into the fourth quarter for an easy win.

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Oberlin	2	4	7	9	22
Hill City	10	8	15	14	47

end of one. In the second quarter the Red Devils picked up their game, matching Atwood with 13 points but ending the first half trailing 24-19.

Oberlin and Atwood duelled the second half matching each other point for point, but the Red Devils couldn't make up the five-point difference from the first quarter.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	6	13	13	21	53
Atwood	11	13	13	21	58

Norton

On Jan. 7 Norton came to town and downed the junior varsity 50-43.

Schiessler led Oberlin with 9 points followed by Williams, 7; Soderlund, Wasson, Macfee and Baker, 4 each; and Ritter, 2.

Norton took a narrow 12-10 lead at the end of one.

In a low-scoring second quarter Norton added a pair to its lead to hold an 18-14 advantage at the half.

Oberlin slimmed down the Blue Jay lead in the third to one point, 32-31, was not able to keep up the heat as Norton's Landon Hamlet got hot instead and pumped in eight fourth-quarter points.

The Blue Jays out scored the Red Devils 21-9 in the final frame to seal the victory.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Norton	12	6	14	21	53
Oberlin	10	4	17	9	40

Hoxie

The Hoxie Indians came to town and defeated the Red Devils on the junior circuit in a close 52-48 match on Jan. 8.

Williams was the top Red Devil scorer with 12 points followed by Soderlund, 8; Wasson, 7; Ritter, 6; and Baker, Cameron Weishapl, Jay Wessel and May, 2 each.

Oberlin led 12-11 after the first quarter, then the young Braves went on a scoring run out gunning the Red Devils 18-8 in the second quarter to take a 29-20 lead at halftime.

Hoxie out scored Oberlin 12-10 in the third quarter, but the Red Devils went on a furious scoring run in the fourth in an attempt to catch the Indians.

Oberlin out scored Hoxie 18-11 in the final period, but came up four short.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Hoxie	11	8	12	11	52
Oberlin	12	8	10	18	48

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Junior varsity loses pair

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The Decatur Community High junior varsity girls basketball team fell 26-22 last Tuesday to Wheatland/Grinnell in a two-quarter game in Grainfield and 52-11 to the young Colby Lady Eagles on Friday in Oberlin.

Erin Jones led the junior varsity Lady Red Devils, scoring 8 points in Grainfield. She was followed by Carissa Wentz, 4, and Jessica Fredrickson, Jori Diederich, Ashley Horton, Annamarie Larue and Tiffany Anderson, 2 each.

Lauren Gassman was top scorer for the Grinnell team followed by Dayna Shaw, 6; and Taylor Ostmeyer, Amanda Wolf, and Mary Stephens, 4 each.

Scoring	1st	2nd	Final
Oberlin	8	14	22
Grinnell	11	15	26

On Friday the young Lady Red Devils were just outmatched by the Lady Eagles.

Horton led Oberlin with 5 points followed by Larue, 3; Jones, 2; and Fredrickson, 1.

Colby jumped out quickly against Oberlin with a 15-3 lead after the first quarter then put it on cruise control the rest of the game, easily handling the young Devils.

Katrina Kaus was top scorer for Colby with 11 points followed by Kelsey Shields and Shelby Terrell, 8 each; Brittany Schuette, 6; Kayla Hockersmith and Brittany Barge, 5 each; Rhett Martin, 3; and Caitlyn Wark, Amy Schroeder, and Anna Taylor, 2 each.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Colby	15	7	21	9	52
Oberlin	3	3	2	3	11

Devil girls C-team wins two

The Decatur Community High girls C-team basketball squad won both games in the Northwest Kansas League C-team tournament in Atwood last week.

The young Lady Red Devils downed Norton 46-38 in game one.

Brandi Diederich led Oberlin with 26 points followed by Kortnie Fisher, 7; Erin Jones, 5; Carissa Wentz, 4; and Jessica Fredrickson and Erin Jeffery, 2 each.

Oberlin took a 21-18 lead into the locker room, with Diederich pouring in 12 points during the first half. She hit 10 of 13 free throws during the contest and eight field goals.

Oberlin hit 25 second-half points for the victory.

Lindsey Tacha was the top scorer for the Lady Blue Jays with 11 points followed by Kaylen Rossi, 9; Dustyna Sprigg, 6; Kendra Engelbert and Lacy Keilig, 4 points each; and Meagan Peterson and Raven Brown, 2 each.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	11	10	11	14	46
Norton	8	10	7	13	38

In game two, Oberlin defeated Rawlins County 24-14.

Jones led the young Lady Red Devils with 7 points followed by Wentz, 6; Fredrickson, 4; Fisher, 3; and Jori Diederich and Erin Jeffery, 2 each.

Oberlin took a quick 7-3 lead in the first quarter and a 14-9 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Atwood had trouble scoring in the second half and Oberlin out scored the young Lady Buffaloes 10-5 in the second half.

Sam Carroll, Nicole Cornell, and Trinity Rueba led Atwood with 4 each while Erica Castro had 2.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	7	7	6	4	24
Atwood	3	6	5	0	14

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