

# Sports

## Junior varsity boys take two, lose four

The Decatur Community High junior varsity boys basketball team (1-5) took a fall 83-40 to the Quinter Bulldogs on Jan. 11 at home.

The Oberlin boys got off to a slow start in the first quarter as Quinter's defense allowed them to score only five points.

The Bulldogs led 19-5 after the first quarter.

Oberlin picked up its pace in the second quarter and scored 19 points, but Quinter led 41-24 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Quinter took over the game again scoring 28 points to the Red Devils' 10 moving the score to 69-34 and putting the game out of reach.

Dakota Soderlund led the Red Devils with 11 points and Chad Williams added 8.

### Goodland

The junior varsity had one of its most exciting contests and a miraculous fourth quarter comeback to beat the favored Goodland Cowboys 58-55 on Jan. 25.

The Cowboys, who were much taller than the Red Devils, ran the floor well in the first, outscoring Oberlin 18-10.

Goodland outscored Oberlin 13-10 in the second quarter taking a 31-20 lead at the half.

Oberlin came out of the locker room on fire. They out scored the Cowboys 21-16 to get within 10 of Goodland at the end of the third.

They kept putting pressure on Goodland causing the Cowboys to turn the ball over 10 times. The last three minutes, Oberlin put on a scoring blitz, catching and passing the Cowboy team to take the victory.

"Did you see that comeback?" said Coach Tim Thornton. "The boys never gave up. They have worked hard and it paid off, we got our second win."

Soderlund exploded in the fourth, scoring 11 points to ignite the last-minute comeback, ending with 15.

Josh Ritter scored 12 followed by Nolan Wasson, 11; Chad Williams, 9; Kade Macfee and Cole May, 4 each; and Cameron Weishepl, 3.

Brock Wilkins was the top scorer for Goodland with 18 followed by Adam Duehl, 12; Nelson Berge-mann, 9; Landen Brenner, 7; David Murray, 5; and Kevin Arthur and Heath Daniel, 2 each.

### Wheatland/Grinnell

The Red Devil junior varsity raised its record to 3-6 by beating the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks 47-32 in Grainfield on Jan. 29.

Again, Oberlin started off slowly and trailed 11-5 after the first.

In the second quarter, Oberlin woke up and out scored the Thunderhawks 15-9 tying the score at 20 by halftime.

Oberlin continued to play steadily in the third quarter out scoring Grinnell 13-11 to take the lead 33-31 heading into the fourth.

The Red Devils played their toughest defense of the year holding the Thunderhawks to only 1 point in the final quarter while scoring 13 to take the contest.

Williams led the Red Devils with 13, followed by Soderlund, 11; Chris Schiessler, 10; Wasson, 5; Ritter, 4; and Christian Rittman, 2.

"It was a good win for us," said Coach Thornton. "We played well together as a team."

### Colby

Oberlin lost a two-quarter game to Colby in Oberlin on Feb. 1.

The Eagles out scored Oberlin 41-21 in the first quarter, then put the game away in the second out scoring the Red Devils 20-11 ending the game with a 71-33 win.

Schiessler led Oberlin with 7 points followed by Williams and Soderlund, 6 each; Ritter and Jeff Isbell, 5 each; and Weishapl and May, 2 each.

### Junior Varsity League Tournament

Goodland downed the Oberlin junior varsity in the first round of the league tournament 74-47.

After a sluggish first quarter, the Cowboys led 6-4. Then Goodland erupted for 21 points to take a 32-18 lead at halftime.

Goodland kept an even pace out scoring the Red Devils 13-11 in the third to lead 47-31.

In the fourth quarter Goodland out scored Oberlin 27-16 to capture the game.

"We just ran out of gas," said Coach Thornton. "At times, we couldn't buy a basket."

In Oberlin's final game of the tournament, Colby won 76-55, dropping the Red Devils to 3-9.

Oberlin jumped out to a 13-6 lead after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Colby took command out scoring Oberlin 23-6 to take a 29-19 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Colby out scored Oberlin 27-19 increasing the lead to 56-38.

The Eagles outscored the Red Devils 20-17 in the fourth.

Soderlund led Oberlin's scoring with 17 followed by Wasson, 14; Ritter, 13; Williams, 7; and May, 2.

## Junior varsity girls lose

The Decatur Community High girls junior varsity team lost 51-30 at Hoxie on Friday to the Indians.

Hoxie took a 7-4 lead into the second quarter, then went on a strong scoring spree to run the score to 24-16 at halftime.

Oberlin's offense bogged down in the third quarter allowing the Indians to outscore the Lady Red Devils 18-6 and lead 43-22 after three quarters.

The fourth quarter was pretty much evenly matched but the young Lady Red Devils could not make up the difference as time ran out.

Oberlin's top scorer was Brandi Diederich with 9 followed by Jessica Fredrickson, 8; Erin Jeffery, 4;

Annamarie Larue, 3; Carissa Wentz, 2; and Ashley Horton and Kortnie Fisher, 1 each.

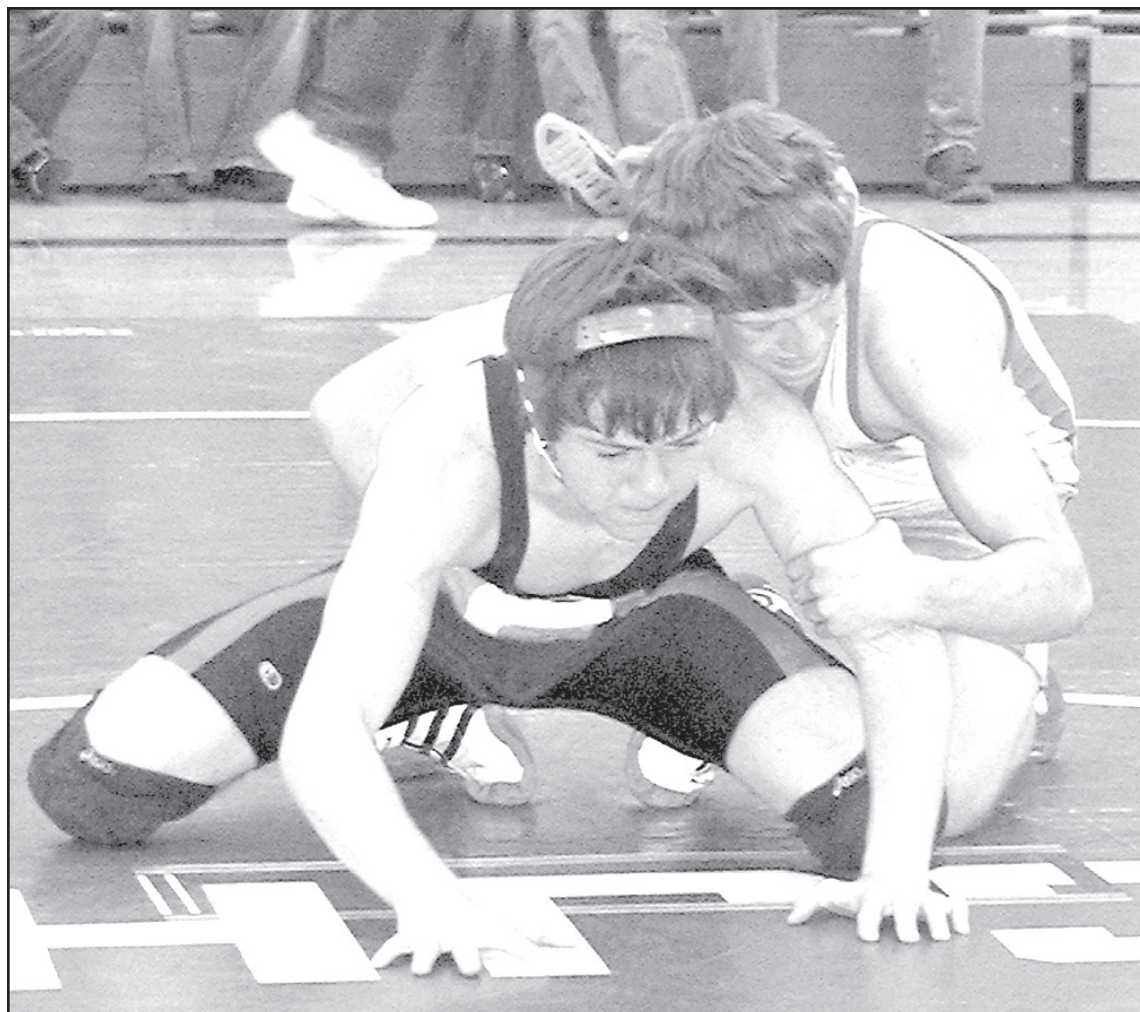
Hoxie's Brittany Schamberger led the Lady Indians with 16 followed by Carman Hill, 13.

Coach Lindsey Fortin was unavailable for comment.

The junior varsity girls were to host Rexford on Tuesday. Thursday they travel to Norton for a make-up game and Friday they will be in Phillipsburg for their final game.

Games start around 8 p.m. or just following the junior varsity boys game.

Scoring 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final  
Oberlin 4 12 6 8 30  
Hoxie 7 17 18 9 51



**ANDREW RICHARDS** wrestled with a taped shoulder on Friday night for the Oberlin Red Devils. He still had enough strength to pin his foe, Trevor Popp of Hoxie, in the 125-pound division.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

# Devils down Hoxie

Oberlin wrestlers pin four Indians for 42-34 victory

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

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The Oberlin Red Devil wrestling team edged the Hoxie Indians 42-34 in Oberlin on Friday.

The Decatur Community High boys were led by pins from Cody Kane, Andrew Richards, Everett Urban and Jared Marcuson.

Results:

- 112 pounds, Nolan Peters, lost 10-0 to Derks Schamberger.
- 119 pounds, Kane, pinned Chris Heim.
- 125 pounds, Richards, pinned Trevor Popp.
- 130 pounds, Gatlin Reichert, pinned by Cayle Taylor.
- 135 pounds, Daniel Jordan, lost 12-6 to Kevin Moss.
- 140 pounds, Urban, pinned Dylan Bainter.
- 171 pounds, Nathan Simonsson, lost 7-2 to Quinn Aumiller.
- 189 pounds, Marcuson, pinned Danny Baker.
- 215 pounds, Jacob Larue, was pinned by Cody Popp.
- 285 pounds, Colt Diederich, was pinned by Dillion Salmans.

Oberlin won four weight classes by default.

"I thought we wrestled well," said Coach Joe Dreher. "It was nice to get the falls when we could. We will need to focus and get ready for regionals this weekend."

On Saturday, the junior varsity attended the Colby Novice Tournament.

Dalton Paul was the top wrestler for the Red Devils taking home first place with a perfect 5-0 record.

Kane brought home a second,

going 3-1.

Reichert finished third at 3-2.

Jacob Larue took a fourth place with 2-2.

Jon Samson finished 1-4; Ray Zodrow, 1-2; and Jaxen Alstrom, 0-2.

"The underclassmen wrestled well and got some valuable mat time," Dreher said. "It's nice to see the improvement these guys have made throughout the season."

## Indians outlast Oberlin boys

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In a shootout Friday in Hoxie, the Indians beat the Decatur Community High boys basketball team 77-61 before a packed house.

Oberlin went on attack first and led 16-13 after the first quarter.

Hoxie outscored the Red Devils 20-18 in the second quarter but still trailed 34-33 at halftime.

After the break, the Indians upped their game and outscored the Red Devils 16-13 in the third quarter to take their first lead of the night 49-47 heading into the fourth.

The Hoxie defense tightened in the fourth while the Oberlin offense stalled halfway through the quarter. The Indians finished strong in the last four minutes out scoring the Red Devils 28-14 to take the victory.

Oberlin and Hoxie split their series this season, both winning one.

Lucas Juenemann was top scorer for the Red Devils with 18. He was followed by Logan Fortin, 15; Sam Stapp, 11; Cody Haas, 7; Dakota Soderlund, 4; Jacob Fortin, 3; Cole May, 2; and Chad Williams, 1.

Indian Josh Gaede was the leading scorer in the game with 25. Other

Indian scorers were Matt Weis, 21; Jon Peltz, 12; Taylor Rall, 11; and Heath Best and Pat Eland, 2 each.

"This was probably our best team effort this season," said Coach Greg Olson. "The team played very well together and gave it all they had."

"I'm proud of their effort," he said. "In the fourth quarter, Hoxie out scored us 28 to 14 partially due to fatigue and partially because we had to get out of our game plan to play catch-up, but the Indians continued to shoot well and time ran out before we could make a comeback."

On Tuesday, Oberlin was to host the Golden Plains Bulldogs of Rexford for Senior Night. On Thursday, the Red Devils travel to Norton for a rescheduled game against the Blue Jays.

On Monday Oberlin travels to Phillipsburg to take on the Panthers in the season's last regular game.

Substate action will begin Monday, Feb. 25, with the Red Devils most likely on the road.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	16	18	13	14	61
Hoxie	13	20	16	28	77

## Hoxie girls down Lady Red Devils

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

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The Decatur Community High girls basketball team lost 64-37 to the Lady Indians in Hoxie on Friday.

The struggling Lady Red Devils found themselves in foul trouble the majority of the night, hampering their chances to stay close to the Lady Indians in the second half.

Oberlin played a good first quarter leading 10-8. But then Adrienne Pauls, Heather Glodt, Jordan Dreher and Mary Olson began to have foul trouble.

In the second quarter Hoxie out

scored Oberlin 19-10 to take a 27-20 lead at halftime.

Hoxie continued to pour on the gas in the third quarter out scoring Oberlin 15-4 as the Oberlin girls were again hampered by foul trouble. Hoxie led 43-24 after three.

The fourth quarter the Lady Red Devils stepped it up on offense, but so did Hoxie. Oberlin scored 14, but Hoxie scored 22.

Dreher led the Lady Red Devils with a double-double, scoring 12 points and collecting 11 rebounds. She also recorded three steals and a blocked shot.

Pauls added 10 points and pulled

down seven rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot.

Lacey Ream had 5 points, eight assists, and three rebounds, followed by Erin Jones, 4 points, two rebounds and two assists; Mary Olson, 2 points, two rebounds and a blocked shot; and Ashley Horton and Carissa Wentz, 2 points and a rebound each.

Kendra Spreser lead Hoxie with 18 points followed by Darra Stithem, 14; Brittany Schamberger, 9; Bailey Ochs, 5; Richelle Shipley and Ashley Kennedy, 3 each; and Corinna Hoyt, 2.

Coach Terry Ream had no com-

ment.

On Tuesday, Senior Night, the girls were to host the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs. Thursday, the girls will play a make-up game in Norton and on Friday they will be in Phillipsburg to play the Lady Panthers in their last regular-season game.

All games begin at 6:30 p.m.

Then the Lady Red Devils begin preparation for the substate tournament, which begins Monday, Feb. 25. Oberlin will probably be on the road.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	10	10	4	13	37
Hoxie	8	19	15	22	64

## Junior high wrestlers take seventh at Phillipsburg tourney

The Decatur Community Junior High wrestling team took seventh in the Junior Panther Classic in Phillipsburg on Thursday.

With six of Oberlin's eight wrestlers taking a medal, it was a tremendous win for the young program.

Placing:

- 86 pounds, Jon Rorick, fourth.
- 110 pounds, Brent Juenemann, second.
- 125 pounds, Zach May, third.
- 132 pounds, Lakota Dennis, third.
- 175 pounds, Channing Farr, first.

- Heavyweight, Cody Wurm, fourth.

Phillipsburg won the tournament with 182 points followed by Felten, 133; Ellis, 123; Plainville, 115; Russell, 87; WaKeeney, 75; Oberlin, 74; Stockton, 22; Felten B-squad, 18; Phillipsburg B-squad, 12; Ellis

B-squad, eight; Russell B-squad, six; and Plainville B-squad, four points.

The young Red Devils will play host to Quinter at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.



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