

Sports

Red Devils whip 'Dogs in last seconds

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The Decatur Community High boys basketball team broke a four-game losing streak Tuesday when they beat the Golden Plains Bulldogs 59-54 in Oberlin.

Winning in the last 30 seconds, the Oberlin team had fans to their feet and Senior Night finished on a high note in the last regular-season game.

The Red Devils improved their record to 5-13, four games better than last season's 1-19.

The Red Devils came out on fire taking a 27-13 lead into the second quarter, sparked by senior Cameron Weishapl's three-pointer that brought fans to their feet at the start of the game. This was Weishapl's only start this season for the varsity boys.

Fueled by the three, Jacob Fortin then caught fire hitting 13 points in the first quarter.

Golden Plains out scored Oberlin 13-8 in the second quarter, but trailed 53-26 at half.

The Bulldog defense stiffened in the third quarter and Rexford out scored Oberlin 13-9 but trailed 44-39 heading into the fourth quarter.

The visitors took a one-point lead, 51-50, at the three-minute mark.

The lead changed hands four

times in the last few minutes, but the Red Devils managed to toughen up on defense as Juenemann made a crucial bucket with less than 30 seconds left to give Oberlin a 57-54 lead.

Bulldog Coach Parker Christensen call the team's last time out with nine seconds left.

Again Juenemann was the spoiler as he stole the ball and laid it up for the final basket.

The Bulldogs dropped to 8-11 in the West Kansas Liberty League.

J. Fortin led Oberlin with his best output this season, 19 points. He was followed by his cousin, Logan Fortin, 14; Lucas Juenemann, 13; Sam Stapp, 8; Weishapl, 3; and senior Cody Haas, 2.

Tate Bruggeman was top scorer for Rexford with 20, followed by Corey Shaw, 13; Jordan Rogers, 9; Andrew Broeckelman, 6; Rilee Spreser, 4; and Devin Spreser, 2.

"This was a fun game to be involved in," said Coach Greg Olson. "We played well as a team and had a lot of blocked shots. We played good *help defense*. The boys are really getting together as a team. I am excited about the rest of the season."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
G. Plains	13	13	13	15	54
Oberlin	27	8	9	15	59

Lady Red Devils beat Golden Plains

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The Decatur Community High girls basketball team trounced the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs of Rexford 63-33 on Tuesday during Senior Night.

The Lady Red Devils found their groove early in the first quarter taking a 16-6 lead.

Oberlin continued to up the score in the second by pounding the boards for rebounds and out positioning the Lady Bulldogs. Oberlin scored 21 points in the second to take a 37-19 lead into the locker room at halftime.

In the third quarter Oberlin continued to pile points on the team from Rexford out scoring them 16-12.

Coach Terry Ream was able to empty the bench in the second half giving his starters a rest and his subs some valuable playing time.

The tired Lady Bulldogs could only hit 2 points in the final quarter as Oberlin closed out the game.

The Lady Red Devils were led by the double-double playing of Jordan

Dreher, 19 points, 11 rebounds, two assists and two steals, and senior Lacey Ream, 15 points, 10 assists, four rebounds and two steals.

Also helping Oberlin were Erin Jones, 12 points, two assists, two rebounds and a steal; Ashley Horton, 4 points, three assists, two rebounds and two steals; Mary Olson, 4 points and three assists; Adrienne Pauls, 2 points, eight rebounds, an assist and a steal; Nikki Wessel, 2 points, three rebounds, an assist and a steal; Brandi Diederich, 2 points, four rebounds and a steal; Annamarie Larue, 2 points and a rebound; Heather Glodt, 1 point, two rebounds, two assists and a steal; and Cindy Murray, four rebounds.

Oberlin shot 43 percent from the field hitting 28 of 65 shots. Golden Plains hit 26 percent or 12 of 47 shots.

The Lady Red Devils out rebounded their opponents 44-22 and have 15 turnovers to Rexford's 17.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
G. Plains	6	13	12	2	33
Oberlin	16	21	16	10	63

Norton Blue Jays down Oberlin girls

The Norton High girls basketball team defeated Decatur Community High 63-42 on Friday in a makeup game in Norton.

Norton jumped out to a 7-0 lead just after a minute of play, then added an additional 28 points in the first quarter making the score 35-5.

The majority of the first quarter points came off turnovers.

The Red Devils settled down in the second quarter but could only muster 8 points and trailed 43-13 at halftime.

In the third quarter Oberlin was out scored 12-7, but the fourth quarter belonged to the Lady Red Devils as they put up 22 points to Norton's eight.

Oberlin's top scorer was Jordan Dreher with 17 points and five rebounds, followed by Adrienne Pauls, 7 points, five rebounds, two blocked shots, an assist and a steal; Lacey Ream, 5 points, eight assists, four rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot; Heather Glodt, 3 points and a steal; Erin Jones, 3

points, a rebound, two steals and an assist; Mary Olson, 3 points, four rebounds and a blocked shot; Ashley Horton, 2 points, one rebound and a blocked shot; and Nikki Wessel and Brandi Diederich, 2 points each.

The Lady Blue Jays were led by Norton shot 48 percent from the field hitting 26 of 54 and Oberlin shot 39 percent hitting 17 of 44.

The Lady Red Devils out rebounded Norton 23-21 but turned the ball over 25 times to the Lady Blue Jays' 12.

The first game of the sub state tournament will be Monday. Oberlin will play on the road. On Thursday the seeds and pairings come out for the first round, and will be available at www.kshsaa.org under activities, basketball, 2A division.

Oberlin will host the semifinals and finals of the Class 2A substate tournament starting Thursday, Feb. 28.

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Oberlin	5	8	7	22	42
Norton	35	8	12	8	63



SENIOR CODY HAAS won the tip-off in his last appearance at home on Senior Night last Tuesday. Oberlin defeated Golden Plains of Rexford 59-54. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Three Oberlin kid wrestlers place in Oakley

Dayton Dreher and Rex Diederich took firsts and Tabor Erickson second for the Oberlin Kids Wrestling team on Feb. 9 in Oakley.

Max Diederich, Zach Corbett and Chris Anderson also wrestled but did not place.

The young Red Devils next see action Saturday, March 1, in St. Francis.

Norton takes 11th win

The Norton High boys basketball team defeated the Decatur Community High Red Devils 55-39 on Friday in a makeup game.

It was the second time this season that the Blue Jays defeated the Red Devils and their 11th straight win over the Oberlin boys.

Prior to that Oberlin beat Norton six straight times between 1999 and 2001.

Norton started out strong taking a 21-11 lead after the first quarter.

In the second quarter Oberlin matched the Blue Jays evenly 13-13 but trailed 29-24 at halftime.

The Red Devils came out flat in the third and only scored 4 points to trail 43-28 at the end of three.

The Blue Jays outscored Oberlin 12-11 in the fourth quarter for the victory.

Logan Fortin was top scorer for Oberlin with 12 points followed by Toby Peters, 8; Jacob Fortin, 7; Lucas Juenemann and Sam Stapp, 4 each; and Dakota Soderlund, 2.

Luke Georgeson led the Blue Jays with 17, followed by Zac Dreher, 12; Preston Herman, 9; Jared Cox, 8; Logan Kats, 5; and Landon Hamel, 4.

"We played hard and played well," Coach Greg Olson said. "It seemed like Norton had some outside help. The third quarter was our downfall, as we only scored our four points on free throws. Norton's post players scored seven baskets. We are really playing well at the right time of the season. I am looking forward to our game Monday against Phillipsburg."

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