

No place at state for league, Oberlin

For the first time in 19 years the Northwest Kansas League did not have a finalist in the Class 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament held in Hays over the weekend.

It was a tough tournament for the four wrestlers who represented Decatur Community High School.

Freshman Jacob Helm, 103 pounds, found the going tough in his first appearance at state.

In his first match, he was pinned by Jesse Brown, Flint Hills, and lost to Jeremiah Breen, Wellsville, 15-0, in the consolation bracket.

He ended the season with a 13-15 record.

Senior Gage Reichert, 145 pounds, defeated Jordan Johnson, Council Grove, then lost a close match 2-0 in overtime to Marshall McCall, Smith Center.

Reichert was pinned by Dakota Hayes, Scott City, in the consolation bracket ending a successful senior year with a 23-7 record.

Junior Everett Urban, 140 pounds, defeated Tyler Neil, Marion, 16-0, then lost a close 4-2 decision to Trevor Rempe, Smith Center.

Urban came back to defeat Grant Fergus, Wichita-Independent, 7-5, but lost to Jake Hattabaugh, Sedgwick, 7-2.

Urban ended the season 27-10.

Colt Diederich, 285 pounds, lost to Jared Rice, Phillipsburg, 7-0, then pinned Brett Schafer, Mission Valley, and was pinned by Ross Addison, Cimarron.

Diederich ended his senior year

17-11.

"The season didn't end the way we would've liked it, but I am proud of the whole team," said Coach Joe Dreher. "It was a very interesting state tournament with several upsets."

"The seniors will be missed next year, but we have some positive things to look at for next season. The young guys made great improvement throughout the year. We will have a good nucleus of juniors and seniors next season."

"I would like to thank all the parents and fans for their support this season."

The Mid-Continent League took home three of the top four team honors with the Smith Center Redmen taking the championship just edging rival Phillipsburg 127.5 to 126.5.

Beloit of the North Central Activities Association finished a close third with 121.5 points, Norton of the Mid-Continent League finished fourth with 101.5 points.

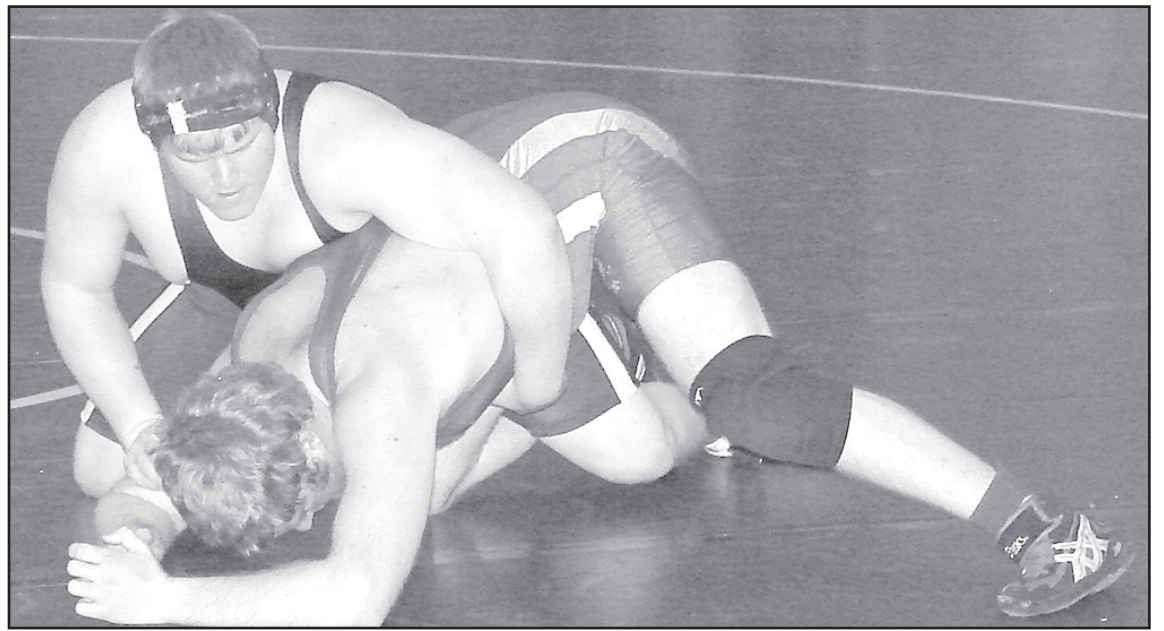
They were followed by Scott City, 85; Oakley, 69; Rossville, 56; Hoisington, 48.5; St. Francis, 46.5; Silver Lake, 46; Osborne, 45; Rawlins County, 42; Caney Valley, 41;

Wichita-Independent, 38; Ellsworth, 35; Plainville, 34.5; Garden Plain, 32.5; Stockton, 31; Wellsville, 30.5; Herington, 29; Cimarron, 29; Lakin, 27.5; Onaga, 23; Eureka, 23;

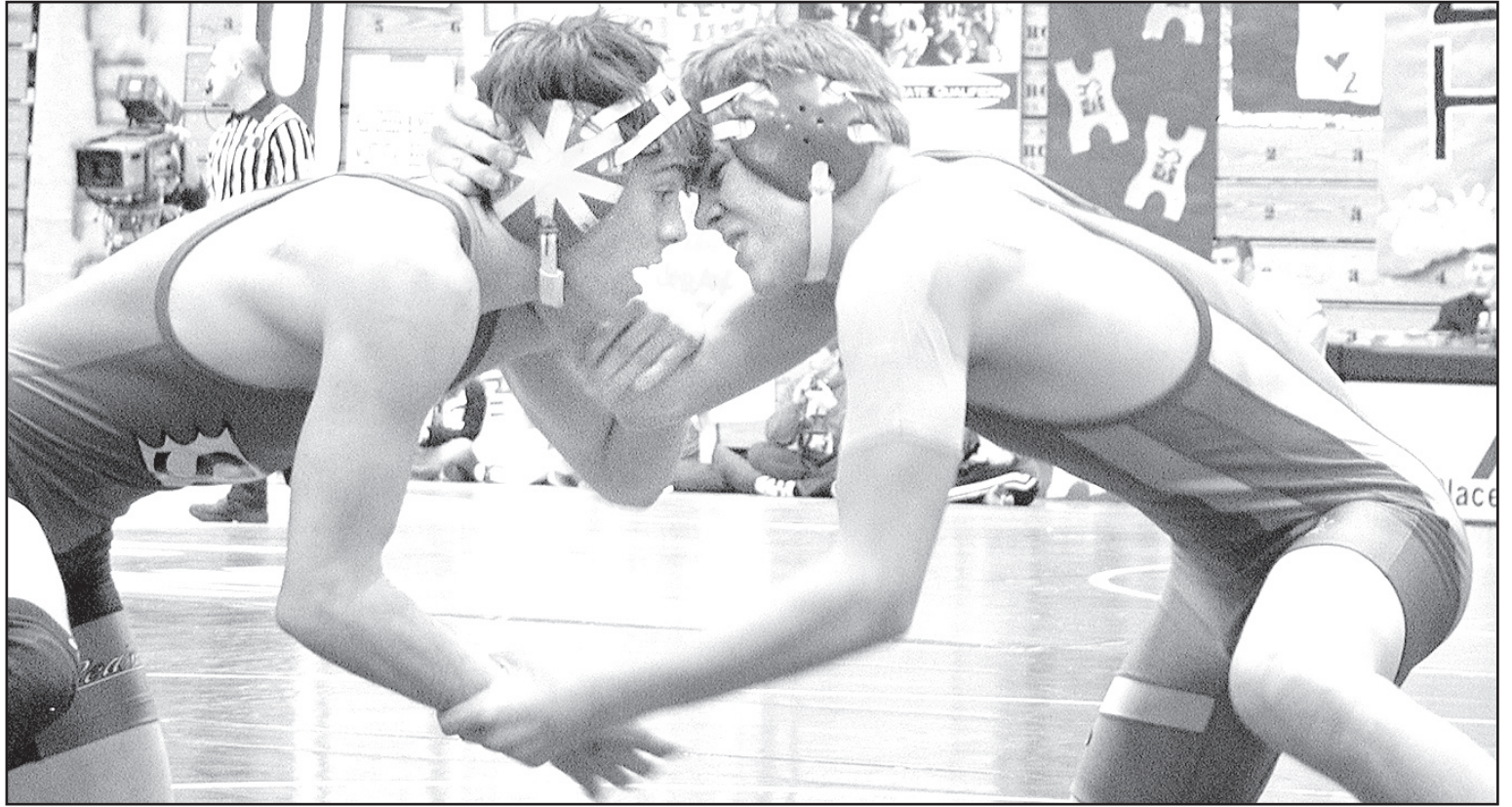
Hill City, 21; Hillsboro, 21; Effingham-Atchison County, 20; Belleville-Republic County, 20;

Sabetha, 18; Leoti-Wichita County, 18; Flint Hills, 17; Eskridge-Mission Valley, 16; West Elk, 15; Stafford, 15; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 14.5; Lincoln, 14.5; Marion, 14; Chase County, 13.5;

Remington, 13.5; Highland-Doniphan West, 13; St. George-Rock Creek, 13; Hoxie, 12.5; Easton-Pleasant Ridge, 11.5; Oberlin-Decatur Community, 11.5; Bluestem, 10; and Minneapolis, 9.



RED DEVILS WHO WON one out of three matches at the state tournament were Colt Diederich at 285 pounds (above, on bottom), who ended his season 17-11, and Gage Reichert (below right) at 145 pounds, who ended with a 23-7 record. — Herald photos by Wilbur Reichert



Seventh-grade girls take fourth place in league tournament

The Oberlin seventh-grade girls finished fourth in the Northwest Kansas League Basketball Tournament held last Monday and Thursday.

Oberlin knocked off a stubborn Oakley team 18-17 in the first round

on Monday.

However, on Thursday Colby destroyed the young Lady Red Devils 52-5 in the semi-finals.

The Decatur Community Junior High girls then played in a consolation game for third and lost 31-12

to Quinter.

Oakley

In game one against Oakley, Miki Dorshorst was top scorer with 6 points followed by Keatra Fisher, 5; Darbi Rouse, 3; and Jordin Wasson and Taylor Macfee, 2 each.

Oberlin took a 6-3 lead into the second quarter, but the young Lady Plainsmen turned up the gas out scoring the Lady Red Devils 9-4 to take a 12-10 lead at the half.

Oberlin came out of the locker room in the second half using their tough defense to hold Oakley to five points to capture the win.

"The girls did a good job," Coach Gina Witt said. "Several players came off the bench and helped out. The girls stayed focused and never gave up."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	6	4	6	2	18
Oakley	3	9	4	1	17

Colby

The young Colby Lady Eagles showed Oberlin that they are a team to be reckoned with as they hammered the young Lady Red Devils 52-5.

Oberlin never could get on track

as the young Lady Eagles smothered Lady Devils with a strong defense. Wasson scored 4 points and Dorshorst, 1.

"The girls got intimidated early with Colby's aggressive play," said Witt. "They were frustrated by their poor shooting."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	1	2	0	2	5
Colby	14	18	20	0	52

Quinter

In the final game, Quinter downed Oberlin 31-12 as the Lady Bulldogs used their well-balanced offense

and defense to out maneuver the Lady Red Devils.

Mika Hackney was top scorer for Oberlin with 4 points followed by Fisher and Rouse, 3 each, and Dorshorst, 2.

"The girls played better this round, but got in foul trouble early," said Witt. "They were still having a hard time getting the ball to fall through the hoop."

"I am proud of how hard the girls played this season. They had a fourth-place finish in the Northwest Kansas League."

Eighth graders place sixth in league

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade girls basketball team finished sixth in the Northwest Kansas League tournament last week.

Oakley

Last Monday, Oakley defeated Oberlin 33-18 in the first round.

Oakley took a 7-5 lead after the first quarter, then added another 13 in the second to take a 20-9 lead at half time.

Oberlin played better in the third quarter outscoring the young Lady Plainsmen 7-2, but still trailed 22-16.

The Lady Red Devils were out scored 11-2 in the final quarter.

Kiah Blau was the top scorer for Oberlin with 10 points followed by Serena Stacy, 4, and Brianna Klima and Megan Wentz, 2 each.

"The girls had a tough time defensively," said Coach Melissa Dreher. "They weren't playing very aggressive ball."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	5	4	7	2	18
Oakley	7	13	2	11	33

Goodland

In the second round, Oberlin downed the Grant Junior High Lady Mustangs of Goodland 19-15.

The score was tied 4-4 heading at the end of one.

Oberlin ignited and out scored the Lady Mustangs 7-4 in the second.

The Lady Red Devils only scored two in the third, but led 13-11 heading into the final period.

Oberlin managed to control the

ball and outscored the Lady Mustangs 6-4 to capture the victory.

Stacy was the top scorer for Oberlin with 7 points followed by Blau, 6; Wentz, 3; Klima, 2; and Samantha Anderson, 1.

"The girls played very well against a very aggressive Goodland defense," Dreher said. "They stayed focused and never gave up."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	4	7	2	6	19
Goodland	4	4	3	4	15

St. Francis

In the final round, St. Francis downed Oberlin 39-24.

Oberlin and Sainty were tied 4-4 after the first quarter. The Lady Indians went on the war path in the second out scoring Oberlin 12-6 to lead 16-10 at half time.

The third quarter wasn't much better for Oberlin as Sainty pumped in 17 points to Oberlin's 4 to take a 33-14 lead. Oberlin outscored the Lady Indians 10-6, in the fourth but, could not make up the difference.

Blau was top scorer with 14 points followed by Stacy, 6, and Klima and Wentz, 2 each.

"The girls played well, but had a hard time on defense against Sainty's 6'1" post player," Dreher said. "I am proud of all the girls, they made many improvements throughout the season."

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	4	6	4	10	24
Sainty	4	12	17	6	39

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