

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
Sports

Eighth graders beat Buffaloes; seventh, loses

The Oberlin eighth-grade basketball boys beat the Rawlins County Buffaloes 42-29 at home on Monday, but when the visitors locked horns with the Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade Red Devils, Oberlin lost 35-31.

“When we are patient on offense, we play well as a team,” Coach Tim Breth said of his eighth graders. “I would like to see more balance in our scoring. With this win we probably have locked up a first-round home game for the Northwest Kansas League tournament in late December.”

The eighth-grade team is now 6-2, he said. Helping with the victory were Zach May, 22 points and four rebounds; Channing Fortin, 8 points and seven rebounds; Tyler Brugge-man, 4 points and seven rebounds; Kade Brown, 4 points and three steals; Matt Glading, 2 points and six rebounds; and Ryan May, 2 points and three steals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	10	13	6	13	42
Atwood	6	2	9	12	29

The seventh-graders came close but couldn't quite overcome the Buffaloes.

“We took a lot of ill-advised shots,” Coach Breth said. “When a team does that, shooting percentage usually suffers.”

“The first half really hurt us, but through it all, the team continued to play very hard.”

The seventh graders are now 4-2.

Scoring for Oberlin were Kolton Paul, 9 points, eight rebounds and two steals; Kennedy Fortin, 7 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks; Grant Gilliam, 7 points, seven rebounds and three blocks; Kyle Breth, 6 points; and Konner Fortin, 2 points and eight rebounds.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	3	5	13	10	31
Atwood	4	10	7	14	35

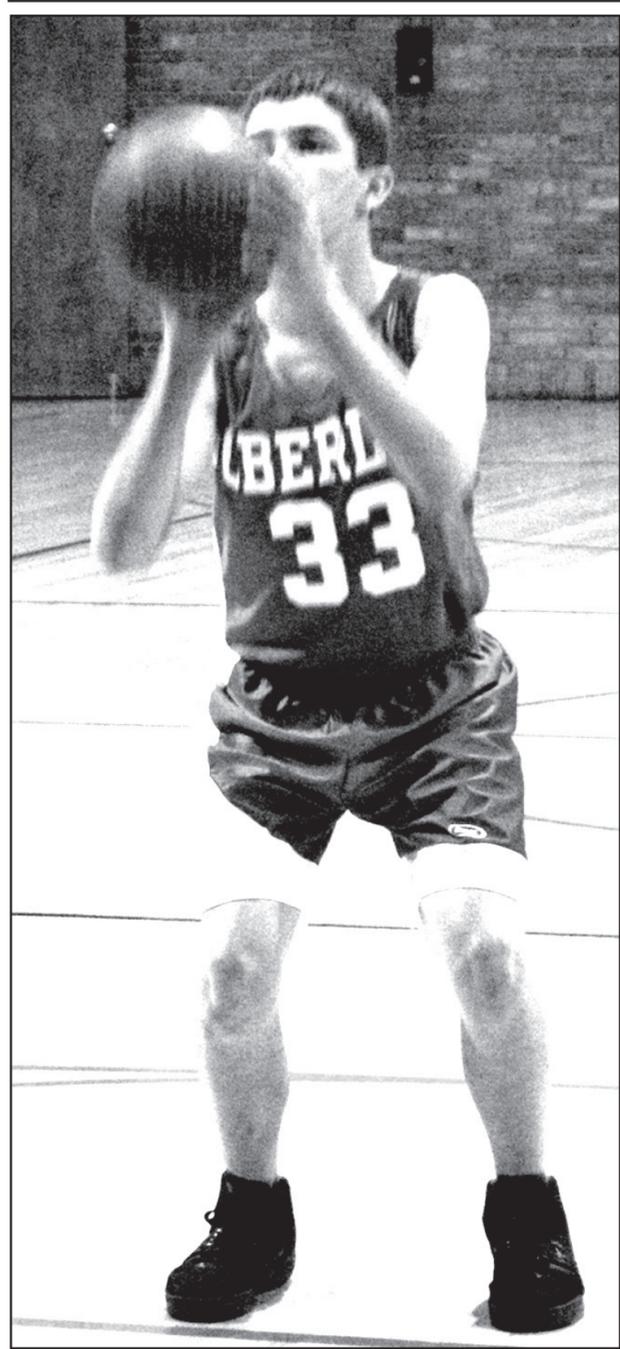
The junior high boys will play Goodland at home at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The boys play at 4:30 p.m. in Colby on Thursday, Dec. 11, and participate in the league tournament on Thursday, Dec. 18.



SEVENTH GRADER KOLTON PAUL (above) prepared to put the ball back in play for the Decatur Community Junior High Red Devils on Monday as they played the Rawlins County Buffaloes in Oberlin. Zach May (right) aimed at a free throw during the eighth-grade game a little later.

— Herald photos by Sarah Fredrickson



Wrestling team offers experience

The Decatur Community High wrestling team is smaller than usual this year, but has a lot of returning lettermen and two state qualifiers.

Coach Joe Dreher said that practices have been going well, but he is short in the top and bottom weights. If a team can't field a wrestler in any class, it has to forfeit, which gives the other team the same points as a pin.

Oberlin is not the only school suffering from lack of numbers, Dreher said. Oakley, the Red Devils' first opponent, has only about 12 wrestlers, he said.

Returning lettermen in Oberlin are seniors Andrew Richards, 135

pounds; Everett Urban, 145, a state qualifier last year; and Nathan Simonsson, 171; juniors Gatlin Reichert, 125/130; Daniel Jordan, 152; and Jaxen Alstrom, 189/215; and sophomores Jacob Helm, 112, a state qualifier; Nolan Peters, 125; Jacob Larue, 189/215; and Dalton Pauls, 140.

Rounding out the team are juniors Cody Kane, 130, and Ray Zodrow, 140/145; sophomore Jon Samson, 130/135; and freshman Brent Juenemann, 119.

The first match will be at 6:30 Friday in Oakley. On Saturday, the Red Devils will be at the Hoxie Tournament starting at 9 a.m.

Basketball teams, wrestlers get started

With the Thanksgiving break behind them, the Decatur Community High Red Devils are ready to go as basketball and wrestling seasons gets under way this week.

On Friday, the Oakley Plainsmen will be in Oberlin. The Lady Plainsmen will take on the Lady Red Devils at 6:30 p.m., with the boys game starting about 8 p.m.

While the basketball players are

tearing up the court in Oberlin, the wrestlers will be on the mats in Oakley, with matches starting 6:30 p.m.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, the wrestlers will be at the Hoxie Tournament.

Next week, the basketball teams will head north for the McCook Tournament on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9, 12 and 13.

McCook Optomists to put on tournament

The 18th annual MAC Attack youth basketball tournament sponsored by the McCook Optimist Club will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24-25.

Girls and boys in grades four to eight are eligible. Entry forms are available at the Sports Shoppe in

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