



**MAKING A BASKET** to help the Oberlin Red Devils take a 57-50 victory over the Oakley Plainsmen was Lucas Juenemann, who scored 10 points. — Herald photos by Sarah Fredrickson

## Oberlin defeats Oakley Plainsmen

The Oberlin Red Devils started out their basketball season with a victory over Oakley on Friday at home.

Oberlin downed the Plainsmen 57-50 in Jeff Jones' first game as head basketball coach at Decatur Community High.

While Oberlin never ran away with the game, the Red Devils were able to stay just ahead of their opponents.

They outscored Oakley 18-17 in the first quarter. Junior Toby Peters put up four field goals while senior Logan Fortin hit three and seniors Lucas Juenemann and Sam Stapp each sank a basket. Oakley put up 17 points in the quarter, with Derek Glassman and Patrick Ahrens each hitting a field goal; Jared Smith and Patrick Loftus each hitting a field goal and a three pointer; and Kraig Siruta sinking a three.

In the second quarter, each team scored 17 points. Juenemann hit three field goals, Peters two and L. Fortin and Stapp, one each, while senior Jacob Fortin hit a three pointer. Oakley's Ahrens hit four field goals and three pointer to put up 11 of the Plainsmen's 17 points in the quarter while Glassman and Loftus each sank three pointers.

Oberlin led by a narrow 35-34 margin at the half.

In the third quarter, the Red Devils successfully shut down the

Plainsmen, as J. Fortin hit a pair of field goals and a three pointer and Juenemann, L. Fortin, Stapp and sophomore Dakota Soderlund each added a two-point basket for 15 points. Oakley was only able to answer with 5 as Lex Parsons hit a two-point and Glassman a three. At the end of three, Oberlin had increased its lead to 50-39.

Oakley showed signs of recovery in the fourth quarter, but was still only able to hit a pair of two pointers and one three. However, the Plainsmen went to the free throw line six times and hit four shots for a 67 percent average. Parsons scored a two and a three-point basket while Siruta hit a field goal. Glassman sank two out of two charity shots while Matt Temaat was able to hit one out of three and Ahrens hit the only free throw he tried.

Oberlin also got its chance at the free throw line for the first time in the fourth quarter, but was only able to hit one of 12 free-throw attempts for a dismal 8 percent. However Peter, J. Fortin and Soderlund all hit field goals to give Oberlin 7 points in the quarter and a comfortable 57-50 win.

Scoring for Oberlin was pretty even, with four players in double figures and six scoring overall.

Scoring for the Red Devils were Peters, 14 points; J. Fortin, 12 including a pair of three pointers;

Juenemann, 10; L. Fortin, 11 including Oberlin's only successful free throw; Stapp, 6; and Soderlund, 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	18	17	15	7	57
Oakley	17	17	5	11	50

The junior varsity boys fell 33-30 to Oakley in a close contest.

Oakley took a huge 15-7 lead in the first quarter but Oberlin was able to hold the young Plainsmen to zero field goals and only two free throws in the second quarter. Oberlin scored 10 points on five field goals in the second to tie the score at 17 at the half.

Oakley again edged ahead in the third outscoring Oberlin 9-6, which ended up being the difference in game as each team scored 7 points in the last quarter.

Scoring for Oberlin were Soderlund, 10; Nolan Wasson, 8; Josh Ritter, 4; Shane McEvoy, 3; Dalton Jones and Wiley Farr, 2 each; and Jeb Fortin, 1.

The young Red Devils scored four out of nine free throw attempts for 44 percent.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	7	10	6	7	30
Oakley	15	2	9	7	33

The Oberlin varsity will play in the McCook Tournament this week. The boys were to start play on Tuesday and will continue on Friday and Saturday, with times determined by their record.

# Oakley downs Lady Red Devils

Oakley was just too much for the Decatur Community High basketball girls, as the visitors downed the home team 37-30 in their season opener on Friday.

The Lady Plainsmen were able to just stay out in front of the Oberlin girls all night. Each time Oberlin tried to catch up, Oakley would put on a scoring streak.

Three-point shots made the difference. Oakley put up seven while Oberlin had none.

In the first quarter, Oberlin had five two-point baskets while Oakley sank only four regular hoops, but two were for three points and the Lady Plainsmen went to the free-throw line four times, sinking all for a 14-10 lead.

In the second quarter, Oberlin also got some free throw opportunities and the girls were able to sink nine out of 11 tries and also hit another five baskets. The Lady Plainsmen also hit five two-point shots plus four threes and sank two out of six tries at the free throw line to outscore Oberlin 24-19. At the half, the visitors were ahead 38-29.

In the third quarter, Oakley was not able to score well, hitting only one two-point basket and two out of four free-throws for 10 points. Oberlin came up with four regular

baskets and two out of three free throws to close the gap to 42-39 at the end of three.

In the four quarter, both teams did well at the free throw line, with Oberlin sinking five out of six and Oakley eight out of 12. However, while Oberlin hit four two-pointers, Oakley hit four two-pointers and a three to lead the scoring 19-13 in the quarter and take the victory.

Oberlin had an 80 percent free throw percentage to Oakley's 61.5 percent.

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Jordan Dreher, 21 points, including seven out of eight free throws, nine rebounds and two steals.
- Mary Olson, 15 points, including seven out of nine field goals and a free throw, three rebounds and two blocked shots.
- Adrienne Pauls, 9 points, nine rebounds and a blocked shot.
- Brandi Diederich, 4 points on four out of six free throws, four rebounds and a steal.
- Erin Jones, 2 points on two free throws, and two rebounds.
- Annamarie Larue, 1 point on a free throw.
- Cindy Murray, five rebounds.
- Elisha Jones, a pair of rebounds and a steal.
- Ashley Horton, a rebound.

• Jessica Fredrickson, a steal.

The junior varsity girls also had a tough time with Oakley, as the Lady Plainsmen downed the young Lady Red Devils 41-32.

Oakley started out strong, outscoring the Lady Red Devils 12-6 in the first quarter. In the second, Oberlin made strong gains, outscoring the Lady Plainsmen 15-10 to come within a point but still trailing 22-21 at the half.

The third quarter was tough for Oberlin, as the Lady Red Devils were only able to score one field goal and a pair of free throws while Oakley racked up 11 points to lead 33-25 after three.

The fourth quarter was pretty even, as each team scored three field goals, Oberlin hit one free throw and Oakley a pair.

Scoring for Oberlin were Kiah Blau, 10; Erin Jones, 9 including three out of three free throws; Serina Stacey, 4, Tiffany Anderson, 3; and Fredrickson, Sam Anderson and Horton, 2 each.

Both teams hit 50 percent of their free throw attempts.

The Lady Red Devils will be playing in the McCook Tournament this week. Play was to start on Tuesday and will continue on Friday and Saturday.



**DEFENDING THE COURT** as an Oakley player prepared to toss the basketball back in play, senior Elisha Jones helped keep the Oberlin Lady Red Devils in the game against Oakley on Friday.

## Eighth-grade boys win; seventh graders drop game

With their season winding down, the Decatur Community Junior High basketball teams had a mixed week, with the eighth grade winning 41-22 and the seventh losing 41-20 to Goodland on Thursday in Oberlin.

"The tempo of the game was really slow the first quarter," Coach Tim Breth said about the eighth-grade game. "We picked things up in the second and were able to take control of the game. I like to see balanced scoring like we had."

Playing for Oberlin were Tyler Bruggeman, 11 points and seven

rebounds; Zach May, 9 points, nine rebounds, six steals and four blocks; Kade Brown, 9 points and four rebounds; Ryan May, 6 points and four rebounds; Channing Fortin, 4 points and four rebounds; and Matt Glading, 2 points and three rebounds.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	5	13	8	15	41
Goodland	4	0	8	10	22

"I was so impressed with play in the first half," Coach Breth said about the seventh-grade game. "Goodland did an excellent job of pressuring us and hitting the boards in the second half. We

had a hard time with their height advantage."

Scoring for Oberlin were Kennedy Fortin, 12 points, seven rebounds and three blocks; Dayton Dreher, 6 points and three steals; and Kolton Paul 2 points and three rebounds.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	6	6	4	4	20
Goodland	4	5	17	15	41

Colby will be in Oberlin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday for the last regular season games of the year.

The Northwest Kansas League Tournament will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

## Early Deadlines for the Holidays THE OBERLIN HERALD

will be closed December 25th and 26th so our employees may enjoy the holidays. For the December 24th issue, all information and advertising must be in the office by Noon on Friday, December 19th.

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