

Oberlin plays close in tourney

The Oberlin boys basketball team played three close games at the Cattle Trail Invitational Tournament in McCook last week, winning one and losing two.

The Decatur Community High Red Devils lost their first game last Tuesday to Medicine Valley, 48-47.

The Nebraska school was able to keep a slight lead almost all the way through the game, outscoring Oberlin 13-11 in the first quarter. Each team scored 14 in the second to give Medicine Valley a 27-25 lead at the half. In the third quarter, Medicine Valley again scored just a bit more than Oberlin, 12-11, to lead 39-36. In the fourth quarter, Oberlin came back, outscoring Medicine Valley 11-9. That was a couple of points short of a win.

Playing for Oberlin were Toby Peters, 15 points, five rebounds and four assists; Sam Stapp, 9 points and a rebound; Logan Fortin, 8 points, five rebounds and an assist; Lucas Juenemann, 7 points, including a three pointer, five rebounds and four assists; Dakota Soderlund, 4 points and four rebounds; and Jacob Fortin, 4 points, two rebounds and two assists.

After a disastrous time at the free throw line the week before, the Red Devils hit six of 12 tries for 50 percent.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	11	14	11	11	47
Medicine V.	13	14	12	9	48

On Friday, Oberlin was able to edge Southwest High 58-56 in the second game of the tournament.

The boys in red had a good start, outscoring Southwest 19-12 in the first quarter. In the second, however, the Nebraska squad came back with a vengeance, outgunning Oberlin

23-9 to take a 35-28 lead at the half. The third quarter was Oberlin's, as the Red Devils put up 16 points to Southwest's 10. Southwest still lead by one, 45-44. In the fourth quarter, Oberlin was able to defend the net and out score the opposition 14-11 for the victory.

Playing for Oberlin were Soderlund, 19 points, seven rebounds and an assist; L. Fortin, 14 points including a three pointer and 10 rebounds; Stapp, 10 points and an assist; Juenemann, 8 points, including a three pointer, four rebounds and four assists; Josh Ritter, 4 points, a rebound and an assist; Wiley Farr, 2 points, five rebounds and an assist; Peters, 1 point, three rebounds and two assists; and J. Fortin, five rebounds and an assist.

The Red Devils were able to sink 16 or 26 free throws for 62 percent but were plagued by fouls, racking up 19, which gave Southwest plenty of opportunities for free shots.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	19	9	16	14	58
Southwest	12	23	10	11	56

The final game on Saturday was a heartbreaker, as the Red Devils fell 70-68 in overtime to Maywood.

Maywood took the lead in the first half, outscoring Oberlin 19-16 in the first quarter and 20-11 in the second to lead 39-27 at the break. In the third quarter, Oberlin came out fighting and racked up 26 points, including four three pointers, while Maywood was only able to hit four field goals and five free throw shots for 13 points. At the end of three, Oberlin was ahead 53-52.

In the fourth quarter, Maywood scored 10 points and Oberlin 9 to tie the game at 62 at the end of regulation play. In overtime, however, Oberlin was only able to sink one



GOING UP FOR A BASKET, Dakota Soderlund (No. 34) had to get higher than the defenders from Medicine Valley to make his shot. The Oberlin Red Devils fell 48-47 to the Nebraska team last Tuesday in McCook.

field goal and hit four out of six tries at the charity line. Maywood hit three field goals and three out of four free shots for the victory.

Oberlin hit 15 of 24 free throws for 62 percent

Playing for Oberlin were J. Fortin, 23 points, including four three pointers, a rebound and two assists; Peters, 18 points, nine rebounds and two assists; L. Fortin, 11 points, including a three pointer, six rebounds and three assists; Soderlund, 8 points and 12 rebounds; Stapp, 5

points, four rebounds and two assists; Juenemann, 3 points and two assists; and Farr, two rebounds.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Oberlin	16	11	26	9	6	68
Maywood	19	20	13	10	8	70

Oberlin was to play Hill City at home on Tuesday, then will play St. Francis on the road at 8 p.m. Friday.

— Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Juniors win, lose to Colby

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth graders beat Colby 35-21 in Oberlin Thursday, but the seventh graders fell 33-16 to the Eaglets.

These were the last games of the regular season. The eighth grade finished with a 7-1 record.

"I'm so impressed with our execution and effort on defense," said Coach Tim Breth. "Colby never scored a double-digit quarter. If we continue to play like this, we will have an excellent chance to return to the Northwest Kansas League championship game."

Playing for the eighth graders were Zach May, 12 points, four rebounds and six steals; Kade Brown, 11 points, five rebounds and three steals; Tyler Bruggeman, 6 points and 11 rebounds; and Channing Fortin, 6 points and seven rebounds.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	9	10	10	6	35
Colby	2	6	6	7	21

The seventh graders finished the season 4-4.

"We played a wonderful first half but had trouble with Colby's pressing during the third quarter," Coach Breth said. "Their athleticism caught up with us."

Playing for the seventh graders were Dayton Dreher, 6 points and three steals; Kennedy Fortin, 4 points, four rebounds and two blocks; Kolton Paul, 2 points, nine rebounds and two steals; Grant Gilliam, 2 points and three rebounds; Kyle Breth, 2 points and two rebounds; and Konner Fortin, six rebounds.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	2	4	6	4	16
Colby	5	2	15	11	33

The league tournament was to start Monday, with both Oberlin teams playing Quinter in Oberlin.

The seventh graders were to play at 2:30 p.m. and the eighth-grade boys were to play at 3:45 p.m.

Lady Red Devils win one, lose a pair in Nebraska

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team was only able to win one of three games it played last week at the Cattle Trail Invitational tournament in McCook.

"This was a very competitive tournament for us," Coach Terry Ream said. "I think that by playing in Nebraska, we can get a better understanding on how much tougher we need to get as the season goes along."

The Oberlin girls lost 34-29 to Hitchcock County in the opening round. They came back to beat Medicine Valley 45-39, but dropped the final game to Southwest High 39-32.

"Our defense during the tournament was really good," Coach Ream said. "We worked very hard on this end of the court and did a great job of keeping all of our opponents under our 40-points-or-less goal."

"This is even more remarkable considering how many turnovers we had The only real weakness we had on defense was allowing way too many offensive rebounds."

"We have some really good shooters that at the moment are struggling, but our shots will begin to fall, and when they do, we will have more opportunities to apply more pressure to our opponents and, that will hopefully take some pressure off of us."

"When we learn how to take care of the ball, help each other against the press and start rebounding with the desire it takes to control the boards, we will be pretty good."

In the game against Hitchcock County, Oberlin let the opposition jump out ahead 11-5 in the first quarter and gain momentum with an 11-7 advantage in the second quarter to lead 22-12 at the half.

In the third and fourth quarters, however, the Lady Red Devils outshot their opponents 11-8 and

6-4 to keep the final score a fairly close 34-29.

Each team had a 50 percent free throw percentage, with Oberlin hitting four of eight and Hitchcock seven of 14.

Playing for Oberlin were Jordan Dreher, 15 points, including two for two at the free-throw line and a three pointer, four rebounds and three steals; Adrienne Pauls, 8 points, nine rebounds and a steal; Elisha Jones and Annamarie Larue, 2 points, a rebound and a steal each; Jessica Fredrickson, 1 point, a rebound and a steal; Cindy Murray, 1 point and seven rebounds; Brandi Diederich, four rebounds; Erin Jones, two rebounds and a steal; Mary Olson, two rebounds and a blocked shot; and Ashley Horton, two steals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	5	7	11	6	29
Hitchcock Co.	11	11	8	4	34

In the second round, Oberlin took the upper hand outscoring Medicine Valley in three of four quarters. In the first and second periods, it was the Lady Red Devils over their opponents 8-7 and 13-9. In the third, the Nebraska girls took charge and outshot Oberlin 14-9. The fourth quarter was Oberlin's again and the Lady Red Devils scored 13 to Medicine Valley's 9.

The Oberlin girls were able to spread the scoring around and had a 58 percent free throw average

Playing for Oberlin were Pauls, 8 points, including four for four at the free throw line, 11 rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot; Elisha Jones, 8 points, including a three pointer, and five rebounds; Murray, 8 points, four rebounds and a steal; Dreher, 6 points, three rebounds and two steals; Olson, 5 points and

five rebounds; Diederich, 4 points, five rebounds and a steal; Larue, 3 points in one shot; Fredericksen, 2 points; Ashley Horton, 1 point and two rebounds; and Erin Jones, two rebounds.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	8	13	11	13	45
Medicine V.	7	9	14	9	39

In the final game, it took Oberlin most of the first half to figure out Southwest High. By then the score was too lopsided to be made up. Southwest outscored Oberlin in the first and second quarters 13-5 and 15-8 for a 28-13 lead at the half.

In the second half, the Lady Red Devils came back and outscored the Nebraska girls 13-6 and 6-5, but it wasn't enough.

The Lady Red Devils' free-throw percentage was 67, as they hit six of nine opportunities.

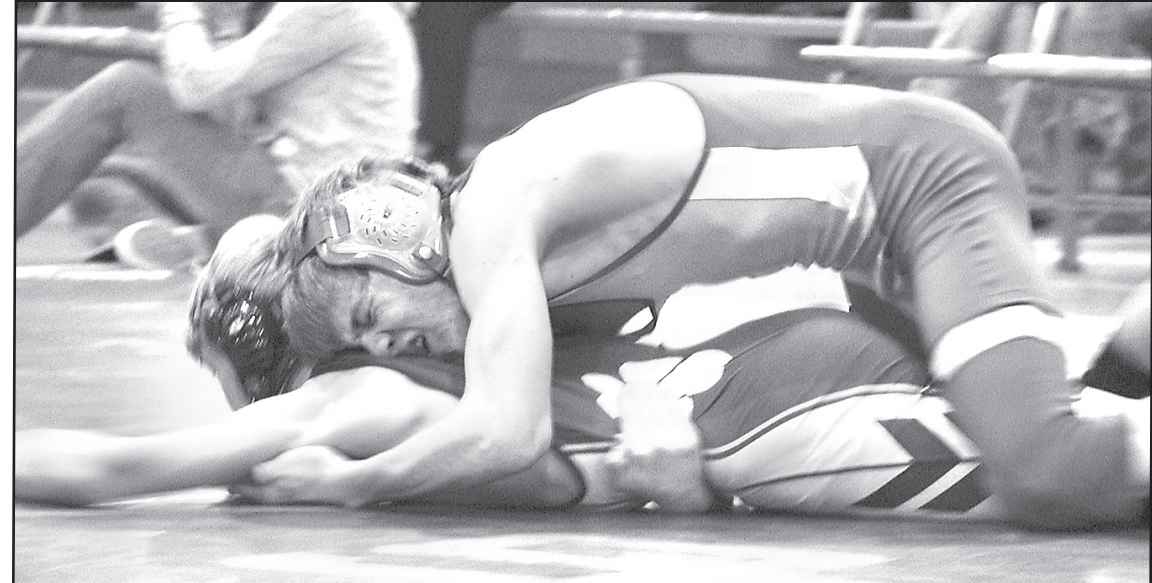
Playing for Oberlin were Pauls, 10 points, two rebounds, a blocked shot and two steals; Olson, 7 points, five rebounds, a blocked shot and two steals; Murray, 4 points, four rebounds and a steal; Elisha Jones, 4 points, two rebounds and a steal.; Dreher, 3 points and four rebounds; Erin Jones, 2 points, four rebounds and a steal; Fredrickson, 2 points and two rebounds; Horton, two rebounds and four steals; Diederich, one rebound, a blocked shot and a steal.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	5	8	13	6	32
Southwest	13	15	6	5	39

The Lady Red Devils were to be in Oberlin for a 6:30 p.m. game against the Hill City Ringnecks on Tuesday and will play at 6:30 p.m. Friday in St. Francis. The team will be off for the Christmas and New Year's holidays and will resume play in Norton on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

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WORKING HIS OPPONENT, Nolan Peters, 125 pounds, was on top in this match during a dual tournament in Colby over the weekend.

— Herald photo by Patti Richards

Wrestlers struggle in duals

The Decatur Community High wrestlers went up against some stiff competition over the weekend at a dual tournament in Colby.

Out of seven teams Oberlin wrestled, all were from larger schools except for Oakley, which the Red Devils downed.

Oberlin beat Oakley 37-26 but lost to Phillipsburg, 33-27; Garden City, 54-15; Goodland, 67-6; Valley Center, 51-25; Plainville, 36-27; and Hays, 54-22.

"Although the dual scores don't show it, the team did pretty well," Coach Joe Dreher said. "It's difficult to win duals when we have three and four open weights. We wrestled

four state-ranked teams in two days of wrestling."

Valley Center is ranked third in Class 5A, and Phillipsburg, fourth, Goodland, seventh, and Plainville, ninth in Class 3-2-1A.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- 119 pounds — Brent Juenemann, won three, lost four.
- 125 pounds — Nolan Peters, won two, lost five.
- 130 pounds — Cody Kane, lost seven.
- 135 pounds — Andrew Richards, won six, lost one.
- 140 pounds — Gatlin Reichert, won one, lost six.
- 145 pounds — Kaden Macfee,

lost three.

- 152 pounds — Everett Urban, won six, lost one.
- 160 pounds — Daniel Jordan, won two, lost one.
- 171 pounds — Nathan Simonsen, won four, lost three.
- 189 pounds — Jaxen Alstrom, won five, lost two.
- 285 pounds — Dalton Dolan, won one, lost two.

This Friday, the Red Devils wrestlers will be at home to wrestle St. Francis at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Oberlin will play host at its annual Junior Varsity Invitational starting at 9 a.m.

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