

Red Devils vanquish St. Francis

The Decatur Community High basketball boys outscored the St. Francis Indians 51-26 in an exciting contest on Friday.

The victory gives the boys a 3-3 record going into the Christmas break with victories over St. Francis, Oakley and Southwest High in Nebraska, and losses to Hill City and Nebraska schools Medicine Valley and Maywood.

After the first quarter of Friday's game, the Indians lead 8-5. However, in the second quarter, Oberlin outscored them 18 to 10 to lead 26-15 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Devils played tough defense and only allowed the Indians to score 5 points, while hitting 10 to lead 36-20 after three.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin continued to play tough and closed down the St. Francis offense, giving up just 6 points and scoring 15.

At the final buzzer, Oberlin had won 51-26.

"The difference in the game was coming up with 15 steals and defending in the half court," said Oberlin Coach Jeff Jones. "We only gave up two field goals in the second half."

The boys were only able to hit five of 13 free throws for 38 percent while St. Francis hit 10 of 16 attempts for 62 percent.

Playing for the the Red Devils were Toby Peters, 16 points, six rebounds, an assist and two steals; Lucas Juenemann, 12 points, five assists, three steals and a rebound; Logan Fortin, 9 points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals; Dakota

Soderlund, 6 points, three rebounds and a steal; Jacob Fortin, 4 points, six steals and two rebounds; and Sam Stapp, 4 points, six rebounds and a steal.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	8	18	10	15	51
St. Francis	5	10	5	6	26

The junior varsity boys won 54-38, helping the Red Devil basketball teams leave St. Francis Friday night with a sweep as both boys and girls varsity and junior varsity teams won their games.

Oberlin's junior varsity boys outscored St. Francis in the first quarter, 13-9, and again in the second quarter 17-8 to lead 30-17 at the break.

In the third quarter, Oberlin let St. Francis outscore them 12-6, but came back and led the fourth quarter with 18 points, holding St. Francis to only 9.

The Devils came out with the win, 54-38.

Playing for the Devils were Dakota Soderlund, 12 points, including four for four at the free-throw line; Josh Ritter, 11 points including a free throw; Jeb Fortin, 9 points including three free throws; Dalton Jones, 8 points including three of four free throws; Keithen Fortin, 6; and Wiley Farr and Shane McEvoy, 4 each.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	13	17	6	18	54
St. Francis	9	8	12	9	38

The Red Devil teams are off until after Christmas break, when they go to Norton on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The girls will start play at 6:30 p.m. with the boys game following about 8 p.m.



MAKING A PRETZEL of his opponent, Gatlin Reichert (on bottom above) was able to pin St. Francis Indian Alex Draper in the second period of their match Friday. Everett Urban (on top below) beat Jesse Pacheco 8-6 in the 152-pound class at the Decatur Community High gym.

— Herald photos by Patti Richards

Oberlin pins Indians

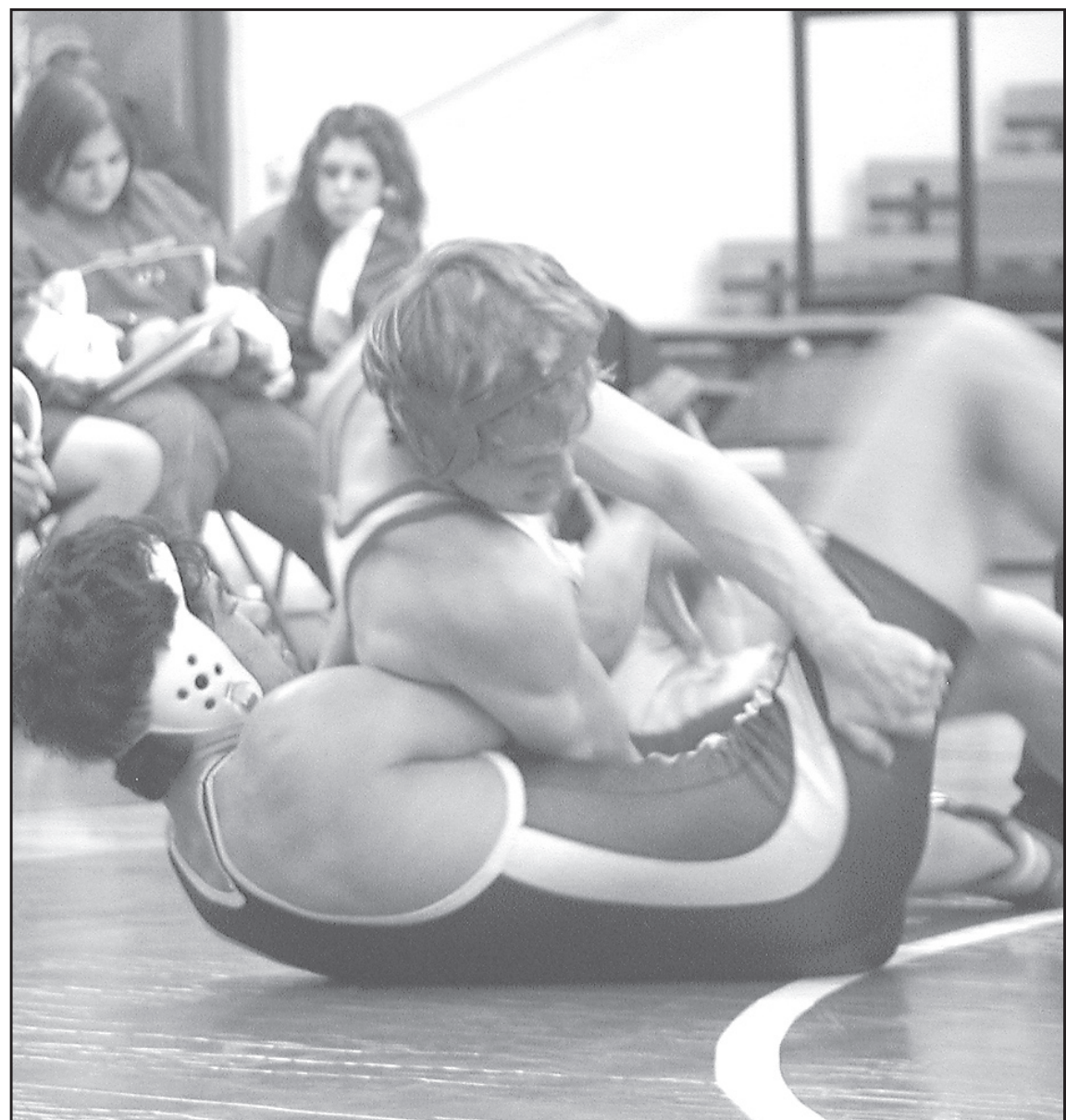
The Decatur Community High wrestlers downed St. Francis 49-16 on Friday in front of a home crowd.

The Red Devils wrestlers were able to score five pins to St. Francis' one.

Neither team had a full squad, but Oberlin was able to field wrestlers in all but the 103-pound class. St. Francis was not able to fill the 103, 145 or 215-pound weights, giving Oberlin 12 free points.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- 112 pounds — Jacob Helm pinned David Leibbrandt in the first period.
- 119 pounds — Brent Juenemann got pinned by Freddy Pacheco in the third period.
- 125 pounds — Nolan Peters lost to Cody Sherlock 14-0.
- 130 pounds — Cody Kane lost 4-1 to Terrence Lamb.
- 135 pounds — Andrew Richards pinned Darris Keller in the third period.
- 140 pounds — Gatlin Reichert pinned Alex Draper in the second period.
- 152 pounds — Everett Urban outscored Jesse Pacheco 8-6.
- 160 pounds — Daniel Jordan lost to Grady Brunk 10-5.



- 171 pounds — Nathan Simonsen beat Scott Ford 9-0.
- 189 pounds — Jaxen Alstrom pinned Adam Guthmiller in the second period.

- 285 pounds — Dalton Dolan pinned Nathan Lamb in the first period.
- The younger wrestlers were to take part in a junior varsity tournament on Saturday.

Oberlin's next scheduled varsity match is at home against Phillipsburg and McCook at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6.



GOING UP FOR A BASKET, Logan Fortin helped the Oberlin Red Devils beat the St. Francis Indians 51-26 on Friday in St. Francis.

— Herald photo by Betty Winston

Hill City beats Oberlin

The Decatur Community High Red Devils played a tough game against the Hill City Ringnecks last Tuesday and ended up losing, 73-55.

At the sound of the first-quarter buzzer, the teams were all tied up at 10-10.

In the second quarter, Hill City outscored Oberlin 19-12, giving the Ringnecks a 7-point lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin was not able to stop Hill City's Seth Thompson, who racked up six field goals and a free throw to help Hill City put 23 points on the board to Oberlin's 11.

At the end of three, Hill City had a commanding 52-33 lead.

In the final quarter, Oberlin out-

scored Hill City 22-21, making the final score 73-55.

The Oberlin boys were able to hit 10 three-point shots but were only able to sink one of five free throws for a 20 percent average at the charity line.

Playing for the Red Devils were Jacob Fortin, 21 points done as seven three-point shots; Toby Peters, 9 points, including Oberlin's only good free throw; Lucas Juenemann, 8 points including two three-pointers; Sam Stapp, 7 points, including a 3 pointer in the fourth quarter; Logan Fortin, 6; and Josh Ritter and Wiley Farr, 2 each.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	10	12	11	22	55
Hill City	10	19	23	21	73

Eighth-grade boys to play for league title

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade boys basketball team won its first two games in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament last week, but had to wait for a shot at the championship when weather forced postponement of the final round.

The boys won their first game Dec. 15, beating Quinter 48-32 in Oberlin.

The hot eighth graders, who now have a 9-1 record, won their second match against Oakley 35-32 on Thursday. The championship game that night was postponed because of the weather. The makeup game was to be played on Monday in Oberlin.

"Quinter came out very aggressive, so it took us a little while to gain control of the ballgame," Coach Tim Breth said, "and the second quarter was the big difference. I was also happy to see balanced scoring with my players; it usually

means that we are sharing the ball and making good decisions."

Scoring for the eighth graders against Quinter were Zach May, 17 points; Kade Brown, 11; Ryan May, 10; Tyler Bruggeman, 6; and Matt Glading and Channing Fortin, 2 each.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	13	20	8	7	48
Quinter	9	9	6	8	32

No stats are available for the eighth graders' match against Oakley.

"Our season goal was to get back to the championship game," Coach Breth said. "They were in it last year as seventh graders, but lost to Colby. We now have a chance to correct that, and I am so excited for them."

The seventh-grade boys beat Quinter 35-30 in the first round of the tournament Dec. 15 in Oberlin.

"The kids played so hard to

avenge their earlier one-point loss to Quinter," Coach Breth said. "As a team, we shot almost 90 percent from the free throw line, and though others scored more points, I feel Konner Fortin played an outstanding defensive game against Quinter's best player."

Scoring for the Red Devils were Kennedy Fortin, 16 points; Dayton Dreher, 15; and Kyle Breth and Konner Fortin, 2 each.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	8	6	11	10	35
Quinter	9	4	4	13	30

The boys played Colby in the third round, but lost 22-47.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dreher,

7 points; Breth, 5; Kennedy Fortin, 5; Grant Gilliam, 4; and Konner Fortin, 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	5	3	6	8	22
Colby	14	6	17	10	47

The boys lost their final game to Rawlins County 33-35.

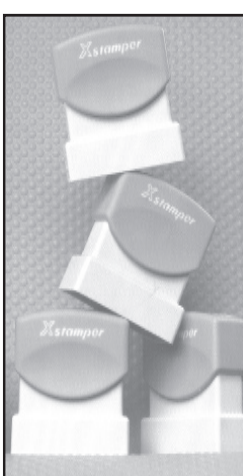
"The boys finished in fourth place with a record of 5-6," Coach Breth said. "Many players showed signs of improvement, which is exciting for next year, and I'd also like to thank everyone who came out and supported us this season."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	8	8	7	10	33
Rawlins Co.	14	6	6	9	35

Girls games next week

Due to the early deadline for Christmas, the results of the girls basketball games against Hill City

and St. Francis were not available. They should be in the Dec. 31 edition of *The Oberlin Herald*.



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