

# Wrestler takes second at state meet

Decatur Community High senior Everett Urban took second in a hard-fought match at the state Class 1-2-3A wrestling tournament in Hays over the weekend.

Urban, who wrestles at 152 pounds, finished his season with a 34-8 record.

In the first round, he won an 11-0 major decision over Josh Darnell from Plainville. In the quarterfinals, he pinned Sage Timmesch from Garden Plain in the second period. In the semifinals, Urban beat Jordan Kopfman from Burlington in a 16-6 major decision.

In the finals, Urban was up 1-0 for most of the match, said Coach Joe Dreher. However, his opponent, Marshall McCall, Smith Center, was able to make two points on a reversal late in the match and win the championship, 2-1.

McCall has been ranked No. 1 in the state, Dreher said.

"I thought Everett had a good state tournament," he added. "He wrestled really well when he had to. It's a great accomplishment to be in the state finals.

"Thanks to everyone who supported us throughout the season."



**WINNING BUT NOT PINNING** his opponent, Everett Urban wasn't quite able to get both of Plainville wrestler Josh Darnell's shoulders to the mat at the state wrestling tournament

Friday. Urban won the match by an 11-0 major decision and pinned his next man, Sage Timmesch of Garden Plain.

— Herald photo by Gatlin Reichert

## Boys team finishes season 6-3

The Oberlin fourth-grade boys basketball team finished up its season with a 6-3 record.

The team started work after the Christmas break, practicing two to three times a week after school at either The Gateway or the Oberlin Grade School gym. Practices were mostly fundamental drills and team-work, said Coach Dick Ahlberg.

The boys played in three tournaments, placing and winning medals at all.

At the end of January, the boys took third place in an eight-team tournament in Curtis, Neb.

The next to the last weekend of February, they took second in Cambridge, Neb., in a six-team tournament.

Last weekend, they placed second in the Oberlin Area Youth Basketball Tournament.

Playing for the fourth graders were Mason Ahlberg, Adrian Chambers, Quinton Cook, Tabor Erickson, Gatlin Hissong, Jeff Juenemann, Luke Koerperich and Cade Wurm.

Mr. Ahlberg said that the team would like to thank their parents for all the support. He said they couldn't have done it without the help of Angie Erickson, scheduling and uniforms; The Gateway and grade school staffs; Decatur Community High girls basketball coach Terry Ream, basketballs; and the Oberlin Area Youth Basketball Organization and Stephanie Blau for running the tournament here.

## Kids take two firsts

The Oberlin Kid Wrestlers took two firsts, a third and a pair of fourth places in McCook on Saturday.

Wrestling were:

**6 and under**  
• 55 pounds — Dawson Kempt, third.

**10 and under**  
• 73 pounds — Max Diederich, first.

• 110 pounds — Dayton Kempt, fourth.

**12 and under**  
• 76 pounds — Dakota Tate, fourth.

• 165 pounds — Rex Diederich, first.



**GOING FOR A SHOT**, Elisha Jones (above) gave Oberlin 5 points last Monday against the Phillipsburg Panthers. Jordan Dreher (below), shown heading down the court, was Oberlin's high scorer with 17 points.

— Herald photos by Sarah Fredrickson

## Panthers beat girls

The Decatur Community High girls basketball team lost 59-50 to Phillipsburg in their final home game of the year last Monday.

It was Senior Night and three players — Elisha Jones, Cindy Murray and Annamarie Larue — and their parents were honored.

"I thought we played pretty good in the game with Phillipsburg," said Coach Terry Ream. "We tightened up a little in the first part of the fourth quarter, but fought back and had opportunities in the end.

"This was one of our better-played games this season, and I think we took a big step toward being prepared for substate action."

In the first quarter, the Lady Red Devils took a 14-8 lead, but they fell behind in the second, letting Phillipsburg outscore them, 19-10. The Lady Panthers had a 27-24 lead going into the half. Oberlin came back to outscore Phillipsburg in the third quarter 18-17, but fell behind again in the fourth, 15-8.

Playing for Oberlin were Jordan Dreher, 17 points, 13 rebounds, two assists and a steal; Adrienne Pauls, 12 points, five rebounds, a steal and an assist; Mary Olson,



12 points, 11 rebounds and two assists; Jones, 5 points, three assists and three rebounds; Brandi Diederich, 4 points and two rebounds; Ashley Horton, six rebounds and two assists; and Larue, two rebounds, a steal and an assist.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	14	10	18	8	50
Pburg	8	19	17	15	59

The junior varsity girl lost to Phillipsburg, 48-24.

Phillipsburg outscored Oberlin, 16-7 in the first quarter, 17-7 in the second and 9-2 in the third. The Lady Red Devils came back to outscore Phillipsburg in the fourth quarter 8-6.

Scoring for the junior varsity

were Kiah Blau, 8 points; Diederich, 6; Jessica Fredrickson, 5; Brianna Klimka, 4; and Tiffany Anderson, 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	7	7	2	8	24
Pburg	16	17	9	6	48

The Oberlin varsity girls were to enter substate play on Monday in Plainville against Stockton. Oberlin (5-14) is seeded fifth in the tournament while Stockton (8-12) is seeded fourth.

The winner of the contest will meet the victor of the Ellis (15-5)-St. Francis (4-14) contest on Friday. The substate championship will be at 6 p.m. Saturday.

## Phillipsburg downs varsity Red Devils

The Phillipsburg Panthers downed the Decatur Community High basketball boys 55-48 during Senior Night last Monday in Oberlin.

This was the last home game for seniors Logan Fortin, Jacob Fortin, Lucas Juenemann and Sam Stapp. Also honored were three seniors helping with statistics and film, Farra McChesney, Des Shields and Tamara Ketterl.

Phillipsburg jumped out to a lead in the first quarter, outscoring Oberlin 14-6. The Panthers kept up the heat in the second, outscoring the home team 20-14 to lead 34-20 at the half. In the third quarter, the Red Devils came back to outscore Phillipsburg, 12-5, and both teams scored 16 in the final quarter.

Playing for Oberlin were Dakota Soderlund, 13 points, six rebounds, a steal and an assist; Juenemann, 12 points, five assists, five rebounds and four steals; Fortin, 11 points, four assists, four steals and two rebounds; Wiley Farr, 6 points, two assists and a steal; Toby Peters, 3 points, three rebounds and a steal; and Stapp, 3 points, five rebounds, four steals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	6	14	12	16	48
Pburg	14	20	5	16	55

The junior varsity Red Devils fell to Phillipsburg, 53-47, in a see-saw battle.

After the first quarter, the score was all tied up, both teams having 13 points. In the second, Phillipsburg outscored Oberlin by one, 11-10, to take a 24-23 lead. In the third quarter, Oberlin came out to outscore Phillipsburg, 15-12 to take a 38-36 lead. In the fourth quarter, though, Phillipsburg outscored Oberlin 17-9 for the win.

Playing for the junior varsity were Dalton Jones, 11 points, an assist, a steal and a rebound; Josh Ritter, 11 points, two assists, two steals and two rebounds; Keithen Fortin, 8 points, two assists and a steal; Toby Peters, 8 points; Soderlund, 7 points, seven rebounds, two assists and two steals; Jeb Fortin, 2 points, three rebounds; Farr, two steals and a rebound; and Nolan Wasson, a rebound.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	13	10	15	9	47
Pburg	13	11	12	17	53

The Oberlin boys (7-13) were seeded sixth in the substate tournament, which was to begin Monday with a game against third-seeded Plainville (14-5) in Plainville. The victor will play the winner of the St. Francis (5-14)-Atwood (16-4) game Thursday in Plainville. The substate championship will be there at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Other teams in the tournament are WaKeeney (18-2), Stockton (4-16), Hill City (12-9) and Ellis (10-10).

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