

Sports

Boys finish season

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team ended its season with a first-round loss to Plainville last Monday in the substate tournament.

Plainville was the host for the substate, which included teams from St. Francis, Atwood, WaKeeney, Stockton, Hill City and Ellis.

The 65-50 loss took the Red Devils' season to 7-14.

The Oberlin boys held the game close in the first quarter, although Plainville came out ahead 10-9. The second quarter was a different story, as Plainville outscored the Red Devils 23-6 to take a 33-15 lead into the half.

Oberlin came out of the locker room fired up and the boys were able to outscore Plainville 22-18. The fourth quarter was another close one, with Plainville scoring 14 to Oberlin's 13.

Playing for Oberlin were Lucas Juenemann 15 points, four assists, four steals and two rebounds; Logan Fortin, 10 points, seven rebounds, three assists and two steals; Toby Peters, 10 points, six rebounds, three assists and a steal; Dakota Soderlund, 8 points, a rebound and a steal; Sam Stapp, 7 points and two rebounds; Josh Ritter, four rebounds and two assists; Wiley Farr, a rebound and a steal; and Keithen Fortin an assist.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	9	6	22	13	50
Plainville	10	23	18	14	65

Girls suffer tough loss

The Decatur Community High basketball girls ended their season last Tuesday with a tough 58-54 loss to Stockton in the first round of substate tournament play.

Also playing in the girls substate at Stockton were teams from Ellis, St. Francis, Plainville, Hill City, WaKeeney and Atwood.

The loss put the Oberlin girls' record at 5-15 for the season.

"I thought this was a well-played game by both teams," said Coach Terry Ream. "I was happy with the way we handled the ball, but we gave up too many rebounds and loose balls, ultimately deciding the game."

The Oberlin Lady Red Devils had the lead at the end of the first quarter, outscoring Stockton 16-12. Stockton came back to outscore Oberlin 13-10 in the second period. That left Oberlin with a 16-15 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, both teams scored 12 and Oberlin retained the one-point lead. In the fourth quarter, however, Stockton came out and scored 17 to Oberlin's 10 for the victory and a chance to advance to the semifinals.

"We had great success when we got the ball inside to Adrienne (Pauls) and Mary (Olson)," Coach Ream said. "We have worked hard getting the inside players involved, and when we did, the two stepped up and did a great job."

"This was a tough way to end our season, but these girls had great attitudes and worked hard from the start of the season until the end."

Playing for Oberlin were Olson, 16 points, seven rebounds, two assists and a steal; Jordan Dreher, 15 points, eight rebounds, five assists and two steals; Pauls, 8 points, four rebounds, three assists and a steal; Erin Jones, 4 points; a rebound and a steal; Elisha Jones, 3 points; five assists, two rebounds and two steals; Ashley Horton, 2 points, three assists and two rebounds; and Brandi Diederich, two assists.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	16	10	12	10	48
Stockton	12	13	12	17	54



LISTENING TO COACH Gina Witt, Oberlin junior high basketball girls against Hoxie, Miki Dorshorst (below) wasn't letting the Bulldogs' defense (above) took a break during a game earlier in the season. During a contest slow her down. — Herald photos by Sarah Fredrickson

Junior high finishes year

The Decatur Community Junior High basketball girls finished their season at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Atwood and Goodland on Feb. 28.

The eighth-grade girls took third and the seventh graders sixth in the league.

The eighth graders beat Rawlins County 44-25 in the first round in Atwood.

Oberlin took an early 14-3 lead, then added 14 points in the second period while Atwood added 4. At the half, Oberlin led the Lady Buffaloes 28-7. The Lady Red Devils kept up the pressure, adding 10 in the third quarter and 6 in the fourth while Atwood was able to counter with 2 and 16.

"All the girls played very well against St. Francis," Coach Melissa Dreher said.

Scoring were Miki Dorshorst, 13 points; Darbi Rouse, 8; Keatra Fisher, 7; Cassidy Shields, Jordyn Wasson and Taylor Macfee, four each; and Megan Gault and Dannay Rheim, 2 each.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	14	14	10	6	44
St. Francis	3	4	2	16	25

In the second round, Hoxie downed the Oberlin eighth graders 44-19.

Both teams scored 8 points in the first quarter. In the second, Hoxie ran away, scoring 11 to Oberlin's 1 to lead 19-9 at the half. In the third quarter, Hoxie added another 10 points to Oberlin's 4, and in the fourth quarter 15 to Oberlin's 6.

"We struggled with the quick

and aggressive girls from Hoxie," Coach Dreher said. "They (Oberlin) worked hard and never gave up. I was proud of them."

Scoring were Dorshorst and Fisher, 6 each; Rouse, 3; and Macfee and Shields, 2 each.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	8	1	4	6	19
Hoxie	8	11	10	15	44

The girls came back to win their last game for third place, downing Quinter 37-22.

Oberlin was able to just edge Quinter 7-6 in the first quarter, but increased the lead with an 11-point second while Quinter added 5. At the half, Oberlin led 18-11. In the third quarter, Oberlin outscored the Lady Bulldogs 13 to 5, and each team scored 6 in the last quarter.

"The girls did a great job," Coach Dreher said. "We played aggressive defense and worked hard on offense...."

Scoring were Dorshorst, 13 points; Rouse, 10; Fisher, 8; Shields, 4; and Gault, 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	7	11	13	6	37
Quinter	6	5	5	6	22

The seventh graders were edged 24-20 by Atwood in the first round.

"The girls did a great job of playing Atwood," Coach Gina Witt said.

Oberlin jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the first quarter and the girls were able to outscore Atwood 4-0 in the second for a 10-2 lead at the half. In the third quarter, Atwood woke up and scored 13 points to

Oberlin's 2 to take a one-point lead. In the fourth, Atwood scored 9 to Oberlin's 8.

Scoring were Jamie Soderlund, 8 points; Hannah May, 7; Mercedes Geihlsler, 4; and Alexis Hissong, 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	6	4	2	8	20
Quinter	2	0	13	9	24

In the second round, Oberlin downed Quinter 26-14.

"Everyone did a good job," Coach Witt said. "The girls off the bench contributed a lot to our victory over Quinter."

Oberlin took a narrow 4-2 lead in the first quarter and increased it in the second by outscoring Quinter 8-1 for a 12-3 lead at the half. In the third and fourth quarters, Oberlin against outscored Quinter 8-6 and 6-5.

Scoring were May, 8; Geihlsler and Soderlund, 6 each; Kaylor Jones, 4; and Lara Zodrow, 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oberlin	4	8	8	6	26
Quinter	2	1	6	5	14

In the battle for fifth place, Colby was able to overcome Oberlin 24-20.

"I am proud of the girls," Coach Witt said. "They may get down, but they never give up. They did a great job this season."

Oberlin took an 8-6 lead in the first quarter, but the girls were unable to score in the second while Colby put up 4 points. At the half, Colby led 10-8. In the third quarter, Colby outscored Oberlin 9-2. In the fourth, Oberlin outshot the Lady



Eagles 10-5. Scoring were Soderlund, 10; Oberlin 8 0 2 10 20 May and Geihlsler, 4 each; and Colby 6 4 9 5 24 Hissong, 2.

Wrestlers attend Hays tourney

On Saturday, 16 Oberlin youngsters participated in a big kid wrestling tournament in Hays.

Dalton Paul took the championship in his age/weight division and three Oberlin wrestlers took second place, four got third and one took fourth.

- 6 and under**
- 55 pounds — Dawson Kempt.
- 10 and under**
- 73 pounds — Max Diederich.
- 85 pounds — Tabor Erickson.

- 110 pounds — Dayton Kempt.
- 120 pounds — Kelly Brown, second.
- 12 and under**
- 80 pounds — Jude Walinder.
- 100 pounds — Dayton Dreher, third.
- 165 pounds — Rex Diederich, third.
- 215 pounds — Ben Glading, third.
- 14 and under**
- 115 pounds — Kade Brown,

- second.
- 125 pounds — Brent Juenemann, third.
- 130 pounds — Kolton Paul, fourth.
- 140 pounds — Matt Glading.
- 175 pounds — Channing Fortin, second.
- 16 and under**
- 140 pounds — Jon Samson.
- 150 pounds — D. Paul, first place.

Champion heads for nationals

A state-champion wrestler from Oberlin is headed for national competition this weekend.

Bryan Miller was the Kansas state champion in Class 3-2-1A at 135 pounds in 2000. He went to the state championships all four of his high school years, placing third his freshman and senior years and second his sophomore year.

Now, after not wrestling for several years, he's on the mat once more, this time at the University of North Carolina in Penbroke.

Miller graduated from Decatur Community High in 2001 and Colby Community College in 2003. He was a police officer and dispatcher in Atwood for several years.

Then, he said, he and his wife, the former Margaret Vrbas of Atwood, decided they wanted to move to Raleigh, N.C. A friend convinced him to go to Penbroke instead,

and he was able to get a wrestling scholarship.

He is now a junior majoring in physical education for grades 7 through 12.

It's been a long year with lots of hard work, he said.

Last week, he attended regional competition in Erie, Pa., where he was in a 16-man bracket at 141

pounds. The top four finishers got a berth at nationals, and he took fourth.

"I beat a couple of nationally ranked kids," he said with a touch of pride.

The nationals will be Friday and Saturday in Houston.

Brian is the son of Jerry Miller and Carolyn Miller.

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS, Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open for Social Hour at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Price per plate is \$15.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund. Social hour and music to follow.

Alumni's Name _____ Class _____ Year to be seated with _____

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Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name and year you wish to be seated with. Deadline for reservations is May 9, 2009.

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