

# Boys win 5 of 6 Junior high now has 4-0, 3-1 records

The Oberlin junior high boys basketball teams had a busy time last week, playing on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and winning five out of six games.

The seventh-grade record is now 4-0 and the eighth-grade, 3-1.

On Monday, the boys were in McCook to take on St. Patrick's.

The young Red Devil eighth graders won 31-21 and the seventh graders topped the home team 35-6.

The seventh graders were hard on the St. Patrick boys, not allowing them to score in the first half while putting up 8 points in the first quarter and 15 in the second to lead 23-0 at the break. In the third quarter, each team scored 4 and in the fourth, Oberlin outscored St. Patrick's 8-2 for a whopping 35-6 victory.

"These guys continue to make life miserable for the opposing guards," Coach Tim Breth said. "We had many steals early that led to easy buckets."

Helping Oberlin were:

- Kyle Breth, 15 points, five rebounds and five steals.
- Kennedy Fortin, 10 points and 15 rebounds.
- Kolton Paul, 4 points and nine rebounds.
- Dayton Dreher, 2 points and two steals.
- Grant Gilliam, five rebounds and two blocks.
- Konner Fortin, seven rebounds.
- The eighth graders had a closer game.

"We had a difficult time with St. Pat's 1-3-1 zone defense but we were able to penetrate and score," Coach Breth said. "Our shooting percent was poor for the game. The boys just kept working and slowly pulled away."

The home team took a 7-5 lead in the first quarter, but Oberlin was able to outscore St. Pat's 6-2 in the second quarter to hold an 11-9 edge at the half. In the second half, Oberlin outscored St. Pat's 8-2 and 12-10 for the victory.

Helping Oberlin were:

- Troy Juenemann, 13 points, three rebounds and six steals.
- Kelden Breth, 9 points and five steals.
- Ganon Henningson, 4 points, five rebounds and three steals.



**DRIBBLING THE BALL**, Gabe Anderson (above), with Fernando Sanchez (No. 23) and Regent Erickson (No. 44), helped the Oberlin seventh graders beat Quinter 29-27 on Thursday. Earlier in the week, eighth grader Grant Gilliam (No. 24, right) guarded an Oakley player.

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- Regent Erickson, 2 points and six rebounds.
- Wesley Geihlsler, 2 points and six steals.
- Rex Diederich, 2 points and five rebounds.
- Austin Kyte, 2 points.
- Gabe Anderson, 1 point.
- Fernando Sanchez, four steals.

Last Tuesday, the eighth-graders were edged 26-24 by Oakley while the seventh graders downed the young Plainsmen 27-9 in Oakley.

Oakley outscored the Oberlin eighth graders 6-4 and 6-3 in the first half to lead 12-7 at the break. Oberlin came back strong in the third quarter to outscore the home team 13-6 and take a 20-18 lead. However, Oakley was able to score 8 to Oberlin's 4 in the final quarter. "We came out a little flat but continued to battle," Coach Breth said. "Our good third quarter gave us the lead that we just couldn't hold on to. The team shot just 30 percent from the free-throw line."

Helping Oberlin were:

- Breth, 9 points and five steals.
- Kennedy Fortin, 7 points, 10 rebounds and four steals.
- Paul, 4 points, four rebounds and two steals.
- Gilliam, 2 points, seven rebounds and four blocks.
- Konner Fortin, 2 points and three rebounds.

The seventh graders outscored Oakley in every quarter, 4-0, 7-2, 8-4 and 8-3 for their victory.

"We didn't shoot as well as we normally do," Coach Breth said. "I am impressed with our unselfish play and willingness to get everyone involved."

Helping with the win were:

- Erickson, 10 points and three rebounds.
- Diederich, 6 points and eight

rebounds.

- Anderson, 4 points, four steals and three blocks.
- Breth, 4 points, three rebounds and five steals.
- Juenemann, 2 points.
- Sanchez, 1 point and three steals.
- Henningson, five rebounds and six steals.

On Thursday, the boys were at home against Quinter. The eighth graders edged the young Bulldogs 27-26 while the seventh graders squeaked by 29-27.

The eighth grade teams each scored 4 points in the first quarter but in the second, Oberlin outscored Quinter 11-2 for a 15-6 lead at the half. In the third quarter, both teams scored 10. Then in the fourth quarter, Quinter made a strong comeback to outscore the young Red Devils 10-2, but it was a point too little.

"Quinter is always well coached and plays hard," Coach Breth said. We hit a few more shots and played good defense against their best player most of the night. Our defense caused Quinter to turn the ball over 25 times."

Helping Oberlin were:

- Paul, 10 points, nine rebounds and a block.
- Kennedy Fortin, 9 points, nine rebounds and two blocks.
- Breth, 3 points and three steals.
- Dreher, 3 points.
- Gilliam, 2 points.
- Konner Fortin, six rebounds.

In the seventh-grade game, Quinter jumped out to an 8-2 lead in the first quarter of the seventh-grade game, but Oberlin came back to outscore the Bulldogs 7-4 in the second quarter to give Quinter a 12-9 lead at the half. In the third quarter, the young Red Devils belted out 12 points to Quinter's 8 to take



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