

Girls win one, lose one

Wrestlers place in tourney



The Oberlin Lady Red Devils lost 54-48 to Hill City on Tuesday but came back Friday to beat St. Francis 58-47.

Hill City took an early lead, mostly on the strength of three-point shots in the first quarter. The Lady Ringnecks made 19 points in the first; of those, 15 came on three-point shots. Four of those were made by junior Lexi Hardiek, who ended up with 20 points for the night.

Oberlin scored 9 points in the first quarter, including the Lady Red Devils' only three-pointer, by junior Jordan Dreher.

In the second quarter, Oberlin was able to control Hardiek and keep her to a pair of free throws. Oberlin outscored Hill City 19-10 to cut the Ringnecks' lead to 29-28 at the half.

Neither team did well in the third quarter, as Oberlin scored 8 points and Hill City hit a single three-point basket. After three quarters, Oberlin lead 36-32.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Ringnecks broke free again and racked up 22 points to Oberlin's dozen to retake the lead and the victory.

Both teams had plenty of opportunities at the free-throw line. Oberlin hit 9 of 20 tries for 48 percent and Hill City hit 11 of 15 for 73 percent.

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Mary Olson led the team with 21 points, scoring in every quarter, and eight rebounds.
- Dreher, 9 points, nine rebounds, one assist and a steal.
- Brandi Diederich, 7 points, three rebounds and two assists.
- Adrienne Pauls, 6 points, nine rebounds, an assist and a steal.
- Kiah Blau, 5 points and five rebounds.
- Ashley Horton, five rebounds and four assists.
- Jessica Fredrickson, two rebounds, two assists and a steal.

On Friday, the Decatur Community High women played before a home crowd for the first game this year beating the St. Francis Lady Indians.

Oberlin started out strong, outscoring the Indians 14-8, 15-8 and 15-12 in the first three quarters to lead 44-29 at the end of three.

In the fourth quarter, St. Francis came back, mostly on the strength of 12 points put up by sophomore Kaitlin Figgins, who sank all of her points in that quarter.

St. Francis put up 19 points in the fourth to Oberlin's 14 but it wasn't enough to deny the Lady Red Devils their second victory of the young season.

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Olson, 20 points, six rebounds,

three assists and a steal.

- Blau, 12 points, 14 rebounds and three assists.
- Dreher, 10 points, three rebounds, an assist and two steals.
- Pauls, 8 points, three rebounds, an assist two steals and three blocked shots.
- Miki Dorshorst, 5 points and a rebound.
- Diederich, 2 points, an assist and a steal.
- Fredrickson, 1 point, two rebounds, two assists and a steal.
- Horton, two rebounds, two assists and three steals.
- Tiffany Anderson, a rebound and an assist.

Darbi Rouse also plays with the Lady Red Devils.

The Oberlin girls are now 2-4 with victories over St. Francis, 0-6, and Arapahoe, Neb., 4-2 and losses to Hill City, 3-0; Oakley, 4-0, Hitchcock County, Neb., 7-0; and Southwest High (Neb.), 5-3. They are 1-1 in Northwest Kansas League games.

The girls will have some time off over the Christmas break. In the new year, they will tip off at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, in Norton against the Lady Blue Jays, who are 3-3 but have just come off victories against Stockton, 48-43, and Phillipsburg, 47-33.

Decatur Community High played host to eight wrestling teams in a junior varsity tournament on Saturday.

Oberlin came out with one champion.

Colby won the tournament with 157 points, followed by Garden City, 76; Phillipsburg, 55; St. Francis, 48; Oberlin 43; Hoxie, 39; Hill City, 28; Scott City, 22; and Ellis, 17.

Sophomore Brent Juememann won the 125-pound championship.

"The guys wrestled well," Coach Joe Dreher said. "This was the largest tournament we had in a few years. Thanks to everyone who helped."

Freshman Channing Fortin came in second at 189 pounds and freshman Matt Gladding was third at 152.

Freshman Matthew Helm, 103 pounds; junior Jon Samson, 135 and junior Dalton Dolan, 285, took fourth place in their brackets.

Freshman Cody Wurm finished 1-2.

GOING UP FOR A BASKET, Oberlin's Josh Ritter had a lot of competition from St. Francis players on Friday, but teammate Nolan Wasson (No. 32) stood ready for the rebound if needed. — Herald photo by Susan May

Basketball boys drop pair of games

The Oberlin Red Devils lost basketball contests to Hill City and St. Francis last week.

On Tuesday, the Decatur Community High boys were in Hill City, where they lost 55-31 to the hometown Ringnecks.

On Friday, the boys lost their first home game of the young season 53-48 to the St. Francis Indians.

On Tuesday, Oberlin did not shoot well in the first quarter as Hill City outscored the Red Devils 14-4. The Ringnecks outscored Oberlin in the second 13-7 to lead by 27-11 at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin did a little better, but still was outscored 8-6. And in the fourth period, the home team put up 20 to the Red Devils' 14.

Oberlin was only able to sink five of 14 free-throw attempts for 36 percent.

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Dakota Soderlund, 11 points, including a three pointer, 10 rebounds, three assists and a steal.
- Wiley Farr, 10 points, including two out of three free throws, a rebound, an assist and two steals.
- Nolan Wasson, 3 points and four rebounds.
- Dalton Jones, 3 points on one shot, a rebound and two assists.
- Josh Ritter, 2 points, seven rebounds and a steal.
- Zach May, 2 points and a steal.
- Keith Fortin, two rebounds, an assist and a steal.
- Shane McEvoy, an assist.

On Friday, St. Francis came to town for a seesaw match.

The Indians jumped out to a 19-9 lead in the first quarter but Oberlin came back in the second to outscore St. Francis 15-7. At the half, the visitors led 26-24. In the third quarter, however, the Red Devils were only able to sink a pair of baskets. They let the Indians outscore them 16-4. Oberlin came back in the fourth quarter to outhit the visitors 20-11, but the boys needed more.

Oberlin was able to sink three of seven free throw attempts for 42 percent.

- Playing for Oberlin were:
- Jones, 17 points including a pair of threes, a rebound, two assists and three steals.
 - Soderlund, 13 points, nine rebounds, an assist and five steals.
 - Farr, 6 points, four rebounds, an assist and five steals.
 - Fortin, 6 points on two shots, a rebound, six assists and three steals.
 - Ritter, 3 points, two rebounds, two assists and six steals.
 - May, a three pointer, two rebounds, two assists and a steal.
 - McEvoy, two rebounds, an assist and a steal.
 - Wasson, a rebound.

The Red Devils are now 1-5 after one victory and two losses in a tournament in McCook and losses to Oakley, Hill City and St. Francis. As of the end of the week, Oakley was 3-2, Hill City 3-0 and St. Francis 4-2.

The boys will be off for the Christmas break and will resume play on Tuesday, Jan. 5, in Norton against the Class 3A Blue Jays.

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