

Junior varsity beats St. Francis

The Decatur Community High girls junior varsity basketball squad lost to Hill City 44-37 on Dec. 15 but came back to beat St. Francis 40-21 on Dec. 18 before taking a break for the holidays.

The Hill City Lady Ringnecks outscored the young Lady Red Devils in all but the fourth quarter, 9-7, 13-5 and 15-11 in the first three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin was able to outplay the home team 15-7, but the team still came away with a 44-37 loss.

Oberlin had plenty of opportunities at the free-throw line, getting 25 shots. However, the girls were only able to sink eight shots for a 32 percent average. Oberlin didn't give Hill City as many chances. The Lady Ringnecks went to the charity line 14 times and were able to sink 10 for a 71 percent average.

Scoring for Oberlin were Brianna Klima and Tiffany Anderson, 9 points each; Darbi Rouse, 8; Miki Dorshorst, 5, including a three pointer; Megan Huntley, 4; and Taylor Macfee, 2.

Things went better for the young Lady Red Devils in their first home game as they downed St. Francis.

Oberlin held the Lady Indians

to just four points in the first half, outscoring the visitors 4-2 in the first quarter and 12-2 in the second. Oberlin didn't let up after the break, outshooting the Lady Indians 18-6 in the third quarter. In the fourth, the Indians were able to outgun Oberlin 11-6, but the Lady Red Devils still won 40-21.

Neither team had much luck at the free-throw line. Oberlin couldn't sink any of its four opportunities and St. Francis only had one ball fall out of 10 tries.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dorshorst and Anderson, 8 each; Huntley and Brianna Klima, 6 each; and Rouse, Macfee and Cassidy Shields, 4 each.

The Oberlin and Hill City girls had enough people to play two quarters of a C-team game. Hill City won, outscoring the young Lady Devils 9-2 and 6-5 for a 16-7 victory.

Scoring for Oberlin were Huntley, 4; Shields, 2; and Elizabeth Nedland, 1.

Oberlin's young players are scheduled to play this week in the Hill City Junior Varsity Tournament, which was to start on Tuesday and continue today and Thursday.

Girls down Indians

THE LADY RED DEVILS downed St. Francis on Dec. 18 with Mary Olson (No. 33, left) and Ashley Horton ready to receive the ball, Adrienne Pauls (upper right) shooting and Kiah Blau (lower right) waiting for the rebound on a free throw.

— Herald staff photos



Junior varsity boys win one game, lose one

The Oberlin junior varsity basketball boys lost 50-33 to the Ringnecks in Hill City on Dec. 15 but came back to win their first home game 41-32 against St. Francis on Dec. 18.

In Hill City, the home team killed the young Decatur Community High boys with three-point shots. Out of 50 points, the Ringnecks made 24 on three pointers.

Hill City outshot Oberlin 14-6 in the first quarter, 13-8 in the second and 12-5 in the third. In the fourth, Oberlin sank its only three pointer and outgunned the Ringnecks 12-11.

Scoring for the Red Devils were Shane McEvoy, 15; Zach May, 7, including the three pointer; Tyler Bruggeman, 7; and Garrett Berry, 2.

It was a whole different story later in the week in the junior high gym at Oberlin. The Red Devil junior varsity downed St. Francis 41-32.

Oberlin outplayed Sainty 10-8 in the first quarter, 13-6 in the second and 12-4 in the fourth. In the third quarter, the Indians took control and outthit Oberlin 14-6.

Scoring for Oberlin were Bruggeman, 21 points; Zach May, 8; Shields, 5; Kelley Stamm, 3; and Matt Whittman and McEvoy, 2 each.

Ryan May, Berry and Connor McHugh also played in the game.

The boys planned to play this week in Hill City Junior Varsity Tournament, which was to start Tuesday and continue today and Thursday.

Seventh graders take third in league

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade boys basketball team took third place in the Northwest Kansas League tournament last week, but missed their goal of winning the championship after a second-round loss.

Still, the boys finished the season 9-2. Up until the tournament, the seventh graders had won all but one of their games, and coach Tim Breth said they had their sights set on the championship.

The seventh-grade tournament started Monday in Oberlin with the young Red Devils downing the Hoxie Indians 37-28.

Oberlin started out strong, outscoring Hoxie 8-4 in the first quarter, but allowed the Indians back in the game in the second as Hoxie outscored Oberlin 14-8 to lead 18-16 at the half. The third quarter was

pretty even, with Hoxie scoring 8 and Oberlin 7. In the fourth quarter, however, Oberlin shut the door on the Indians, outscoring them 14-2 for the victory.

"We played OK, but not like we can," Coach Tim Breth said. "Regent Erickson continues to impress us even though he lacks size."

In the second round on Thursday in Oberlin, the Goodland Mustangs dashed the team's plans with a 19-16 defeat on a long last-minute shot.

Again, Oberlin started out ahead, outscoring Goodland 5-4 in the first quarter and 2-0 in the second for a 7-4 halftime lead. That lead didn't stand up to Goodland's 12-3 scoring barrage in the third quarter, however, and the Mustangs took the lead 16-10. In the fourth period, Oberlin again outscored the Mustangs, this time 6-3, but it wasn't enough.

"Our kids just couldn't make anything," Coach Breth said. "As of late, their play has been very inconsistent. I feel for our team, because they lost on a last second 'Hail Mary' shot. A win would have put us in the championship game."

In the final round Thursday in Oberlin, the seventh graders handily downed the Quinter Bulldogs 44-28 to take third.

Oberlin outscored the Bulldogs in the first three quarters 12-8, 15-5 and 11-9 and both teams scored 6 points in the fourth quarter.

"We came out and finished the year off right," Coach Breth said. "I know there was a letdown after losing in the second round, but the team really responded."

"We jumped out early, which allowed us to get everyone in the ball game. Thanks to all who supported

us this year."

Scoring for the seventh graders were:

- Erickson, 15 against Hoxie, 8 against Goodland and 14 against Quinter.
- Kelden Breth, 13 against Hoxie, 6 against Goodland and 18 against Quinter.
- Troy Juenemann, 6 against Hoxie,
- Gabe Anderson, 2 against Hoxie and 2 against Quinter,
- Kaine Fredrickson, 1 against Hoxie and 8 against Quinter.
- Ganon Henningson, 2 against Goodland.
- Rex Diederich, 2 against Quinter.

Also playing were Wesley Geisler, Fernando Sanchez, Jordan Baker, Logan Berry, Kramer Wrinkles and Austin Kyte.

Eighth graders win one, lose two in league play

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth graders had a tough time of it in the Northwest Kansas League tournament last week, starting out with the Indians in Hoxie on Dec. 14. The Oberlin boys lost 54-26.

The boys won a close game in the second round, but lost in the third round to place sixth in the tournament.

Hoxie outscored the young Red Devils in every quarter 17-8, 14-7, 10-4 and 13-7.

"Hoxie has three good guards that we had a hard time controlling," said Coach Tim Breth. "Our lack of ball control really hurt us. We are looking to win two going out the back of the bracket."

On Dec. 17, the eighth graders edged Quinter 52-51.

Oberlin started out strong, outscoring the young Bulldogs 18-10. Quinter came back and outscored Oberlin 14-10 in the second quarter, but the young Red Devils still led 28-24 at the half. In the third quarter, Quinter took the lead 41-40 after outscoring Oberlin 17-12. Oberlin was able to pull that one extra point out in the fourth quarter as the Red Devils put up 12 points to the Bulldogs' 10.

"What a game it was," Coach Breth exclaimed. "Neither team had a lead over 6 points. We were able to shoot the ball really well and hang on in the end. (These were) two evenly matched teams."

However, in the final round, Atwood downed the Oberlin eighth graders 40-29 so that the Red Devils ended up in sixth place.

Oberlin lead 11-7 in the first quarter. Rawlins County edged Oberlin 6-5 in the second quarter

and outscored the Red Devils 9-6 in the third for a 22-22 tie. Then, in the fourth quarter, Atwood outscored Oberlin 18-7 to take fifth place.

"We were tied going into the fourth period, but had trouble scoring and containing their big man inside," Coach Breth said. "You can't give up 18 fourth-quarter points and be in the ballgame. I appreciate all the hard work the boys have put in and the support we have received."

Scoring for Oberlin were:

- Kennedy Fortin, 16 against Hoxie, 12 against Quinter and 6 against Atwood.
- Dayton Draher, 7 against Hoxie, 10 against Quinter and 4 against Atwood.
- Konner Fortin, 3 against Hoxie, 4 against Quinter, and 6 against Atwood.
- Kyle Breth, 12 against Quinter and five against Atwood.
- Kolton Paul, 12 against Quinter and 8 against Atwood.
- Chris Anderson, 2 against

Quinter.

Also on the eighth-grade team were Jude Walinder, Adam Zillinger, Baron Green, Grant Gilliam and Justin Gee.

The eighth graders ended their season with a 4-6 record.

The tournament marked the end of the junior high boys basketball season. The boys will begin wrestling after the Christmas break and the junior high girls will begin their basketball season.

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