

# Boys win one, lose one

The Oberlin Red Devils boys basketball team beat the St. Francis Indians 80-67 on Friday in St. Francis but fell 53-49 to the Hill City Ringnecks at home last Tuesday.

The boys now have a 3-3 record. Last Tuesday, both teams scored 14 points in the first quarter. In the second, Hill City was able to outscore Oberlin 8-5 for a 22-19 lead at the half. In the third quarter, Oberlin made that up, outscoring the Ringnecks 16-13 for a tie at 35. In the fourth, however, one Hill City player put up 12 points and the visitors outshot Oberlin 18-14 for the win.

Oberlin hit six three point shots, 13 twos and five out of 13 free throws for 38 percent.

Hill City had five threes, 16 twos and six out of 14 free throws for 43 percent.

Scoring were Dakota Soderlund 13 including a three-point shot, Zach May 10, Dalton Jones and Josh Ritter 8 each including a pair of threes each, Tyler Bruggeman 7 and Keithen Fortin 3 on one basket.

Soderlund, May and Ritter each had seven rebounds, followed by Jones with five and Bruggeman and Fortin, three each.

May had three steals and three blocked shots; Ritter, three steals and a blocked shot; Jones, three steals; Soderlund, two steals; and Bruggeman and Fortin, one steal each.

On Friday in St. Francis, Oberlin outshot the home team 17-16 in the first quarter and 22-14 in the second to lead 39-30 at the half. In the third quarter, the Red Devils continued to pull ahead, outscoring the Indians 22-15.

The fourth quarter was the only one in which St. Francis outscored Oberlin. The Indians had 22 and the Red Devils 19.

St. Francis had one player, who hit almost half its points. Isaac Schiltz scored 33, hitting seven three point shots.

Scoring for Oberlin were Soderlund 22, Jones and Z. May 16 each, Ritter and Fortin 10 each, Bruggeman 4 and Ryan May 2.

Z. May hit four three pointers and Jones and Fortin hit two each. Oberlin shot 80 percent at the free throw line, eight of 16, with Jones hitting all six of his tries.

Ritter was the top rebounder with 12, followed by Soderlund, eight; Z. May, six; Jones, five; and Fortin and Bruggeman, four each.

Jones has six steals while Ritter had two steals and a blocked shot; Fortin, two steals; and Bruggeman, one steal.

The Hill City junior varsity also won its game over Oberlin, downing the Red Devils 41-36.

Hill City got off to a 14-4 start in



**SURROUNDED BUT READY** to pass the ball, Dakota Soderlund (above) and Josh Ritter (below) helped Oberlin beat the St. Francis Indians 80-67 on Friday.

— Herald photos by Roger May

the first quarter and added to it with a 14-8 second quarter to lead 28-12 at the half. Both teams scored 10 in the third quarter and Oberlin outscored the Ringnecks 14-3 in the fourth.

Scoring were Kennedy Fortin, 11 including a pair of three pointers; Kyle Breth, 10 including two three-point shots; Konnor Fortin, 5 including a three pointer; R. May, 4; and Tyler Shields, Bruggeman and Garrett Berry, 2 each.

In St. Francis on Friday, the Oberlin junior varsity downed the Indians 67-57.

The Indians took the lead first, outscoring the Red Devils 14-13 in the first quarter and 18-14 in the second. In the third quarter, however, Oberlin got hot, out shooting the Indians 25-6. In the fourth, it was St. Francis' turn again to outscore Oberlin 19-15 but the Red Devils great third quarter won the game.

Scoring were R. May 16, Breth and Kennedy Fortin 13 each, Shields 11, Konnor Fortin 7, Berry 5 and Austin Holt 2.

Kennedy Fortin hit three threes while Breth, Shields and Konner Fortin hit one each.

R. May was four for four at the free-throw line and Breth was two for two.

The C-team squads played a "fifth-quarter" game with St. Francis scoring 12 to Oberlin's 8 points.

Scoring for Oberlin were Jude Wallinder 4, and Adam Zillinger and Holt, 2 each.

The Oberlin boys will be off for Christmas break the next two weeks and will return to action right after the girls' game, about 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Norton against the Bluejays. On Friday, Jan. 7, the boys will be at home against the Rawlins County Buffaloes.

# Seventh grade wins tourney

The Oberlin seventh graders won the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Quinter on Thursday.

The seventh-grade team downed St. Francis 28-26 in the first game and Oakley 33-29 in overtime in the championship round.

Against St. Francis, the boys started out even, as each team scored 4 points in the first quarter. Oberlin went ahead 10-6 in the second to lead 14-10 at the half. The young Red Devils also outscored St. Francis 11-6 in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, however, the Indians caught fire and outscored Oberlin 10-3. They were a couple of points short, however, and the Red Devils won 28-26.

"We came out really out of sync on both ends of the court," said Coach Tim Breth. "The second and third quarters, we played a little better. The fourth, we just hung on and won. We shot only four of 10 from the free-throw line. It is very hard to best a team three times in one season like we did St. Francis."

Scoring were Noah Nelson 13 points, Keagen Blau 10, Andrew

Wade 3 and Justice Harris 2.

In the championship game, Oakley outscored Oberlin 9-5 in the first quarter but the Oberlin boys shut them down in the second, outscoring Oakley 7-0 for a 12-9 lead at the half. In the third quarter, Oakley scored 11 to Oberlin's 10. In the fourth, the Plainsmen were able to tie the game at 27 by outscoring Oberlin 7-5.

In overtime, Oberlin scored 6 to Oakley's 2 for the victory and the championship.

"Oakley came out ready to go," Coach Breth said. "It took us a quarter to get going. Once we did, we shut down Oakley the second quarter."

"Both teams produced well in the third quarter. What a battle in the second half. In overtime, we were able to get the ball inside to Keagen for a couple of each buckets."

"We got revenge for our only loss. I'm so proud of this group."

Scoring were Blau 12, Wade 11, Harris 6 and Nelson 4.

The seventh graders ended their season with a 9-1 record.

# Wrestlers come in fourth in meet

The Decatur Community High wrestlers came in fourth at the annual Oberlin Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday but had one weight-class champion, a second-place finisher and two third placers.

Matthew Helm won the 103-pound class while Chris Anderson came in second at 125, Kolton Paul third at 140 and Matt Glading third at 152.

Garden City won the tournament with 139.5 points, followed by Colby 117, Phillipsburg 75, Oberlin 72, Oakley 68, Scott City 44 and St. Francis 29.

Wrestling were:

- 103 pounds, Helm pinned Jalen Roland, Garden City, and won 7-3 over Darick Coomas, Phillipsburg, for the championship.

- 125, Anderson won 8-2 over Jonathan Guarrera, Garden City, and lost 8-4 to Austin White, St. Francis, for second.

- 140, Paul pinned Clayton Sauer, Phillipsburg; was pinned by Matt Johnston, Garden City; pinned Grant Gilliam, Oberlin; pinned Garrett Kraft, Colby, for third.

- 140, Gilliam was pinned by Hunter Kohler, Phillipsburg; pinned Jake Manghelm, Oakley; was pinned by Paul.

- 152, M. Glading pinned Ty McCulloch, Scott City; was pinned by Dalton Unger, Garden City; pinned Andrew Makings, Phillipsburg; and pinned Brad Schroader, Colby, for third.

- 160, Conner McHugh pinned Chris Green, Scott City; was pinned by Marcus Colson, Colby; and was pinned by Alex McDowell, Garden City.

- 285, Ben Glading was pinned by Cameron Crocker, Colby; was pinned by Jose Hernandez, Garden City; and pinned Kenneth O'Rourke, Phillipsburg.



# Hoxie boys down Oberlin wrestlers; Devils beat Atwood

The Decatur Community High wrestling squad fell 42-36 to Hoxie but beat Rawlins County 72-9 on Friday in a triangular matchup at home.

None of the teams had a full roster, but Rawlins County was especially short.

Hoxie had no wrestlers at 103, 112, 119 and 160 pounds so had to forfeit those four rounds. Oberlin had to forfeit the 171-pound class to Hoxie.

Rawlins County had no one at 112, 135, 140, 152, 160, 171, 180, 215 and 285 pounds.

Despite having to forfeit four rounds, Hoxie beat Oberlin because its team won seven of the nine varsity matches wrestled against Oberlin.

Wrestling against Hoxie were:

- 125 pounds, Chris Anderson was pinned by Calvin Ocho.

- 130, Brent Juenemann lost 4-3 to Britton Sealock.

- 135, Kade Brown pinned Weston Bainter.

- 140, Grant Gilliam was pinned by Donovan Schamberger.

- 145, Kolton Paul was pinned by Dalton Snyder.

- 152, Jon Samson was pinned by Dylan Bainter.

- 189, Jacob Larue lost 8-3 to Kane Washington.

- 215, Channing Fortin pinned

Danny Baker.

- 285, Cody Wurm was pinned by Dillon Salman.

In junior varsity action:

- 285, Ben Glading was pinned by Leaman Colson.

Oberlin won three out of five matches against Atwood but scored big on forfeits.

Wrestling against Atwood were:

- 103, Matthew Helm was pinned by John Solko.

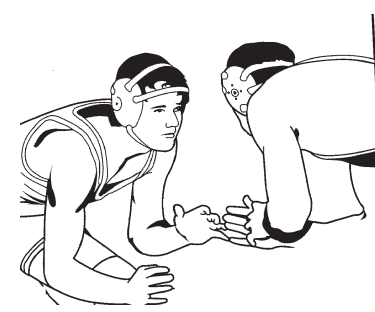
- 119, Jacob Helm pinned Dustin Vap.

- 125, Anderson pinned Clayton Griffith.

- 130, Juenemann pinned Devin Simon.

- 145, Paul lost 11-4 to Cody Green.

The Red Devils wrestlers will be off for Christmas break until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, when they will wrestle Phillipsburg and McCook in a triangular meet in Oberlin.



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