



A QUINTER BULLDOGS PLAYER took a quick seat as Zach May went up for a basket for the Oberlin Red Devils on Friday in Quinter. — Herald photo by Roger May

Boys beat Hoxie

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team downed the Hoxie Indians 60-48 last Tuesday in Hoxie.

Hoxie started out tough, outscoring Oberlin 16-9 in the first quarter. In the second, Oberlin edged the home team 15-14. At the half, Hoxie lead 30-24 with Luke Friess scoring 15 points for the Indians.

In the second half, Oberlin held Friess to just 2, and the Red Devils started to hit the net, outscoring the Indians 24-14 in the third quarter and 12-4 in the fourth.

The game wasn't won on free throws, but it they didn't hurt. The Red Devils were able to sink 83 percent at their charity shots, 10 of 12, while the Indians were only able to make 33 percent and had fewer shots, just one of three.

Oberlin, meantime, ended up with four scorers in double digits.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dakota Soderlund, 16; Dalton Jones, 15, including a three pointer and eight for eight at the free throw line; Josh Ritter, 14; Keithen Fortin, 13 including three three pointers; and Zach May, 2.

Soderlund and May split rebounding honors with eight each, followed by Ritter, seven; Tyler Bruggeman, two; and Tyler Shields and Fortin, one each.

Dalton Jones had six steals, followed by May, four; Ritter, two; and Fortin, Soderlund and Bruggeman, one each.

Fortin had four assists, followed by Jones, two, and Ryan May, Ritter and Z. May, one each.



DESPITE A HOXIE GUARD, Oberlin's Tyler Shields (No. 5) made a basket last Tuesday in a junior varsity game in Hoxie. — Herald photo by Susan May

Bulldogs bite Red Devils

The Oberlin basketball boys fell 60-53 to the Quinter Bulldogs on Friday in Quinter.

Oberlin started out OK, outscoring the Bulldogs 20-12 in the first quarter, partially on the strength of four three-point shots and four out of four from the free throw line.

In the second quarter, each team scored 10 to give Oberlin a 30-22 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs, however, came out strong in the second half, outscoring Oberlin 12-6 in the third quarter and 28-17 in the fourth as they hit four three pointers and four out of 11 free throws.

Both teams had plenty of chances at the charity line, with Oberlin making 14 out of 18 attempts for 78 percent and Quinter, eight out of 20 for 40 percent.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dakota Soderlund, 18 points including a three pointer and seven out of eight free throws; Dalton Jones, 16 including four three pointers and two out of two at the free throw line;

Zach May, 9; Keithen Fortin, 8 including a pair of three pointers; and Josh Ritter, 2.

Ritter was the top rebounder with nine, followed by Soderlund, eight; May, seven; Jones, three; and Tyler Shields, Keithen Fortin and Tyler Bruggeman, one each.

May had the only blocked shot plus three steals. Ritter and Fortin also had three steals each while Jones and Bruggeman had one apiece.

Ritter had four assists and Jones, Fortin and May had two each.

The Oberlin junior varsity lost 61-53 in overtime to Quinter.

Again, Oberlin took an early lead, outscoring Quinter 18-11 in the first quarter and 17-12 in the second to lead 35-23 at the half.

And again in the second half, the home team came back, outscoring the Red Devils 21-7 in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, Oberlin scored 9 points and Quinter 7 to tie the game at 51. In overtime, however, Oberlin was only able to

score on two free throws while the Bulldogs made 10 points.

Scoring were Kyle Breth, 14 including four three-point shots and two for two at the free throw line; Shields, 12; Kennedy Fortin, 11 including three threes; Bruggeman and Garrett Berry, 6 each; and Ryan May and Konner Fortin, 2 each.

This week, the boys will be taking part in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Oberlin. The tournament was to start on Monday with Oberlin taking on St. Francis. On Friday, the Red Devils will meet Hoxie about 7:30 p.m. in the junior high gym, right after the Oakley-Rawlins County girls game, which will start at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, the boys teams will play for fifth place at 3:30 p.m. in the junior high gym, for third place at 3:30 p.m. in the high school gym and for first about 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym, right after the girls' championship ends.

Girls take out Quinter

The Decatur Community High girls came from behind to edge Quinter 56-54 on Friday in a hard-fought road game which Quinter led most of the night.

The Oberlin girls won on the strength of free throws and the shooting prowess of senior Jordan Dreher, who scored 32 of the Lady Red Devils' points.

In the first quarter, the Lady Bulldogs outscored Oberlin 17-14. In the second, they hit 14 points to the Lady Red Devils' 13 to lead 31-27 at the half.

Quinter inched up in the third quarter, outscoring Oberlin 16-14 for a 47-41 lead.

In the fourth quarter, each team scored two field goals but Oberlin made the most of its many trips to the free throw line, sinking 11 of 14 to outscore Quinter 15-7. The Lady Bulldogs got seven charity shots and were able to sink only three of them.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dreher,

32, including three three-point shots and nine out of 10 at the free-throw line; Tiffany Anderson, 8; Darbi Rouse, 6; Kiah Blau, 4; Miki Dorshorst, 3; and Alexis Hissong, Hannah May and Brianna Klima, 1 each.

The Oberlin girls hit 21 out of 28 free throws for 75 percent.

Dreher was also the rebound leader with 13, followed by Klima, seven; Anderson, six; Blau, four; Dorshorst, three; and Rouse and May, two each.

Dreher had five steals. Blau had a steal and two blocked shots. Dorshorst, Klima and Anderson had one steal each.

Dreher hit seven of her dozen two-point shots and three of her nine three-point attempts for 48 percent shooting.

The junior varsity girls fell 42-37 to the young Lady Bulldogs.

Oberlin started off slow, as Quinter outscored the Lady Red Devils 13-3 in the first quarter and

7-4 in the second. At the half, the home team lead 20-7.

In the second half, the Oberlin girls made a run for it, outscoring Quinter 14-9 in the third quarter and 16-13 in the second.

It wasn't quite enough.

Scoring were Cassidy Shields, 15; May, 12; Hissong, 4; and Jamie Soderlund, Taylor Macfee and Brianna Klima, 2 each.

The Oberlin girls will be playing in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament this week. The tournament was to start on Monday and continue on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday in Oberlin.

The Oberlin girls were to play Quinter on Tuesday and will go against Hoxie at 6 p.m. Friday in the high school gym.

On Saturday, the girls teams will play for fifth place at 2 p.m. in the junior high gym, for third place at 2 p.m. in the high school gym and for the championship at 5 p.m. in the high school gym.

Hoxie beats Lady Devils

The Oberlin girls basketball team had a tough outing last Tuesday, falling 63-17 to the Lady Indians in Hoxie.

The Lady Red Devils just could not get going, as the home team outscored Oberlin 19-8 in the first quarter and 13-7 in the second to lead 32-15 at the half.

In the second half, Hoxie ran away with the game, scoring 19 points in the third quarter and 12 in the fourth. Oberlin was only able to

score a single two-point field goal in the third and nothing in the fourth.

The Lady Red Devils hit six two-point baskets and sunk five out of nine at the free-throw line for 56 percent.

Scoring were Kiah Blau 7, Tiffany Anderson 4, Jordan Dreher 3, Miki Dorshorst 2 and Darbi Rouse 1.

The Oberlin junior varsity lost 47-33.

Hoxie jumped out to a 17-6 lead in the first quarter and added to it in

the second, outscoring Oberlin 10-1 for a 27-7 lead at the half.

Oberlin did better in the second half, scoring 10 points to Hoxie's 14 in the third quarter and outscoring the home team 16-6 in the fourth.

Scoring for Oberlin were Hannah May, 14, including two for two at the free-throw line; Cassidy Shields, 9; Jamie Soderlund, 6; Brianna Klima, 2; and Alexis Hissong and Taylor Macfee, 1 each.

Junior high girls lose two

Both the Decatur Community Junior High girls basketball teams lost to St. Francis in overtime during their first outings of the season.

Playing at home on Thursday, the seventh graders lost 27-25 and the eighth graders 25-22.

The seventh graders started out well, outscoring the young Indians 9-4 in the first quarter and 2-1 in the second to lead 11-5 at the half. In the second half, it was St. Francis' turn, as the visitors outscored Oberlin 6-2 in the third quarter and 7-5 in the fourth to tie the game at 18.

In overtime, St. Francis was able to edge Oberlin 9-7 for the victory.

"The girls did a very good job for their first game," Coach Gina Witt said. "We do need to take care of the ball better and run our offense.

Overall, I was very pleased with the effort the girls gave. Ara Marine led rebounding with 13, followed by Caitlin Gault with nine. We were four for 11 at the free-throw line."

Scoring were Gault 13, Kassidie Jensen 5; Kaitlynn Fisher 3; and Sabryn O'Gara and Marine, 2 each.

The eighth graders also took the lead in their first half, outscoring St. Francis 6-2 in the first quarter and 10-4 in the second for a 16-6 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, however, the young Indians shut Oberlin down, outscoring the Red Devils 8-0. The Indians continued their assault in the fourth quarter, outscoring Oberlin 7-5 to tie the score at 21.

With momentum on their side, the Indians outscored Oberlin 4-1

in overtime.

"The girls really worked hard and did a good job in the first half of the game," Coach Melissa Dreher said. "We were leading the game at half 16-6. We came out and struggled on offense. The girls need to take care of the ball and have fewer turnovers. They did all right for the first game."

Scoring were Whitney Witt 7, Kariah Castle 6, Molly Jansonium 4, Shawn Baker 3 and Demi Murray 2.

This week, the girls will be on the road against Atwood starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Atwood.

The junior high boys wrestling team will be in Oakley for a triangular meet with Oakley and Hoxie at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.



THE LADY BULLDOGS DEFENDERS couldn't stop Cassidy Shields' basket during the junior varsity game between Oberlin and Quinter on Friday. — Herald photo by Abby Hissong