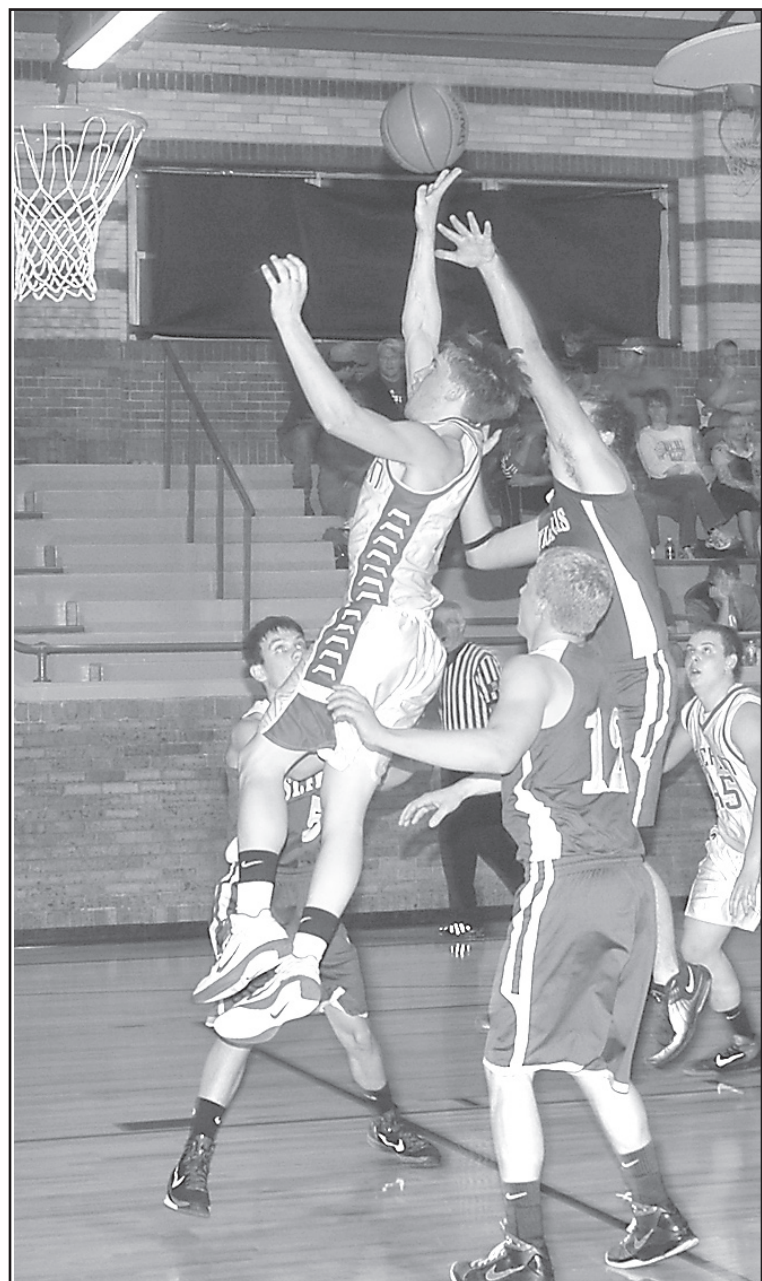


Sports



TEAMMEMBER Dakota Soderlund watched as Josh Ritter Francis. bounces the ball off the backboard in the game against Saint

— Photos by Susan May



RED DEVIL Josh Ritter jumped high above his opponent to sink a shot.

— Photo by Susan May

Red Devils take third in league tournament

The Decatur Community High boys took third in the Northwest Kansas League tournament on Saturday with a 60-57 win over Rawlins County.

On Monday, the Red Devils downed the St. Francis Indians and on Friday, Oberlin lost to the Hoxie Indians.

On Saturday, Oberlin and the Rawlins County Buffaloes played for third place. Both teams scored 16 points in the first quarter and Oberlin was able to go into the half with a one point margin after outscoring Atwood 16-15 in the second quarter.

Oberlin gained ground in the third

quarter, outscoring Rawlins County 14-9. In the fourth quarter, the Buffaloes fought back and outscored Oberlin 17-14. The Atwood team fell short by three and Oberlin took third with a 60-57 victory.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dakota Soderlund, 19 including five of seven at the free-throw line;

Keithen Fortin, 16 including four three-point shots; Josh Ritter, 14 including a three-pointer; Dalton Jones, 7 including a three pointer and two of three from the free-throw line; and Tyler Bruggeman and Zach May, 2 each.

Jones and Soderlund were the rebound leaders with eight each, fol-

lowed Ritter and May, six each, and Fortin and Bruggeman, four each.

Jones and Ritter each had five assists followed by May, four, and Fortin, three. May had four steals, Ritter and Fortin, three each, and Soderlund, two.

The Decatur Community High boys will play Sutherland, Neb.,

on the road about 6:30 p.m. (central time) Friday and will be at home to play Grinnell/Wheatland about 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

The younger Oberlin players are scheduled to play in a junior varsity tournament in Colby on Monday. Times had not been set yet.

Devils take charge of the Indians

The Decatur Community High boys downed St. Francis 57-54 last Monday during the first round of the Northwest Kansas League Tournament.

The game was a close one until the fourth quarter, when Oberlin took off and left the Indians in the dust.

Oberlin took a narrow 17-15 lead in the first quarter and St. Francis came back to outscore the Red Devils 17-11 to take a 32-28 lead into the half.

In the third quarter, it seemed the St. Francis had the upper hand as the Indians outscored Oberlin 14-9 to

increase their lead to 46-37.

In the fourth quarter, however, Dalton Jones hit three three-point shots and Dakota Soderlund scored five on field goals and free throws to help the Red Devils outscore St. Francis 20-8 for the quarter and 57-54 for the game.

Scoring for Oberlin were Josh Ritter, 19 including a pair of three pointers; Jones, 12 all on three-point shots; Soderlund, 9; Keithen Fortin, 6 on a pair of three pointers; Zach May, 6; Fortin Shields, 3; and Tyler Bruggeman, 2.

First loss of season; boys fall to Hoxie

The Oberlin boys suffered only their defeat of the season during the Northwest Kansas League Tournament on Friday, as they fell 54-30 to the Hoxie Indians in Oberlin.

Oberlin came out strong, outscoring Hoxie 12-10 in the first quarter, but the boys were not able to keep

up the momentum in the middle of the game.

In both the second and third quarters, the Red Devils were outscored 18-4 by the Indians.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin was again able to outscore the Indians, this time 10-8.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dakota Soderlund, 15; Kyle Breth and Keithen Fortin, 3 on a single shot each; Josh Ritter, 3; Garrett Berry, Zach May and Tyler Bruggeman, 2 each.

May was the rebound leader with five, followed by Ritter and Soder-

lund, three each, and Jones, one.

Fortin had the only Oberlin assist and Ritter, Berry, Fortin, May, Soderlund and Bruggeman each had a single steal.

Wrestlers place in Beloit Invitational

Oberlin had three wrestlers place in the 22-team Beloit Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.

Oberlin split its team, sending some of the boys to Beloit and some to the Atwood Invitational.

Brent Juenemann took third place in Beloit, Dayton Dreher fourth and Kade Brown sixth.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:
• 112, Dreher pinned Cole Hogan, Clay Center; lost 4-1 to Brad Hake,

Concordia; pinned Mack Reagan, Smith Center; pinned Gage Pfeifer, Hill City; won by forfeit over Junior Morgan, Abilene; lost 7-3 to Hake for fourth.

• 119, Jacob Helm lost 13-3 to Diego Gallaway, Stockton, lost to Josh Schroader, Silver Lake.

• 125, Brent Juenemann pinned Michael Runge, Smith Center; won 15-1 over Bowe Bahymer, Beloit; lost 11-8 to Cole Warner, Plainville; pinned Derek Mead, Concordia;

won 7-0 over Bahymer, for third.

• 135, Kade Brown pinned Colton Wise, Plainville; lost 10-1 to Troy Clark, Chanute; pinned Clay Pickel, Smith Center; won 5-2 over Matt McWhorter, Blue Valley Southwest; lost 7-6 to Donovan Schamberger, Hoxie; and was pinned by Eddie Creek, Marysville, for sixth.

• 145, Jon Samson was pinned by Brandon Larson, Republic County, and lost 8-2 to Jake Ryals, Salina.
• 189, Jacob Larue lost 8-0 to Sky-

ler Hittle, Concordia, and lost 9-1 to Kane Washington, Hoxie.

• 215, Channing Fortin was pinned by Jacob English, Beloit; pinned Kurt Sloan, Colby; and lost 7-2 to Jordan Brown, Concordia.

The Oberlin wrestlers will take part in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in Oberlin.

Grapplers travel to Atwood for meet

Part of the Decatur Community High wrestling squad went to the Buffalo Invitational in Atwood on Saturday, coming home with a second, two thirds and a fourth in individual weight classes.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

• 103 pounds, Matthew Helm, was pinned by John Solko, Atwood, in rounds 1 and 2 for second place.
• 130 Chris Anderson, lost 15-0 to Joe Salinas, Leoti in round 1; won 15-0 over Tyrell Yarbrough, Goodland in round 2; did not wrestle in round 3; won 20-6 over Brady Colson, Colby in round 4; and was pinned by Otto Maldonado, Wray,

Colo., in round 5 for third place.

• 140, Kolton Paul won 5-2 over Bryer Porter, Leoti; lost 8-0 to Dax Ruhs, Goodland; won 11-2 over Derek Bartholomay, St. Johns Military of Salina; and lost 6-5 to Porter for fourth.

• 152, Matt Glading was pinned by Jake Warta, Segwick County; pinned Carl Dennett, Wray; won 5-2 over Cody Wright, Atwood; and was pinned by Warta.

• 285, Cody Wurm, was pinned by Andrew Lightsey, Fleming, Colo.; pinned Mac Purvis, Goodland; and pinned Cameron Crocker, Colby, for third.

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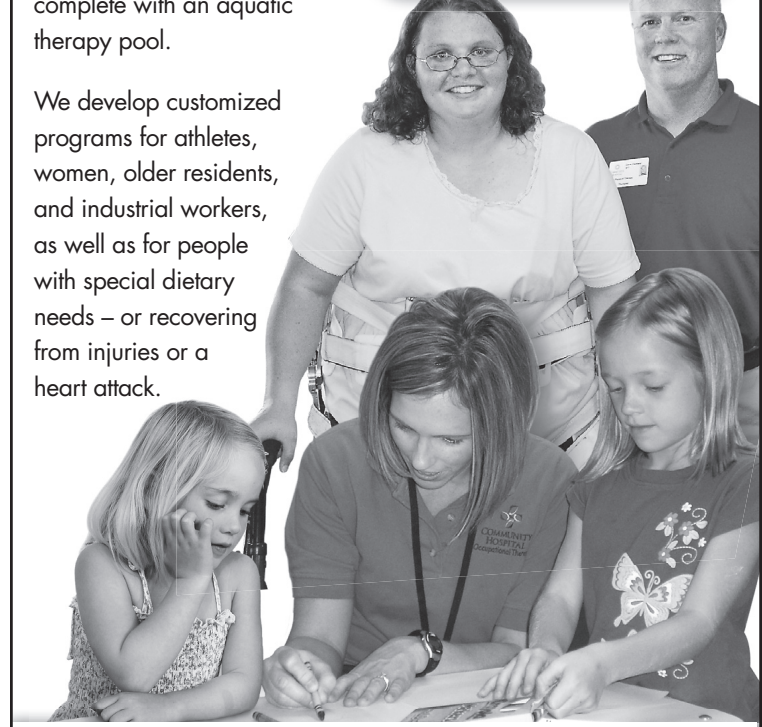
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