

Quinter downs Oberlin

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team fell 55-49 to the Quinter Bulldogs on Friday in Oberlin.

The Red Devils and Bulldogs started off slowly, as each team made three baskets in the first quarter. However, Quinter had a pair of threes and all Oberlin's baskets were for two points, so after one, Quinter led 8-6.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs hit their stride scoring 24 points. Oberlin was able to put up 10 points, including a pair of threes.

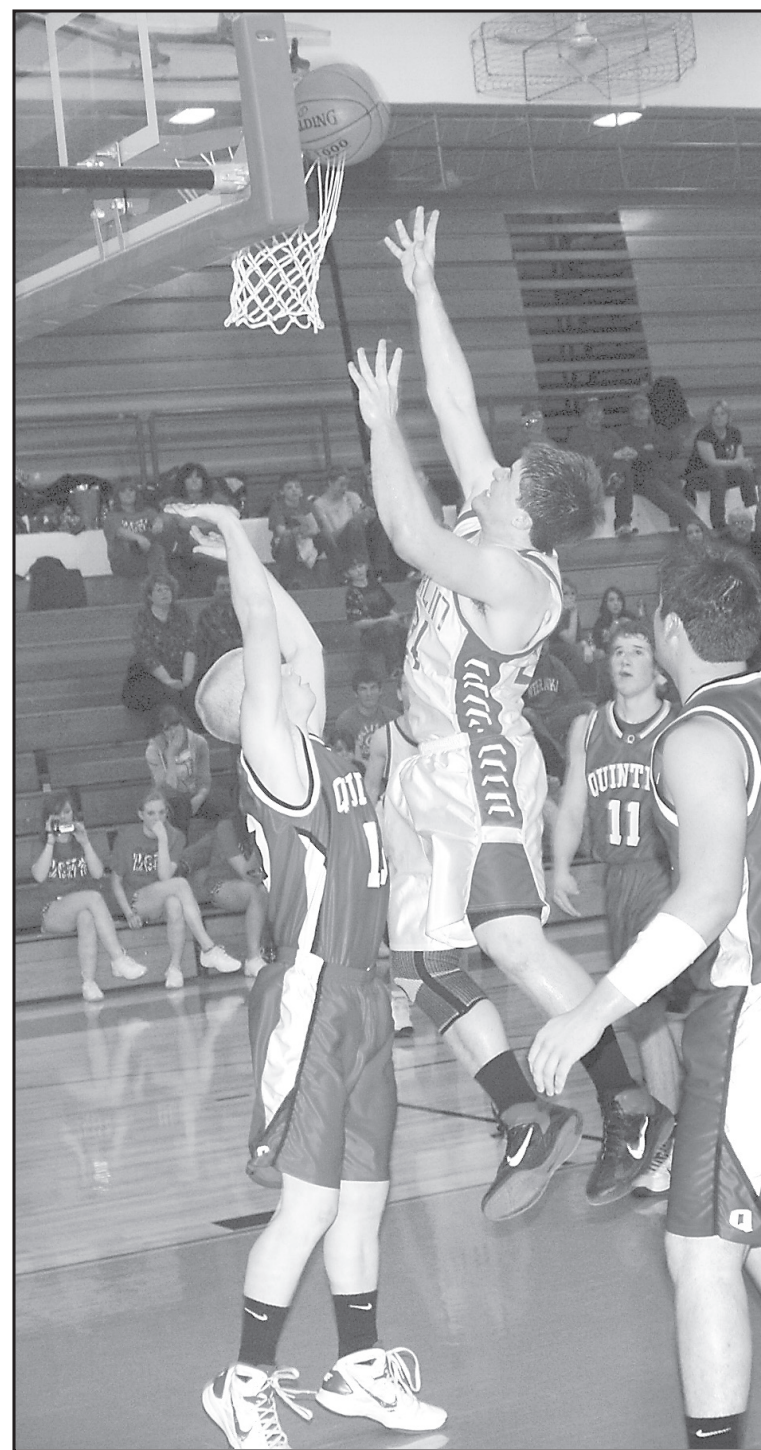
At the half, the visitors led 32-16.

In the third quarter, Oberlin came back and held Quinter to three baskets and seven points while scoring 18. This brought the score to a more even 39-34 with the Bulldogs still ahead.

Fouling in the fourth quarter, however, gave the visitors 19 trips to the charity line. The Bulldogs sank 11 of those shots. That plus field goals gave the visitors 16 points. Oberlin hit one of two at the free-throw line and scored seven field goals for 15 points.

Quinter took home the six-point victory.

Scoring for Oberlin were Josh Ritter, 17 including four baskets in the final quarter; Zach May, 10; Dalton Jones, 9 including a three pointer; Dakota Soderlund, 7; and Keithen Fortin, 6 on a pair of three-



QUINTER'S NO. 11 couldn't stop Dalton Jones' three-point shot (above) nor could the Bulldogs keep Dakota Soderlund (left) from scoring during a game on Friday in Oberlin.

— Herald photos by Roger May

point shots.

Ritter was the top rebounder with 10, followed by Soderlund 6, Jones and Fortin 2 each, and May 1.

May had five steals, two blocks and two assists; Ritter, two steals, a block and two assists; Soderlund, two steals, a block and an assist; Fortin, two steals and an assist; Jones, three assists; and Tyler Bruggeman,

an assist.

Quinter's record goes to 12-2 with the victory and Oberlin's to 9-6.

The Quinter junior varsity edged Oberlin 50-48.

Oberlin started out ahead, outscoring Quinter 17-12 in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Oberlin was able to sink only one basket for

2 points while Quinter put up 13 to take a 25-19 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin came back to outscore the visitors 15-10.

In the fourth, Quinter was just able to stay ahead as the Bulldogs scored 15 and the Red Devils 14.

Scoring for Oberlin were Garrett Berry, 14 including four of six from

the free-throw line; Tyler Shields, 12 including a pair of threes; Kyle Breth, 8 including two threes; Ryan May, 7 including a three pointer; Kennedy Fortin, 5; and Bruggeman, 2.

The Red Devils were to play the Norton Bluejays in Oberlin on Tuesday and will play host to the Hoxie Indians on Friday, about 8 p.m., or

right after the girls game.

Next week, Oberlin will be on the road for a 8 p.m. game Tuesday in Logan.

The game against Grinnell/Wheatland, which was postponed because of bad weather last week, has been rescheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in Oberlin.

Seventh graders take pair

The Oberlin seventh-grade girls beat St. Patrick's of McCook and Quinter at home last month.

Monday, Jan. 24, Oberlin downed the girls from McCook 22-11.

"The girls keep improving with every game," Coach Gina Witt said. "They did a good job of getting their offense going. They were more aggressive on defense as well.

"The girls did a great job and I am very proud of them."

Both teams scored 4 points in the first quarter. St. Pat's outscored Oberlin 6-4 in the second quarter to lead 10-8 at the half.

In the second half, however, Oberlin held the Nebraska girls to a single point in the fourth quarter

while scoring 10 in the third and four in the fourth.

Scoring were Caitlin Gault, 16, and Kassidie Jenson, Ara Marine and Kaitlyn Fisher, 2 each.

Marine lead the team with seven rebounds and seven steals. Alexandra Waterman followed with three rebounds and three assists. Fisher had two rebounds and a steal and Gault had three steals.

On Jan. 27, Oberlin downed Quinter 21-9.

Oberlin started out with a 6-4 lead in the first quarter and added to it by outscoring Quinter 3-1 in the second quarter to lead 9-5 at the half.

In the third quarter, Quinter outscored Oberlin 4-2. But in the fourth,

Oberlin came back to shut out the young Lady Bulldogs, 10-0.

"I was amazed at the improvement of the girls in just two days," Coach Witt said. "They work hard at doing whatever I ask of them.

Scoring were Gault, 11; Marine, 6; and Jensen, 4.

Gault and Marine lead the team with six rebounds each. Jensen had seven steals, followed by Gault and Sabryn O'Gara, four each, and Marine, Waterman and Shylo Shields, one each."

The seventh graders were to play Hoxie on Monday at home and Rawlins County at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Atwood.

Eighth grade wins two games

The eighth-grade girls basketball team had two victories last week over Quinter, 20-8, and St. Patrick's of McCook, 27-12.

On Jan. 27, the Lady Red Devils scored two points in the first quarter, 10 in the second, four in the third and four in the fourth to rack up 20 points against Quinter. The Quinter team had two in the first, two in the second, none in the third and four in the fourth.

Red Devil scorers include Demi Murray, Molly Jansonius, Morgan Jansonius and Whitney Witt.

"I was very pleased with how the girls came out ready to play," said Coach Melissa Dreher. "We came out in a full-court press and played very aggressive defense. Demi had 11 steals and Shawn Baker had eight. I was proud of all the girls; they worked well as a team."

The girls won against St. Pat's 27 to 12 on Jan. 24.

The Red Devils scored 10 points in the first quarter, seven in the second, six in the third and four in the fourth. McCook scored four in the first, one in the second, five in the

third and two in the fourth.

Scoring were Murray, Kariah Castle, Molly Jansonius, Winter Polivka and Genna Randel.

"The girls continue to work hard improving every game," said Coach Dreher.

Both Witt and Castle had four rebounds and Murray led with six steals.

The eighth graders were to play Hoxie on Monday at home and Rawlins County at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Atwood.

Wrestlers compete at home, Atwood

The Decatur Community Junior High wrestlers got a chance to try out their moves in a triangular match against Oakley and Rawlins County.

The Oberlin team, which started out at eight wrestlers, was down to five contestants at the Jan. 27 meet in Atwood.

"We are a young team with few numbers and a lot of injuries at the current time," Coach Shane Bird said. "We are getting better each week, and starting to understand what we need to do to win."

Wrestling for Oberlin were: • 92 pounds, Justice Harris, 0-2. • 110, Gabe Anderson, 1-2. • 116, Noah Nelson, 0-2. • 138, Konnor Witt, 2-1. • 160, Rex Diederich, 3-0.

The team was up to seven by last week, when the boys played host for a quad dual with Atwood, Phillipsburg and St. Francis on Thursday.

"I thought we wrestled very well for our only home meet," Coach Bird said. "The kids' performance was great, and as a team we won 13 matches and lost seven. We will im-

prove the rest of the year and prepare for the Phillipsburg tournament this weekend."

Wrestling were: • 92 pounds, Harris, 1-1. • 98, Troy Juenemann, 3-0. • 110, Anderson, 2-1. • 116, Nelson, 1-2. • 138, Witt, 1-2.

• 146, Regent Erickson, 2-1. • 162, Diederich, 3-0.

The boys will have a 9 a.m. start on Saturday for the tournament in Phillipsburg.

Next week, the young Red Devils wrestlers will be in Stockton to take on Osborne, Plainville and Norton at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17.

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