

WORKING TO TURN HIS OPPONENT, Oberlin freshman Dayton Dreher (above) was able to win four out of five matches at the Class 3-2-1A state wrestling tournament. Referees (below) checked carefully as Oberlin's Kade Brown got ready to pin his man. — Herald photos by Charlene Juenemann

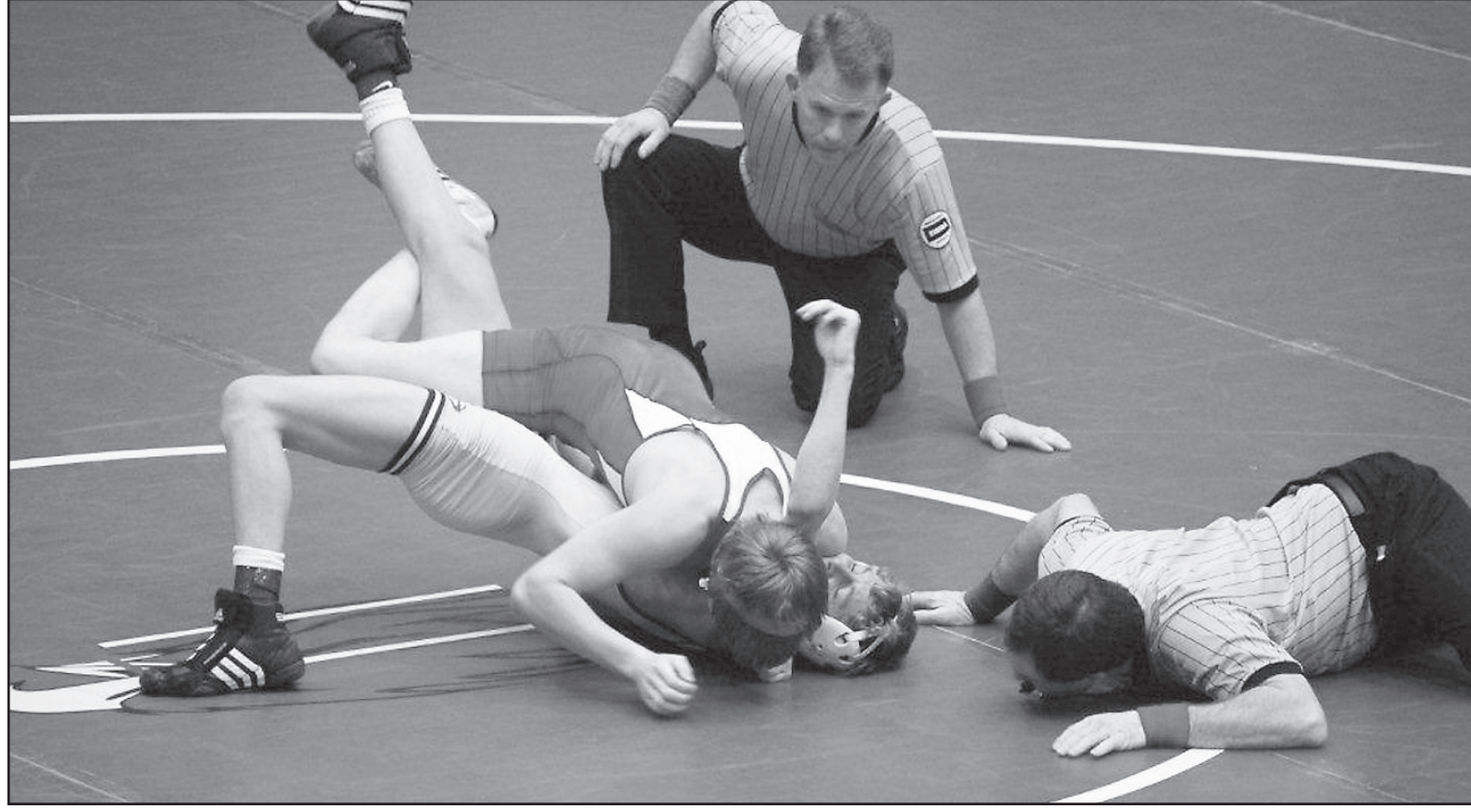
Boys take ninth

Wrestlers bring home state places

Three Oberlin wrestlers placed in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament at Hays on Saturday, and the Decatur Community High team came in ninth with 52 points.

Norton High School won the tournament with 131.5 points.

Freshman Dayton Dreher took third place at 112 pounds, junior Brent Juenemann came in fourth at 125 and sophomore Kade Brown



was fourth at 135.

Senior Jacob Larue, 189 pounds, and sophomore Channing Fortin, 215, also won trips to state but did not place.

"The team wrestled pretty good the last two weeks of the season," said Coach Joe Dreher.

"We surprised a lot of people placing in the top 10. Thanks to all the parents and the fans for their

support this season."

Results:

- Dreher (38-8), won 16-3 over Marc Reiss, St. George/Rock Creek; won 3-0 over Kordell Burch, Douglass; lost 10-6 to John Risewick, Norton; pinned Joey Defore, Dexter; and won 8-0 over Hunter Speer, Horton, for third.
- Juenemann (29-9), won 13-0 over Daniel Melcher, Herington;

- lost 10-2 to Brogan Humphrey, Fredonia; pinned Darren Mueller, Hillsboro; won 9-0 over Trevor Kennedy, Lakin; won 12-1 over Cole Werner, Plainville; and lost 5-0 in overtime to Zach Hoehn, Wellsville, for fourth.
- Brown, (31-12) lost 6-4 to Eddie Creek, Marsville; won 5-4 over Taylor Schuetz, Effingham; pinned Zack Duwe, Anthony; won 12-5

- over Kevin Street, Lincoln; won 5-4 over Creek; and lost 3-0 to Dalton Davis, Lakin, for fourth.
- Larue (21-19) lost 16-3 to Tate Omli, Brookville-El-Saline, and 8-0 to Clinton Todd, Onaga.
- Fortin (22-18) pinned Gerald Dilley, Wathena, then was pinned by Dustin Bayless, Caney, and by Austin Veach, Highland-Doniphan West.

Kid wrestlers attend three meets in February

The Oberlin kid wrestlers have been busy this month, wrestling at meets in Hoxie, St. Francis and Scott City.

On Feb. 5, the team attended a tournament in Hoxie. Placing were:

Age 6 and under:

- Reece Grafel, 55 pounds, third.
- Corbin Wessel, 61, fourth.
- Ryan Ketterl, 52, fifth.

Age 8 and under:

- Alex Eskew, 55, second.
- Gavon Uehlin, 76, third.
- Mason Urban, 40, first.
- Jesse Isbell, 73, fifth.
- Jack Farr, 64, third.
- Zander Kempt, 61, fourth.

Age 10 and under:

- Kel Grafel, 73, second.
- Drew Juenemann, 82, second.
- Colton Ketterl, 64, fourth.

Age 12 and under:

- Max Diederich, 96, second.
- Jeff Juenemann, 90, third.
- Dayton Kempt, 140, third.

On Feb. 11, the boys had a chance to wrestle during the

Oberlin-St. Francis dual. Wrestling were:

- R. Grafel, 2-0.
- K. Grafel, 2-0.
- Tabor Erickson, 12 and under, 105 pounds, 1-0.
- C. Kempt, 1-1.
- Uehlin, 1-1.
- Eskew, 0-2.

On Feb. 19, Oberlin wrestlers were in a tournament in Scott City.

Wrestling were:

- R. Grafel, 2-0, first.
- K. Grafel, 3-0, first.
- Eskew, 2-1, second.
- Erickson, 2-1, second.
- Urban, 3-1, third.
- Uehlin, 0-3, fourth.
- Diederich, 2-1, fourth.
- C. Ketterl, 1-2, fourth.

The team will attend the Western Kansas Classic tournament in Hays on Saturday. The event is expected to draw 1,200 wrestlers.

The boys plan to be at subdistrict on Saturday, March 12, in Phillipsburg; district on Saturday, March 19, in Pratt and at state on Saturday, March 26, in Topeka.

Girls lose to Phillipsburg

The Decatur Community High 20-12 girls basketball team lost 61-39 to Phillipsburg in its last regular season game last Monday.

The game was close in the first half, but Phillipsburg pulled ahead in the third quarter and outscored Oberlin by 10 points in the fourth.

In the first quarter, each team scored 13.

In the second, Phillipsburg edged the Lady Red Devils 14-10 to take a 27-23 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, however, the Lady Panthers hit hard and often outscoring Oberlin.

In the fourth, Phillipsburg again outgunned the Lady Red Devils, this time 14-4.

Scoring for Oberlin were Jordan

Dreher, 20 points, including a three-point shot; Kiah Blau, 11; and Miki Dorshorst, 8.

Phillipsburg had nine scorers, including three in double digits.

In junior varsity action, Phillipsburg downed Oberlin 52-33.

The junior varsity Panthers struck early, outscoring Oberlin 15-5 in the first quarter and 13-4 in the second for a 28-9 lead at the half.

In the second half, the scoring was more even, with Oberlin outscoring Phillipsburg 11-9 in the third period and the Panthers coming back to edge Oberlin 15-13 in the fourth.

Scoring for Oberlin were Cassidy Shields, 13 including a three pointer and two for two at the free-throw line; Hannah May, 8; Brianna Kli-

ma, 5; Alexis Hissong, 4; and Jamie Soderlund, 3.

This week, the Lady Red Devils varsity was to begin play in the Class 2A substate tournament with a quarterfinal game in Leoti.

The tournament will continue with semifinal matches at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Friday in Oberlin.

The winner of the Tuesday's game playing the winner of the Hill City-WaKeeney game. The substate championship will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Decatur Community High gym in Oberlin, with the boys championship to follow.

Devils maul Panthers

The Decatur Community High basketball team ended its regular season last Monday with a 74-69 win over Phillipsburg in Oberlin, closing the campaign with a 12-7 record.

Four Oberlin players scored in double digits. Senior Dakota Soderlund scored 22 points including a pair of threes in the first quarter and four out of five free throws in the fourth.

Senior Keithen Fortin added 18 points for the Red Devil's with three three-point shots and three out of four from the charity stripe.

Senior Josh Ritter had 15 points and sophomore Zach May scored 11 with a pair of three pointers.

The Red Devils outscored the Panthers in every quarter but the third.

In the first, it was 19-17 Oberlin. In the second, the Red Devils outscored Phillipsburg 18-15 to take a 37-32 lead into the half.

In the third, the Panthers were able to edge Oberlin 19-18, but in the fourth, Oberlin came back to outscore Phillipsburg 19-18.

Other scorers for Oberlin were Dalton Jones, 6 points on a pair of threes, and Tyler Bruggeman, 2.

Oberlin hit 68 percent from the free-throw line, 13 of 19. Soderlund hit four of six; Fortin, three of four; Ritter, three of five; Bruggeman, two of two; and May, one of one.

Soderlund let the team in rebounds with 12, followed by Berry, four; Ritter and May, three each; and Jones, Fortin and Bruggeman, one each.

Fortin had the most assists with eight, followed by Ritter, six; Jones, three, Soderlund, two and Berry and May, one each.

Ritter had a blocked shot and four steals. Jones also had four steals, followed by May, three; Soderlund, two; and Fortin one.

This week the Red Devils were to begin play in the substate tournament. On Monday, they were to play Rawlins County in Oberlin.

The tournament continues Thursday in Oberlin with the winner of the Monday game playing the winner of the Hill City-Oakley game. The substate championship game will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Oberlin.

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