

# Boys win two, lose one game

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team took fifth out of eight teams in the McCook Basketball Tournament last week.

Oberlin lost its first game last Tuesday, but came back to win games on Friday and Saturday.

"We needed to come away from the tournament with at least two wins, and we did that," said Coach Jeff Jones. "It would have been nice, though, to play in the championship game, but we lost to a good team in Hayes Center.

"I thought our win Saturday against a good Hitchcock team was huge, especially with Dalton (Jones) being sick. Our defense was outstanding, and we finally started rebounding the basketball."

Last Tuesday, the Red Devils fell 61-50 to Hayes Center, Neb.

Oberlin started off well, outscoring Hayes Center 13-8 in the first quarter. The Red Devils fell behind in the second period, as Hayes Center scored 23 to Oberlin's 14 to lead 31-27 at the half.

The Nebraska team also outscored the Red Devils in the third and fourth quarters, 11-6 and 19-17 for the win.

Scoring were Jones, 23; Zach May, 9; Tyler Bruggeman, 7; Kyle Breth, Garrett Berry and Kennedy Fortin, 3 each; and Ryan May, 2. Jones had four three pointers and Z. May had one.

Shane McEvoy was the top rebounder with five, followed by Fortin and Bruggeman, four each; and Jones, Berry and Z. May, two each.

Z. May led in steals with nine, followed by Jones, three; R. May, two; and Breth, one. Z. May and Bruggeman each had a pair of assists and Tyler Shields and Jones had one each.

On Friday, Oberlin beat Southwest High of Indianola, Neb., 41-20.

The Red Devils started out hot, outscoring the Nebraska boys 12-3 in the first quarter and 10-7 in the second to lead 22-10 at the half. The third quarter saw Oberlin score 14 while Southwest was only able to put up a single free throw. In the fourth, Southwest was able to outscore Oberlin 9-5 as Coach Jones subbed in his less experienced players.

Scoring were Z. May, 11; Breth, 8; Shields, 7; Bruggeman, 5; McEvoy, 4; and R. May, Fortin and Conner McHugh, 2 each. Breth, Shields and Kennedy Fortin each hit two three pointers and Z. May hit one.

Bruggeman and Konner Fortin led on rebounds with seven each, followed by Z. May, five; Berry, McEvoy and Kennedy Fortin, three each; Breth, Shields and Jones, two each; and Regent Erickson, one.

Z. May had four steals, followed by Jones and McEvoy, three each; Kennedy Fortin and Breth, two each; and Konner Fortin and Berry, one each.

Jones had five assists, followed by Bruggeman, three, and R. May, Konner Fortin, Kennedy Fortin and Z. May, one each. Z. May had two blocked shots and McEvoy one.

On Saturday, in the game for fifth place, Oberlin downed Hitchcock County if Trenton, Neb., 44-37.

The first half was tight, with Oberlin outscoring the Trenton boys 7-6 in the first quarter and the Nebraska team outscoring the Red Devils 7-6 in the second quarter for a 13-all tie at the half.

In the second half, Oberlin pulled away, outscoring Hitchcock County 19-15 in the third quarter and 12-9 in the fourth.

Scoring were Z. May 12, Jones 11, McEvoy 9, Kennedy Fortin and Bruggeman 5 each and Shields 2. Z. May and Jones each hit a pair of three-point shots.

McEvoy was the rebound leader



**TRYING FOR TWO POINTS**, Kyle Breth (No. 1) helped the Red Devils beat Southwest High 41-20 on Friday. Kennedy

Fortin (No. 44) was ready for the rebound if needed.

— Herald photo by Susan May

with 11 followed by Bruggeman, nine; Z. May, five; Shields, four; Kennedy Fortin, three; and Berry, one.

Shields and Z. May each had three

steals, while Kennedy Fortin had a pair and Jones and Bruggeman one each.

Jones had five assists, followed by Shields with a pair and Z. May and

Kennedy Fortin, one each. McEvoy had two blocked shots while May and Baker 1 each.

The games left the boys with a 3-1 record, but they were to play Hill

City on Tuesday.

On Friday, the boys will be at home against St. Francis. The game will start about 8 p.m. or right after the girls match.

# Wrestlers finish in middle

The Decatur Community High wrestlers came in eighth out of 18 teams at the Colby Dual Tournament over the weekend.

The Oberlin team had four wins and three losses, said Coach Joe Dreher.

The Red Devils downed Legend High, 50-30; Hutchinson, 50-24; Liberal, 46-30; and Eaglecrest, 53-24; and lost to Concordia 46-28, Colby, 66-12; and Hoxie 42-24.

Pine Creek (near Colorado Springs) won the tournament, followed by Colby, Valley Cen-

ter, Hays, Garden City, Concordia, Hoxie, Oberlin, Eaglecrest of Centennial, Colo., Goodland, Hutchinson, Oakley, Scott City, Phillipsburg, Legend of Parker, Colo., Liberal, Wray, Colo., and St. Francis.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- 106 pounds, Troy Juenemann, 5 wins, two losses.
- 113, Matthew Helm, 3-4.
- 120, Gabe Anderson, 1-6.
- 126, Adam Zillinger, 1-6.
- 132, Dayton Dreher, 3-4.
- 138, Brent Juenemann, 4-3.

- 145, Kade Brown, 7-0.
- 152, Matt Glading, 2-5.
- 160, Grant Gilliam, 2-5.
- 170, Rex Diederich, 5-2.
- 195, Jeff Shaw, 4-3.
- 220, Channing Fortin, 6-1.
- 285, Cody Wurm, 2-5.

At 5:30 p.m. Thursday, the boys will attend a triangular meet with Hoxie and Rawlins County at Atwood.

The last wrestling before the winter break will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Oberlin Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament.

# Junior high splits with Sainty

The Oberlin seventh-grade boys basketball team beat St. Francis on the road on Thursday but the eighth graders lost to the young Indians.

Downing St. Francis 32-29 gave the seventh graders a 6-2 record during the regular season.

Oberlin outscored the Indians 9-7 in the first quarter and 7-3 in the second to lead 16-10 at the half. In the second half, it was the Indian's turn to outscore the Red Devils, 7-6 in the third and 12-10 in the fourth quarter. The rally wasn't enough, however.

"We played really well except for three minutes in the third quarter," said Coach Tim Breth. "The team seems to be playing well at the right time of the season. All the players are working so well together."

Helping with the win were Mason Ahlberg, 17 points, three rebounds and four steals; Quinton Cook, 6 points and five rebounds; Tabor Erickson, 4 points and six rebounds;

Jeff Juenemann, 4 points and three rebounds; and Cade Wurm, 1 point and three rebounds.

The eighth graders, who lost 31-29, kept the game close in the first half.

St. Francis outscored Oberlin 6-4 in the first quarter and Oberlin outdid the Indians 5-4 in the second quarter to trail 10-9 at the half.

In the third quarter, however, St. Francis outscored the Red Devils 10-4 to take a 20-13 lead. In the fourth, Oberlin came back and outscored the Indians, 16-11 but still came up three short.

"The first half was very sloppily played by both teams," said Coach Breth, "but it was close. We battled so hard.

"In the third quarter, we couldn't buy a bucket. An all out effort in the fourth came up just a little short."

The eighth graders ended the regular season with a 5-3 record. Scoring were Keagen Blau, 17

points and eight rebounds; Noah Nelson, 6 points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists; Kelly Brown, 4 points; Andrew Wade, 2 points and four steals; Kade Grafel, six rebounds; and Bryson Wesley, four rebounds.

The junior high boys will end their basketball season at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament, which was to start on Monday.

The seventh graders were to have a bye in the first round while the eighth graders were to play Quinter. The second and third rounds will be played starting at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hoxie. Other teams in the tournament are Oakley, Hoxie, Rawlins County and St. Francis.

# Eighth graders beat Rawlins County boys

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade boys downed Rawlins County for the second time this season.

On Nov. 10, the eighth graders beat the Buffaloes 28-17 in Atwood. On Dec. 1, the young Red Devils won 41-32 in front of a home crowd.

The boys got off to a great start, outscoring Rawlins County 13-6 in the first quarter and 12-2 in the second to lead 25-8 at the half. In the second half, Rawlins County came back, outscoring Oberlin 9-8 in the third quarter and 15-8 in the fourth. Oberlin still won by nine points, 41-32.

first half," Coach Breth said. "We are continuing to improve on our man-to-man offense, but have a ways to go. In the fourth quarter, we let up a little and Rawlins hit some threes to make the game closer than it really was. I am proud of the team's improvement and hope it continues."

Scoring for Oberlin's eighth graders were Nelson, 18 points, three rebounds, six steals and five assists; Keagen Blau, 12 points and five rebounds; Andrew Wade, 7 points, three rebounds and two steals; Kelly Brown, 2 points and two steals; Konnor Witt, 2 points; and Bryson Wesley, four rebounds.

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# Girls win one at tournament

The Decatur Community High girls beat Medicine Valley but lost to two Nebraska teams, Hayes Center and Dundy County, at the McCook High Basketball Tournament last week.

Last Tuesday, Oberlin fell 46-40 to Hayes Center in the first round.

The Lady Red Devils did well in the second half, but did not score in the first quarter and only scored a single field goal and five free throws in the second. That left the Nebraska girls ahead 18-7 at the half.

In the third quarter, both teams scored 19 points. In the fourth, Oberlin made an effort to overcome its deficit and outscored Hayes Center 14-9, but the poor first half was too much to overcome.

Scoring were Miki Dorshorst 19, Darbi Rouse 9, Hannah May and Demi Murray 5 each and Brianna Klima 2. Rouse, Murray and Dorshorst all hit three-point shots.

Klima was top rebounder with 12, followed by Rouse, eight; May, five; Shawn Baker and Dorshorst, four each; Murray, three; and Alexis Hissong, one.

Dorshorst had three steals and Hissong and Klima one each.

In the second round on Friday, Oberlin downed Medicine Valley 35-12.

Both teams started off slow, hitting just two field goals each in the first quarter.

In the second, Oberlin started sinking shots and outscored Medicine Valley 10-3 for a 14-7 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin scored 9 points and shut out the Lady Raiders.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin scored 12 and Medicine Valley, 5.

Oberlin hit six of 10 free throws for 60 percent

while Medicine Valley couldn't sink any of its seven charity shots.

Scoring were Rouse and Jamie Soderlund, 10 each, Dorshorst 6, Murray 5, Hissong 2 and Klima and Baker 1 each.

Rouse hit a three-point shot and three out of four free throws.

Hissong was the top free-throw shooter with 11, followed by Rouse, seven; Klima, five; Soderlund and Dorshorst, four each; Baker, three; and Kariah Castle and Murray, two each.

Dorshorst had eight steals, followed by Hissong, Murray and Klima, two each; and Mike Hackney and Baker, one each.

Hissong had two blocked shots and Dorshorst and Klima one each.

In the last game on Saturday, Oberlin lost 47-27 to Dundy County.

The Nebraska team outscored Oberlin in every quarter, 14-5, 11-9, 13-8 and 9-5.

Scoring for Oberlin were Hissong 10; Murray, Dorshorst and Rouse, 4 each; and Soderlund and Klima, 2 each.

Rouse and Soderlund were the rebound leaders with four each, followed by Klima, three; Hissong and Murray, two; and Dorshorst, Baker, Castle and May, one each.

Soderlund had three steals, followed by Murray and Dorshorst, two each, and Hissong, one.

Hissong also had a blocked shot.

The girls had a 1-3 record but were to play Hill City on Tuesday.

On Friday, the girls will be at home for the first time this season for a 6:30 p.m. tip-off against St. Francis.

That will be the last game before the winter break.

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