

Boys beat Logan

The Oberlin boys basketball team overpowered the Logan Trojans last Tuesday in their last basketball game before the Christmas break.

Playing in Logan, the Decatur Community High boys more than doubled their opponent's score, winning 70-31.

"We played very well as a team," said Coach Daniel Conrad. "Everyone played solid in their role and everyone scored. I was very proud of their adjustments to losses."

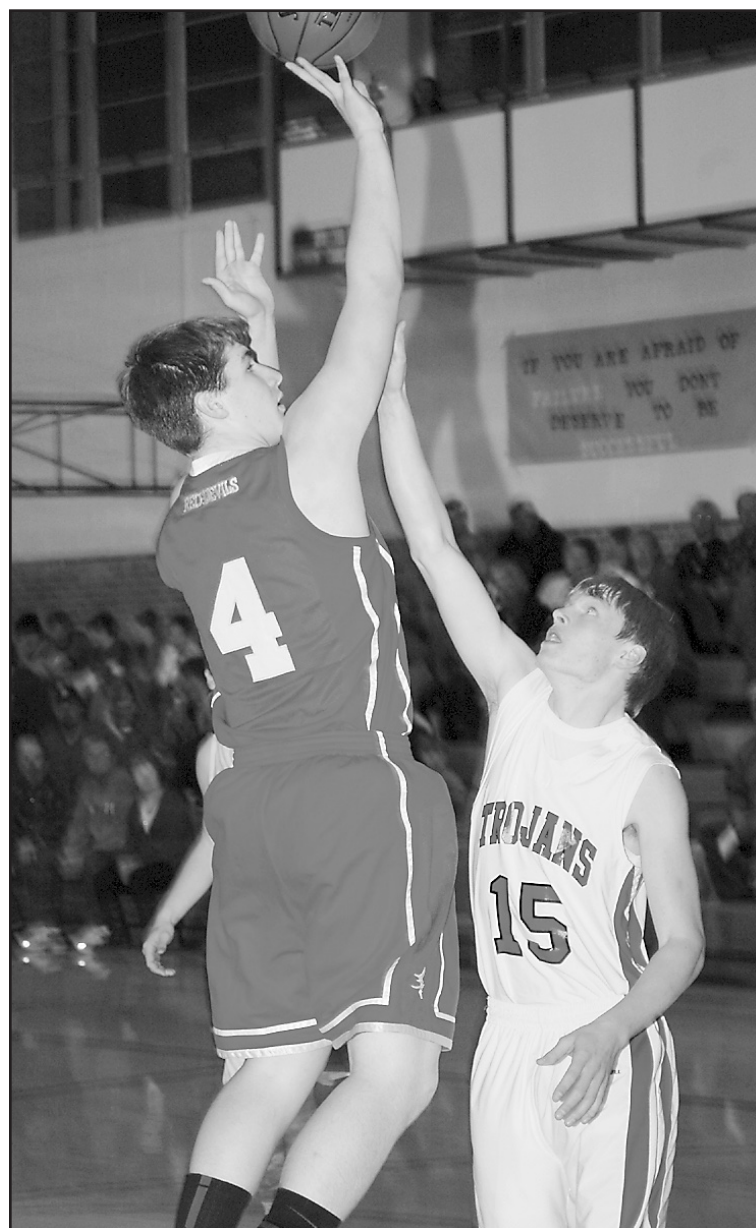
The victory gives the team a 3-4 record with wins over Logan, St. Francis and Hayes Center, Neb., and losses to Leoti, Hill City, and Maywood and Hitchcock County, Neb.

Oberlin outplayed the Trojans in every quarter, outscoring the home team 21-9, 21-7, 15-6 and 13-9.

The team shot 75 percent at the free-throw line, hitting three of four attempts.

Scoring for Oberlin were Tyler Bruggeman and Kyle Breth, 12 each; Regent Erickson, 11; Ryan May, 6; Noah Nelson, Kennedy Fortin and Kelden Breth, 5 each; Andrew Wade, 4; Kaine Fredrickson and Ganon Henningson, 3 each; and Keagen Blau and Konnor Fortin, 2 each.

Kyle Breth made a pair of three-point shots while Kelden Breth,



SHOOTING FOR A BASKET on Tuesday night, Regent Erickson (above) wasn't fazed by a Trojan defender. He put up 11 points for Oberlin. Kennedy Fortin (right) just went around a Logan player defending him as he headed for the basket.

—Herald photos by Susan May



Kennedy Fortin, Fredrickson, Henningson and Nelson each made one.

Erickson and Kyle Breth both had four assists, followed by Kelden

Breth, Bruggeman and Kennedy Fortin, 2 each, and Fredrickson, May and Nelson, one each.

Erickson had the most rebounds with nine, followed by Kennedy

Fortin, six; Bruggeman and May, five each; Kyle Breth, four; Konner Fortin, three; and Wade and Blau, one each.

May had five steals; Kennedy

Fortin, four; Kyle Breth, three; Kelden Breth and Erickson, two each; and Blau, Bruggeman, Fredrickson and Nelson, one each.

The boys now have off until

Friday, Jan. 4, when Oakley comes to town. The boys game will start after the end of the girls game, about 8 p.m.

B-team second in league tourney

The Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball B-team (mostly seventh graders) took second in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament.

The boys played at the Rawlins County High School on Dec. 13 and 15. In their first game, Oberlin downed Wallace County 41-26. Then in the second round, the young Red Devils defeated St. Francis 33-32. They lost the championship round to Dighton 43-18.

In the first game, the young Red Devils outscored Sharon Springs in every quarter, 10-4, 6-5, 13-10 and 12-7.

"Our defense was solid and caused problems for them," Coach Tim Breth said. "We were able to jump out early and hang on for the win."

Scoring were Kel Grafel 14 points, Kole Breth 10, Dante Robertson 7, Zeke Jimenez 6 and A.J. Zillinger 4.

In the second game, Oberlin was strong in the first half, outscoring St. Francis 8-4 and 12-6, but lagged in the second as the young Indians outscored the Red Devils 10-5, 12-8. The Devils held on by a point, however.

"In recent years, we and St. Francis have had some real battles," Coach Breth said. "We controlled the first half and they did the second. The team did just enough to hang on. What a game Kole Breth had."

Kole Breth, in fact, led the team with 23 points, Grafel 8 and Robertson 2.

In the championship round, Dighton jumped out to a 13-4 lead in the first quarter and shut Oberlin out in the second, 8-0. In the third quarter, the Red Devils came back to outscore Dighton 12-10 but the Hornets came back in the fourth quarter outscoring Oberlin 12-2.

"Surviving a taxing game with St. Francis, we didn't have enough left to battle Dighton's talent," Coach Breth said. "Dighton jumped out on us and never looked back. What an accomplishment even to get to this game."

Scoring were Breth 8, Robertson 6 and Grafel and Zillinger 2 each.

Also playing in the tournament were Wichita County, Rawlins County, Quinter, Hoxie and Greeley County.

The seventh-grade team finished the season with a 9-3 record.



GOING FOR A LAYUP for the girls on Tuesday, Alexis Hissong was surrounded by Logan Lady Trojans.

Eighth-graders get sixth in league

The Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball A-team (mostly eighth graders) won one game and lost two to finish sixth in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament.

The tournament was played on Dec. 13 and 15 at the Rawlins County High School in Atwood.

The young Red Devils lost their first game 50-22 to Wallace County, came back to beat Rawlins County 30-20, then lost their last game to Quinter 41-26.

In the first game, both teams scored 10 in the first quarter, then Sharon Springs got hot and outscored Oberlin in the next three quarters 14-5, 14-7 and 12-0.

"We played an excellent first quarter, but their depth at most positions began to hurt us," Coach Tim Breth said. "We continue to struggle with our shooting."

Scoring were Tabor Erickson, 11; Quinton Cook, 5; and Gatlin Hissong, Jeff Juenemann and Dayton Kempt, 2 each.

In the game against Rawlins County, Oberlin outscored the young Buffaloes in all but the third quarter, 9-5 in the first, 11-5 in the

second and 8-4 in the fourth. In the third quarter, Atwood outshot Oberlin 6-2.

"What a hard fought game," said Coach Tim Breth. "I am so proud of our team. Rawlins County can be very hard to beat on their home court. Every time they mounted a charge, we answered. We only had six players, so the second half, we just hung on."

Scoring were Cook 13, Erickson 8, Kempt 4, Gatlin Hissong 3 and Cade Wurm 2.

In the final round, Quinter outscored Oberlin in the first quarter 10-4, in the second 10-3 and in the fourth 13-6. In the third quarter, the young Red Devils outscored the Bulldogs 13-8.

"Playing Quinter was a tough challenge," Coach Breth said. "They have two six-foot boys that are hard to contain. We fought back in the third quarter, but just didn't have enough to threaten them."

Dighton, Hoxie, Greeley County, Quinter, St. Francis also played in the tournament.

The eight-grade team finished the year 5-7.

Junior high girls win one, lose five games

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade girls basketball team beat St. Francis 12-11 last Monday but the eighth-grade girls lost, 33-18.

The girls also played Quinter and Hoxie this month but lost to both teams.

In Monday's seventh-grade game, both teams started out with 2 points in the first quarter but Oberlin was able to score 4 points to St. Francis' 2 in the second for a 6-4 lead. Both teams scored 4 points in the third quarter and St. Francis outscored Oberlin 3 to 2 in the fourth, but Oberlin still pulled out the win.

Scoring were Brittney Wesley, 8 points, and Celianna Shobe and Lily Marine, 2 each.

The eighth graders were outscored in the first three quarters 6-0, 12-5 and 8-4. In the fourth

quarter, Oberlin outscored St. Francis 9-7 for a 33-18 loss.

Scoring were TyLynn Peterson, 6 points; Wesley and Jakobi Blau, 4 each; and Marine and Kelsey May, 2 each.

On Dec. 6, the Oberlin eighth grade lost 32-22 to Quinter at home and the seventh grade fell 18-11.

Quinter took a 9-2 lead over the eighth grade in the first quarter and increased it to 17-6 at the half. In the third quarter, Oberlin outscored Quinter 10-9 and in the fourth, both teams scored 6 points.

Scoring for Oberlin were Jenna Long, 8 points; Wesley and Blau, 4 each; Marine, May and Peterson, 2 each.

The seventh graders had a bad second quarter

and never caught up. Quinter took a 4-3 edge in the first quarter and then shut out the young Lady Red Devils in the second to lead 10-3 at the half. In the third quarter, both teams scored 6 points and in the fourth, both scored 2.

Scoring for Oberlin were Wesley 7 and Blau and Marine, 2 each.

On Dec. 3, the eighth graders lost 63-10 and the seventh graders 39-21 at Hoxie.

Scoring for the eighth graders were Blau 6 points and May and Marine, 2 each.

Scoring for the seventh grade were Marine, 8 points; Randel and Wesley, 4 each; Shobe, 3; and Blau, 2.

The next games for the girls will be in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament, which starts on Thursday, Jan. 10, in Quinter.

Girls lose to Logan

The Logan Lady Trojans edged the Decatur Community High girls basketball team 38-37 on Tuesday in Logan.

Oberlin led the first half, but never by much, as the Lady Red Devils took a 14-10 lead in the first quarter and led 20-18 at the half.

In the third quarter, Logan pulled ahead, outscoring Oberlin 12-7 for a three-point lead. Oberlin came back to outscore the Trojans 10-8 in the fourth quarter but were a point short.

Scoring were Miki Dorshorst, 15 points, Shawn Baker 9, Morgan Jansonius 6, Molly Jansonius, Alexis Hissong and Hannah 2 each, and Kariah Castle 1.

The girls made nine of 20 free throws for 45 percent.

The loss gives the Oberlin girls a 4-3 record with wins over St. Francis, Hayes Center and Maywood, Neb., and Wichita County and losses to Hill City, Southwest High in Bartley, Neb., and Logan.

The Logan junior varsity team downed the young Oberlin girls 36-19.

Oberlin got off to a bad start with no scoring in the first quarter, while Logan put up 9 points. In the second quarter, Oberlin was able to score 9 to Logan's 6 but was still behind 15-9 at the half. In the third and fourth quarters, the young Lady Trojans outscored the Lady Red Devils 10-6 and 11-4.

Scoring for Oberlin were Ara Marine, 6; Castle, 4; Grace Randle, 3; and Morgan Jansonius, Kassandra Jensen and Kaitlynn Fisher, 2 each.

The girls are off until Friday, Jan. 4, when they will play Oakley at home starting at 6:30 p.m.