

# Devils stomp Bulldogs at home

The Decatur Community High football team scored in three out of four quarters Friday night to blank the Quinter Bulldogs 32-0.

Coach Trevor Williams' Red Devils had opened the season with an 8-0 loss to the St. Francis Indians in Oberlin. This time, the team and crowd had to travel to Quinter, but it was worth it, as the Red Devils racked up two touchdowns each in both the second and third quarters and added a fifth run across the goal line in the fourth.

"At Quinter on Friday, it was good for our team to come out with our first win of the season," Coach Williams said. "There are definitely areas on our football team that we need to improve upon if we want to reach our potential, but that is expected at times early in the year.

"I felt we really struggled in the first half. Our kids came out flat and we really didn't get off the ball. We were probably a little lucky to get 14 point on the board that first half.

"But I felt the second half, our kids came out with a different attitude.

"Our line did a good job getting off the ball and our backs ran hard

in the holes they created.

"It looked like a different team the second half. I was really pleased with that.

"I hope the kids see how their effort and explosiveness really makes a difference.

This Friday, Colby will come in with a 1-1 record. The larger Class 4A school (Oberlin is in Class 2A) will have a very big team that will rely on the run but can mix in the pass, Williams said.

"We're going to have to improve on our physical and mental toughness for Friday," he said.

Friday, both teams were unable to score in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, junior Denton Bailey made a two-yard run for the first touchdown of the game. The extra point was no good, but Oberlin was on the scoreboard.

Later that quarter, Bailey hit senior Lance Fortin with a 20-yard pass for Oberlin's second score. Junior Josh Fortin ran the two-point conversion to put Oberlin up 14-0 at the half.

In the third quarter, J. Fortin had an 8-yard run into the end zone for touchdown No. 3. The point after

was no good, but Oberlin led 20-0.

Bailey made a 10-yard pass to senior Andy Anderson for touchdown No. 4. A two-point conversion try was stopped by the Bulldogs and Oberlin led 26-0.

Oberlin's last touchdown came in the final quarter, as Bailey ran across the goal line in a one-yard dash. Again Oberlin couldn't make the extra point.

Top rushers for the Red Devils were J. Fortin, 66 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown; junior Caleb Peters, 41 yards on 10 carries; and junior Jason Thomas, 22 yards on nine carries.

Bailey was three for eight in the air for 98 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

L. Fortin caught two passes for 88 yards and a touchdown, while Anderson grabbed one for 10 yards and a touchdown.

Top defenders were Thomas, 14 tackles, and senior Jake Padgett, 12.

On Friday, the Colby Eagles will be in town for a 7 p.m. kickoff. The Eagles had a tough time last week, as they lost 46-8 to the tough Hoxie Indians. The week before, the Eagles beat Atwood 34-14.



**RUNNING THE FOOTBALL**, Jonathon Richards did his best last week against St. Francis but the Indians were too much for the Oberlin team. This week was a different story, as the Red Devils downed the Quinter Bulldogs 32-0.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Girls win one, lose one at Saintry

The Lady Red Devil volleyball team showed it still had winning ways, despite losing seniors, as the girls downed St. Francis and Colby last week in Saintry.

Coach Pat Dorshorst's Decatur Community High volleyball girls took just two games to down Saintry, 25-15, 25-21, but three to do in Colby, 25-16, 19-25, 25-22.

"St Francis has a scrappy team, but we dominated the net against them," Coach Dorshorst said. "Our teamwork during this match was awesome. Our players were communicating well.

"St. Francis would hustle to get a ball back into play, and our passers would put it right up to the setter to assist for the kill."

- Top players against Saintry were:
- Server — Kaitlyn Stapp, 11 for 11 with two aces.
  - Passer — Lauren Fortin, 18 of 20 with seven digs.
  - Setter — Stapp, 29 for 29 with nine assists.

• Hitter — Trina Shields, four of four with three kills.

• Blockers — Shields, Tricia Dorshorst, Emmie Pauls and Sarah Murray, two points each.

After polishing off the St. Francis Indians, the Lady Devils turned their attention to the Colby Eagles.

"Aggressive offense and outstanding, reflex defense helped us to jump to an early lead against an outstanding Colby team," Coach Dorshorst said. "We were hustling after everything, getting the ball to the net, and going for the kill.

"In the second game, we lost our composure on serve receive. Colby got the upper hand and put us on the defensive. Colby was getting power hits and we were feeding them free balls to pound back at us.

"Late in the third game, we regained our composure and got back on an offensive-aggressive attack. The girls played with a lot of heart and desire to come from behind to win the match."

Top players against Colby were:

- Server — Stapp, 18 of 18 with four aces.
- Passer — Shields, 20 of 21 with eight digs.
- Setter — Heather Williams, 37 of 37 with 15 assists.
- Hitters — Stapp, 11 of 12 with six kills, and Pauls, eight of nine with six kills.
- Blocker — Lydia Karnopp, five points stopped.

The junior varsity beat St. Francis 25-8, 25-23, but lost to Colby 25-10, 25-18.

The freshman team beat Saintry in three, 25-16, 16-25, 25-11, and Colby in two, 25-16, 25-21.

The girls were to play Tuesday in Oakley against the Plainswomen and the Hill City Ringnecks.

The season's first volleyball games in Oberlin will be on Saturday as the school holds its annual C-team Invitational Tournament starting at 9 a.m.

## Boys team places seventh at Quinter cross country meet

The Decatur Community High School boys cross country team came in seventh at the Quinter Invitational last week, but the girls didn't have enough runners to place.

The Quinter boys won their own race with 47 points, followed by Holcomb with 51; Wheatland, 72; Hoxie, 121; Colby junior varsity, 127; Ness City, 140; and Oberlin 146. Phillipsburg, Oakley and Hill City also had boys in the meet but did not have team scores.

Oakley won the girls division with a 36, followed by Wheatland, 37; and Holcomb, 47. Besides Oberlin, Quinter, Phillipsburg, Hill City, Brewster and Stockton had girls in the race.

Freshman Becky Helm finished first among the Oberlin girls at 12th in 15 minutes, 2 seconds. She was followed by senior Molly Coleman, 16th, 15:14; junior Whitney Beinke, 18th, 15:19; and St. Francis senior Amy Grace, 19th, 15:21.

Since St. Francis doesn't have a cross country team, Grace runs with the Oberlin girls.

Sophomore Andy Leitner led the Oberlin boys' pack, finishing 32nd in 21:26. He was followed by junior Teryn Grafel, 37th, 22:01; junior Kellen Doeden, 40th, 22:26; sophomore Aaron Helm, 46th, 23:19; junior Brent Stallman, 53rd, 23:52; and junior Zeke Ruzicka, 55th, 24:05.

Coach Dick Ahlberg said it was hot and breezy on the golf course in Quinter.

This week, the team will attend what Coach Ahlberg calls one of western Nebraska's best cross country meets in McCook.

The McCook course is built on hills west of town and has a lot of up and down. It is mostly out in the open, with few trees to block the sun and wind.

The race starts at 5 p.m. Thursday. The annual Oberlin Invitational Cross Country meet will be Tuesday, Sept. 28, starting at 5 p.m. at the Oberlin golf course.

## Kids show skills in punt, pass and kick

The Decatur Community High School Weight Club held a Punt, Pass and Kick competition in conjunction with the National Football League and Pepsi Cola on Sunday.

Winners from the competition on Sunday will go on to the sectional competition in Scott City at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16.

The competition was open to boys and girls 8-15, and divided into sex and age groups. Winners were determined by the total distance the contestant could throw and kick a football.

Winners were:

**Boys, 8-9** — Grant Gilliam, first, 186 feet, 5 inches; Dayton Dreher, second; and Channing Farr, third.

**Boys, 10-11** — Keithen Fortin, first, 193-2; Tyler Bruggeman, second; and Chase Copeland, third.

**Boys, 12-13** — Ryan McEvoy, first, 229-5; Jacob Larue, second; and Tim Larson, third.

**Boys, 14-15** — Breck Simonson, first, 295-6.

**Girls, 8-9** — Jamie Soderlund, first, 134-7; Hannah May, second; and Denae Andersen, third.

**Girls, 10-11** — Samantha Anderson, first, 115-5, and Miki Dorshorst, second.

**Girls, 12-13** — Jordan Dreher, first, 250-3; Sarah Copeland, second; and Katie Glading, third.

**Girls, 14-15** — Lacy Ream, first, 192-6, and Heather Glodt, second.

Winners in the sectional competition will go on to regional competition, which is to be held in National Football League stadiums.

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