

Devils play hard

Colby takes lead to win

The Oberlin Red Devils led in the first quarter and stayed even through the next two, but couldn't hold back the Colby Eagles in the last period. The visitors scored one more touchdown and beat the Decatur Community High boys 36-28.

The Red Devils scored first when Josh Fortin made a five-yard run into the end zone in the first quarter. The point after was no good, but Oberlin was ahead 6-0 at the end of one.

In the second quarter, Denton Bailey took the ball into the end zone on a two-yard run and Fortin added two points with the conversion. Oberlin had 14 points but Colby was good for a couple of touchdowns of their own.

At the half, the score was tied 14-14.

Both teams were hot in the third quarter as Fortin took the ball in on a four-yard run and added the conversion. Then Fortin did it again. This time, the conversion was no good but Oberlin had another 14 points.

Colby also scored 14 in the quarter and at the end of three, the Class 2 A Devils were tied 28-28 with the Class 4A Golden Eagles.

In the fourth quarter, however, Colby added another 8 points while



JUNIOR JONATHON RICHARDS had the football and was headed down field while senior **Andy Anderson** fought off tacklers during the Oberlin-Colby football game on Friday. — Herald photos by Randy Decker

holding Oberlin scoreless.

"Friday against Colby is a loss that was difficult," said Oberlin Coach Trevor Williams. "It was a hard one to lose."

"The kids played most of the game hard enough to win, but Colby also played hard and came out on top."

"It came down for us on offense, too many turnovers, and defensively, we were playing on our heels a lot of the game, especially in the second half."

"As a team, we were really disappointed with the outcome, and all we can do now is learn from this game."

"A hard thing about football at times during the whole season is that there are no second chances. You play the game, you make your calls and you live and learn from the out-

come.

"I thought we did some things good Friday. Our line blocked pretty well. We were more aggressive than in earlier games and Josh Fortin ran the ball real hard."

"I though our running game improved along with blocking, ball fakes and running. We just have to continue to improve."

"Next week's opponent, Goodland, will definitely be a good test for us. We will have to improve if we are going to be successful, and I feel those young men will be up for the challenge."

The loss puts Oberlin at 1-2 with a win over Quinter and losses to St. Francis and Colby.

Despite the loss of their head coach early in the season, the Goodland Cowboys are 3-0 with impres-

sive wins over Hoxie, St. Francis and Atwood.

Top rushers for Oberlin on Friday were Fortin with 171 yards on 15 carries and three touchdowns; Caleb Peters, 37 yards on nine carries; Jason Thomas, 24 yards on five carries; Bailey, three yards on four carries and a touchdown; and Jon Richards, 22 yards on one carry.

Bailey was one for six in the air for 30 yards with two interceptions. Lance Fortin was the receiver.

Top tacklers were Thomas, 10; J. Fortin, 14; Jake Padgett, 11; Drew Martin and L. Fortin, nine each; and Peters and Jesse Juenemann, eight each.

Friday's game will be in Goodland, with kickoff at 7 p.m. Central Time.

Junior varsity defeats Quinter

The Oberlin junior varsity football team downed Quinter 32-0 on Sept. 13 before a home crowd.

The young Decatur Community High Red Devils scored in the first quarter on an 18-yard run by Jace Robinson.

Garrett Peters ran the conversion for another two points.

Later, Peters scored on an 11-yard run and Robinson ran the conversion to take the score to 16-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Neither team was able to score in the second period, so at the half it was 16-0 in favor of the home team.

Jeb Tally opened the second half with an exciting 81-yard kickoff return for a quick Oberlin touchdown. Peters ran the football in for two more points to take the score to 24-0.

In the fourth quarter, Ace Manning took the ball on a 30-yard run into the end zone for Oberlin's fourth touchdown. Robinson again made the extra points and the game ended with the score, 32-0.

"We played pretty well," Coach Keith Grafel said. "Our defense was very, very good today. We did a nice job of running the football and Bruce King has some nice punt returns to get us in real good field position."

"We hope to get better and better and we could be a pretty good junior varsity team as the season goes on."

The junior varsity squad was to play Colby on Monday in Colby and will be home again next Monday to meet up with the Goodland Cowboys for a 5:30 p.m. kickoff.

Volleyball team wins one, loses one

The Oberlin volleyball team beat Hill City but lost to Oakley last week at a triangular match in Oakley.

The Decatur Community High girls lost the first game against Oakley, 25-17; came back to win the second game, 25-23; but could not hold off the Plainswomen and lost the last game 25-19.

"We started the Oakley match very lethargic," Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "We sat back and let Oakley jump to an 11-3 lead. The girls finally settled into the game and fought back to tie the game at 17. Oakley had a good server step in the box, we got rattled and they finished

the game with a 25-17 win.

"The second game started out slow again, but we kicked into gear a little faster. We were more aggressive at the net. The team needs to learn that this is when we play our best. Oberlin led most of the second game and won with a 25-23 score."

"The final game was intense until late in the match. The lead bounced between the two teams. The game was tied at 18-18 when Oakley had a couple of breaks go their way. Oberlin lost the momentum and lost the third game and match, 25-19."

Top players against Oakley were:

- Server — Kaitlyn Stapp, 17 of

17 with one ace.

- Passer — Lauren Fortin, 28 out of 31 with nine digs.
- Setter — Stapp, 24 of 47.
- Hitter — Tricia Dorshorst, eight of 10 with four kills.
- Blocker — Lydia Karnopp, five points stopped.

In the second round, Oberlin downed the Hill City Ringnecks 25-22, 25-23.

"Oberlin stepped on the court ready to compete against Hill City, jumping to a 13-7 lead," Coach Dorshorst said. "Oberlin dominated the net with solid blocks and aggressive hitting. After achieving a 23-17

lead, Hill City climbed back into the game to bring the score to 23-22. The Oberlin squad turned the heat back on and finished the game with a 25-22 win.

"The second game was a close one. Although Oberlin led the entire game, it was never a pull-away win. The Oberlin hitters struggled with timing errors but the defense made up for it, keeping the team in the game. The Oberlin girls really hustled to cover the court and fight to a 25-23 victory."

"Hill City has a strong squad. This was a good win for the Oberlin girls."

Top players against Hill City were:

- Server — Stapp, 18 of 18 with one ace.
- Passer — Fortin, 14 of 14 with seven digs.
- Setter — Heather Williams, 25 of 27.
- Hitter — Karnopp, seven of eight with six kills.
- Blockers — Karnopp and Trina Shields, four points stopped each.

The Oberlin junior varsity beat Oakley in three games 28-26, 23-25, 22-20, and fell to Hill City in two, 25-14, 25-14.

The ninth-grade girls lost in three to Oakley, 25-13, 18-25, 10-15, and beat Hill City in three, 27-25, 14-25, 15-9.

The girls will be at home on Saturday, Oct. 2, for the annual Oberlin Invitational starting at 9 a.m.

Freshmen come in third at tourney

The Decatur Community High freshman volleyball team came in third at the Oberlin C-team Invitational Tournament on Saturday.

In the first round, Oberlin downed McCook in three games, losing to the Nebraska girls 25-12 in the first game and coming back to win the next pair, 25-20, 15-10.

"The girls got off to a slow start," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "They weren't moving their feet and communicating."

"In the second game, we had some good plays at the net and started to play better ball. LeAnna Sheaffer played well at the net, with many blocked points to her credit. Overall, this match was won with teamwork and the girls' desire to

win."

In the second round, the Oberlin girls downed Quinter 27-25, 25-16.

"The girls played up and down in this match," Coach Ruf said. "We need to stay focused and communicate at all times."

In the third round, Atwood downed Oberlin in three.

The Lady Devils won the first game 25-23 but lost the next pair 25-18, 17-15.

"This was a hard-fought match," Coach Ruf said. "Both teams were aggressive at the net. The girls had to adjust to tips on the second hit. We struggled in the third game with serve receive."

In the fourth round, Oberlin lost to Oakley in two games, 25-22, 25-

17.

"The girls played aggressive ball at the net," Coach Ruf said. "Oakley is a team that seems to get to a lot of balls and caught us back on our heels."

In the last round, Oberlin beat Colby 25-23, 25-22.

"Oberlin ended the day with a win against Colby for third place," Coach Ruf said. "The girls played aggressive ball and transitioned well on defense."

Playing in the games were Nikki Wessel, Jessica Dellere, Malenda Johnson, Kenzie Fisher, Fabiola Ortiz, Heather Glodt, Lacey Ream, Jennifer Ploussard, Shelby Jeffrey, Sheaffer, Kaitlyn Gillespie and Alli Samson.

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