

Junior high football team beats Oakley, 8-6

The Decatur Community Junior High football team beat the boys from Oakley 8-6 on Thursday in Oakley.

The young Red Devil team is now 1-1 after a 12-0 loss to St. Francis in the first game of the year.

"Defensively, the team was excellent, holding Oakley to 26 offensive yards and no first downs," Coach Caleb Howland said. "The defensive players of the week are the entire defensive team."

"Offensively, we moved the ball better this week than against St. Francis, but penalties and turnovers really kept the team from scoring."

"Our average starting position was Oakley's 34-yard line, thanks to our defense. We need to work on capitalizing on good field position and eliminating our mental mistakes."

"The offensive player of the game was Jacob Fortin, who had a good game for us running the reverses on offense."

"The STUD player of the game was Lucas Juenemann, who had 104 all-purpose yards, three solo and two assisted tackles and three hard hits during the game."

"Next Thursday, we host Quinter at 4:30 p.m. and really appreciate the fan support we have had so far this season."

The Oberlin junior high players gathered 169 yards rushing.

Top rushers were Juenemann, 86 yards on 24 carries, a two-point conversion and one punt return for 18 yards; Sam Stapp, 31 yards on eight carries; J. Fortin, 47 yards on four carries; and Logan Fortin, five yards on six carries and a touchdown.

L. Fortin tried five passes but had no success and was intercepted once.

Oberlin had nine first downs and seven penalties, which cost the Red Devils 45 yards.

In fifth-quarter play, Oakley was able to get a little revenge, outscoring Oberlin 6-0.

"The younger players continue to improve with their hard work in practice, and they moved the ball well against Oakley," Coach Howland said.

"Defensively, they did a good job of team tackling except on one play, when Oakley did score, on a 58-yard pass play to win the fifth quarter."

Top rushers for the younger Devils were Wiley Farr, 73 yards on 10 carries; Steven Overmiller, eight yards on three carries; Daniel Jordan, five yards on a single carry; and Clay Anderson, one yard on two carries.

Anderson was 0-4 in the air.



Junior varsity girls make it to semifinals

The Decatur Community High junior varsity volleyball squad made it to the semifinals in a junior varsity tournament in Quinter on Saturday.

In pool play, the Oberlin girls beat Wheatland, 25-22, 20-25, 15-10.

Top players were:
 • Server — Kim Wessel, 11 of 11 with two aces.
 • Passer — Whitnee Ashley, 29 of 38 with 12 perfect.

• Setter — Wessel, 15 of 15 with eight perfect.

• Hitter — Marci Metcalf, 10 of 15 with five kills.

• Blocker — Karli Fredrickson, one point stopped.

In the second match, the young Devils lost in three to Hill City, winning the first game 26-24 but losing the next two 25-20, 18-16.

Top players were:
 • Server — Metcalf, 11 for 11 with three aces.

• Passer — Ashley, 30 of 35 with eight perfect.

• Setter — Wessel, 28 of 28 with nine perfect.

• Hitter — Metcalf, 10 of 12 with three kills.

• Blocker — Metcalf, two points stopped.

In the third contest of the day, Oberlin stopped Quinter 27-25, 25-16.

Top players were:

• Servers — Heather Glodt and Kaydee Leitner, six for seven with one ace each.

• Passer — Ashley, 20 of 21 with seven perfect.

• Setter — Anne Wasson, 10 of 10 with five perfect.

• Hitter — Metcalf, four of five with three kills.

In the semifinal round against Norton, the Oberlin girls won the first match 25-23 but lost the next pair, 25-15, 15-11.

"The girls had a good day at the tournament, making it to the semi-finals," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "We played our best when we communicated and stayed aggressive at the net."

Top players against Norton were:

• Server — Ashley, 17 of 18 and six aces.

• Passer — Ashley, 30 of 35 with eight perfect.

• Setter — Jessica Dellere, 25 of 27 with five perfect.

• Hitter — Fredrickson, 18 of 20 with eight kills.

• Blocker — Metcalf, two points stopped.

Also playing were Kenzie Fisher, Courtney Gillespie, Kaydee Leitner, Kim Wessel, Anne Wasson and Danica May.

Prairie Heights beats Quinter

The Prairie Heights High School volleyball team got its first win against Quinter on Saturday in the Gove Classic in Wheatland.

Coach Vickie Schmitz said that she doesn't have anyone to keep stats but that her girls have participated in the Healy Tournament on Aug. 28, losing to Western Plains, Northern Valley and Kensington; in Weskan on Sept. 7 falling to Wes-

kan, Brewster and Plainview, Colo.; and in Wheatland on Saturday.

On Saturday the girls beat Quinter 25-18, 27-25, taking their record to 1-13.

"We have shown signs of improvement, but we are still struggling with consistency," Coach Schmitz said.

"We won our first set against Weskan before losing in three. I am

pleased with our progress and hopefully our consistency will improve.

"We will use this week to get the girls rested and head into the second half of the year."

Jennings' next outing will be on Tuesday in Agra, where the Lady Coyotes will play the Eastern Heights Mustangs and the Palco Roosters starting at 3:30 p.m.

Junior volleyball girls lose to Oakley

The Decatur Community Junior High volleyball teams didn't have a good night on Thursday, as they lost all their games to Oakley.

The seventh-grade A team fell 25-12, 25-16. The seventh-grade B team lost 25-14, 25-15.

"The seventh graders are still in

the learning process and working to improve each week," said Coach Melissa Dreher.

The eighth-grade A team fell 25-15, 25-20 and the B team lost 25-13, 25-14.

"The eighth graders lost to a good Oakley squad, but never quit play-

ing hard," Coach Dreher said. "Overall we need to just focus on the basics and try to work on hustling to the ball."

Thursday the young Lady Devils will be at home with a 4:30 p.m. start as the girls from Quinter come to call.

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