

# Cowboys down Oberlin

## Goodland celebrates Homecoming

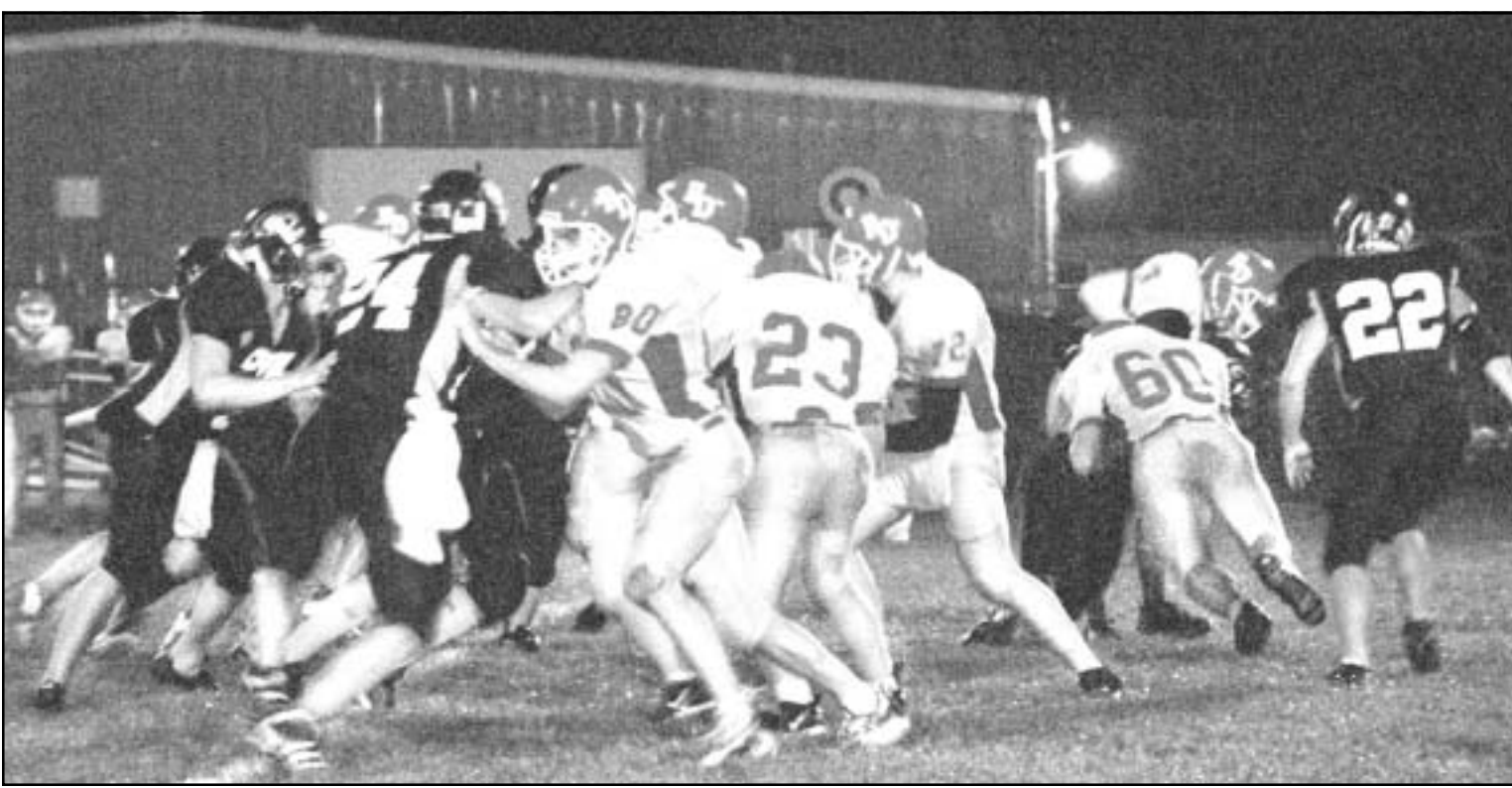
The Decatur Community High football team fell 41-0 to the tough Goodland Cowboys on Friday as the Sherman County team celebrated its Homecoming in the rain.

Goodland scored in each quarter, putting up 6 points in the first and 6 in the second, 15 in the third and 14 in the fourth. The Red Devils kept the game close in the first half, but Goodland moved the ball almost at will in the second.

With a wet field and slick ball, Oberlin was just not able to hold on to the ball, and had several fumbles.

"At Goodland Friday night, we were beaten by a solid, very athletic football team," Oberlin Coach Trevor Williams said.

"Goodland was able to control the line of scrimmage most of the game, and as the game went on, they were



**OBERLIN TACKLERS** tried to stop a Goodland ball carrier on Friday. Tackling for Oberlin were Andy Anderson (80),

Josh Fortin (23), David Morris (72) and Bret Marietta (60).

— Herald photo by Liz West

able to wear us down, and unfortunately, it looked like they broke our will to compete."

While Oberlin was unable to score, the Red Devils mounted a late drive and got the ball as far as the three-yard line before running out of time.

The Red Devils now stand at 1-3 with a victory over Quinter and losses to St. Francis, Colby and Goodland.

The Cowboys are at 4-0 with victories over St. Francis, Atwood, Hoxie and Oberlin. This week, Goodland will go against the undefeated Oakley Plainsmen at Oakley.

Oberlin will be facing Atwood, which has a 0-4 record after losses to Goodland, Colby, Hoxie and Oakley.

"This week's game with Atwood will be a big game for us," Coach Williams said, "not only to turn

around how we are playing, but also, it's Homecoming. As coaches, we hope to see the kids real intense and focused at practice to get us back on track."

Josh Fortin was the top rusher for the Red Devils on Friday with 96 yards on 16 carries. Jason Thomas was second with 15 on five.

Denton Bailey was three for 10 in the air for 63 yards. Andy Anderson grabbed one pass

for 36 yards, Jesse Juenemann grabbed one for 15 yards and Thomas caught the third for 11 yards.

Drew Martin led the defense with 10 tackles, followed by Thomas, nine; Juenemann, seven; Fortin and Joe Mondero, six each; and Lance Fortin, five.

Kickoff for Friday's Homecoming game will be at 7 p.m. For a list of Homecoming activities, see Page 1A.

# Team loses in overtime

The Colby High junior varsity edged the Oberlin boys 22-20 in overtime last Monday.

Colby scored in the first quarter, but failed to make the points after. In the second quarter, the Eagles scored again, and this time put up the two-point conversion. At the half, Colby lead 14-0.

In the third quarter, neither team was able to score. However in the fourth, the Red Devils came alive and put up 14 points of their own.

Oberlin scored with six minutes left in the fourth quarter on a 25-yard run by Jeb Tally. The conversion was not good.

With 1:21 left, Oberlin scored again on a one-yard quarterback sneak by Jace Robinson. Tally ran in the conversion and the game was tied.

In overtime, Colby scored and the extra point was good to take the score to 22-14.

Oberlin came back and scored on an eight-yard run by Robinson. However, when he tried to run the conversion, Colby stopped the play and won the game.

"We never gave up," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We just needed to do a better job offensively earlier in the game. We made a couple of mistakes that hurt us, but we found a way to get the game into overtime."

"It was a tough game! We were a little disappointed with the outcome, but our effort late in the game was outstanding. We seem to be getting better in some ways but, we still need to block better on offense and tackle better on defense."

On Monday, the Goodland Cowboy junior varsity came to town, but the game got rained out. This is the second rain out of the season for the junior varsity.

Monday, the junior varsity will go to Atwood. Kickoff is at 5:30 p.m.

# Girls take fourth at Hill City meet

Oberlin's Becky Helm was fast enough to snare a medal for the second week in a row as the Decatur Community High cross country team ran in Hill City on Thursday.

Helm, a freshman, took 15th last week at McCook. This week, she was 14th, covering the ground in 14 minutes, 27 seconds.

As a team, the Oberlin girls came in fourth with 92 points. They trailed Natoma with 35; Oakley, 43; and Wheatland, 77. Osborne was fourth with 102 points, followed by Trego, 157; Northern Valley, 157; and

Dighton, 208.

The Oberlin boys team came in seventh with 157 points behind Quinter, 45; Brewster, 74; Norton, 79; Wheatland, 92; Trego, 112; and Ness City, 129. Hill City, Natoma and Stockton also ran but didn't have team scores.

"Our girls showed some improvement this week," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "They were more competitive. Whitney (Beinke) ran more up to her potential. Becky (Helm) was solid again."

"Kellen (Doeden) and Zeke (Ruz-

icka) had pretty good races for the boys."

Andy Leitner was first in for the Oberlin boys at 28th in 20:23. Behind him were Teryn Grafel, 41st, 21:14; Doeden, 45th, 21:29; Aaron Helm, 51st, 22:49; Ruzicka, 52nd, 23:05; Brent Stallman, 60th, 24:59; and Scott Miller, 62nd, 25:13.

Beinke was the second Oberlin girl runner to cross the finish line, 20th in 14:58. Behind her were Lora Marietta, 29th, 15:21; Molly Coleman, 30th, 15:28; and Amy Grace, 33rd, 15:36. Grace is a St. Francis

student who is running with Oberlin to fill out the girls team.

The runners were to play host at the 37th annual Oberlin Invitational Cross Country meet at the Oberlin Country Club on Tuesday.

The team's next outing will be in Phillipsburg on Thursday, Oct. 7, starting at 5 p.m.

The Northwest Kansas League meet will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in Quinter.

## Girls ready for tourney

The Decatur Community High volleyball team played on Saturday, Sept. 18, and then wasn't scheduled again until Tuesday. On Saturday the girls will be the host team for the Annual Oberlin Invitational Tournament starting at 9 a.m. in both the high school and the junior high gyms.

# Seventh-grade girls split games

The Oberlin seventh-grade girls won two and lost two, while the eighth-graders went 1-3 at a Junior High Volleyball Tournament in Hoxie on Saturday.

"There was a great effort by all 16 girls on the squad," Coach Melissa Dreher said of her Decatur Community Junior High seventh graders.

"The first two games were a little rocky, but as soon as they settled down, they all played hardball. We did manage to set up the ball, which is our primary goal for the season. I'm very proud of the effort put forth by these young players."

Coach Dreher said that scores were not available for the seventh grade games.


The eighth-grade girls lost 25-17, 25-19 to Norton; beat St. Francis 25-22, 22-25, 15-4; lost to WaKeeney 25-15, 7-25 and 11-15; and lost to Hoxie, 25-19, 25-15.


"We didn't play to our potential," Coach Dreher said of the eighth graders. "The girls just couldn't seem to get it together. Communication was off, they just weren't working together as a team. We just

need a good week of practice and to play to our potential this week."

On Thursday, the girls will be in

Atwood to take on the young Rawlins County Buffaloes at 4:30 p.m.





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