

# Oberlin third in tourney

Hoxie won the annual Oberlin Invitational Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, while Oberlin beat Norton and Atwood but lost to Atwood and the victors to take third place.

Atwood came in second; Norton, fourth; and St. Francis, fifth.

"Oberlin played pretty solid ball until the last two games with Hoxie," Oberlin Coach Pat Dorshorst said.

In their first games the Oberlin girls downed the Norton Blue Jays in three, winning the first one 25-22 then dropping the second 29-27 and coming back to win 25-18.

"We came out tough in the morning against a good Norton team," Coach Dorshorst said. "Both teams are fairly tall and play pretty aggressively at the net. Although Oberlin came out on top, it was a set of two tight games with both teams moving well on the court."

Top players against Norton were:

- Server — Lauren Fortin, 10 of 10 with three aces.
- Passer — Trina Shields, 20 of 20 with seven digs.
- Setter — Heather Williams, 61 of 61 with 14 assists.
- Hitter — Lydia Karnopp, eight of nine with six kills.
- Blocker — Tricia Dorshorst, two stopped points.

In their second match Oberlin lost to Atwood in three hard-fought games. Atwood took the first game 31-29. Oberlin came back to win the second 29-27. Then Atwood won the third, 25-21.

"The match against Atwood was probably the best volleyball match that we have played this year," Coach Dorshorst said. "We jumped to a quick lead in the first game and help that lead until 24-21. Atwood had an aggressive server step in the box. We let up a little on communication and let Atwood tie the game up at 24-24. The lead then bounced back and forth between the two teams until Atwood pulled off a 31-29 victory.

"The tide turned in the second game. Atwood jumped to a 16-8 lead. The Oberlin girls refused to give up and fought back to win the game 29-27. The third game was just as intense, neither team really pulled away but the two fought back and forth. Atwood came out with the 21-25 win."

Top players against Atwood were:

- Server — Fortin, 13 of 13.
- Passer — Kaitlyn Stapp, 50 of 53 with four digs.
- Setter — Williams, 45 of 46 with 11 assists.
- Hitter — Karnopp, 18 of 21 with



**DOWNING THE BLUE JAYS, Trina Shields (No. 25) and Lydia Karnopp (No. 26) helped the Red Devils beat the girls from Norton on Saturday.** — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

eight kills.

- Blocker — Shields, nine stopped points.

The third set against St. Francis was all Oberlin as the Lady Devils downed the Indians 25-10, 27-25.

"The Red Devil squad moved like a well-oiled machine as they transitioned between offense and defense," Coach Dorshorst said. "We controlled the entire first game by a large margin. St. Francis regrouped between games and came back ready to fight back. St. Francis jumped to a 4-0 lead right away and continued to lead until we closed the gap at 19-18. The lead then bounced between the two teams until we finally came out with the win at 27-25."

Top players against St Francis were:

- Server — Christa Hardy, eight of eight with two aces.
- Passer — Dorshorst, 18 of 18 with five digs.
- Setter — Stapp, 16 of 16 with four assists.
- Hitter — Emmie Pauls, five of six with four assist.
- Blocker — Karnopp, four stopped points.

The final match of the tournament was between Hoxie and Oberlin. It took three games but the Hoxie Indians downed the Lady Devils. Oberlin took the first game 25-22 but fell in the next pair 25-15, 25-16. "Hoxie had already won the tournament with their previous wins earlier in the day," Coach Dorshorst said.

"The first game was controlled entirely by Oberlin. Lauren Fortin served up a storm and built the score up from 10-8 to an 18-8 lead. Hoxie

fought back to close the game to 22-18 in favor of Oberlin. The Red Devils continued to stay aggressive at the net and hustle in the back row to achieve the 25-22 victory.

"The second and third games were all Hoxie's. We looked fatigued and never got into an aggressive game. There were several plays where teammates looked at each other rather than calling the ball. There were a lot of service errors, passes were short, sets were off the net and the hits were out of bounds. Everything seemed to go down the tubes at the same time. It was a disappointing finish to what had been an outstanding day of volleyball."

Top players against Hoxie were:

- Server — Williams, eight for eight with one ace.
- Passer — Dorshorst, 17 of 19 with six digs.
- Setter — Williams, 54 of 55 with 16 assists.
- Hitter — Pauls, 15 of 20 with eight kills.
- Blocker — Karnopp, seven blocks.

"Oberlin has a great bunch of hardworking girls with lots of talent," Coach Dorshorst said. "We need to be confident that we can play with the best of teams and realize our potential for success."

In junior varsity play Oberlin beat Hoxie in three, 25-15, 23-25, 25-9; beat Norton in three 19-25, 25-21, 25-20; lost to St. Francis, 25-21, 25-23; and lost to Atwood 25-18 and losing the second 29-27.

On Tuesday, the girls were to be at home against Goodland, Atwood and Brewster. Next Tuesday, they will be in Colby to take on the Eagles at 4:30 p.m.

# Girl wins medals at contest

An Oberlin girl took third in her class, plus second and third in individual events, in an international powerlifting contest in South Africa earlier this month.

Decatur Community High junior Lora Marietta flew halfway around the world for the Sub-Junior and Junior World Powerlifting Championship in Pretoria, South Africa, from Sept. 8-12.

Marietta was a member of the sub-junior team, for lifters 16-18. The juniors are 19-23 years of age.

She was chosen for the international team from the total she posted at the High School National Powerlifting Championships in Milwaukee in March.

In the 114-pound class in South Africa, she won the third-place bronze medal for 671 total pounds lifted.

Her best lifts were 275 pounds in the squat, which tied her personal best; 143 pounds in the bench; and 253 pounds in the deadlift.

For her individual lifts, she took second place and a silver medal in the bench and a bronze in the squat.

The 10 U.S. lifters won the sub-junior World Women's Team Championship. This is the first time that any U.S. team has won a world championship since the early '80s.

Lifters from 19 countries participated in this year's event. The U.S. will hold the event next year in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Marietta is the daughter of Alan and Judith Marietta of Oberlin, and a member of the Decatur Community High cross country team.



L. Marietta

## Senior Profile

**Jamie Elwood**

**Name:** Jamie Elwood  
**Parents:** Danny and Judy Elwood

**Age:** 17  
**Activities:** Basketball, rodeo, D-club, national high school rodeo team member, wrangler all-star member.

**Plans after high school:** Attend a junior college and compete on their rodeo team.

**Do you plan on returning to this area, to do what?** I don't know.

**10 years from now I see myself:** With a steady job dealing with animal science like a vet technician or something like that.



**Favorite movie, book, music, game:** "Save the Last Dance," favorite movie and Phase 10, favorite game.

**How do you want the community/school to remember you?** As a nice and friendly member of the school. Helpful in any way.

**Best advice ever received or what advice would you give someone younger than you:** Don't ever give up.

**Favorite Quote:** "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."



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# Jennings girls lose five matches

The Jennings Lady Coyotes lost to Eastern Heights and Palco in volleyball action on Sept. 21 and to Grinnell, Golden Plains and Healy last Tuesday.

The Coyotes lost to the Eastern Heights Mustangs 25-8, 25-9 and to the Palco Roosters 25-20, 25-10.

"We came out unprepared to play," Coach Vickie Schmitz said. "I was disappointed with our level of play, and expected a better performance."

"Our weak serve receive did not

allow our offense to gain momentum. We showed some positive play in our attacks, but we lacked consistency."

Last Tuesday, the Coyotes played host to Grinnell, Golden Plains and Healy, but lost all their games.

The Coyotes fell to Healy, 25-16, 25-22; to Grinnell, 25-15, 25-12; and to Golden Plains 25-8, 25-11.

"I felt we performed better than we had the previous few games, even though the scores didn't show it," Coach Schmitz said. "We came

out and played with good intensity and fought each game. We continued to struggle in serve receive, which puts us in less than favorable positions.

"We faced some of the top teams in western Kansas on Tuesday, and the competition should prepare us for tournament time."

The Coyotes have this week off. Next Tuesday, they will be in Kensington for a 3:30 p.m. start against the Goldbugs.

# Junior high boys fall to Buffaloes

Unlike their high school brothers, the Decatur Community Junior High Devils were not able to beat Atwood last week, falling 24-0 to the Buffaloes.

In a game that was called in the second quarter due to bad weather, the young Red Devils couldn't stop the home team. There was no fifth quarter play, as wind and rain hit the field.

"Atwood has a good, quick team, but our team did not play up to their

potential," Coach Caleb Howland said. "We had several missed opportunities on defense to make a stand."

"On offense, our line opened up some nice holes, but the speed of Atwood's defense was causing our running backs some problems."

As a team, the young Devils had 28 yards rushing on 12 carries.

Rushers were Sam Stapp, 10 yards on four carries; Jacob Fortin, seven on two carries; Logan Fortin, six on two carries; and Lucas

Juenemann, five on four carries.

L. Fortin was one for two in the air for six yards and had one interception. His receiver was Juenemann.

The Devils had only one first down and suffered four penalties for 30 yards.

This week, they will go west to take on the Grant Junior High Mustangs in Goodland at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

# Girls play tough against Atwood

The Decatur Community Junior High girls won six out of nine games and three out of four matches last week against Rawlins County.

On Thursday, the girls were in Buffalo country playing Atwood.

The eighth graders won all their games and the seventh graders split.

The eighth-grade A team beat Atwood 25-10, 25-15 and the eighth-grade B team won 25-22, 25-13.

It took the seventh-grade A team three games to overcome the home team, but they did it, 25-19, 17-25, 15-10.

The seventh-grade B team lost both contests against Atwood 25-19, 25-19.

Thursday, the girls will be in Goodland to take on the Grant Junior High Mustangs at 4:30 p.m.

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