

Red Devils serve up roasted Buffalo

After a long dry spell, the Oberlin Red Devils showed what they can do on the football field as they trounced the Atwood Buffaloes 34-0 on Friday.

It was Homecoming, and the Decatur Community High boys were ready for a victory after several defeats.

Although Oberlin beat Quinter almost a month ago, the boys in red have had to contend with Class 4A Colby and Goodland in the last two games. Both schools beat the Devils, and Goodland went on to beat undefeated Oakley last week.

Oberlin had lost its first game of the season when the St. Francis Indians came to town.

This time it was different, however. This week was Homecoming, and it was time for five touchdowns and another victory.

Junior Josh Fortin scored the Red Devils' first touchdown in the first quarter on a one-yard run across the goal line. Junior Denton Bailey added two more on the conversion on a pass to senior Lance Fortin.

At the end of the first quarter, Oberlin led 8-0.

In the second quarter, it was Bailey's turn to make a one-yard dash across the line for six points. This time, the extra point was no good, but Atwood was unable to score and the half ended 14-0 in Oberlin's favor.

A short pass in the third quarter led to the third Devil touchdown as Bailey connected with L. Fortin for four yards and six points. Again the extra point was no good.

In the fourth quarter, the Red Devils decided they needed to ice the cake — and the game — with a pair of touchdowns.

Junior Caleb Peters made a 41-yard run for touchdown No. 4, and junior Jonathon Richards ran in the conversion for an extra pair.

J. Fortin pulled another one of those one-yard-across-the-goal-line runs for the last Oberlin touchdown. The point-after try was no good, but Oberlin led 34-0 by then and was able to hold on to shut out the hapless Buffaloes.

Top rushers for Oberlin were J. Fortin with 129 yards on 27 carries and two touchdowns; Peters, 42 yards on three carries and a touchdown; and Jason Thomas, 29 yards on seven carries.

Bailey was five for seven in the air for 51 yards and a touchdown.

His receivers were L. Fortin, 19 yards on three grabs and the touchdown; Jesse Juenemann, 30 yards on one catch; and Thomas, two yards on one.

On defense, Thomas led the tackling with 11, followed by Gannon Reichert, seven; J. Fortin, six; David Barth and Richards, five each; Joe Mondero, four and two interceptions; Peters, two and one sack; L. Fortin, two and one sack; and Drew Martin, two.

The Red Devils are now 2-3. Next week the team will travel to Oakley to take on the Plainsmen. The Plainsmen were 4-0 until Goodland beat them last week, so they should be ready to play. The kickoff will be at 7 p.m.



THE RED DEVILS and the Rawlins County Buffaloes clashed during Oberlin's Homecoming game on Friday. The Devils downed the Buffaloes 34-0.

— Herald photo by Mirla Coleman

Runners do well at home

The sky was gray and the weather was cool for 175 runners in the 37th Annual Oberlin Invitational Cross Country meet on Tuesday at the Oberlin Country Club.

Freshman Rebecca Helm was the only Oberlin runner to win a medal, taking 15th in 13 minutes and 28 seconds to help the girls capture fourth place.

The boys came in 10th. "The girls ran OK, but just came up a little bit short," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "This was an extremely competitive meet with some solid teams."

Coming in for the Oberlin girls after Helm were Lora Marietta, 24th, 14:08; Whitney Beinke, 26th, 14:15; Molly Coleman, 27th, 14:22; and Amy Grace of St. Francis, 29th, 14:26.

Andy Leitner was the first Oberlin boy across the finish line. He made the race in 19 minutes flat to finish 32nd.

After him came Teryn Grafel, 36th, 19:25; Kellen Doeden, 51st, 20:06; Aaron Helm, 62nd, 20:50; Zeke Ruzicka, 64th, 21:06; Brent Stallman, 70th, 23:32; and Scott Miller, 71st, 23:49.

"We think this is the oldest meet in the state, west of Salina," Coach Ahlberg said.

Quinter came in first for the boys with 68 points, followed by Colby, 91; Cambridge, 94; Norton, 97; Goodland, 119; Brewster, 137; Wheatland, 154; Hoxie, 187; McCook, 214; and Oberlin, 220.

Custer of Cambridge was the first boy across the finish line. He ran the course in 16:11, a new record.



RUNNING WITH EASE, Zeke Ruzicka was in the middle of the pack at the annual Oberlin Invitational on Tuesday.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Oakley was first for the girls with 42 points, followed by Wheatland, 63; Goodland, 71; Oberlin, 85; McCook, 97; and Cambridge, Neb., 131.

Coach Ahlberg said that he wanted to thank all the friends, staff

and administrators for their help at the meet, with a special thanks to the Oberlin Jaycees for the use of their tent.

The Decatur Community High runners will be at the Phillipsburg meet starting at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Girls beat Cheyenne County

The Decatur Community High volleyball team beat the girls from Cheyenne County in four games last Tuesday — two against St. Francis and two against Cheylin.

It was a good day for Oberlin — the junior varsity also beat both Cheyenne County teams.

Oberlin overcame St. Francis 25-20, 25-18.

"St. Francis is a scrappy team," Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "We came out hitting well, and St. Francis kept popping the ball up. They made good use of every free ball we gave them. The lead in the first game bounced back and forth, with a tie at 19-19.

"Kaitlyn Stapp stepped into the serving box, and with the help of her teammates, brought the score to 24-19. The Oberlin squad communicated well and worked well as a team to win.

"The second game of the match also started in a tight game, but the Red Devil squad started pulling away in the first rotation with a 13-9 lead. St. Francis continued to fight to stay in the game, but the Oberlin girls starting finding the holes and putting the ball down."

Top players against Sainty were:

- Server — Stapp, 11 of 11 with two kills.
- Passer — Stapp, 19 of 20 with seven digs.
- Setter — Trina Shields, 22 of 22.
- Hitter — Lydia Karnopp, four of five with two kills.
- Blocker — Karnopp, four points stopped.

In the second match, the Oberlin girls took down the Cheylin Cou-

Ninth-graders split games

The Decatur Community High freshman volleyball team beat St. Francis and Brewster on Tuesday, but lost to Sharon Springs in three games.

The Oberlin girls were scheduled to play in St. Francis against the Indians and the Cheylin Cougars on Tuesday but the Cheylin girls couldn't muster a ninth-grade team. When Brewster called and asked if the Oberlin and Sainty freshman girls could come on down there to play, the

girls headed south.

Oberlin took down St. Francis 25-22, 25-18 in the first round.

Next, Oberlin beat the Brewster freshmen in three games, 25-15, 12-25, 15-8.

The Sharon Springs junior varsity beat the young Red Devils in three, 25-20, 23-25, 15-7.

"Tuesday went well for all levels of volleyball competition," Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "It was a great way to start the Homecoming week."

gars 25-10, 25-11.

"Oberlin dominated Cheylin from early in the match," Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "The Oberlin girls outsized the Cheylin team by several inches. Oberlin used this height advantage to dominate the net the entire match.

"The second game was bleak for Cheylin when senior Kelly Olson stepped in the serving box to start the game.

"Kelly served 10 quick points to give Oberlin a sizable lead before Cheylin had a chance to score.

"Oberlin continued to play well as a team. When one hitter went cold, another hitter would step it up.

Top players against Cheylin were:

- Server — Olson, 11 for 11.
- Passer — Tricia Dorshorst, 14 of 14 with seven digs.
- Setter — Lauren Fortin, 12 for 12.

• Hitters — Stapp and Emmie Pauls, five for six and four kills each.

• Blocker — Pauls and Heather Williams with one point stopped each.

The Oberlin junior varsity outplayed Sainty in three games, 25-20, 16-25, 15-13, and Cheylin in two, 25-10, 25-13.

Oberlin was to be at home on Tuesday to play Goodland, Atwood and Brewster and will be in Colby next Tuesday to go against the Eagles and the Quinter Bulldogs starting at 4:30 p.m.



THE OBERLIN HERALD

presents.....

A Salute to Those Who Have Served.

This special section will honor those who served in World War II. We invite you to call 475-2206 and talk with Dave Bergling to advertise or Kimberly Davis to submit your story and picture by November 2, 2004.

KFNE

Your DCHS Sports Authority

VARSITY FOOTBALL



Listen to the live action of Oberlin Red Devils vs. Oakley Plainsmen on Friday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. Head Coach - Trevor Williams

