

# Devils take a loss

The Decatur Community High Red Devils dropped their record to 2-4 on Friday with a 40-0 loss to the Oakley Plainsmen in Oakley.

Oakley had entered the game 4-1 with only a single loss to unbeaten Goodland the week before, and the Plainsmen apparently were ready to avenge that loss.

"Friday's game in Oakley was a real disappointment in terms of how we played and our commitment during the game," said Oberlin Coach Trevor Williams.

"We definitely were beat by a good team on Friday. Hopefully, as a coach and players, we will make the adjustments necessary to get us playing at the level we will need in our first district game this week against Stockton."

The Plainsmen opened the game with two touchdowns in the first quarter to lead 16-0 at the end of one. They added a touchdown but no extra points in the second quarter to lead 22-0 at the half.

Oberlin was not able to hold them in either of the last two quarters, and the home team added 6 in the third and 12 in the fourth quarter. They shut out Oberlin 40-0.

Top rushers for Oberlin were Josh Fortin, 42 yards on 19 carries; Caleb Peters, 10 yards on seven carries; and Jon Richards, two yards.

The Red Devils had no completed passes.

Top defenders for Oberlin were J. Fortin, 13 tackles; Drew Martin, 12; Joe Mondero and Gannon Reichert, 10 each; Andy Anderson, nine; Peters, eight; Denton Bailey, five; Lance Fortin, Jake Padgett and Jesse Juenemann, four each; Bret Marietta, three each; Jon Richards and David Barth, two each; and Terry Urban, Kurt Olson, David Morris and Riley Cochran, one each.

The Red Devils will be in Stockton on Saturday to take on the Tigers at 7 p.m.

Oberlin's last home game will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, against the Hill City Ringnecks.

# Olympian to meet fans in Colby

All Colby Community College wrestling fans are invited to meet the 2004-'05 team and Colby Olympian Daniel Cormier at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Community Building.

Coach Steve Lampe said that there will be a hog roast dinner as a fund raiser for the squad at that time.

Cormier, a former Colby wrestler, took fourth place in the Olympics in Greece this summer.

For information or to make reservations, call Coach Lampe at (785) 462-3984, Ext. 302.



**AT THE VOLLEYBALL QUAD** on Tuesday, Kaitlyn Stapp (middle) set the ball while Lydia Karnopp headed toward the net while playing Goodland. The Red Devils swept their opponents in their only home meet.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

# Lady Devils come out winners at home

The Oberlin volleyball team played its only regular home meet on Tuesday and came out a winner, beating Brewster, Goodland and Rawlins County (Atwood).

Although the Decatur Community High girls sponsored both the annual Oberlin Invitational Tournament and a freshman tournament here, all regular games have been in other towns, including Grainfield, Oakley, St. Francis and Bird City, up until now.

On Tuesday, the girls in red were on their own court and showed what they were made of.

"It was an intense night of volleyball," said Coach Pat Dorshorst. "There were four solid ball teams that met up on the Decatur Community High School court."

"Brewster came into Oberlin with a 23-2 record and left with a 24-4 record.

"Rawlins County has been ranked in (Class) 2A. The Red Devil squad stepped up and played some great ball, it was an extremely good team effort."

"We actually ran eight starters, since we have two automatic substitutions and keep two substitutes in case we need them."

"Regardless of who was on the court, we kept hustling and getting the ball up."

"There were a couple of games when we went to sleep on the court and lost our composure a bit. The girls regrouped and came back fighting."

"The Oberlin squad is starting to realize their potential. I hope that they continue to build throughout the remainder of the season. They are fun to watch when they are 'on'."

"We've got tremendous quick-

ness in our back row from Lauren Fortin and Christa Hardy, we have strong setters in Kaitlyn Stapp and Heather Williams, and we have more size in the front row than Oberlin has seen in 20 years with Lydia Karnopp, Emmie Pauls, Tricia Dorshorst and Trina Shields. Kelly Olson and Sarah Murray step in and play in any rotation we need them.

"It is fantastic how these girls work together and support one another whether they are on the court or waiting for their turn to go in."

"I hope that they can continue with this outstanding team effort." Oberlin beat Goodland 25-22, 25-21.

Top players against Goodland were:

- Servers — Fortin and Hardy, five for five each.
- Passer — Fortin, 10 for 10 with four digs.
- Setter — Stapp, 11 of 11 with six assists.
- Hitter — Karnopp, seven of eight with four kills.
- Blocker — Dorshorst, four points stopped.

The Lady Devils also downed Brewster in two games, 25-21, 25-18.

Top players against Brewster were:

- Server — Williams, 11 of 11.
- Passer — Stapp, 33 of 35 with seven digs.
- Setter — Williams, 49 of 49 with 12 assists.
- Hitter — Williams, five of five with three kills.
- Blocker — Karnopp, four points stopped.

It was tougher to tame the scrappy girls from Rawlins County. Oberlin

finally overcame the Atwood squad in three, 25-22, 22-25, 25-21.

Top players against Rawlins County were:

- Server — Williams, eight of eight.
- Passers — Fortin, 14 of 14 with four digs, and Dorshorst, 28 of 32 with 12 digs.
- Setter — Stapp, 25 of 25 with 10 assists.
- Hitter — Dorshorst, eight of 11 with four kills.
- Blockers — Dorshorst and Shields, seven points stopped each.

The junior varsity was also on its game, as it beat Goodland, 25-17, 25-19; Rawlins County, 13-25, 25-23, 15-10; and Brewster, 23-25, 25-16, 15-12.

The Oberlin freshman team beat Goodland 27-25, 25-21, but fell to

Rawlins County, 24-26, 25-14, 1-15.

In other varsity play, Brewster beat Goodland in three, 25-20, 20-25, 25-20 and Rawlins County, 25-21, 25-18, and Goodland beat Rawlins County, 25-17, 21, 25, 25-20.

In other junior varsity play, Goodland beat Brewster, 25-10, 25-17; Rawlins County beat Goodland, 25-19, 25-11; and Brewster beat Rawlins County, 26-24, 11-25, 15-7.

The Oberlin girls were to play their last regular games in Colby on Tuesday against the Eagles and the Quinter Bulldogs.

On Saturday, the action will again be in Oberlin as the Red Devils play host to the Northwest Kansas League Tournament starting at 10 a.m.

# Girls finish second

The Decatur Community High girls came in second at the Phillipsburg Cross Country meet on Thursday, with two Lady Red Devils winning medals.

Freshman Rebecca Helm, who has medaled in three of her last races, took 10th in Phillipsburg, running the girls' course in 14 minutes, 48 seconds.

Junior Whitney Beinke came in 13th in 15:03 to snare a medal.

Behind them were senior Amy Grace of St. Francis, 20th in 15:36; senior Molly Coleman, 22nd, 15:38; junior Lora Marietta, 24th, 15:40; and junior Tawni Davis, 45th, 20:10.

"Our girls had a pretty good race," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "They seem to be improving at the right time of the season."

The Oberlin boys came in sixth, with junior Teryn Grafel heading the Red Devils at 22nd in 21:11.

Behind him were junior Kellen Doeden, 26th, 21:34; sophomore Aaron Helm, 33rd, 22:48; junior Zeke Ruzicka, 36th, 23:03; junior Brent Stallman, 46th, 25:31; and junior Scott Miller, 47th, 26:05.

"Kellen and Zeke improved on their times from last year," Coach Ahlberg said.

Norton led the boys teams with a 37. They were followed by WaKeeney, 65; Natoma, 77; Phillipsburg, 87; Hill City, 102; and Oberlin 117.

Natoma took first for the girls with a 27; Oberlin had 57; Osborne, 76; Hill City, 91; Northern Valley, 120; WaKeeney, 124; and Stockton, 138.

It was the last regular race of the season. On Saturday, the team heads for Quinter and the Northwest Kansas League championships.

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