

Sports

Team beats Quinter, but loses to Colby

The Decatur Community High volleyball team beat Quinter but lost to Colby in Colby last week in the last matches before the Northwest Kansas League tournament.

Oberlin beat Quinter 25-8, 25-6 but lost a close match to the Eagles, who won 25-9, 23-25, 17-15.

"The varsity match against Quinter was a quick one," Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "Oberlin controlled the entire match through aggressive serving and net play."

"We started playing a slow game and had difficulty stepping up the pace when we met Colby immediately after the Quinter match. Colby is a good ball team. They have aggressive hitters that took advantage of our blocks not getting closed and our back row standing instead of moving. We lacked communication in the first game."

"The second game found the Red Devil team looking more like normal. We started playing more aggressively at the net and moving to the ball in the back row. Communication was much improved in the second game."

"In the third game, Colby jumped to a quick lead. Oberlin continued to fight to catch up but could never quite do so."

"We looked and played like we were fatigued. Hopefully we will get back on track before Saturday's Northwest Kansas League Tourna-

ment in Oberlin." As it turned out, Oberlin did not have to play Colby in the league tournament. The Eagles were in a different pool and they did not get into the semifinals, though Oberlin did.

Top players against Quinter were:
 • Server — Kaitlyn Stapp, 10 of 10 with three aces.
 • Passer — Trina Shields, nine of nine with five digs.
 • Setter — Heather Williams, 22 of 22 with 11 assists.
 • Hitter — Emmie Pauls, six of six with four kills.
 • Blocker — Trisha Dorshorst, five points stopped.

Top players against Colby were:
 • Server — Christa Hardy, 15 of 15.
 • Passer — Hardy, 13 of 14 with three digs.
 • Setter — Stapp, 26 of 26 with four assists.
 • Hitter — Lydia Karnopp, 12 of 15 with six kills.
 • Blocker — Dorshorst, five points stopped.

The junior varsity beat Quinter in three, 25-21, 13-25, 15-5, and lost to Colby, 25-13, 22-25, 17-15.

It took the freshman team three games to down Quinter and another three to down Colby. They beat Quinter, 25-13, 13-25, 15-10, and Colby, 25-23, 17-25, 15-9.

Racing party planned

Flagman Terry Goscha of Selden and Mike Hughes of Smith Center plan to host a racing party at Pooches Sports Bar and Grill in Smith Center from 5-9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, to celebrate 50 years in the racing industry.

Terry, who has been flagging for 20 years, currently works at Norton, Oberlin and Stockton, while Mike, who just celebrated his 30th year

announcing auto races, works at Norton, Oberlin, Stockton and WaKeeney. Snacks, music, dancing, and entertainment are planned.

"We want to extend this invitation to all of our family and friends in the racing industry," Hughes stated.

Pooches is a block north and two blocks east of the four-way stop in downtown Smith Center.



AT THE FIRST GAME for the Lady Devils at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament, Heather Williams served.

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Fortin, eight each.
 • Passer — Shields, 21 of 24 with 12 digs.
 • Setter — Williams, 28 of 28 with 10 assists.
 • Hitters — Stapp, 11 of 11 with four kills, and Pauls, nine of nine

with six kills.
 • Blocker — Shields, four points stopped.

The next outing for the Oberlin volleyball team will be the substate tournament in St. Francis starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Lady Devils tie for third in tourney

The Decatur Community High School volleyball team tied with Oakley for third in the Northwest Kansas League tournament Saturday in Oberlin after advancing to the semifinals but losing to No. 2 Rawlins County.

Oberlin was in pool play with Hoxie, Quinter and Oakley in the first rounds of the tournament.

The Red Devils were able to down Hoxie, 25-22, 26-24, and Quinter 25-15, 25-7, but lost to Oakley 25-19, 25-23.

Hoxie beat Oakley and Quinter, and Oakley also beat Quinter. Both Oberlin and Oakley advanced to the semi-finals.

In the other pool, Goodland beat Colby and St. Francis, Rawlins County beat Colby, Goodland and St. Francis and Colby beat St. Francis.

Goodland and Rawlins County advanced to the semi-finals.

Rawlins County beat Oberlin 25-20, 25-16 and Goodland beat Oakley 25-14, 18-25 and 25-20.

In the finals, Goodland overcame Rawlins County 25-23, 17-25, 25-23 to become the league champions.

"As predicted, it was a grueling day of volleyball," Oberlin Coach Pat Dorshorst said.

"All of the league teams are solid ball clubs, and the teams that played well Saturday are the ones that made it into the semi-finals and finals. Hoxie, Colby and St. Francis did not make it out of pool play, and all three are very good ball clubs. Hoxie had come into the tournament with the No. 1 seed."

"Oberlin played slow in our first match against Oakley. Oakley is a scrappy team, and we had to stay aggressive with them. We started tipping and giving free balls over the net rather than playing the power game that helps us to win."

"The match with Quinter was a quick one; Oberlin dominated the entire match."

"The Red Devils turned around and played an excellent match against Hoxie following the Quinter match. It was a close

one, with both teams playing well. Hoxie had defeated Oberlin several times earlier in the year. It was nice to come out and play aggressively an entire match and know that we can play with the more experienced teams."

"The Oberlin girls are an excellent ball club; we just have to learn how good we are and play with that confidence."

"In the semi-final match between Oberlin and Rawlins County, Rawlins County dominated the net. Our Oberlin blockers were not getting their blocks closed and our communication shut down. When you are competing against an excellent club like Rawlins County, you have to be at the top of your game. We know that we can compete with them; we just have to stay focused and work toward the goal as a team."

Top players against Oakley were:
 • Server — Tricia Dorshorst, five of five with one ace.

• Passer — Trina Shields, 11 of 11 with two digs.

• Setter — Kaitlyn Stapp, 19 of 19 with seven assists.

• Hitter — Dorshorst, seven of eight with six kills.

• Blocker — Shields, six points stopped.

Top players against Quinter were:
 • Server — Emmie Pauls, eight of eight with two aces.

• Passer — Shields, 15 of 16 with six digs.

• Setter — Heather Williams, 25 of 25 with seven assists.

• Hitters — Pauls with eight of eight and four kills, and Dorshorst, eight of eight with three kills.

• Blockers — Dorshorst and Shields, three points stopped.

Top players against Hoxie were:
 • Server — Pauls, nine of nine

• Passer — Dorshorst, 12 of 14 with four digs.

• Setter — Williams, 44 of 44 with 14 assists.

• Hitters — Stapp, 13 of 15 with five kills, and Pauls, seven of eight with six kills.

• Blocker — Dorshorst, five points stopped.

Top players against Rawlins County were:
 • Servers — Shields, and Lauren

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