

THE OBERLIN HERALD —  
**Sports**

# Runners finish fifth at league championship

The Decatur Community High runners finished fifth at the Northwest Kansas League Cross Country Championship in Quinter on Saturday.

Both the boys and girls teams took fifth in the league and the Colby runners came in first for both.

Teryn Grafel was the first Oberlin runner across the line in the boys race, finishing the course in 19 minutes, 47 seconds for 18th. After him were Andy Leitner, 25th, 20:33; Kellen Doeden, 28th, 20:54; Aaron Helm, 30th, 21:24; Zeke Ruzicka, 33rd, 22:22; Brent Stallman, 35th, 23:28; and Scott Miller, 37th, 25:20.

"Our guys actually had a pretty good day," Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Teryn ran better, we had Andy back in the lineup, Kellen continued to give us a great effort and Aaron had a much better start today."

Becky Helm, who has won several medals this year, ran first for Oberlin at 15th in 13:56, not good enough to medal in the league meet. She was followed by Whitney Beinke, who has also medaled in past meets, 16th in 14:04; Lora Marietta, 25th, 15 minutes; Molly Coleman, 26th, 15:05; and Tawni Davis, 32nd, 17:27.

Amy Grace from St. Francis, who has run with the Oberlin girls all

year, was the only member of the Indians' team. She finished 24th in 14:51. The rules allowed her to compete with the Oberlin team up until the league, regional and state contests.

"Our girls did not have their best day," Coach Ahlberg said. "Whitney is continuing to run better and Tawni had her best time of the year."

Winning the league for the boys, Colby had 33 points. Next were Goodland, 49; Quinter, 50; Hoxie, 115; and Oberlin 122. Oakley did not have enough runners to qualify as a team and St. Francis has no boy runners.

The Colby girls also won the league with 33 points, followed by Oakley, 47; Goodland, 76; Quinter, 99; and Oberlin 103. Hoxie and St. Francis didn't have enough runners for a team.

The next stop for the Oberlin runners and Grace is the Class 2A Regional meet in Phillipsburg at 3 p.m. Saturday.

"The top three teams and top 10 individuals will qualify for the state meet in Wamego on Saturday, Oct. 30," Coach Ahlberg said. "With only 2A schools running, we look to be competitive."

# Junior varsity men defeat Plainsmen

While the Oberlin varsity wasn't able to beat Oakley in football, the Decatur Community High junior varsity football team defeated the young Plainsmen 22-14 on Oct. 11 in Oberlin.

There was no score in the first quarter, but Oakley drew first blood in the second quarter with a two-yard run for a touchdown and a good two-point conversion to lead 8-0.

Oakley scored again in the second half on a 52-yard pass. This time, the conversion was no good but Oakley lead 14-0.

Oberlin finally got on the board in the second quarter on a 37-yard run and conversion run by Jace Robinson for 8 points.

Still in the second quarter, Oberlin scored again on a Jeb Tally four-yard run. The conversion was no good and the half ended with the score tied at 14.

Neither team scored in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter Robinson scored on a two-yard run. The conversion to Kurt Olson was good, and Oberlin won the game 22-14.

"We got behind early, but we just kept playing hard and got back in the game by the half," Coach Keith Grafel said. "Our defense played very solid almost all game, and really stepped up late in the game to hold Oakley from scoring."

"It was a very nice win for us. The junior varsity finished their season with three straight wins to finish with three wins and two losses."

Coach Grafel and Coach Ken Badsky said they wanted to thank the players' parents and fans for their support.

"It has been a fun junior varsity schedule, and we're sad to see the season end," Coach Grafel said

# Trio to perform Sunday

The Sunflower Trio chamber music ensemble will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Sharon Springs High School Auditorium.

Matthew and Rebecca Schlo-neger and Kenneth Rodgers, music professors from Bethel and Hesston

colleges, compose the group, which features voice, violin and piano. Their program will include a variety of music from baroque and classical to contemporary and Broadway.

The program is sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association.



AT THE FIRST DISTRICT GAME Friday night in Stockton, the Red Devils showed they were able to play like a

team when Denton Bailey handed the ball off to Josh Fortin as Drew Martin blocked.

—Photo by Jeannie Martin

# Devils win first district game in Stockton

The Decatur Community High football team won its first game in district play on Friday as the Red Devils downed the Stockton Tigers 21-7 in Stockton.

The Red Devils started the game outright with a 14-0 lead in the first quarter. Each team put up seven points in the second quarter, and no one was able to score in the second half.

"Friday's game in Stockton was a good win for our team," Coach Trevor Williams said. "I was pleased with the effort, and I felt our intensity was a lot better this game. "But, the team knows that that game was just better and not near our best, and that we will have to improve for our game against Hill City."

"Even though Hill City was beaten soundly by Hoxie, they have a lot of athletes on their team to prepare for."

Oberlin's first touchdown came on an exciting 35-yard pass from 165-pound junior Denton Bailey to 185-pound senior Lance Fortin. Junior Josh Fortin was able to put the kick over for the extra point and Oberlin was on the board 7-0.

Oberlin's second touchdown in the first quarter came on an even more exciting 45-yard pass from Bailey to L. Fortin. Again, J. Fortin split the uprights and Oberlin had enough points to win the game.

In the second quarter, 200-pound

junior Jason Thomas made a 13-yard run into the end zone for Oberlin's third and final touchdown. J. Fortin made his third good kick of the night and added one more to Oberlin's tally.

The Tigers' only touchdown came on a six-yard pass, and their kicker was also able to hit his mark. At the half, the score was 21-7 in Oberlin's favor.

The ball went back and forth in the third and fourth quarters, but neither team was able to score, so Oberlin took the victory. That gives the Red Devils a 1-0 record in district play and 3-4 for the season.

Top rushers for Oberlin were J. Fortin with 111 yards on 20 carries; Thomas, 37 yards on nine carries; Jesse Juenemann, 35 yards on two carries; and Caleb Peters, two yards on three carries.

Bailey was three for seven in the air for 105 yards and two touchdowns.

L. Fortin caught the two touchdown passes for 80 yards and Juenemann caught the third completion for 25 yards.

Top tacklers were Drew Martin and Gannon Reichert, 14 each; followed by Josh Fortin, 13; and Jason Thomas, 11.

Oberlin has now beaten Quinter, Atwood and Stockton but lost to St. Francis, Colby, Goodland and Oakley.

The next two games for Oberlin

against Hill City and Hoxie will also be district contests. The top two teams from the district will advance to bi-district play on Tuesday, Nov.

2. This week, Oberlin will be at home as the Hill City Ringnecks come to town at 7 p.m. Friday.

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# Team beats Atwood

The Decatur Community High junior varsity football team beat Atwood 14-6 last week.

The Red Devils scored in the first quarter on a one-yard run by Jace Robinson. The conversion was run by Robinson for an 8-0 Oberlin lead.

Atwood scored on a 52-yard run in the second quarter, but the conversion was no good and at the half, Oberlin led 8-6.

The young Red Devils scored again in the third quarter on a one-yard run by Chet Ely. The points after were no good, and the score was

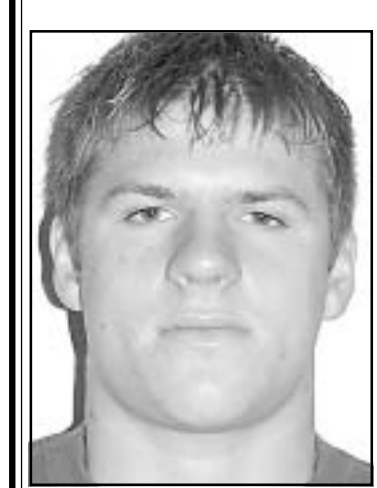
14-6. Neither team scored in the fourth quarter.

"Both teams played great defense in the third and fourth quarters," Coach Keith Grafel said.

"I felt that Oberlin had some great opportunities to get on the board, but mistakes and penalties helped to stall out any good drives."

"The defense did a nice job of holding Atwood out of the end zone in the fourth quarter. We just needed to find a way to score again, and keep the game from being so close."

# Senior Profile



**Gannon Reichert**  
Name: Gannon Reichert  
Parents: Wilbur and Jill Reichert  
Age: 18  
Activities: Football, wrestling, weight club, D-club, National Honor Society and scholar bowl.  
Plans after high school: College, hopefully in Manhattan.  
Do you plan on returning to this area, to do what? I don't know yet.  
10 years from now I see myself: Being 10 years wiser.  
Favorite book, music, movie and game: "Snatch," movie.  
How do you want the community/school to remember you? Smart, honorable, respectful, strong, good looking, charismatic and humble.

**Best advice ever received or what advice would you give someone younger than you:** Do as much as you can in high school.



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# THE OBERLIN HERALD

and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce welcome Sappa Valley Construction to the business community

The Chamber Board along with the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. welcomed the expansion of a 20 year old business owned by Kevin and Jackie Brown. The couple built a new building off of U.S. 83 for Sappa Valley Construction.

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