

# Hoxie beats Devils

## Oberlin team scheduled to play away

The Decatur Community High football team were scheduled to play in the bi-district playoffs Tuesday at Smith Center.

The Red Devils played their last district contest on Thursday, losing 32-14 to the Hoxie Indians. This gave the Indians (7-2) the district title and the right to play on their home field against Ellis (5-4).

The Red Devils (4-5) were to travel to Smith Center to take on the tough Redmen (9-0). The winner will continue in the playoffs.

On Thursday, Hoxie got two touchdowns in the first quarter and three in the second to lead the Red Devils 32-0 at the half.

In the second half, Oberlin was



**READY TO AIRMAIL THE BALL**, Oberlin quarterback Denton Bailey (No. 3) got good blocking from his line as he prepared to pass during the last district football game Thursday against the Hoxie Indians. Blockers are Jebb Tally (No. 34), Jace Robinson (No. 27) and Jason Thomas (No. 33). Although Oberlin lost, the Red Devils were scheduled to go on to post-season play in Smith Center against the Redmen on Tuesday. — Herald photo by Jeannie Martin

able to come back with touchdowns in both the third and fourth quarters, but it wasn't enough to top the Indians.

"The game at Hoxie was a game of two halves for us as a team," Coach Trevor Williams said. "In the first half, Hoxie jumped out to the lead — 34-0 at half time. I really didn't think our kids played too badly, but we had some mental mistakes or were unsure of responsibilities in the secondary.

"The second half, the guys responded, our confidence and our concentration levels increased and it made a big difference."

Jeb Tally got Oberlin's first touchdown in the third quarter on a 13-yard run, while Garrit Peters kicked the extra point.

Tally ran in the second Red Devil touchdown in the fourth quarter from one yard out. Peters again booted in the extra point.

Tally was Oberlin's leading

rusher with 113 yards, followed by Jesse Juenemann with 16 and Jason Thomas, 15.

Quarterback Denton Bailey was three for nine in the air for 45 yards.

Lance Fortin caught two passes for 25 yards and Juenemann caught one for 15.

Jonathon Richards and Bailey each intercepted an Indian pass.

On defense, Fortin had seven solo tackles and seven assisted. He was followed by Jake Padgett with three

solos and four assists; Thomas and Terry Urban, three solos and three assists each; Juenemann and David Barth, three solos and one assists each; Drew Martin, two solos and three assists; Gannon Reichert, one solo and three assists; Bailey and Andy Anderson, two solos and one assist; and Jonathon Richards, two assists.

"This Tuesday's game against Smith Center will be a great challenge for these guys," Coach Will-

iams said. "Playing in the playoffs is very exciting and rewarding for these football players.

"We're excited to play football."

Kickoff was at 7 p.m.

If Oberlin beat Smith Center, the next game would be the regional match on Saturday, and it would be in Oberlin, Coach Williams said. However, he didn't know who the opponent would be.

# Runners take 12th at state

The Decatur Community High cross country boys came in 12th in the Class 2A State Championship race in Wamego on Saturday.

The Oberlin boys and freshman Rebecca Helm qualified for the state meet last weekend at the regional competition in Phillipsburg.

The boys came in third at the regional meet behind Sacred Heart of Salina and Trego Community High of WaKeeney.

Helm came in 10th as an individual runner, though the girls team placed fourth and did not qualify for state.

The top three teams and top 10 individuals won berths to the state meet.

In the boys race, Stanton County of Johnson won the state championship with 44 points, followed by Quinter, 95; Deerfield, 105; Central (Burden), 130; Sacred Heart (Salina), 133; Wabauwsee, 134; Valley Heights, 169; Jefferson North, 201; Remington (Whitewater), 222; Peabody, 224; Trego (WaKeeney), 228; and Oberlin, 295.

Sophomore Andy Leitner was the first Oberlin runner over the finish line for the boys. He took 64th in 19 minutes, 46 seconds. After him were junior Teryn Grafel, 78th, 20:25; sophomore Aaron Helm, 82nd, 20:30; junior Kellen Doeden, 83rd, 20:33; junior Zeke Ruzicka, 93rd, 21:07; junior Scott Miller, 103rd, 23:06; and junior Brent Stallman, 104th, 23:37.

Rebecca Helm came in 36th in the girls race in 14:05.

"We had an interesting season," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Our girls were very competitive the whole season.

"They placed fourth and just missed qualifying for the state meet. Becky Helm did qualify for the state meet and ran a nice race, defeating some runners who had beaten her at the regionals the week before.

"Our boys struggled through most of the season, but always worked hard to get better. That really paid off with a great effort at the regionals, which qualified them for the state meet.

"Our times were better at the state meet than at the regionals, and we gained some good experience that should make us more competitive next year. We will have to train hard to become competitive at the state level.

"We will strive to return to the state meet and be more competitive. With some new runners, and some



**RUNNING FLAT OUT**, Oberlin's Scott Miller came in 103rd in 23 minutes, 6 seconds at the Boys Class 2A State Cross Country meet in Wamego on Saturday.

— Herald photo by Dick Boyd

depth, maybe we could qualify both the boys and girls teams for the state meet.

"Thanks to all the families, friends and fans that made it down to Wamego. Our support has been wonderful this season. We are truly thankful for all your support."

The Oberlin team will be losing two senior runners — Molly Coleman will be graduating from Decatur Community High and Amy Grace, who ran with the team during the regular season, will be graduating from St. Francis High School.

# Junior High boys start season

## Basketball games begin Thursday

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh- and eighth-grade boys started practicing for basketball season last week, preparing for their first game against the St. Francis Indians on Thursday in Sainty.

Coach Tim Breth said he has 12 seventh graders and 14 eighth graders out this year, with most of the eighth graders returning from last year. Two new players for the eighth grade are Nathan Baker and Ryan McEvoy from Jennings.

"I really expect high things out of the eighth graders this year," Coach Breth said.

"There is lots of talent there from last year. Our biggest problem is getting all that talent moving in the right direction. We can be good but when we're off, we're our own worst enemy."

While the junior high will be fielding both seventh- and eighth-grade teams, he said, there will be fifth quarters for those boys who don't otherwise get to play much. There will be a B-team tournament on Friday, Nov. 12, in Colby.

The boys were hard at work on Monday as they started their sixth practice.

## Oberlin Schedule

### Junior High Basketball

#### Boys

Thursday, Nov. 4: St. Francis — Away	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 9: Oakley — Home	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 11: Quinter — Away	4:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 12: B Team Tourn.-Colby	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 18: Hoxie — Away	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 22: Atwood — Home	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 2: Goodland — Home	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 9: Colby — Home	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13: League Division Tourn.	TBA
Thursday, Dec. 16: 7th Tournament-Oakley	TBA
Thursday, Dec. 16: 8th Tournament-Quinter	TBA

"We have a lot to do in a short amount of time," Coach Breth said. "Of course, all the other coaches would tell you the same thing.

"We've all got young teams, and we just have to see how they do."

The young Red Devils' first home games will be Tuesday against Oakley. Both Thursday's and next Tuesday's games will start at 4:30 p.m. for the seventh graders, with the eighth-grade teams matching up

right afterward.

While the junior high boys are playing basketball from now through mid-December, the girls will learn how to be cheerleaders. All seventh- and eighth-grade girls are eligible to cheer this season.

After school resumes in January, the girls will have their basketball season and the boys will go on to try their hand at wrestling.

## Bowling

### Red Crown

Bottom's Up, 6-6; Ken's Buyin', 6-6; Naughty Monkeys, 6-6; The Crypts, 6-6.

Men's high: Beny Dickerson, 183.

Women's high: Lucy Stone, 83.

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## Senior Profile

### Kelly Olson

Name: Kelly Olson

Parents: Gerald and Connie Olson

Age: 18

Activities: Vocal, DCHS Singers, volleyball, Science club, Spanish club, Kayettes, drama club, speech, musicals, plays, scholar bowl, National Honor Society, Lutheran Youth Fellowship.

Plans after high school: Attend college.

Do you plan on returning to



this area, to do what? Most likely not.

10 years from now I see myself: Working at a job that I love and surrounded by people that care about me.

Favorite book, music, movie and game: "To Kill a Mockingbird," book; pop and country, music; "What a Girl Wants," movie and Cranium.

How do you want the community/school to remember you? I hope they remember me as a good person who worked hard and also had fun.

Best advice ever received or what advice would you give someone younger than you: Just to never give up and keep working hard for what you want in life.

Favorite Quote: "Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is listening. Love like you've never been hurt and live like it's heaven on earth," Mark Twain.



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