

Devils to start season

Oberlin ready for St. Francis

The boys have been practicing for two weeks, and the first game is coming up Friday as the Decatur Community High Red Devils meet the St. Francis Indians on the football field at 7 p.m. in Sainty.

Oberlin head coach Trevor Williams said that his boys are looking good.

"They're going to be a good football team this year," he said in an interview Sunday.

That said, he isn't taking the Indians for granted.

"They'll be a good challenge for our first game," he said. "They have a lot of returning players."

Oberlin also has a lot of returning players, including 23 lettermen.

There will be 10 seniors, 19 juniors, eight sophomores and 10 freshmen on the Red Devil roster this year, he said.

Coach Williams said that his team looked good during the annual Soap Scrimmage on Thursday.

"We're pleased with the way things are going," he said.

This will be Coach Williams' fifth year with the Red Devils. He will be assisted by Joe Dreher, Jim Andersen, Keith Grafel and Ken Badsky.

The Red Devils opened the season against St. Francis last year with a tough 8-0 loss.

In 2003, the Devils opened against Dundy County, which they



BATTLING FOR POSSESSION of the football, Oberlin's Red team fought the White team during the annual Soap Scrimmage on Thursday night. The Red Devils will travel to St. Francis for the season opener on Friday.

— Herald photo by Jonna Inman

downed 34-0. However, that year the Indians beat the Devils 42-12 in a late-season game.

Oberlin's first home game will be against Quinter at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.

Last year, the Devils stomped the Bulldogs 32-0 in Quinter.

Members of the team this year are:

• Seniors: Denton Bailey, 170 pounds, quarterback/defensive back; Joe Mondero, 165, wide receiver/defensive back; Josh Fortin, 205, running back/linebacker; Jason Thomas, 210, running back/linebacker; Jonathon Richards, 160, running back/defensive back; Jesse Juenemann, 160, wide receiver/defensive back;

Drew Martin, 195, offensive line/defensive line; Bret Marietta, 210, offensive line/linebacker; Gabe Moore, 265, offensive line/defensive line; and Bruce King, 150, wide receiver/defensive back.

• Juniors: Breck Simonsson, 155, quarterback/defensive back; Corey Cook, 150, wide receiver/defensive back; Chet Ely, 195, running back/defensive line; Jace Robinson, 170, quarterback/defensive back; Kyle Glodt, 155, wide receiver/defensive back; Garrit Peters, 175, tight end/linebacker;

Regan Badsky, 215, offensive line/defensive line; Brock Euhus, 245, offensive line/defensive line; Mitchell Hitt, 260, offensive line/defensive line; Jacob Unger, 210, offensive line/linebacker; Riley Cochran, 205, offensive line/defensive line; Nolan May, 275, offensive line/defensive line; Terry Urban, 185, offensive line/defensive line; Kurt Olson, 185, tight end/defensive line;

Tyler Sauvage, 164, wide receiver/defensive line; Seth Ritter, 160, tight end/defensive end; Kane Ware, 145, wide receiver/defensive back; Andy Gilliam, 185, tight end/

defensive line; and Adrian Overmiller, 150, offensive line/defensive line.

• Sophomores: Ace Manning, 150, wide receiver/defensive back; Jebb Tally, 165, running back/linebacker; Royal Fisher, 145, running back/linebacker; Gage Reichert, 145, quarterback/defensive back; Colt Diederich, 215, offensive line/defensive line; Jared Marcuson, 150, offensive line/defensive line; David Urban, 160, offensive line/defensive line; and Sean Ybarra, 170, wide receiver/defensive back.

• Freshmen: Jacob Fortin, 125, quarterback/defensive back; Lucas Juenemann, 145, running back/defensive back; Derek Chambers, 135, offensive line/defensive line; Sam Stapp, 170, running back/linebacker;

Kevin Farr, 170, offensive line/defensive line; Ryan McEvoy, 140, offensive line/defensive line; Everett Urban, offensive line/line-

backer; Nathan Simonsson, 145, offensive line/defensive line; Logan Fortin, 120, wide receiver/defensive

Jr. Devil Football

4th Grade

Saturday, Sept. 10: Norton — Away 10 a.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 17: Hays Chiefs — Home 10 a.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 1 : Colby — Home 10 a.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 8: Phillipsburg — Away 10 a.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 15: Ness City — Away 10 a.m.

5th-6th Grade

Saturday, Sept. 10: Norton — Away 1 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 17: Hays Outlaws — Home 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 24: Hays Gamblers — Home .. 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 1 : Colby — Home 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 8: Phillipsburg — Home 1 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 15: Ness City — Away 11:30 a.m.

NOTE: All football players are to be at the field at least 45 minutes before all games. Some will have to weight in.

Lady Devils lose volleyball opener

The Decatur Community High girls volleyball team fell to Hoxie and Wheatland in its first matches of the year.

Last year, Oberlin opened its season against the same two teams and beat the Wheatland Shockers, but lost to the Hoxie Indians in three.

This year, the Lady Devils have eight returning letter winners, including seniors Kaitlyn Stapp and Lydia Karnopp, both all league last year, and Christa Hardy, and juniors Lauren Fortin, Heather Williams, Emmie Pauls, Sarah Murray and Tricia Dorshorst.

Coach Pat Dorshorst will be assisted by Sherri Ruf.

Coach Dorshorst said as well as her returning letter winners, she will be starting junior Whitney Ashley. Other players she expects to see on the varsity team are juniors Karli Fredrickson, Marci Metcalf and Kim Wessel, and sophomore Lacey Ream.

Other players will be senior Danyel Jeffrey; junior Tammy Wright; sophomores Nikki Wessel, Jessica Dellere, Kenzie Fisher, Fabiola Ortiz, Lacey Alstrom, Heather Glodt, Alyssa Montgomery, Jennifer Ploussard and LeAnna Sheaffer; and freshmen Cherish Manning, Jordan McHugh,

Annamarie Larue, Koriann Fortin, Heather Ploussard, Alyssa Rippe, Farra McChesney, Desirae Shields, Sabrina Dellere, Makenzie Nelson, and Cindy Murray.

In matches Friday in Hoxie, Oberlin lost 25-22, 17-25, 25-22 to Hoxie.

"We played aggressive offense and defense," Coach Dorshorst said. "We shut down the net early, but did not react to offspeed. We had a lot of service errors and net violations, which cost us the match."

Top players were:

- Server — L. Fortin, 12 for 12 with two aces.
- Passer — Hardy, 21 for 22.
- Setter — Stapp, 39 for 41.
- Hitter — Stapp, 14 of 16 with five kills.
- Blocker — Dorshorst, 12 points stopped.

In the second set, Oberlin started out well, but ended up losing the last two games to fall 16-25, 25-19, 25-19 to Wheatland.

"If someone would have said we would lose these matches, I would never have believed it," Coach Dorshorst said. "We have fantastic talent, but we need to find the desire to win. Wheatland flat out-hustled us."

Top players were:

- Servers — Dorshorst, 18 of 19, and Williams eight of eight.
- Passer — Dorshorst, 27 of 29.
- Setter — Stapp, 33 of 34.
- Hitters — Dorshorst, 11 of 12 with three kills, and Pauls 12 of 15 with four kills.
- Blockers — Dorshorst, five

stopped points.

The Oberlin girls were to play Oakley, Phillipsburg and Leoti at home on Tuesday.

Next Tuesday, the Lady Devils will start play at 4 p.m. against St. Francis and Colby in Oberlin.

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