

Sports

Oberlin takes 1st at meet

Devils beat Oakley, Leoti Phillipsburg

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils defeated Leoti, Phillipsburg and Oakley to win the Oberlin Quadrangle volleyball meet last Tuesday.

Oberlin downed Leoti 25-9, 25-15 and Oakley 25-17, 25-17. Phillipsburg was a bigger challenge, as the Lady Panthers won the first game 25-20. Oberlin, however, came back to take the next two games 25-20, 25-17.

Meanwhile, Phillipsburg beat Oakley 25-19, 25-15 and Leoti 26-24, 24-26, 25-11 for second, and Oakley beat Leoti 25-17, 25-18 for third.

"We played a faster-paced game on Tuesday than on Friday," Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "We had some fantastic hits and excellent hustle. We need to continue to work on consistency."

Top players against Leoti were:

- Passer — Tricia Dorshorst, 10 of 11.

- Servers — Dorshorst, 15 of 16, and Emmie Pauls, five of five.
- Setter — Kaitlyn Stapp, 24 of 24 with five assists.
- Hitter — Heather Williams, eight of eight with six kills.
- Blocker — Lydia Karnopp, three points stopped.

Top players against Phillipsburg were:

- Passer — Stapp, 31 of 33.
- Server — Williams, 12 of 12 with two aces.
- Setter — Williams, 43 of 43.
- Hitter — Pauls, 11 of 12 with six



TRYING TO PUT THE BALL over the net, Tricia Dorshorst (No. 25) and an Oakley player were both determined to make the point during last Tuesday night's game in Oberlin.

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- Blocker — Dorshorst, two points stopped.

Top players against Oakley were:

- Passer — Whitnee Ashley, 11 of 12.
- Server — Ashley, 12 of 12 with one ace.
- Setter — Williams, 28 of 28.
- Hitter — Karnopp, 11 of 13 with

eight kills.

- Blocker — Karnopp, three points stopped.

The Oberlin junior varsity team beat Leoti in three games, 25-18, 14-25 and 15-9, and Phillipsburg in three, 25-12, 21-25, 16-14, and lost to Oakley 25-23, 25-13.

Oakley's junior varsity beat Leoti 25-12, 25-8 and Phillipsburg lost to

Prepared to help were Kaitlyn Stapp, No. 13, and Emmie Pauls, No. 50.

— Herald photo by Jonna Inman

Leoti 25-18, 25-15, and to Oakley, 25-17, 25-15.

In C-team play, Oberlin beat Phillipsburg in the first game 25-18 but lost the match after dropping the next two games 25-15, 15-9. The same thing happened against Oakley as the Lady Devils beat the Lady Plainsmen 25-19 in the first game, then fell 25-22, 15-13 in the

next two.

The Lady Devils were to play St. Francis and Colby at home on Tuesday. Saturday, the younger girls will be at a junior varsity tournament in Quinter starting at 9 a.m.

Next Tuesday, the Lady Devils will be at home for a 4:30 p.m. start against Oakley and Hill City.

Junior varsity wins season's first game

The Oberlin junior varsity football squad took a leaf out of the varsity's book and beat the St. Francis Indians in the first game this year.

The Decatur Community High squad downed the junior varsity Indians 30-12 in Oberlin on Monday.

Oberlin scored in the second quarter on a 12-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jace Robinson to Kyle Glodt.

The Devils scored again in the second quarter on a 45-yard run by Jeb Tally. At the half, the Red Devils were ahead 12-0.

In the third quarter, the home team added a third touchdown on a 39-yard run by Tally to take the score to 18-0.

Oberlin scored again in the third on a two-yard run by Breck Simonsson to lead 24-0.

St. Francis broke the shutout with a 70-yard touchdown run in

the third, making the score 24-6.

In the fourth, Oberlin added its last touchdown on a three-yard pass from Simonsson to Andy Gilliam.

St. Francis answered to make the final score 30-12.

"We really played pretty well for our first game," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We made very few mistakes, and everyone played solid on both sides of the ball."

"We have a few little things we need to get better at, and some of our players are still not sure where to go or where to line up on certain formations."

"It is nice to have a few older kids to help us out, and our freshmen and sophomores are starting to really contribute."

"We could be a very, good JV team this year if everyone continues to get better"

The next game will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Quinter.

Junior high girls down Sainty

The Decatur Community Junior High girls won their first volleyball matches in St. Francis on Thursday.

Since many Northwest Kansas schools are short of junior high students, the girls are playing A and B games rather than by grades.

Oberlin has 12 seventh-graders, coached by Gina Witt, and 16 eighth-graders, coached by Melissa Dreher, but St. Francis only had 16 players all together.

The Oberlin seventh-graders played the B game, beating the young Lady Indians 25-13, 25-10.

"This will count as a win for the seventh-grade record," Coach Dreher said.

The eighth-graders played the A game and also won, but had more trouble, losing the first game 25-14 but then coming back to win 25-9, 15-11.

Oberlin Junior High Volleyball

Thursday, Sept. 8: Oakley (home)	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 15: Quinter (away)	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24: Hoxie Tournament	9 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 29: Atwood (home)	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 6: Goodland (home)	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 13: Colby (home)	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 20: League at Colby - 7th grade	TBA
Thursday, Oct. 20: League at St. Francis- 8th grade	TBA

"The eighth-graders came out slow and were not communicating with each other," Coach Dreher said. "They lost the first game, but picked it up and played a new game the second and third games."

"The girls have been practicing

hard, but we still have a lot of work to do before Oakley comes here on Thursday."

The young Lady Devils will have their first home match starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Defense position available

New rule allows for use of libero in volleyball games

The way high school volleyball is played in Kansas will be a little more complex starting this fall with the addition of a position known as the libero, pronounced "lee-bah-ro."

The Kansas State High School Activities Association approved the use of the libero at a board meeting last April in Topeka.

The libero is a defensive specialist who is not allowed to serve, block or "attack" the ball if the point of contact is above the net.

The libero must wear a distinctly different jersey from her teammates to be readily recognizable by coaches and officials.

For example, if the team is wearing red, then the libero will wear her white jersey.

A team may designate only one libero per game, who must be listed on the lineup sheet before the game. She may not be part of the starting lineup, but may substitute in after the lineup has been checked.

Although a team can have only one libero per game, it does not have to be the same player in subsequent games.

A different libero can be designated for game two or three of a match, and the original libero can enter later games as a regular player.

During a game, the libero can replace any back-row player except the server.

When the libero comes out, she must wait for at least one serve to be played before returning. The player coming in for the libero must be the same one the libero replaced.

Libero substitutions will not count against the number of regular substitutions a team is allowed per game.

The libero must enter and leave a game between the court's base and attack lines. She may not replace a disqualified player.

Using a libero is a team's option. The coach may use a libero in the first game of a match and not the second, or vice versa.

If a team does use a libero, that does not obligate the opposing team to use one as well.

One coach said he now has to consider the pros and cons on whether to add the libero into game strategy.

He said they will have to decide if they have a player who has the necessary skills to do the job, and whether their team can be successful without that player's serving, blocking and attacking abilities.

The use of a libero also adds a requirement for another game official. Each team that uses a libero must supply a person to serve as an assistant scorekeeper to track libero substitutions and ensure the rules on its use are enforced.

That person will sit at the scorer's table and report violations to the umpire.

If both teams use a libero, then the home team will supply the assistant scorekeeper.

For more information about the libero, go to www.kshsaa.org.

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