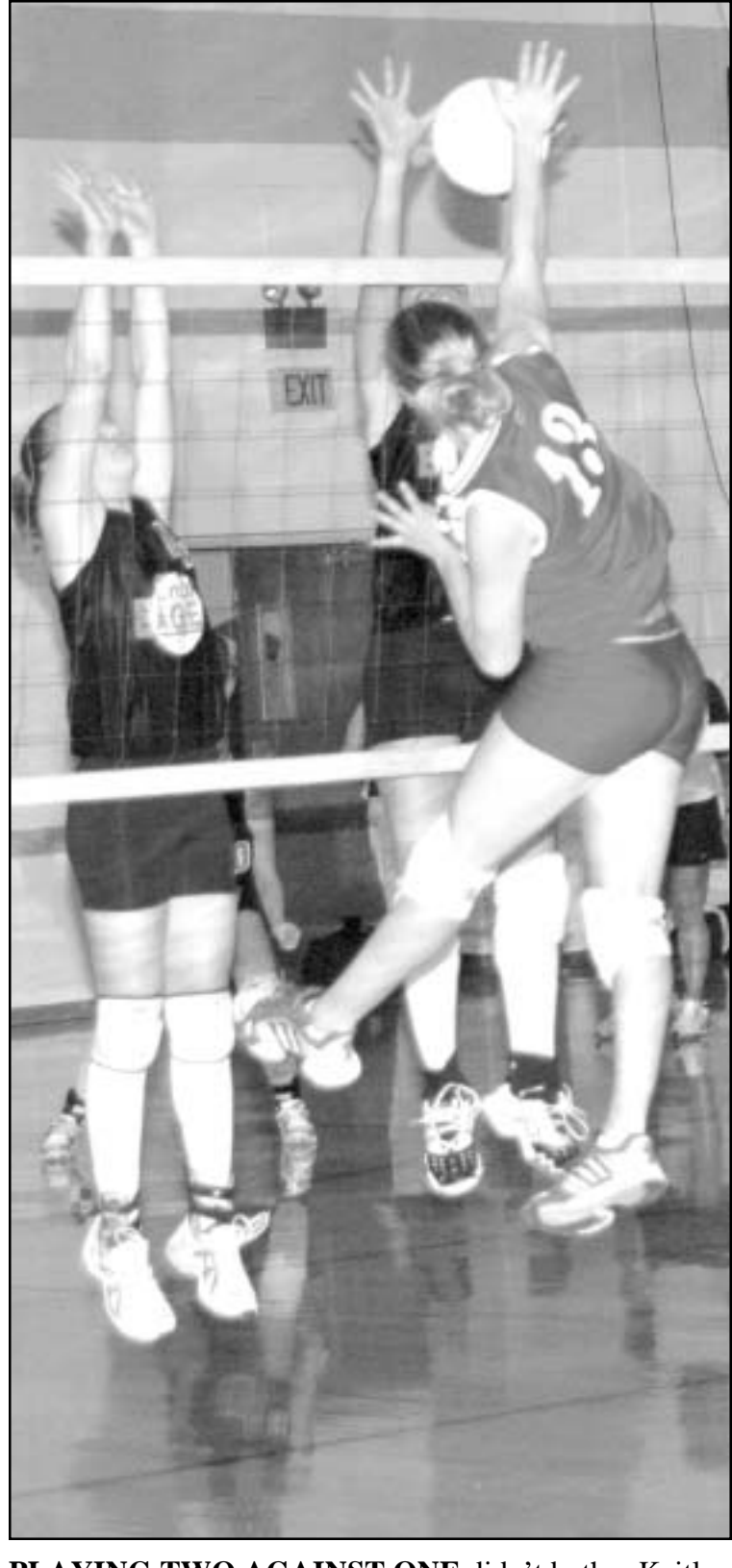


# Girls take pair Oberlin fells Colby, St. Francis



The Decatur Community High volleyball girls sank St. Francis and Colby in a pair of two-game matches in Oberlin last Tuesday.

Oberlin ran over the St. Francis Indians 25-11, 25-16 and the Colby Eagles 25-17, 25-18.

Colby downed Saintry 25-11, 25-19 in the third match of the triangular.

"We played aggressive at the net," Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "The team communicated well. When we had to scramble for some balls, players were talking and listening to each other so there would not be any confusion.

"We had some awesome saves. The team, as a whole, passed very well on serve receive.

"We need to continue to stay aggressive offensively."

The Oberlin junior varsity also took out both opponents.

The younger girls beat St. Francis in three games winning the first 25-6, 21-25, 15-10.

Colby's junior varsity fell 25-16 in both games to Oberlin but came back to beat the Indians in three, 19-25, 25-23, 15-10.

Oberlin's C-team girls downed St. Francis 25-22, 25-12 but suffered the only Oberlin match loss to Colby. The freshman Eagles beat Oberlin 10-25, 25-9, 15-9.

The Colby freshmen then downed the St. Francis girls in three, 19-25, 25-23, 15-10.

Top varsity players against St. Francis were:

- Passer — Kaitlyn Stapp, 12 for 12.

**PLAYING TWO AGAINST ONE** didn't bother Kaitlyn Stapp (No. 13) as she sent the ball over the net during a game against the Colby Eagles last week. — Herald photo by Jonna Inman

- Server — Tricia Dorshorst, 15 for 15.
- Setter — Heather Williams, 31 for 31.
- Hitter — Dorshorst, nine for nine with four kills.
- Blocker — Lydia Karnopp, four points stopped.

Top players against Colby were:

- Passer — Dorshorst, 14 for 14.
- Server — Dorshorst, 12 for 12 with two aces.
- Setter — Stapp, 24 for 24.
- Hitters — Karnopp, six of eight with three kills, and Emmie Pauls, five of five with five kills.
- Blocker — Karnopp, seven points stopped.

# Junior varsity takes second

The Decatur Community High junior varsity volleyball squad came in second in a tournament in Quinter on Saturday, losing to Norton in the final game.

Oberlin won three matches in pool play, then beat Quinter in bracket play before losing the championship match in three games.

In the first game in pool play, Oberlin downed Hoxie 25-15, 23-25, 21-19.

"This was a hard-fought game," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "The girls stayed aggressive at the net and communicated well on the court."

In the second game, Oberlin beat Trego Community High 25-10, 19-25, 17-15.

"We started to ease up when we

needed to stay aggressive," Coach Ruf said. "Trego has good servers, and that challenged our serve receive."

In the last match of pool play, Oberlin downed Oakley 25-22, 7-24, 15-11.

"This was our best match in pool play," Coach Ruf said. "Oakley has a good team and they stayed aggressive. Our girls were able to shut down the net and continue to power hit."

Oberlin beat Quinter 25-17, 25-16 in the first round of bracket play.

"The girls had to stay on their toes this match," Coach Ruf said. "We had to play hits that would move slow but drop fast. The girls moved to the ball well."

Norton beat Oberlin in the championship match 26-24, 14-25, 15-9.

"We had a long day of playing every match to three except one," Coach Ruf said. "The girls were tired, but played Norton tough. We did well at times and then we started to not react to the ball as quick as we needed to. Both teams played aggressive ball. We just needed to not get relaxed when we were ahead.

"I am proud of the girls on and off the court. They really showed great class."

Playing in the tournament were Jessica Dellere, LeAnna Sheaffer, Jennifer Plossard, Nikki Wessel, Kim Wessel, Heather Glodt, Marci Metcalf, Karli Fredrickson, Kenzie Fisher and Lacey Ream.

# Shootout draws crowd to track

With one of the largest fields of Sprint Cars assembled this season at 35, and a near-capacity crowd, Liberal racer Jason Martin made his way to victory lane in the 25-lap feature as the American Sprint Car Series Rocky Mountain Region made a spirited debut at Oberlin Speedway.

"This place is fun," a jubilant Martin told promoter Rick Salem as he was climbing out of his nearly 700-horsepower sprint car on Saturday, Sept. 3.

On the lightning-fast 3/8-mile oval, Nebraska's Chad Humston gunned into an early lead and paced the opening six rounds. Martin, starting fourth, worked lapped traffic to his advantage to take command aboard his Kriner-powered Simpson Race Products No. 36 Maxim. Martin also was sponsored by Oberlin's Ward Drug for this event, and racers sported the names of the local businesses that helped sponsor the action-filled evening.

Martin, Humston and Preston Peebles II of Lubbock, Texas, diced for the point over the next ten rounds before a tangle with a lapped car sent Humston's mount flipping off turns 3 and 4 and into the catch fence. He was unhurt but the crash ended his night after 16 rounds. Two laps later, Peebles' victory hopes were dashed as well when he exited with mechanical woes.

The Ron's Applicating-sponsored sprinter with pilot Patrick Bourke from Edwards Co. made a

late bid for the win, but there was no stopping Martin from claiming his second ASCS Rocky Mountain Region feature of the season. Bourke settled for second, while the K-ROCK 98.5 car of C.J. Johnson from Quinter used every part of the racetrack as he charged from 18th to snare the show position.

Dennis Park, also from Liberal, crossed the stripe fourth, with Wichita veteran Mike Peters, carrying the Crossroads Express colors, rounding out the top five. Completing the top 10 were Tally Farms-sponsored Gary Taylor from Washington, current series point leader Eric Miller, 20th-starter J.D. Johnson, Jake Pierson and 15-year-old rookie Josh Fellows.

Martin, Taylor, Peters, Humston and Bourke topped the five heat races held for the stout 35-car field, with defending and previous NCRA champions Michael Woodruff and C.J. Johnson splitting victory honors in the twin 12-lap B Mains, earning their way into the 25-lap main event.

Salem said all the race drivers were impressed with the speed of the track and had nothing but praise for the tacky, multi-groove surface. They said it was fun to race on with absolutely no tire wear, and all are excited about returning in the future. That's a direct result of the volunteers who put forth the extra effort in preparing the track, Salem said.

"We pulled it off, and that was one heck of a race," Salem said. "This

small community needs to give themselves a big pat on the back, because that was a big-time show.

"I am proud of this town and everyone who helped make it possible. I hope everyone had a real good time, but with 30 years of driving these cars, I know the drivers did."

**RACE RESULTS**  
**Heat Winners:** Jason Martin, Gary Taylor, Mike Peters, Chad Humston, Patrick Bourke.  
**A Feature**  
 1: Martin, Jason (36), 2: Bourke, Patrick (27), 3: Johnson, C.J. (45x), 4: Park, Dennis (1x), 5: Peters, Mike (51), 6: Taylor, Gary (5d), 7: Miller, Erick (4), 8: Johnson, J.D. (98), 9: Pierson, Jake (77d), 10: Fellows, Josh (02f), 11: Blandford Jr., Sid (7x), 12: Jacob, John (9), 13: Perme, Cyrus (93), 14: Walinder, Mark (6x), 15: Ream, Brett (8), 16: Heffner, Jeff (14), 17: Humston, Chad (23c), 18: Peebles II, Preston (11p), 19: Thigpen, Mike (69), 20: Woodruff, Michael (44x), 21: Jamison, Bryan (00).  
**First B Feature**  
 1: Woodruff, Michael (44x), 2: Heffner, Jeff (14), 3: Bangerter, Shane (31), 4: Jacob, John (9), 5: Salem, Cody (31x), 6: Corkin, Chad (11), 7: Ray, Kyle (6), 8: Cochran, Scott (16), 9: Martin, Rich (24), 10: Sweet, Mark (77).  
**Second B Feature**  
 1: Johnson, C.J. (45x), 2: Johnson, J.D. (98), 3: McCarthy, Joe (19), 4: Wagner, Joe (7), 5: Mosher, James (12m), 6: Milan, Scott (4m), 7: Larkin, Joe (33), 8: Miller, Randi (2d), 9: Cranston, Luke (20).

# Cross country runners win two medals in Quinter

The Decatur Community High Red Devils won a pair of medals running in 23 mph winds and temperatures near 100 degrees at the Quinter Invitational cross county meet on Thursday.

Sophomore Becky Helm took 12th and senior Whitney Beinke ran 13th for the medals. Both girls medaled in the Red Devil's first race in Norton the week before.

As a team, the Red Devils came in sixth for the boys and fifth for the girls.

The Holcomb boys won the meet with 30 points, followed by Quinter, 80; Hill City, 93; Wheatland, 96; Ness City, 106; Oberlin, 122; and the Colby junior varsity, 126.

Oakley won the girls division with 32 points followed by Wheatland, 53; Hill City, 83; Holcomb, 99; Oberlin, 105; and Quinter, 151.

"We showed some improvement today with some of our runners and their times, compared with last year's," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Aaron Helm had a nice race.

"We will need to work on our gap time — the time between our first and fifth runners crossing the finish line."

Andy Leitner was the first Oberlin boy to cross the line. He came in 26th in 21 minutes, 29 seconds.

He was followed by: Helm, 33rd, 21:59; Teryn Grafel, 39th, 22:17;

Kellen Doeden, 45th, 22:52; Corbin Sherlock, 52nd, 24:22; Brent Stallman, 54th, 25:05; and Zek Ruzicka, 57th, 25:32.

Becky Helm crossed the line in 14:30 followed by Beinke, 14:32; Lora Marietta, 22nd, 15:36; Nikki Lincoln, 35th, 17:02; Danica May, 41st, 18:22; and Anne Wasson, 42nd, 18:47.

The cross country runners will be in for an up-and-down time as they travel to McCook for a 5:30 p.m. start on Thursday.

Coach Ahlberg calls the McCook meet western Nebraska's best, and the Heritage Hills Golf Course, where the race is run, is all hills.

# Junior high loses to Oakley

The junior high Oakley Plainsmen rolled over the Decatur Community Junior High boys 40-0 on the football field Thursday in Oberlin.

"This past week, we lost to a very good Oakley team," Coach Caleb Howland said. "We could not get anything going offensively, had only 52 total yards on 16 plays. We also turned the ball over five times, which really hurt us, especially early in the game."

Top rushers for Oberlin were Toby Peters, three carries for 24 yards; Wiley Farr, seven for 18; Clay Andersen, three for six; Kaden Macfee, one for three; and Nolan Peters, one for two.

Anderson hit one of two passes for a yard. Peters was his receiver.

While not doing too well in the main game, Oberlin won the fifth quarter game, 30-0.

"Again this week, the fifth quar-

ter players looked good on offense and defense," Coach Howland said. "Offensively, we were able to score five touchdowns in just 16 offensive plays. Defensively, the players are doing a great job of getting to the ball and team tackling."

This week, kickoff will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Quinter as the young Red Devils take on the Bulldogs.

# Oberlin wins three of nine games

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade volleyball teams played nine games against the girls from Oakley at home Thursday, with Oberlin winning three and losing six of the contests.

The Oberlin seventh-grade A team lost its match in three games, 14-25, 25-21, 11-15.

"These girls never gave up,"

Coach Melissa Dreher said. "They worked hard setting the ball up. Just a few mistakes cost us the third game, but we will continue to work hard in practice to correct our mistakes."

The eighth-grade Oakley A team swept the Oberlin girls 25-19, 25-23.

The B teams only played two

games each.

The Oberlin seventh-grade B team won its first game 26-24 but lost the second 25-18. The eighth-grade B team fell to Oakley 25-5 in its first game but won the second 25-21.

The girls will be in Quinter on Thursday for a 4:30 p.m. start.

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