



KEEPING A DAWG RECEIVER from catching a touchdown pass, Jesse Juennemann, No. 43 (above), helped the Oberlin defense Friday night. Denton Bailey, No. 3 (below), ran a quarterback keeper play. — Herald photos by Jonna Inman

Oberlin beats Quinter

Red Devils stay undefeated, down 'Dawgs 27-20

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Red Devil determination stopped a bunch of stubborn Bulldogs from chewing up Smick Field in Oberlin Friday as the Decatur Community High football team beat the boys from Quinter 27-20.

Quinter penalties and a tough Oberlin defense when the chips were down put the Red Devils on top.

Quinter won the coin toss and elected to receive, but the Bulldogs quickly ran into trouble and a lot of Red Devils. They were unable to make their 10 yards and punted.

Jonathon Richards caught the ball at the 39-yard line and went to the ground.

Josh Fortin ran seven yards on the first play but the Red Devils lost a yard on second down. With third and three, Fortin took the ball for the first down on the Quinter 42.

On the Red Devils' second set of plays, it took three downs to get just a football length past the 32-yard line for another first down.

On the next first down, Fortin took the ball to the 30 for two, then to the 25 to make it third down and a long three. Jesse Juennemann carried the ball two and one-half yards but it was now fourth down. Fortin went for it but was short. However, a face mask penalty by Quinter gave the Red Devils another first down on the 17.

Quarterback Denton Bailey took the ball to the 14. On second and six, Bailey threw to Garrit Peters for Oberlin's first touchdown.

The Red Devils had taken 5 minutes, 50 seconds to go 61 yards on 12 plays.

Fortin kicked in the point after and with 4:03 left in the first quarter, Oberlin led 7-0.

Quinter took the punt and returned to the 34. However, after a missed pass, the Bulldogs lost five on a penalty, putting them at second down and 15. On third down, they made a 24-yard run for a first down.

On the next first down, illegal motion took five yards from the Bulldogs, pushing them to the 48. On second down, the Bulldogs got a holding penalty to put them at second and 19. They went nowhere, but on the third they passed for 21 yards to give themselves a fresh start.

The quarter ended with Quinter on the 34.

In three more tries, the Bulldogs took the ball to within inches of a first down. They went for it and made the yardage. It took two more rounds of downs, but the Dawgs made it into the end zone for their first touchdown with 7:59 left in the half. The kick was good and the score was tied at 7.

On the kickoff, Richards took the ball on the 13 and ran it out to the 33 for Oberlin.

On first down, Juennemann got eight and on second, Jason Thomas made the first down. There was a fumble, and although Oberlin recovered, the Red Devils found



themselves at second and 21 at the 33. Short yardage on the ground and an incomplete pass forced the Red Devils to punt.

With 5:51 left in the half, Joe Mondero kicked the ball out of bounds at the 39 to start the Bulldogs in good field position. Three downs and a good Red Devil defense put the Quinter punter back on the field, however.

Mondero took the kick on the 17 and returned it to the 27 with 3:23 left in the half. Juennemann and Richards took turns moving the ball, but only gained three yards. On third and seven, Richards took the ball to the 43 but an illegal shift penalty on Oberlin lost the Red Devils five yards and brought the play back.

Now with third and 12, Juennemann went to the 37 in another inches-away-from-first-down play. The Red Devils went for it on fourth down, and a fifth Quinter penalty again gave the home team a free first and 10.

However, the Devils were unable to capitalize on the gift and Mondero came in to punt. Quinter blocked the kick and took over on the 33.

A Quinter pass on first down was caught on the 16 for a 17-yard gain with only a little over a minute left in the first half.

Then Oberlin defense stepped up. A penalty on the visitors was declined by Oberlin, leaving them with fourth down and 18. With seconds to go, Quinter decided to make the play, but Oberlin sacked their quarterback to take the ball on the 26.

With seconds in the half, Oberlin headed down the field, aided by a face mask penalty on Quinter. However, Oberlin got a holding penalty and time ran out.

The first half ended with the score 7-7.

It was Oberlin's turn to receive as the second half opened, and Juennemann caught the ball on the 17 and took it out to the 35 for a 17-yard gain.

On the initial first down, Fortin

took it to the 48 for 13 yards.

On the next set of downs, Thomas took the ball five yards and Fortin two for a third and three. From Quinter's 47-yard line, Fortin ran to the 32 for a gain of 14.

Bailey gained a yard on first down then gave it to Fortin, who took it to the 14 for a gain of 17 yards. On the next set of plays, Fortin scampered into the end zone.

Fortin also kicked the point after and with 8:20 left in the third quarter, Oberlin was up 14-7.

It had only taken the Red Devils a little over three minutes to go 65 yards for their second touchdown.

Peters kicked off and Quinter made an 18-yard return to the 38.

On their first play, Quinter was penalized for illegal motion. However, on their second attempt, the Dawgs got seven yards of the 15 they needed. A pass was incomplete but on third down they made 13 yards and found themselves on the 48.

The Dawgs had a modest four-yard gain on first down but then broke loose on second down to get 25 yards and out to the 18. Oberlin's Chet Ely was able to sneak through the defenders and throw the quarterback for a four-yard loss, but the Dawgs came back and on third down made a touchdown. The point-after kick was good and with 4:01 left in the third quarter, the score was tied at 14.

Richards took the kickoff on the 14 and was only a few steps from going all the way. He ended up with a 26-yard run out to the 42.

On first down, Bailey was thrown for a loss of one but Oberlin was able to pick up five on second down. With third and six on the 44, Quinter went off-sides and suddenly Oberlin was at midfield. Richards took the ball to the 35 for a gain of 15 with 2:13 left in the quarter.

Oberlin again came up shy on its first three downs and again was able to get Quinter to go off-sides for the gift first and 10. A second off-sides

penalty on Quinter and the third quarter ended with the score still tied 14-14.

Oberlin took two downs to go three yards but on third down, illegal procedure pushed the Devils back to third and 11. A 15-yard pass to Kurt Olson, who made a diving catch, took Oberlin to the 8-yard line for first and goal.

Richards took the ball and on two downs was in the end zone.

Fortin's kick was good and with 10 minutes left, Oberlin was ahead 21-14. It took 6:47 and nine plays to go 60 yards for the third touchdown.

Quinter took over but had to punt when they came up short after three tries.

Richard took the punt on the 35 and ran it to the 19 for a 16-yard return.

Oberlin was able to get the ball to the 7-yard line for first and goal on three tries. Then Fortin ran it in.

The kick was no good but Oberlin was leading 27-14 with 6:22 to go in the second half. It had taken just 1:44 and four plays for 19 yards.

Quinter's Tyler Reed took the kickoff for what was Quinter's most exciting play of the evening, as he ran 90 yards from catch to end zone for the Bulldog's third touchdown. The kick after was no good, but with 6:06 left in the half the score was suddenly 27-20.

Richards took the Quinter kickoff for a 21-yard return to the 34.

Fortin took the ball to the 37 on first down, but on second down the ball was fumbled and recovered by Oberlin. The Devils came up short on third down and punted 35 yards to the Quinter 30.

Quinter got 15 yards on first down and was suddenly at the 45. Quinter picked up another 12 yards but Oberlin's Fortin had to come out on the next play.

A fired-up Devil defense stopped Quinter on the next three downs, pushing the Dawgs for a loss.

The next play was a wild one as Quinter, with 1:52 in the game and on fourth and 13, threw a long pass which was caught by Oberlin's Richards. Richards, however, lost the ball after catching it and it was recovered by Quinter, which got a new set of downs on the Oberlin 37 with 99 seconds to go.

Quinter took the ball to the 34 on first down and recovered a fumble on the 31-yard line on second down. On third and four with 56 seconds left, the Dawgs took the ball to the 28 for fourth and one.

Once again the Oberlin defense saved the game, as it kept Quinter from making that last yard and the Red Devils took over on downs with 22 seconds left.

Time ran out and the Red Devils had their second win. Oberlin is now 2-0 in league play and for the season.

On Friday, the Red Devils will be in Colby for at 7 p.m. kickoff

The Eagles fell 36-6 to Hoxie on Friday and 34-20 to Atwood the week before.

Boys played tough

Bulldogs improved, coach says

The Oberlin Red Devils downed the Quinter Bulldogs 27-20 for their second win of the season.

"Friday's game against Quinter was a tough-fought game that came down to the end," Coach Trevor Williams said. "I thought our kids' effort was good on Friday, but we lacked the intensity that is needed for us to be at our best. We knew going into the game that Quinter was a much improved team and they showed it Friday. Our kids had to work for that victory."

"I felt that some aspects improved for us on Friday but others fell off a little from last week's game."

"If we want to be competitive this week, we're going to need to really focus on our approach to the game."

"This week's game against Colby will be a good challenge for our team. Colby is young and at times struggled this season, but they are a team with a lot of athletes and good coaching. They will be a team that, when they gain confidence, will be real tough."

Josh Fortin was Oberlin's top rusher with 17 carries for 106 yards and two touchdowns. He was followed by Jonathon Richards, seven carries for 55 yards and a touchdown; Jesse Juennemann, five for 26; Denton Bailey, four for 21; Jason Thomas, five for 15; and Joe Mondero, one for three.

Quarterback Bailey hit two of six through the air for 36 yards. Garrit Peters took one for 18 yards and a touchdown and Kurt Olson caught the other for 18 yards.

Tacklers were Richards, five solo, four assists, two quarterback sacks and an interception; Thomas, two solo, five assists; Fortin, one solo, six assists; Drew Martin, seven assists, one sack; Chet Ely, four assists, one sack; Bailey, one solo, two assists; Brock Euhus and Jacob Unger, one solo, one assist each; Colt Diederich, one solo; Terry Urban, 13 assists; Bret Marietta, 10 assists; Mondero, five assists; Juennemann, four assists; Nolan May, three assists; Andy Gilliam and Regan Badsky, two assists each; and Garrit Peters and Kyle Glodt, one assist each.

Kid players lose two

Oberlin's fourth-grade football team lost 18-14 and the fifth- and sixth-grade team lost 42-6 to Norton on Saturday.

The fourth-grade team played Norton's fourth grade but the combined fifth and sixth graders had to play the Blue Jay sixth-grade team.

Dayton Dreher gained 134 yards for the Oberlin fourth graders. He scored 13 points and had eight tackles. Rhett Mizer gained 92 yards, scored an extra point, got one interception and had six tackles. Kyle Breth gained 42 yards and made three tackles.

Other Oberlin fourth-grade tacklers were Kennedy Fortin, six; Konner Fortin, four; Kolton Paul, three; Chris Anderson and Cameron Ginther, two each; and Grant Gilliam, one.

Brady Fortin rushed 150 yards, made three tackles and scored for the fifth- and sixth-grade Oberlin team.

Other rushers were Brent Juennemann, 55 yards; Zach May, 49; Kade Brown, 14; and Seager Grafel, five.

Tacklers for the fifth- and sixth-grade team were May, four; Grafel, Fortin and Brown, three; Juennemann, two; and Channing Farr, Cody Wurm, Shane McEvoy and Tyler Bruggeman, one each.

On Saturday, the teams will be in Hays. The fourth-grade game starts at 10 a.m. and the fifth and sixth-grade game at 11:30 a.m.



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