

Red Devils whip Colby for third win

Football boys beat Eagles' team 20-6

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The Oberlin Red Devils football team made it three Northwest Kansas League victories in a row with a road win over the Colby Eagles on Friday.

The Decatur Community High boys downed the Eagles 20-6 at Dennen Field in Colby on a clear, warm and breezy evening. It was the first Red Devil victory over Colby in nine years.

Last week, Oberlin beat the Quinter Bulldogs 27-20 in Oberlin and on Sept. 2, the Red Devils downed the St. Francis Indians 21-18 in St. Francis. The St. Francis win was the first for the Red Devils since 1992.

Coming off two wins, Oberlin kicked off to the Eagles, who were 0-2 having lost to Hoxie, 36-6, and to Atwood, 34-20.

Colby took nine plays and 4 minutes and 22 seconds to go 45 yards from their own 36-yard line to Oberlin's 19 before fumbling the football to the Red Devils.

Oberlin took three downs to go nowhere and punted. Joe Mondero kicked to the Colby 46. The Eagles called for a fair catch but fumbled the football and Oberlin's Jonathon Richards recovered.

Oberlin went to third and 14, then quarterback Denton Bailey threw a 31-yard pass to Jesse Juenemann, who ran to the 14.

Jason Thomas took the ball on the next play and ran it into the end zone for first blood and a 6-0 Red Devil lead. Josh Fortin's kick was good and with 4:01 left in the first quarter, the score was 7-0 in Oberlin's favor.

Colby took the kickoff and on their first play almost broke free, but a holding penalty called back the play and the Eagles went three and out with 2:15 left in the first quarter.

Oberlin took the punt on the Colby 34 and on the third down, Bailey hit Garrit Peters for a 10-yard gain. Oberlin had no luck through the air and a holding penalty put them at third and 23 at the end of the first quarter.

Oberlin punted and Colby took 13

plays to move from their own 48 to the Oberlin 15 before the Red Devil defense stopped the Eagles, and with 5:08 left in the first half, Oberlin took over on downs.

Oberlin took just three plays and 57 seconds to go 85 yards, as Bailey threw to Peters on third down for a 79-yard touchdown play. Fortin's kick was no good.

Neither team could make any headway, and the first half ended with Oberlin leading 13-0.

Colby kicked off to Oberlin but the Red Devils had to punt after three tries.

The Eagles took the punt on their 18 and took 15 plays and 9:13 to march the 82 yards for their only touchdown.

With 15 seconds left in the third quarter, Oberlin took the kickoff, but after four plays punted again.

Colby took the ball on their 24 and again started a long march downfield. On their first set of downs, the Eagles had fourth down with two yards, went for the gain and made it. Seven plays later, they came up four yards short and again decided to go for the play.

This time, however, the ball was about half a yard short and on the Oberlin 29, the Red Devils took over on downs.

Oberlin took over with 4:44 left and on second down, Richards took the ball to the left and behind good blocking just kept going for 69 yards and Oberlin's third touchdown.

Fortin's kick was good and Oberlin led 20-6.

Colby took seven plays to turn the ball over to Oberlin, which ran five plays before time ran out. Oberlin's record went to 3-0 while Colby dropped to 0-3.

"Friday against Colby was another hard-fought football game for our team," Oberlin Coach Trevor Williams said. "Colby really came out the second half, and our team had to respond. I felt the guys again played really hard, but there are things that we know we need to work on."

Friday, Oberlin will play host to Goodland, which beat Atwood 33-



TAKING THE PIGSKIN FOR A LONG RUN into the end zone, Jonathon Richards (No. 40) had blocking help from Oberlin's Regan Badsky (No. 54) and Garrit Peters (No. 47).

The 69-yard run in the fourth quarter ended in Oberlin's third touchdown against Colby and the last score of the game on Friday.

— Herald photo by Jonna Inman

8 last week, lost to St. Francis, 30-8, a week ago and beat Hoxie, 27-26, in their first game. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

"This Friday against Goodland is going to be a real challenge," Williams said. "Goodland is 2-1 with a lot of confidence. I'm expecting a real good week of practice and a lot of excitement for our team with this challenge."

Friday, Bailey was four for eight passing for 124 yards and a touchdown. His receivers were Peters, three catches for 93 yards and a touchdown, and Juenemann, one catch for 31 yards.

Fortin was two for three kicking extra points.

Top rushers were Richards, six carries for 95 yards and a touchdown; Thomas, three for 29 yards and a touchdown; Juenemann, two

for 14; Fortin, six for eight; and Bailey, six for six.

Top tacklers were: Thomas, 6 solos, 13 assists; Fortin, one solo, 15 assists; Jacob Unger, 13 assists; Richards, four solos, seven assists and a fumble recovery; Juenemann, three solos, eight assists; Drew Martin, one solo, eight assists; Terry Urban, 11 assists; Brent Marietta, one solo, four assists; Bailey, one solo, four assists; Chet Ely, eight assists, one fumble recovery; Mondero, two solos, three assists; Brock Euhus, five assists; Andy Gilliam, two assists; and Regan Badsky, one assist.

Oberlin played stingy football, making the drives count and popping some big plays, while Colby ground out yardage without getting into the end zone most of the time.

Oberlin had 271 yards on offense, 124 of them in the air, to Colby's 306

yards, 285 on the ground.

Oberlin had one penalty for 10 yards while Colby had four for 27 yards.

Colby came up with 16 first downs to just seven for Oberlin.

Junior varsity downs Quinter

The Oberlin junior varsity football team beat Quinter 28-6 but lost a player in the process.

The Decatur Community High junior varsity win at Quinter last Monday was marred when junior Kurt Olson, who helped in Oberlin's varsity win over St. Francis the week before, broke his left arm between the shoulder and elbow.

Despite the win, Coach Keith Grafel said he felt his team could have done better.

"At times we played very well, and at other times, not very good," Coach Grafel said. "We just didn't execute very well, and we had a lot of penalties. We just didn't seem very focused."

The game opened up with an exciting play, as Jeb Tally took the kickoff and ran it all the way to the end zone for an 82-yard touchdown. Jace Robinson ran the extra points and Oberlin was ahead 8-0.

Oberlin got a second touchdown in the first quarter on a 55-yard run by Robinson. The extra point try

was no good, and Oberlin led 14-0.

There was no scoring in the second quarter, but in the third, Quinter drew blood with a 20-yard touchdown run to take the score to 14-6.

Oberlin hit again in the third quarter, as Royal Fisher took the football three yards for 6 points. The extra points were no good and Oberlin led 20-6.

Robinson made Oberlin's last touchdown on a 20-yard run in the third quarter for a 26-6 score.

Tally ran in the extra points for the final 28-6 score. There was no scoring in the fourth quarter.

"We just need to get a little more consistent on our blocking and tackling," Coach Grafel said. "We will work on that this week at practice."

"It was nice to get a win, and we're glad to be 2-0."

The Red Devil junior varsity was slated to play Colby at home on Monday and will be in Goodland at 5:30 p.m. next Monday to meet the young Cowboys.

Kid football teams lose two to Hays boys

The Oberlin Kid Football teams lost two to Hays on Saturday in Oberlin.

The fourth-grade team played the Hays Chiefs 26-0.

Top players for Oberlin were:

- Rhett Mizer, 31 yards, a sack and six tackles.
- Dayton Dreher, 22 yards, nine tackles.
- Chris Andersen, seven yards, two tackles.
- Cameron Ginther, one fumble recovery, four tackles.

Other tacklers were Kennedy Fortin, nine; Konner Fortin, seven; Kolton Paul, six; Kyle Breth, Grant Gilliam and Keegan Carroll, four each; and Gabe Anderson and Troy Juenemann, three each.

Next week, the fourth grade has no game, but on Saturday, Oct. 1,

they will be in Colby for a 10 a.m. kickoff.

The fifth- and sixth-grade team lost 38-6 to the Hays Outlaws.

Top players for Oberlin were:

- Brent Juenemann, 103 yards and four tackles.
- Kade Brown, 30 yards, seven tackles.
- Brady Fortin, 18 yards, a tackle.
- Zach May, two yards, two tackles.

Other tacklers were Ryan May, four; Seager Grafel, Cody Wurm, Tyler Bruggeman and Shane McEvoy, three each; Mitchell Unger, two; and Conner McHugh, one.

Next week, the fifth- and sixth-grade team will travel to Hays for an 11:30 a.m. start Saturday against the Hays Gamblers.



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