# **Cowboys give Oberlin team** year's first loss Red Devils fall 17-7 at home as Goodland shuts down run

## **By GREG STOVER**

Oberlin football fans expected their Red Devils to defeat the Goodland Cowboys Friday night in front of a hometown crowd, but they were disappointed as the visitors left Smick Field with a 17-7 victory.

The Decatur Community High football team entered the game a perfect 3-0, one of only two Northwest Kansas League teams still undefeated three weeks into the season, and ranked No. 4 in Class 2-1A by the Wichita Eagle.

The Devils opened their season with a 21-18 win over St. Francis, a team that ran over the Cowboys a week later, 30-6.

However, statistics and predictions do not determine the outcome of a game. Players do, and Goodland's players were ready for the Red Devils.

After receiving the opening kickoff, the Cowboys drove 57 yards to the Oberlin seven-yard line. The drive stalled, but Goodland kicker Ren Scherling hit a 25-yard field goal to give the Cowboys a 3-0 lead about halfway through the first quarter.

Goodland increased its lead to 10-0 in the second quarter on a one-yard touchdown plunge by quarterback Wyatt Dautel after a 56-yard drive.

In the third quarter, Goodland's Derek Fenner ran through a hole made by his offensive line for 64 yards and a touchdown. Scherling then kicked his second extra point of the game and the Cowboys led 17-

The Red Devils responded about a minute later when wide receiver Joe Mondero took a reverse to the right side, broke back to the left and ran into the end zone. The canon fired, but an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Oberlin nulli- another punt.

### fied the score.

However, the Devils were not to be denied. After Coach Trevor Williams called a timeout to have a word with his players, Oberlin scored on a 43-yard pass play from senior quarterback Denton Bailey to senior running back Jason Thomas for a touchdown. Senior Jesse Juenemann kicked the extra point and the Red Devils narrowed Goodland's lead to 10 points.

Neither team could find the end zone in the fourth quarter, though, and the game ended 17-7.

The running game proved to be the big difference, as the Cowboys rushed for 274 yards and a pair of touchdowns while holding Oberlin to minus 14 yards.

The Devils held the edge through the air, outgaining the Cowboys 142-76 yards. Goodland had 15 first downs to Oberlin's nine.

"Friday's game against Goodland was a tough-fought football game," said Coach Williams. "The guys played hard, but we made too many mistakes to beat a good football team, and Goodland does have good team.'

Both teams are now 3-1 for the season.

After the opening kickoff gave Goodland a first-and-10 on its own 36, the Cowboys drove 57 yards on 15 plays, with Scherling kicking a 25-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead.

Oberlin could not get going on its first drive and was forced to punt after three plays.

Starting from their own 31, Goodland drove to the Devils' 44, but on the Cowboys turned the ball over on downs.

Again, Goodland's defense held Oberlin to just four plays, forcing the Devils a first-and-10 on the

A few plays later, on third-and-13 from the Goodland 41, Dautel connected with Jase Herl for a 58-yard pass play, giving the Cowboys firstand-goal on the one. Dautel bulled straight ahead on the next play for the touchdown and, with the extra point, the Cowboys led 10-0 with over seven minutes left in the half.

On their next possession, the Red Devils were able to sustain a longer drive, but on fourth-and-11 on Goodland's 38, Oberlin was stopped for a two-yard loss and the Cowboys took over on downs.

From its own 40, Goodland drove down to the Oberlin 15, where Scherling tried a field goal of about 32 yards but missed right. The Cowboys turned the ball back over on downs with less than a minute left in the half.

Neither team could keep its initial fourth-and-7 could only get six and drive of the second half going, then Oberlin returned Goodland's punt to its own 46. However, a 15-yard face mask penalty on the return gave Cowboys 39. Then an unsportsman-

like penalty against Goodland on the next play put Oberlin on the Cowboys' 24 with a first down.

Bailey, who grabbed a leg, and his teammates kept this play Devils, 17-7, in Oberlin.

However, Goodland's defense was stubborn and on fourth-and-20 stopped Oberlin.

Two plays later, Fenner broke through for a 64-yard touchdown and the Cowboys led 17-0.

Red Devils responded seven plays later when Bailey hit Thomas introduced. for a 43-yard touchdown pass, and with Juenemann's extra point kick, made the score 17-7.

Goodland's next possession stalled and the Cowboys were forced to punt, but two plays later Oberlin fumbled and with an unsportsmanlike flag against the Devils, got a first-and-10 on the Oberlin 18.

However, four plays later, the Cowboys stalled, turning the ball back over on downs.

Starting on their own 15, the Red Devils drove to the Goodland 38, where on fourth-and 10 Bailey was sacked by the Cowboys' Jon Cook and Goodland took over with about two tries; Thomas, five on two;

four minutes left in the game.

Goodland drove from its own 41 to the Oberlin 19, picking up a pair of key first downs along the way and running out the clock for the win.

At halftime, the crowd was entertained by the Oberlin junior cheerleaders. The fourth, fifth and sixthgrade football players, many of whom are future Red Devils, were

Oberlin will be in Atwood on Friday as the Devils take on the Buffaloes, who lost 22-13 to the Hoxie mas, four solo, 11 assists; Fortin, Indians last week.

"This week, we are going to have to find a solution to our running problems on offense," Coach William said. "We will need to be able to run the ball if we are going to be successful.

"Atwood is a very physical and well coached team. We will have to Chet Ely, six assists; Brock Euhus, be prepared for a really determined football team."

Richards was the top rusher for May, one assist. Oberlin with 15 yards on 12 carries, followed by Juenemann, nine on

Mondero, nine on one; and Bailey, -14 on five.

- Herald photo by Jonna Inman

Bailey was seven for 17 in the air for 128 yards and a touchdown. Receiving were Thomas, four for 95 yards and a touchdown; Mondero, one for 23; Juenemann, one for 12; and Garrit Peters, one for -2.

Mondero had three punts for 111 yards to average 37 per punt and Fortin kicked in the only extra point for the Red Devils.

Tackling for Oberlin were Thothree solo, nine assists; Terry Urban, two solo, 11 assists; Bret Marietta, three solo, five assists; Juenemann, two solo, six assists; Bailey, one solo, six assists; Richards, three solo, four assists, Regan Badsky, one solo, two assists; Robinson, one solo; Drew Martin, seven assists; four assists; Jacob Unger and Mondero, two assists each; and Nolan

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The Oberlin boys came in 11th in 20:04. He was followed by senior Oberlin, 259. and the girls eighth in the Hill City Cross County meet on Thursday, Devil took home a medal.

Sophomore Rebecca Helm, who Brent Stallman, 73th, 22:55; and Phillipburg, 151; Oberlin 168; and has taken a medal in every other sophomore Corbin Sherlock, 74th, meet this year, was the top Decatur Community High runner at 23rd in 14 minutes, 21 seconds.

Kellen Doeden, 58th, 21:19: senior Teryn Grafel, 64th, 21:42; junior with 53 points followed by Oakley, but for the first time this year no Red Aaron Helm, 68th, 21:51; senior 56; Wheatland, 98; Osborne, 109;

The Colby girls were the winners

Zeke Ruzicka, 72nd, 22:32; senior Lakeside, 132; Hill City, 138;

**TACKLING A GOODLAND BALL CARRIER**, Denton from going too far on Friday, but the Cowboys beat the Red

Senior Whitney Beinke, who has also picked up a few medals herself, was right behind Helm at 24th in 14:22.

Other Oberlin runners were seniors Lora Marietta, 36th, 14:51; Nikki Lincoln, 64th, 17:03; Anne Wasson, 26th, 17:29; and Danica May, 70th, 17:51.

Football team falls to Hays

The Oberlin fifth- and sixth-grade football team fell 22-12 to the Hays

Gamblers on Saturday in Oberlin.

Brent Juenemann gained the most yards for Oberlin with 122. He had two fumble recoveries, four interceptions, nine tackles and scored

12 points.

Brady Fortin made 21 yards, had two fumble recoveries, a quarterback sack and eight tackles.

Seager Grafel gained 14 yards and had seven tackles and Kade Brown made four yards and had 12 tackles.

Other tacklers for Oberlin were Channing Farr, Tyler Bruggeman, Ryan Bishop and Zack May, six each; Conner McHugh and Shane McEvoy, five each; Ryan May, four; Cody Wurm, three; and Mitchell Unger, one.

Farr also had a fumble recovery. On Saturday, the Colby boys will be in Oberlin with a fourth-grade game at 10:30 a.m. and a fifth and sixth-grade game at 11:30 p.m.

23:45.

cluded senior Scott Miller, 38th in Oberlin Country Club. Next, the 24:53; sophomore Cody Haas, 40th, Red Devil cross country team will 25:14; and junior Cameron Nedland, 54th, 28:40.

Sophomore Andrew Dempewolf also ran.

Norton's boys won the meet with 64 points, followed by Colby, 76; Phillipsburg, 108; Quinter, 134; WaKeeney, 140; Greeley County, Junior Andy Leitner was the first 155; Ness City, 161; Hill City, 169; Red Devil boy across the line at 34th Wheatland, 190; Ellis, 192; and

Quinter, 217.

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