## 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 expectedtheir Red Devils to defeat the Good land Cowboys Friday night in front a hometown crowd, but they were Smick Field with a 17
dind The Decatur Community High
football team entered the foorfal team ented the game west Kansas League teams still undefeated three weeks into the sea-
son, and ranked No. 4 in Class $2-1 \mathrm{~A}$ by the Wichita Eagle with a 21-18 win over St. Francis, team that ran ove
week later, $30-6$.
However, statistics and predicof a game. Players do, and Good land's players were ready for the
RedDevils.

After receiving the opening kickthe Oberlin seven-yard line. Th drive stalled, but Goodland kicker
Ren Scherling hit a 25 -yard field goal to give the Cowboys a3-0 lead
about halfway through quarter.
Goodland increased its lead to 10 0 in the second quarter on a one-yard Wyatt Dautel after a 56 -yarterback 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 extrapoint of
 a minute later when wide receive Joe Mondero took a reverse to the ran into the end zone. The canor aty against Oberlin nulli

## However, the Devils were not to

 be denied. After Coach Trevor Wil-liams called a timeoutto have a word with his players, Oberlin scored on quarterbackDenton from senior quarning back Jason Thomas for touchdown. Senior Jesse Juenemann kicked the extra point and the Red Devils narrowed Goodland's Nead 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 Cowboy rushed for 274 yards and a pair of to minus 14 yards.
The Devils held the edge through the air, outgaining the Cowboys downs to Oberlin's nine.
"Friday's game against Goodland
was atough-fought football game" was a tough-fought football game," said Coach Williams. "The guys played hard, but we made too many mistakes to beat a good football
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Both teams are now 3-1 for the
After the opening kickoff gave Goodland a first-and- 10 on its own 36 , the Cowboys drove 57 yards on 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 th Starting from their own 31, Good-
and drove to the Devils' land drove to the Devils' 44 , but on
fourth-and-7 could only get six and the Cowboys turned the ball overon Again, Goodland's defense held Oberlin to just four plays, forcing another punt.
 Bailey, who grabbed a leg, and his teammates kept this play Devils, 17-7, in Oberlin.

A few plays later, on third-and-13 like penalty against Goodland on the next play put Oberlin on the Cow-
boys' 24 with a first down.
four minutes left in the game.
Mondero, nine on one; and Baile from the Goodland 41, Dautel con- next play put Oberlin on the Co
nected with Jase Herl for a 58 -yard boys' 24 with a first down. pass play, giving the Cowboys firstpass play, giving the Cowboys firststraight 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 theirnext possession the On their next possession, the Red Devils were able to sustain a longer
drive, but on fourth-and-11 Goodland's 38, Oberlin was stopped for a two-yard loss and the Cowboys took over on downs.
Fromits own 40 , Goodland drove Scherling tried a field goal of about 32 yards but missed right. The Cow boys turned the ball back over downs with less than a minute left in the half.
Neither team could keep its initial drive of the second half going, then
Oberlin returned Goodland's punt to its own 46. However, a 15-yard face mask penalty on thereturn gave the Devils a first-and-10 on the

## Girls come in 8th, boys 11th

The Oberlin boys came in 11th in 20:04. He was followed by senior
and the girls eighth in the Hill City Kellen Doeden, 58th, 21:19; senior Cross County meet on Thursday, but for the first time this yearno Red Devil took home a medal. Sophomore Rebecca Helm, who
has taken a medal in every meet this year, was the top Decatur Community High runner at 23 rd in 14 minutes, 2 seconds.
Senior Whitney Beinke, who has Senior Whitney Beinke, who has
also picked up a few medals herself, was right behind Helm at 24th in
$\qquad$ Nikki Lincoln, 64th, 17:03; Anne May, 70th, 17:5
Junior Andy Leitner was the firs
Red Devil boy across theline
Football team falls to Hays

12 points

Brady Fortin made 21 yards, had two fumble recoveries, a qua
back sack and eight tackles. Seager Grafel gained 14 yards
and had seven tackles and Kad Brown
tackles.
Other tacklers for Oberlin were
Channing Farr, Tyler Buggen Channing Farr, Tyler Bruggeman,
Ryan Bishop and Zack May each; Conner McHugh and Shane r; Cody Wurm, three; and Mitch four; Cody Wurn
ell 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 at

The Colby girls were the winners with 53 points followed by Oakley, 56; Wheatland, 98; Osborne, 109; Lakeside, 132; Hill City, 138; Phillipburg, 151; Oberlin 168; and Quinter, 217. The 38th Annual Oberlin Invitational was to be Tuesday at the Oberlin Country Club. Next, the
Red Devil cross country team will un at $4: 30$ p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 , in Phillipsburg.

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Tonight
475-2206 Aaron Helm, 68th, 21:51; senior Zeke Ruzicka, 72nd, 22:32; senior
Brent Stallman, 73th, 22:55; Brent Stallman, 73th, 22:55; and sophomore Corbin Sherlock, 74th,
23:45. Oberlin junior varsity runners included senior Scott Miller, 38th in $25: 14$; and junior Cameron Nedland, 54th, 28:40. Sopho
also ran.
Norton's boys won the meet with 64 points, followed by Colby, 76;
Phillipsburg. 108. Quinter 134 . Phillipsburg, 108; Quinter, 134; WaKeeney, 140; Greeley County, Wheatland, 190; Ellis, 192; an

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