

# Atwood downs Oberlin

## Buffaloes drop Red Devils to 3-2 record

The Decatur Community High Red Devils fell 14-6 to the Rawlins County Buffaloes on Friday for their second straight loss, taking their season record to 3-2.

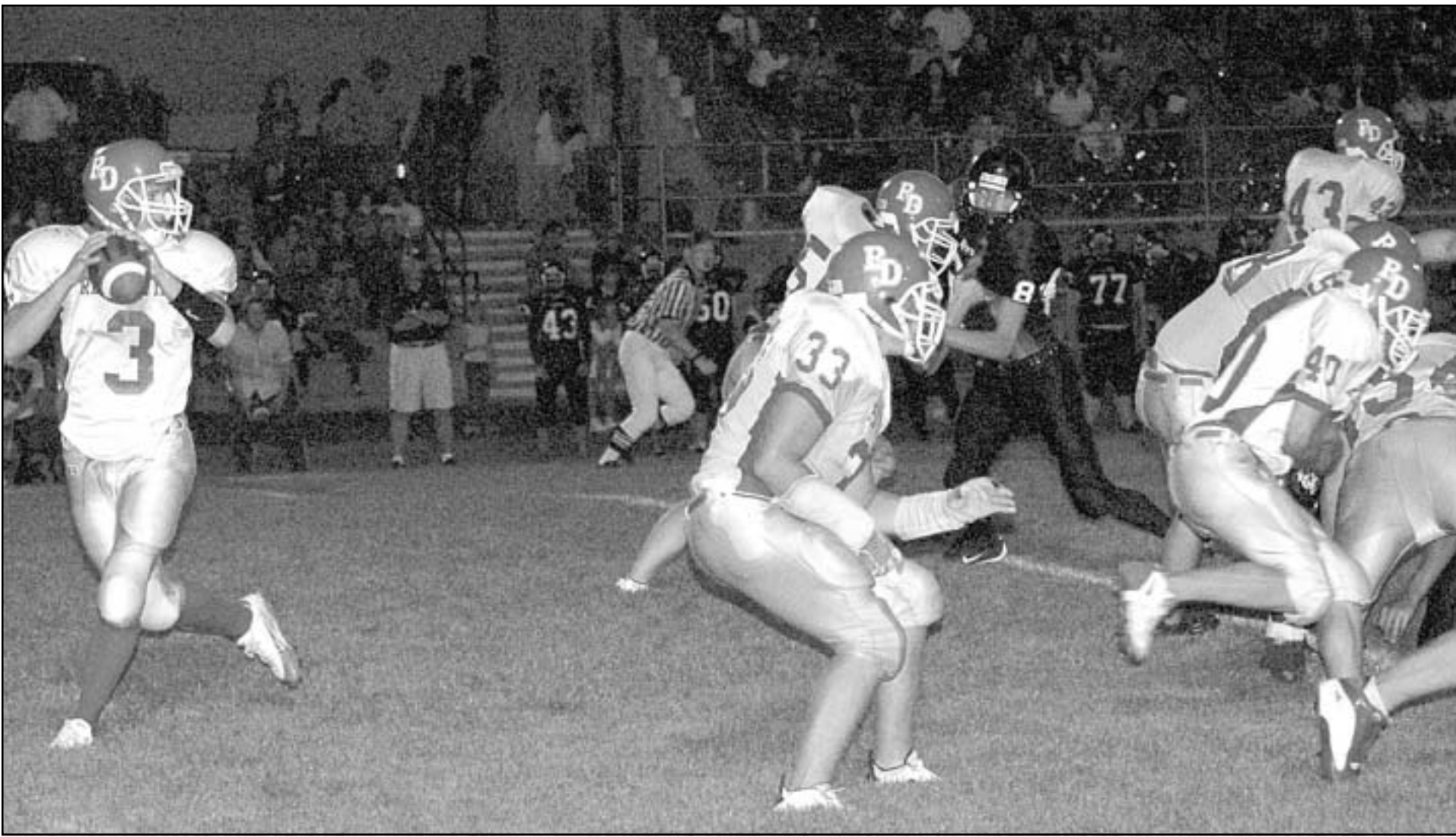
Oberlin started its season off with a bang, downing St. Francis, Quinter and Colby on successive Fridays before falling to Goodland last week.

Oberlin fell behind Atwood in the first quarter when the Buffaloes jumped on a fumble and ran it 89 yards into the end zone for their first touchdown. The Buffaloes took the ball across the line for two points after to take an 8-0 lead in the first quarter, and as it turned out, that was all the margin they would need.

In the second quarter, both teams scored a touchdown but neither was able to score any points after. After that, the teams could not reach the end zone and the game ended with the home team on top 14-6.

"(The game) at Atwood on Friday was a tough loss for the team," said Oberlin Coach Trevor Williams. "It was an evening in which we never got into any rhythm on offense."

"We had a hard time getting a



**PREPARING TO PASS** was Oberlin quarterback Denton Bailey, who hit 14-6 loss to the Rawlins County Buffaloes. Bailey had plenty of protection nine of 18 in the air on Friday in the Decatur Community High football team's for this throw from Red Devil defenders. — Herald photo by Jonna Inman

positive drive, and penalties hurt us at crucial times.

"I know the guys played hard and wanted success; we just could not get it going Friday night. As the coach, I feel it is my responsibility to get our offense into a productive rhythm, and I was not able to do that Friday."

"This week against Oakley for

homecoming will be a great challenge for our team. They will come in as the top-ranked team in the Northwest Kansas League."

Quarterback Denton Bailey was able to connect on nine of 18 passes for a 50 percent completion rate for 161 yards. He was intercepted once. His receivers were Jesse Juenemann, three passes for 65

yards; Joe Mondero, three for 48; Jason Thomas, two for 23; and Garrit Peters, one for 25.

In rushing, Thomas carried the ball five times for 49 yards. Josh Fortin had 12 carries for 25; Jeff Tally, six for 19; Bailey, four for 10 and the touchdown; Jon Richards, three for eight; and Juenemann, three for six.

Tacklers were Terry Urban, one solo, 11 assists and a fumble recovery; Thomas, three solo, seven assists and a fumble recovery; Fortin, four solo and seven assists; Bret Marietta, four solo and four assists; Richards, two solo, four assists and a fumble recover; Drew Martin, three solo, one assist; Juenemann, one solo, one assist; Bailey, two

solo; Jacob Unger, two solo, two assists; and Regan Badsky, Jace Robinson and Mondero, one assist each.

Mondero punted three times for 135 yards, a 45-yard average.

The Red Devils will celebrate homecoming this week and play the Oakley Plainsmen on Friday, with the game starting at 7 p.m.

## Junior High boys beat Rawlins County

The Decatur Community Junior High football team beat the Rawlins County Buffaloes, 8-6, on Thursday.

"The young men played with a lot of intensity this week, especially on defense," Coach Caleb Howland said. "Offensively, we still need to work on being able to move the ball down the field with more consis-

tency. It was great to finally get the first win of the year, but the players know we still have a lot of work to do for the next two weeks."

Chad Williams was two for three, passing for 20 yards and a touchdown. He had one interception. Clay Andersen was his receiver for both passes and the touchdown.

Andersen returned three kicks for

34 yards.

Rushing for Oberlin were Wiley Farr, nine carries for 20 yards and a two-point conversion; Toby Peters, nine for 24; Andersen, one for -1; and Chad Williams, two for -8.

The Oberlin fifth-quarter team remains undefeated, beating Atwood 6-0.

"The players have continued to

play aggressively and gang tackle on defense," Coach Howland said. "On offense, the line has been improving their blocking and the young backs continue to get better every game."

This week, the young Red Devils will be at home for a game at 4:30 p.m. Thursday against Goodland.

## Junior varsity squad defeats Goodland

The Decatur Community High junior varsity defeated Goodland 16-12 a week ago Monday in Goodland.

Neither team scored in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Jace Robinson took the ball on a five-yard run into the end zone to put Oberlin on the board 6-0. A pass from Robinson to Seth Ritter added two points af-

ter, and Oberlin lead 8-0.

Goodland returned the favor, scoring on a 55-yard touchdown run to take the score to 8-6. Goodland was not able to make the points after, however.

Oberlin scored again in the second quarter on an exciting 83-yard kickoff return by Jeb Tally. The two-point conversion run by Robinson was good and Oberlin led 16-6 at the

half.

Neither team could score in the third quarter, but in the fourth Goodland added another touchdown on a five-yard run. The Cowboys were again unable to make the points after and the game ended with Oberlin ahead 16-12.

"We were happy and a little lucky to win this one," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We made a few mistakes of-

fensively and defensively that hurt us.

"We need to do a better job of scoring when we get close to the goal line.

"We just need to execute better and play with a little more intensity.

"It's nice to be 3-0 and have the confidence to know we are pretty good.

Oberlin was to meet Rawlins County on Monday and will play its last game in Oakley next Monday starting at 5:30 p.m.

## Junior High girls win six, lose two

The Decatur Community Junior High volleyball teams split games against the Rawlins County Buffaloes on Thursday at home.

The seventh-grade A team beat the Buffaloes 25-16, 25-20 but the B-team split its match, losing the first game 25-13 and winning the

second 25-12.

The eighth-grade A team likewise won its match 25-11, 25-17.

The eighth-grade B team lost its first game 25-14 but came back to win the second 25-22.

"I was proud of both seventh and eighth graders," Coach Melissa

Dreher said. "All these girls came out fired up and ready to play. They were very aggressive at the net, and our passing and serving was much better."

The young Lady Devils will play host to Goodland starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

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