



PUTTING UP THE CHAMPIONSHIP POINT, Lauren Fortin spiked the ball during the Oberlin Invitational tournament on Saturday. — Herald photo by Jonna Inman

Lady Red Devils take first in annual Oberlin tourney

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils won the annual Oberlin Invitational volleyball tournament on Saturday, winning eight of their 10 games and sweeping two opponents.

The Oberlin girls beat Norton 24-26, 25-11, 25-19 in their first match and Rawlins County 20-25, 25-20, 25-16 in their second. The junior varsity came in second, losing only to Norton.

It only took two games for the Lady Devils to down St. Francis, 25-12, 25-9, and Hoxie, 25-13, 25-16. "What a great team effort by the Oberlin squad," Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "The three seniors made outstanding final performances on their home court."

"Kaitlyn Stapp had an abrupt conclusion to her senior day when she went down with a knee injury in the second game against Rawlins County."

"After making adjustments and with a new lineup to get used to, the Oberlin girls had to do a lot of communicating to win the match. They adjusted well with the leadership of seniors Lydia Karnopp and Christa Hardy. Kaitlyn continued to encourage the team and keep them motivated through the next matches."

"The Oberlin squad had outstanding net play throughout the day. They stayed aggressive both offensively and defensively."

Norton, Rawlins County and Hoxie each won two and lost two. Norton beat St. Francis, 25-17,

25-14, and Hoxie 25-18, 25-14. Rawlins County beat Norton, 25-21, 16-25, 25-20, and St. Francis, 25-12, 25-16.

Hoxie beat Rawlins County 25-16, 25-18, and St. Francis, 25-13, 25-16.

St. Francis finished 0-4.

Top players against Norton:

- Server — Tricia Dorshorst, 25 of 25 with two aces.

- Passer — Stapp, 20 of 20 with nine perfect.

- Setter — Lauren Fortin, 12 of 12 with four assists.

- Hitter — Emmie Pauls, 15 of 17 with 12 kills.

- Blocker — Dorshorst, eight points stopped.

Top players against Rawlins County:

- Server — Dorshorst, 21 of 21 with two aces.

- Passer — Dorshorst, 20 of 22 with nine perfect.

- Setter — Fortin, 28 of 28 with three assists.

- Hitters — Dorshorst, 14 of 14 with four kills; Pauls, 18 of 22 with 11 kills; and Lydia Karnopp, 16 of 21 with 11 kills.

- Blocker — Karnopp, three points stopped.

Top players against St. Francis:

- Server — Dorshorst, 11 of 11 with one ace.

- Passer — Hardy, seven of eight with five perfect.

- Setter — Heather Williams, 22 of 22.

- Hitters — Dorshorst and Karnopp, seven of seven with four kills each.

• Blocker — Dorshorst, three points stopped.

Top players against Hoxie:

- Server — Pauls, 12 of 12 with four aces.

- Passers — Fortin, 12 of 12 with five perfect, and Dorshorst, 11 of 12 with nine perfect.

- Setter — Williams, 30 of 31 with 14 assists.

- Hitters — Dorshorst, nine of 10 with six kills, and Fortin, nine of nine with five kills.

- Blocker — Karnopp, five points.

In junior varsity action, Norton won the tournament, beating Rawlins County, 25-20, 25-13; St. Francis, 24-26, 25-5, 15-7; and Hoxie, 25-4, 25-20; as well as Oberlin, 26-24, 25-19.

Oberlin came in second, sweeping Rawlins County, 25-10 25-21; St. Francis, 25-14, 25-13; and Hoxie, 25-23, 25-14.

Hoxie came in third, beating Rawlins County, 25-22, 25-16, and St. Francis, 25-15, 25-14.

Rawlins County came in fourth, beating St. Francis, 25-19, 25-12.

Sainty came in fifth with a 0-4 record.

The Lady Red Devils were to be in Goodland on Tuesday to take on Rawlins County, Brewster and Goodland. They will be in Quinter next Tuesday to take on Quinter and Colby starting at 4:30 p.m.

Oberlin girls beat Sainty, Cheylin and Wray, Colo.

The Lady Red Devil volleyball team beat the girls from St. Francis, Cheylin and Wray, Colo., in matches at St. Francis last Tuesday.

The Decatur Community High girls downed the Sainty Indians 25-9, 25-6.

"(This was an) outstanding match!" Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "We had fantastic hustle on defense and stayed extremely aggressive on offense."

Top players were:

- Server — Kaitlyn Stapp, 16 of 16 with one ace.

- Passer — Tricia Dorshorst, six of seven with four perfect.

- Setter — Stapp, 20 of 20.

- Hitters, Lydia Karnopp, six of six with three kills, and Emmie

Pauls, eight of 11 with five kills.

- Blocker — Dorshorst, five of five with two stuff blocks.

Next Oberlin beat the Cheylin Cougars 25-12, 25-5.

"We started the match slow," Coach Dorshorst said. "We let Cheylin jump to an early lead but took control when we started being more aggressive offensively."

Top players against Bird City:

- Server — Pauls, 17 of 17 with three aces.

- Passers — Lauren Fortin, 11 of 12 with five perfect, and Dorshorst, nine of nine with four perfect.

- Setter — Heather Williams, 35 of 35 with five assists.

- Hitter — Williams, six of six with five kills.

- Blockers — Williams, Pauls and Karnopp, one stuff block each.

Finally, Oberlin downed Wray 25-15, 25-16.

"We did an excellent job of covering our hitters and controlling the speed of the game," Coach Dorshorst said. "We had excellent team effort the entire night."

Top players were:

- Server — Fortin, nine of nine with two aces.

- Passer — Stapp, 13 of 14 with seven perfect.

- Setter — Stapp, 25 of 25.

- Hitter — Karnopp, 12 of 12 with five kills.

- Blocker — Dorshorst, four of five with three stuff blocks.

Oberlin women take medals at annual cross country meet

The Decatur Community High School runners came in sixth for the boys and fifth for the girls at the 38th annual Oberlin Invitational cross country meet last Tuesday as three Oberlin girls won medals.

Becky Helm came in ninth in 13 minutes, 16 seconds; Whitney Beinke was 10th in 13:21; and Lora Marietta, 15th in 13:48.

Other Oberlin girls were Nikki Lincoln, 44th in 15:51; Anne Wasson, 50th, 16:51; and Danica May, 53rd in 17:04.

Andy Leitner was the first Oberlin boy across the line. He came in 24th

in 19:40. He was followed by Kellen Doeden, 29th, 20:06; Teryn Grafel, 36th, 20:20; Aaron Helm 41st, 20:36; Zeke Ruzicka, 48th, 21:08; Corbin Sherlock, 57th, 21:56; and Brent Stallman, 60th, 22:22.

"Our girls had their best race of the year to date," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "They got there and competed."

Norton took first for the boys with 45 points, followed by Colby, 54; Quinter, 79; Wheatland, 96; Phillipsburg, 106; Oberlin, 146; Cambridge, Neb., 164; and the McCook junior varsity, 221.

Oakley led the girls teams with 38 points, followed by Wheatland, 81; Goodland, 111; Norton, 112; Oberlin, 120; Phillipsburg, 120; McCook, 155; Southwest Nebraska, 173; and Quinter, 191.

"A special thanks to all the workers, parents and fans that supported us today," Coach Ahlberg said. "It takes a lot of people to run a quality meet like we do, and 157 runners participated today."

"Thanks again to the school staff for their support."

The runners will be in Phillipsburg for a 4:30 p.m. start Thursday.

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