



RED DEVIL DEFENDERS tried to protect Oberlin quarterback Denton Bailey (No. 3) as he ran the ball on Thursday. Oberlin lost 40-0 to Hoxie.

Red Devils end district play with 2-1 record

Hoxie Indians send Oberlin on road for bi-district game

The Decatur Community High football team fell 40-0 to the Hoxie Indians on Thursday in the Red Devils' last district football game of the year.

The Red Devils ended the regular season 5-4 with victories over St. Francis, Quinter, Colby, Stockton and Hill City and losses to Goodland, Atwood, Oakley and Hoxie. Their record in district play was 2-1, giving them one more game in the first round of the state playoffs.

The loss to Hoxie was tough, Coach Trevor Williams said.

"It was a disappointing loss for our football team," he said. "We were never able to get on track offensively, which put us behind in the game."

"The defense was on the field for the majority of the game. We just could never get anything going offensively."

"As a team and as coaches, we were pretty disappointed with our performance Thursday night. Hopefully we can bounce back. We're looking forward to the game against Smith Center."

With two district wins — Stockton and Hill City — the Red Devils won a chance at postseason play. They were scheduled to play Smith Center on the road on Tuesday.

If Oberlin had won against Hoxie, the Red Devils would have played the first game against a lesser oppo-

nent on their home turf. However, since they lost, they had to play in Smith Center against the Redmen, who are unbeaten.

The game on Thursday was senior night, as 10 boys played their last football game before the home crowd.

Seniors honored were Denton Bailey, Joe Mondero, Josh Fortin, Jason Thomas, Jonathon Richards, Jesse Juenemann, Drew Martin, Bret Marietta, Gabe Moore and Bruce King.

Sophomore Jebb Tally was the leading rusher with 46 yards on 10 carries, followed by Fortin, 10 yards on three carries; Richards, eight yards on four; and Juenemann, six yards on two.

Quarterback Bailey hit three out of six in the air for 23 yards. His receivers were Mondero, two catches for 13 yards, and Juenemann, one for 10 yards.

Tacklers were Bailey, 17 assists; Thomas, six solo, 11 assists; Fortin, four solos, eight assists; Martin, three solo, seven assists; Richards, two solos, nine assists; Juenemann, two solos, six assists; Garrit Peters, two solo, five assists; Chet Ely, one solo, eight assists; Terry Urban, one solo, five assists; Mondero and Jace Robinson, one solo, one assist; Andy Gilliam, one solo; Marietta, five assists; Nolan May, three assists; and Regan Badsky and Jacob Unger, one assist each.



HEAD FOOTBALL COACH Trevor Williams yelled encouragement and advice to his team while assistant coaches Jim Andersen (kneeling), Joe Dreher (in headphones) and Ken Badsky watched the Decatur Community High game on Thursday. A fourth assistant, Keith Grafel, handles the junior varsity squad, which had an undefeated season.

— Herald photos by Jonna Inman

Junior varsity finishes unbeaten season

The Oberlin junior varsity football team showed promise for the future of Decatur Community High sports as it completed an undefeated season last week by downing the Colby junior varsity 14-8.

The win gave the Oberlin team a perfect 5-0 record for the year.

Previously Oberlin beat St. Francis, 30-12; Quinter, 28-6; Rawlins County, 30-6; and Goodland, 16-12.

Colby only scored once, but they did it first. In the first quarter, the young Eagles crossed into the end zone on a 42-yard run, then added a two-point conversion to take an 8-0 lead.

No one scored in the second quarter, and the Eagles lead 8-0 at the

half.

In the third quarter, Oberlin turned an almost disaster into a touchdown as Ryan McEvoy grabbed an offensive fumble by Lucas Juenemann in the air and ran three yards into the end zone for the first Red Devil score.

The point after was no good and the score stood 8-6 in Colby's favor.

In the fourth quarter, Jace Robinson took the ball on a nine-yard run into the end zone. Robinson ran the conversion and Oberlin went up 14-8, the final score.

"We made a lot of mistakes that kept us out of the end zone," Coach Keith Grafel said. "We had two touchdowns called back because of

penalties.

"I felt we just weren't very focused early in the game. We hadn't played for about three weeks and, I think, we just needed a half of a game to get going."

"Our defense played very well to keep us close and not give up any more points after the first quarter."

"It was nice to finish the season undefeated at five wins and no losses."

"As coaches, we want to thank all the parents and friends who come to the home and away games to cheer the team on. It was very nice to have such a great following all season."

"We have some young players who are going to be very, very good

in the next few years if they work hard in the weight room and really dedicate themselves to be good football players."

"It was a fine year for the Oberlin Red Devil junior varsity football team."

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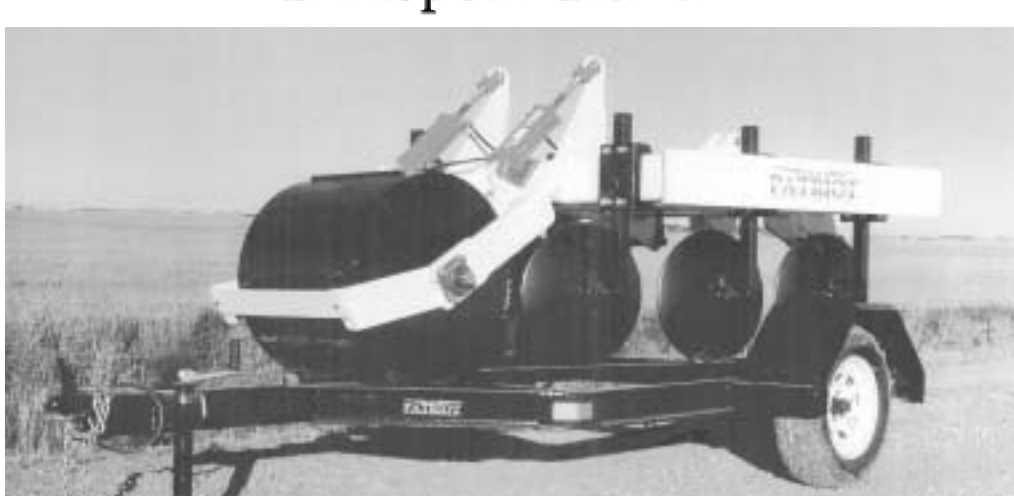
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