



OBERLIN JUNIOR COREY COOK practiced his putting technique for the Hill City Invitational, which starts at 3 p.m. Friday. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Red Devil golfers place fourth at tournament in Goodland

Jonathon Richards and Breck Simonsson led the Decatur Community High golf team to a fourth-place finish at the Goodland Invitational at Sugar Hills Golf Club last Tuesday.

Richards and Simonsson both shot 88 on a very windy front nine of the 18-hole course, keeping up their competitive pace in the quest to qualify for the state tournament in May.

"I practice until I can't see the ball fly," said Richards. "I keep an open mind. I believe there is always room for improvement, and that is what I

am aiming for."

Simonsson kept a hot hand coming off last week's first-place finish at the Oberlin Invitational.

Nolan May was hot on the heels of the dynamic duo, finishing with a 90 in his first competition of the season. Jobey Black followed with a 92, Corey Cook had a 98, and Andy Gilliam shot 100.

Oberlin finished fourth in a 17-school field.

Ulysses won the team tournament with a 327, followed by Goodland at 344, Thomas More-Marian of Hays 353, Oberlin 358, Hoxie 366,

Tribune 371, Colby 372, Hays junior varsity 372, Stanton County 374, Scott City 375, Sharon Springs 382, Atwood 387, Norton 392, Grinnell 401, Quinter 425, Oakley 429 and Brewster 555.

"Nolan played pretty well for his first meet of the year," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Jobey played better today. We are excited about the real challenge of a big-time meet coming up next week at McCook against large, quality schools."

Oberlin was to play in the McCook Invitational on Tuesday and will travel to Hill City on Friday.

Eighth-grade track teams finish seventh, eighth at meet

The Oberlin Red Devil eighth-grade boys and girls finished in the middle of the pack at the Oakley Invitational track meet last Tuesday.

The girls finished eighth in the 12-team field and the boys were seventh. "You got to love those Devils for putting out the effort they did at Oakley," said Coach Keith Grafel. "Numbers are the game against Oberlin. The bigger schools have a lot more kids out, making it easier for them to score team points."

Scott City won the meet with 81 points, followed by Triplains 78, Goodland 54, Wallace County 52, Quinter 46, Cheyenne Wells 42, Weskan 37, Oberlin 35, Rawlins County 32, Oakley 15, Bethune 12 and Hoxie 9.

Brandi Diederich finished first in

the pole vault with 6 feet, 6 inches.

Girls results:

- Kortnie Fisher, shot put, third, 30 1/2; discus, fourth, 64 foot, 8 inches.

- Mary Olson, shot put, sixth, 28-4 3/4.

- Alex Ortiz, 3,200-meter run, fourth, 18:35; 4x100-meter relay, sixth, 59.28.

- Adrienne Pauls, high jump, fourth, 4-2.

- Ashley Horton, high jump, fifth, 4-2.

- Jessica Fredrickson, 800-meter run, sixth, 3:14.

- 4x100-meter relay, sixth, 59.28 (Ortiz, Ashli Samson, Pauls and Diederich).

- 800-meter relay, sixth, 2:16.74 (Fisher, Stephanie Bruggeman,

Horton and Diederich).

The eighth-grade boys put up a good fight but were outnumbered, finishing as follows:

- 800-meter relay, third, 1:58.77 (Ray Zodrow, Clay Andersen, Jaxen Alstrom, and Daniel Jordan).

- Alstrom, 1,600-meter run, third, 5:58; 800-meter relay.

- 1,600-meter relay, fifth, 4:43.19 (Nolan Wasson, Andersen, Christian Rittman, and Alstrom).

Scott City won the meet with 126 points, Oakley had 93, Quinter 80, Wallace County 70, Rawlins County 41, Goodland 33, Oberlin 14, Hoxie 8, Bethune 8, Cheyenne Wells 7, Triplains 3, and Weskan 2. The Red Devils traveled to St. Francis on Tuesday to meet the Indians.

Sprint cars to race this season

By JIMMERRIOTT

The United Rebel Sprint Series will open its season at the Oberlin Speedway May 27-28 for Memorial Day weekend with the second High Plains Shoot-out.

This season, the United Rebel Sprint series will be debuting in Norton, Goodland, McCook, North Platte, Hays, Red Cloud, Osborne and Hutchinson, said promoter Rick Salem.

"The overall response from last year's race was extremely favorable," he said. "We have decided to bring 'em back a few more times this season."

These open-wheel dirt-track race cars will be the fastest cars to compete in Oberlin this season. Fans will recognize the big-wing cars that look similar to the "World of Outlaw" race cars.

Long-time winner John Johnson of Utica will be making his racing comeback here in Oberlin. Johnson has recovered from an accident

— Sprint-car schedule —

- Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, Oberlin Speedway.
- Saturday, June 3, Lincoln County Speedway, North Platte.
- Friday, June 16, Hutchinson Raceway Park.
- Friday, June 23, Osborne Speedway.
- Saturday, June 24, to be announced.
- Saturday, July 15, Rolling Plains Motor Speedway, Hays.
- Sunday, July 16, Oberlin Speedway.
- July, Elmwood Park Speedway, Norton.
- July, McCook Speedway.
- Friday, Aug. 11, Hutchinson Raceway Park.
- Saturday, Aug. 12, Rolling Plains Motor Speedway.
- Sunday, Aug. 13, Osborne Speedway.
- Friday, Aug. 18, Speed Bowl, Red Cloud, Neb.
- Saturday, Aug. 19, Goodland Speedway.
- Saturday, Sept. 2, Elmwood Park Speedway.
- Sunday, Sept. 3, Oberlin Speedway.

where he was critically burned. Three-time winner of the Hutchinson Nationals, C.J. Johnson of Quinter, son of John, will also compete.

Oberlin's hometown hero Cody

Salem, a several-time winner, will tear up the dirt for the home fans. Exciting Dodge City driver Brian Herbert, a well-known southwest Kansas driver, will also compete on the circuit.



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