

Volleyball girls fired up

Oberlin wins all matches in first outing

By JIMMERRIOTT

Friday evening the Lady Red Devils opened the volleyball season by winning two matches in just four games, first downing the Wheatland Shockers 25-20, 25-17, then the Hoxie Lady Indians 24-13, 25-19.

It was a hot start for a team that has one mission, a repeat performance in the Northwest Kansas League.

"We want the championship for a second straight year and a berth in the state playoffs," said senior Tricia Dorshorst.

In the first game against the Shockers, junior LeAnna Sheaffer put the icing on the cake with a final mid-point block of a desperate last shot, ending Grinnell's hopes for a comeback.

Top players against Wheatland included:

- Server: Sarah Murray, six of seven, with one ace.
- Passer: Lauren Fortin, nine of 12.
- Setter: Heather Williams, 22 assists.
- Hitter: Emmie Pauls, 11 of 12, with seven kills.
- Blocker: Sheaffer, two blocked shots.

In the second game, junior Lacey Ream stunned the home town crowd and Grinnell with a perfect ace to "dead man's corner" to end all hopes for the threshers.

In the second match of the evening, Oberlin dropped the hammer on the Hoxie girls, raising their winning record to 2-0 and their game record to 4-0.

In game one of match two, a combination of strong passing from Dorshorst and strong serving from Pauls provided the ammunition necessary to defeat the Indians 25-13.

In game two of the match the Lady Devils continued their winning way defeating Hoxie 25-19. Murray, Pauls, and Sheaffer dominated the front line with spikes and blocked shots.

After the evening ended, Williams was accredited with 42 assists capping off the first action of the season.

Top players against Hoxie were:

- Server: Pauls, 10 of 10, with one ace.
- Passer: Dorshorst, 11 of 13.



SOPHOMORE JORDAN McHUGH delivered a serve to the Hoxie Indians during a junior varsity volleyball game in the Devils' Pit on Friday night. The Oberlin girls won the match 2-1.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

- Setter: Williams, 20 assists.
 - Hitter: Dorshorst, 15 of 17 with 9 kills.
 - Blocker: Pauls, 3 stuff blocks.
- "It was a good start for us, accomplishing a clean sweep for the night," said Coach Patricia Dorshorst. "All of our teams played well as a team. We need to work on serving consistency and serve receiving at all levels.
- "The varsity played extremely well for their first competition. The team communication was excellent

and the net play was aggressive. I hope that their level of intensity continues."

In C-team action, Oberlin beat Wheatland 25-17, 12-25, 25-21. The Lady Devils were to play Oakley, Phillipsburg, and Leoti on Tuesday.

Oberlin will be on the road until the "C" team tournament here Saturday, Sept. 23. The varsity girls will not play again at home until Tuesday, Sept. 26, against Bird City and St. Francis.

Junior varsity wins all four games

By JIMMERRIOTT

The Oberlin junior varsity volleyball squad hit the nail directly on the head Friday evening in their first appearance in the Devils' Pit of the year.

The girls downed the Wheatland Shockers 25-20, 20-25, 25-12, then defeated the Hoxie Indians 25-26,

20-25, 15-12 in back-to-back matches, establishing their match record to 2-0 and game record to 4-2.

Strong performances came from juniors Nikki Wessel, Lacey Ream, Heather Glodt and Jenny Ploussard and sophomore Cindy Murray.

"The girls were pretty excited,"

said Coach Sherri Ruf. "I am proud of them all. It was a special night for the team, as it was Coach Pat Dorshorst's birthday.

"It was a good start winning both matches."

The junior varsity was to play Oakley, Phillipsburg, and Leoti on Tuesday.

Sprints, vintage cars to visit Norton

The Labor Day weekend will be filled with roaring motors, the smell of gas and tires burning out as a weekend of doubleheader racing action roars through Norton and Oberlin.

Saturday night, the United Rebel Sprint Series winged sprint cars compete for the first time at the half-mile Elmwood Park Speedway track in Norton starting at 7 p.m.

Norton will hold its fifth annual Vintage Classic that night and Sunday evening. Area promoters Don McMullen and the Bantam brothers, Jerry and Randy, have invited the Colorado Vintage Oval Racers, the Kansas Antique Racers, and the Big Car Racing Association to the historical fairgrounds.

Race fans will be able to see the vintage cars, which will be on dis-

play, and watch them race Saturday evening. At a lunch Sunday, fans can meet the drivers starting at noon, and they will race between 1 and 3 p.m.

Sunday, the United Rebel Sprint Series will compete in the first annual Outlaw Fall Classic in Oberlin. Gates open at 5 p.m. and races start at 7 p.m.

Racing returns to Oberlin track

Oberlin racing promoter Rick Salem has announced the first Labor Day weekend Outlaw Classic race Sunday at the Oberlin Speedway starting at 7 p.m. Gates will open at 5 p.m.

This race will be open to all IMCA Hobby Stocks, IMCA Stock and Mini cars and trucks not planning on attending the National finals in Boone, Iowa.

Along with these racing divisions, Salem said, he has invited the

United Rebel Sprint Series 305 Sprint Cars and the Modified Lites out of Colorado.

The modified lites will be making their first appearance on the Oberlin Speedway's 3/80 mile track.

The rules for all stock cars and mini's will be open to allow competitors to experiment with techniques that might improve their performance, he said, providing racers conform to safety standards, making this race a true outlaw format.

Each division will have its own feature, which will pay \$300 to win based on a 15-car field.

Salem said he will come out of retirement to drive Larry Radcliffe Sprint car from Hill City.

The event will end the racing season at the Oberlin Speedway for this season.

For more information, contact Salem at 785-475-7010 or e-mail rksalem@eaglecom.net.

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Among out-of-town people who attended the 120th anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday were Bill Deines, Burlington, Colo.; David May and Betty Bean, McCook; Eugene Wurm, Karl Wendelin and Bruce Wendelin, Kevin, Julie, Christopher and Haley Schiessler, Herndon; Pastor Ken and Kathie Kaufman and Kim, Cheney; Pastor Elton Temme, Hastings, Neb.; and Bob and Shirley Gaede, San Antonio, Texas.

Guests of Luetta Pollnow on Saturday evening for a cookout to honor Diana Steinmetz and Andy Chambers on their birthdays were Sam and Diana Steinmetz, Kay and Andy Chambers, and Gary Matheny of McCook.

Dan Wasson was appointed to the student welfare committee at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland at its annual meeting held recently. Paul Bruggeman of Rexford was named chairman of the public relations committee.

Monica Geihlsler was the winner of a John Deere tricycle given at the booth of Marie Berls during the Decatur County Fair.

R.D. Thornton is recuperating at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., after undergoing heart bypass surgery on Friday. Mail will reach him at the hospital, PCU, room 6338, 31st and Central, Kearney, Neb., 68847. He expects to return home the latter part of the week, according to his daughter, Chris Dempewolf.

Clayton Jording of Medford, Ore., left Friday after visiting his mother, Fern Jording. He spent the weekend with Phil and Marj Law in Lakewood, Colo.

Max and Marlene Miller of Gold Canyon, Ariz., visited over the weekend with his sister, Mildred Holmdahl, and also visited other relatives and friends. The Millers took Mrs. Holmdahl, Janeil Jensen, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica out for dinner Saturday evening at the LandMark Inn.

Steve and Cynthia Haynes returned home Saturday night from Creede, Colo., where they had spent 10 days. They also rode on the narrow-gauge railroad between Durango and Silverton.

Roger Cody of Columbia, Mo., and Leland and Peggy Cody, and Connie Hogg, Oklahoma City, visited last week with their mother, Elaine Thomas, who recently moved to Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Ruby Wennihan is her roommate.

Memorial services were held Aug. 18 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Norton for Virgil Wegener, 81, who died Aug. 15. He was the father of Mrs. Stephen (Cynthia) Washburn of Norton, but formerly of Oberlin.

Ivis Hanson returned home recently from Pueblo, Colo., where he visited several days with nieces and nephews and their families.

Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco,

Madison and Lawson, have moved to Manhattan, where he is working for B & G Engineering Firm, and she is teaching first grade at Amanda Arnold School. He formerly worked with Miller and Associates of McCook.

Claude and Clea Herren of Colby celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Saturday at the First Christian Church in Colby. Mrs. Herren is the former Clea Vacura, a 1953 graduate of Decatur Community High School. They live at County Road 16, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Sue Glodt began teaching kindergarten last week at the Hoxie Grade School. She and her husband, Kelly, and family moved to Oberlin in 2003 when he became superintendent of schools. She began her teaching career in Garden City in 1988. She formerly worked as an administrator for the Sappa Valley Youth Ranch.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Barb Solko, Veanna Carman, Wilma May, Henry Edgett, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman and Myrtle Waldo. Lows went to Dorothy Moore, Ivis Hanson, Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Henry Edgett and Barb Solko. Bridge winners were Ila Ray, Marty Munson, Janette Votapka and Phyllis Lohofener. There will be open bridge at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Hansen Scholarships available

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation will make 220 scholarships available in five categories to students in 26 northwest Kansas counties for the coming school year.

Graduates from any accredited high school course in 26 counties are eligible: Decatur, Rawlins, Sheridan, Norton, Cheyenne, Cloud, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Republic, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego and Wallace.

Scholarships available for students who will graduate this year are:

- Ten Leaders of Tomorrow scholarships for \$5,000, renewable for three years at any accredited four-year Kansas college.
- Thirty-five Hansen Scholarships for \$3,000, renewable for one year at any four-year Kansas college.
- Seventy Hansen Student scholarships of \$2,000 each, non-renewable, good at any Kansas college.

A student must have at least a 3.50 grade average in high school and be active in extracurricular school and community activities, and display good citizenship, leadership, and moral integrity. Applicants register at their school and take the qualifying test. Tentative test dates are Sept. 20 and 21.

Ninety Vocational Education scholarships for \$1,500, non-renewable. Applicants must complete a form available from their high school counselor or principal. The scholarship committee is interested in the student's character, activities and goals, but there is no test or grade average requirement. Recipients may enroll in any vocational course, at any Kansas school, as long as it is not leading to a four-year degree.

Fifteen Community College scholarships for \$2,000 each to Kansas community college graduates who continue their education at a four-year Kansas college.

Applicants must be graduates of a high school in one of the 26 counties, have completed college work with a 3.0 grade average or better and possess good character and leadership qualities. Scholarships

may be renewed for one year. Obtain application forms at the office of the dean of student services at any community college, or download it at hansenfoundationscholarship.com.

Bargain Box Plus continues to contribute to projects

Bargain Box Plus, a thrift store in Oberlin, has made several contributions to area communities since January.

The store accepts donated items and sells them. Proceeds from its sales have been returned to projects in Decatur County since it was started. The business is owned and operated by Marilou Long, with the help of Ann Mines.

Principal attends conference

Duane Dorshorst, principal of Oberlin Elementary School, took part in a State Leaders Conference in Washington recently.

Mr. Dorshorst represented elementary principals from Kansas as the president-elect of the Kansas Elementary Principal's Association. Elementary and secondary principals from all 50 states met to attend workshops on educational issues, including the upcoming reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), better known as "No Child Left Behind," the Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act (IDEA) which

the foundation is in its 32nd year of service to young people of north-west Kansas through the generosity of the late Dane G. Hansen, a Logan highway contractor.

Groups that have received contributions this year include the Jennings Library, \$500; Rotary Radio Day, \$200; FROGS summer camp, \$500; the Oberlin Business Alliance for Christmas decorations, \$100; Oberlin Rotary for the after-prom party, \$100; Oberlin Business Alliance, \$500; Oberlin Arts and Humanities, \$500; and Seeds of Hope Telethon, \$2,500.

deals with special education, and others.

They spent one day on Capitol Hill talking with Kansas representatives and senators about issues which affect education here. Although they had appointments with all congressmen, Mr. Dorshorst said, they were only able to meet with Rep. Jerry Moran. At the other offices, they met and discussed the issues with the education aides.

"It was an exciting meeting, and getting the chance to network with principal leaders from across the United States was and invaluable experience," Mr. Dorshorst said.

The community is invited to the
2006 Golden Plains Alumni Association's
Semi Annual Reunion

Place: Rexford Park **Date:** Saturday, September 2
Time: 3 to 6 p.m.

Carnival Games • Live Music • BBQ at 6 p.m. (\$6)
Free Street Dance 8-Midnight (Music by Jam Session)

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who attended our open house on Monday, August 21. Never have I lived in such a welcoming place.

*Cathy Rieken,
Program Director of 180*

The family of
Dean Groneweg
 is hosting a card shower in honor of his
80th Birthday
 on August 29.

*Cards may reach him at:
712 W. Hall, Oberlin, KS 67749*

Planning a Wedding?

The Oberlin Herald is happy to run pictures and stories of weddings.

However, we need the information within five weeks of the marriage. Write-ups received after this date require a \$10 charge for each month past the deadline date.