

# Oberlin girls win, win, win

## Lady Devils undefeated

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils defeated Wichita County, Phillipsburg and Oakley to win a quadrangle volleyball meet in Leoti last Tuesday and maintain their perfect record at 5-0.

Oberlin downed the Wichita County Indians 25-9 and 25-10.

Against Oakley, the Lady Plainsmen won the first game 21-25, then the Lady Devils bounced back to whip Oakley 25-17, 25-22.

Phillipsburg lost to Oberlin 25-19, 25-18.

Oberlin's match record is 5-0 with a 10-1 game record.

"Wichita County had difficulty getting our serves up," said Coach Pat Dorshorst. "When they did return the ball, we stayed extremely aggressive offensively."

Top players against Wichita County were:

- Passer — Lauren Fortin, five of five.
- Server — Tricia Dorshorst, nine of 10, with two aces.
- Setter — Heather Williams, 24 assists.
- Hitter — Emmie Pauls, 10 of 10, with five kills.
- Blocker — Williams, one stuff block.

"Phillipsburg has a strong ball club with good hitters and servers," Coach Dorshorst said. "We did not pass the ball as well as I would like us to, but we took advantage of every good pass up that we had."

"We need to get more consistent on serves and receiving opponent's serves. Our hitting game is good."

Top players against Phillipsburg were:

- Passer — Fortin, nine of nine.
- Server — Lacey Ream, 17 of 18 with two aces.
- Setter — Heather Williams, with 23 assists.
- Hitter — Pauls, 14 of 15 with five kills.
- Blocker — Dorshorst, three stuff blocks.

"We struggled defensively early in the match," said Coach Dorshorst. "It took a while to adjust to a faster tempo game. We were on our heels and Oakley took advantage of it. They have a fine aggressive bunch of girls. The Oberlin squad showed a lot of desire to fight back to win this match. They are a very competitive squad that likes to win."



**JUNIOR LADY RED DEVIL** Lacey Ream showed perfect form, delivering a serve to win a match with Grinnell on Aug. 25.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Top players against Oakley were:

- Passer — Whitnee Ashley, 17 of 19.
- Server — Fortin, 10 of 10.
- Setter — Williams, with 27 assists.
- Hitter — Dorshorst, 18 of 21, with 10 kills.
- Blocker — Fortin, with five stuff blocks.

In junior varsity action, the Lady Devils lost 15-25 and 17-25 against Wichita County to drop their first match of the year.

Against Oakley, Oberlin won 25-22, 11-25, 15-12.

Phillipsburg lost a close one in game one 26-24, then defeated the Devils 13-25. Oberlin rebounded in game three, winning 15-12 to take the match.

The junior varsity now is 4-1 in match play with a game record of 8-6.

In C-team play last week in Oberlin, the Lady Devils defeated the Hoxie Indians 25-19, 25-20.

At Leoti, the fired-up C team downed Wichita County 25-16, 25-22; Oakley 25-19, 7-25, 16-14; and Phillipsburg 25-16, 25-18. The "C" team match record is 5-0, and game record 10-2.

The Lady Devils were to play St. Francis and Colby in Colby on Tuesday.

Saturday, the junior varsity travels to Quinter for a tournament starting at 9 a.m.

Next Tuesday, Oberlin will be on the road for a 4:30 p.m. start against Hill City and Oakley in Hill City.

The Lady Devils continued their success, defeating the Indians 25-15 in game 1 and 25-13 in game 2.

• Top servers: Jordan Dreher and Rachel Scott.

"I was pleased with all the girls' passing," said Coach Melissa Dreher. "They have been working hard the last two weeks in practice on passing and setting the ball up, and it showed tonight. They were aggressive on the net, recovering many hits. The girls looked pretty good for the first game. We will continue to work hard in practice."

The eighth-grade girls have 13 out for the team: Nakita Bose, Katie Glading, Rhiannon Davies, Jori Diederich, Bret Ashley, Erin Jeffrey, Dreher, Laysha Medina, Brianna Reiter, Sara Kyte, Carissa Wentz, Scott, and Sydney Grafel.

The Lady Red Devils take their record on the road to Oakley on Thursday. Games start at 4:30 p.m.

Hill City, third, 73; Phillipsburg, fourth, 82; Trego, fifth, 107.

The course at the Prairie Dog Golf Course south of Norton is longer than most, said Coach Dick Ahlberg. The boys ran 3.35 miles and the girls 2.15. Most cross country courses are three and two miles.

"Andrew Richards had an excellent run," said Coach Ahlberg. "We will learn from this experience and improve down the road. This was the first cross country race for eight of our 12 runners. They all did just fine."

The runners will attend the Quinter Invitational at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. The team will go to McCook at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

In set two: Kiah Blau and Serena Stacy.

• Top passer: Megan Wentz.

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# People in Our Community

Mary Lou Olson, society editor

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Sharon Black and her grandson, Andrew Black of Norton, vacationed recently in Branson, Mo. While there, they visited Carol Sword and Randy and Kathi Kuhnert. En route, they visited another grandson, Curtis Black in Buhler, and Sharon's daughter, Carlyn Whyte and family in Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeuPree of San Marcos, Calif., were Oberlin visitors last week while retracing family history. His parents were Wayne Edwin and Lucille DeuPree, and among other relatives are Donald Wasson and Doris Sloan.

Brad and Elaine Marcuson, Oberlin, and Sarah Marcuson, a student at Pittsburg State, spent Labor Day weekend with Leslie Marcuson in Topeka. Sarah has been selected to perform with the Pittsburg State Jazz Band this year on her baritone saxophone.

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Kirsten Burress and Miranda of Lochbuie, Colo., were in Oberlin over the weekend on business and visited Jay and Ann Anderson, and Don and Ann Mines. Mrs. Burress is a daughter of the late Waldo Anderson.

Marie Zimmerman was honored with an 80th birthday party on Sunday afternoon at her home. Hosts were her daughters, Linda Marintzer, Westminster, Colo.; Debbie Scheusler, Tempe, Ariz.; and Karen Buxton, Brighton, Colo. Invited guests were Delphine Biggs, Gary and Alvera Bruggeman and family, Ed and Joyce Dean, Bob and Marian Fraker, Don and Lois Fredrickson, Bill and Lois Heilman, Don and Charlotte Meints, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Vayle Rohan, Loyd and Mary Waldo, Bob Ross, Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman, and Gary and Leslie Bartels. Her daughter, Karen, returned home, but Linda and

Debbie are visiting their mother until Thursday.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Max Carman, Doris Gilbert, Ivis Hanson, Barb Solko and Dorothy Moore. Lows went to Donna Kent, Aleen Van Vleet, Doris Gilbert, Veanna Carman and Wilma May. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Barb Solko and Aleen Van Vleet. Bridge winners were Alice Shirley, Esther Miller, Ila Ray, Phyllis Lohofener, Cynthia Matson and Marty Munson.

Frank and Lea Curtis of Medford, Ore., visited from Wednesday to Sunday with her sister, Fern Jording. They attended the alumni banquet on Saturday at Norton Community High School, where both are graduates.

Janet Vermillion, and Michelle and Jason Daniels and Bralon, El Dorado; and Lori Ayers, Jordan and Caidin, Kearney, Neb., were weekend houseguests of Mildred Holmdahl, and Mike and Janeil Jensen.

Leslie Marcuson of Topeka has accepted a job with Unified School District 501 in Topeka. She will be teaching sixth grade at the Capitol City School.

— **Seafood Buffet, Friday, Sept. 8, 6-8 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call (785) 475-2340 for reservations.**

Betty Heisel accompanied Sharon Black to Buhler the weekend of Aug. 26 where they attended the wedding of Sharon's grandson, Curtis Black and Emily Hoskinson on Saturday. Others attending were Kevin and Tami Black, Andrew and Sierra, and the Larry Land family, Norton; Dean and Vivian Land, Leila Fries and Lori Land and Asia, Culbertson, Neb. The newlyweds are making their home in Buhler.

Wurm family cousins met at the Frontier Restaurant Saturday evening. Those attending were Helene and Wayne Fisher, Gene and Elaine Fisher and grandson, Lawrence, Albuquerque, N.M.; Larry and Linda Gazda, Lakewood, Colo.; Eldred and Lorraine Wurm, Atwood; Bus and Carolyn Wurm, Rachel Wurm, Eldon Haas, Arlo and Bonnie Wurm, Stanton and Rachelle Wurm, Alexandria and Victoria, Lebo; Phil and Sharleen Wurm, Owen Wilson and Mabel Zimmerman. They all attended the 58th annual Wurm family reunion at The Gateway on Sunday.

Elsie Wolters visited the Tim Wolters family Sunday at Ludell, then visited Lucille Wicke at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Sid and Cheryl Metcalf recently returned from a two-week trip to Europe. Their hosts were former Rotary exchange student Wendy (Purdon) and her husband, Guy Coertze, of Caddington, Bedfordshire, England. Other countries they visited were France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. They experienced the London Eye; the Chunnel (train under the channel) from Dover, England to Calais, France; and the H.M.S. Ferry, Stern Line from Hook of Holland to Harwich, England—the largest, fastest cargo-carrying ferry in the world; and many other sightseeing places.

Nora Bearley, and Jerry and Montine Alstrom went to Wichita on Friday to spend Labor Day weekend with Mark and Jessica Luck and Corbin. Joining them were Bob and Sharon Bearley, Kensington; Crystal Bearley and Sean Knox, San Marcos, Texas; Justin and Lori Bearley, Cheney; Max and Bev Bearley and Isys, Hays; Jim and Sandy Allen, Littleton, Colo.; Jennifer Jones, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and Amanda Allen, Boulder, Colo.

## Benefit set at Danbury

A benefit barbecue will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Beaver Creek Saloon Kitchen for Danny and Theresia Walters.

Mrs. Walters has been diagnosed with cancer and has no insurance. She has quit working, friends said, and her husband has had to take a lot of time to take her to her appointments.

An auction of baked goods and pie will follow at 6:30 p.m. Donations of baked goods may be brought at 6. There will be a disc jockey and outdoor beer garden, so bring identification.

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## Junior high defeats Indians

By JIMMERRIOTT

The Decatur Community Junior High girls volleyball teams started the season with both the seventh and the eighth graders defeating St. Francis on Thursday in two straight games.

The seventh-graders won the first set of the two-game match 26-24 in a dramatic come-from-behind victory. The young Lady Devils were behind 19-24 before Coach Gina Witt called a timeout, making a substitute serving change.

Amanda Marshall came off the bench with no warm-up and promptly reeled off seven straight serves for the points needed to defeat Saintry.

The seventh graders kept the momentum up in game 2 of the match, taking a 6-0 lead before St. Francis scored its first point. The young Lady Devils put pressure on the Indians, winning the set 25-14.

• Top servers in set one: Marshall.

In set two: Kiah Blau and Serena Stacy.

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## Two runners take medals

Two Oberlin cross country runners, sophomore Andrew Richards and junior Kayla Zadow, won medals Thursday at the Norton Invitational with the exact same time of 19 minutes, 55 seconds.

Richards finished 10th for the Red Devils on the men's course. Zadow finished 14th on the women's.

The Decatur Community High boys finished eighth and the girls tied for last with Ness City, Wheatland, Hoxie and Northern Valley.

Zadow was the only girl runner on the Oberlin varsity to place. She was followed by junior varsity runners junior Rory Wendelin, sixth, 24:21; junior Allie Sampson, seventh, 24:35; and senior Marci Metcalf, ninth, 25:33.

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