

Red Devils down Hoxie for first win

Oberlin comes back after defeat

By JIM MERRIOTT

The days are getting shorter, the nights cooler, but for the first time this season the Decatur Community High varsity football team turned up the heat Friday night, lighting up the scoreboard by whipping the Hoxie Indians 33-12 in Hoxie.

The "Big Red" running game came to life after being shut out in the season opener 46-0 by the St. Francis Indians.

The season may have been turned around at the 8:02 mark in the first quarter, at the Oberlin five-yard line. Hoxie got possession at the Oberlin 45 after a Red Devil fumble. The Indians were driving for the first score of the game when senior defensive end Andy Gilliam crushed Indians quarterback Quinn Aumiller as he was trying to pitch out to tailback Marcus McKenna. Gilliam's tackle forced Aumiller to make a bad pitch, and Oberlin senior linebacker Seth Ritter scooped up the pigskin and rambled 71 yards to the Hoxie 24. This play set up the Red Devils' first touchdown.

Senior tailback Garrit Peters scored four plays later at the 7:42 mark on a lead play off tackle. The extra point kick was no good, sailing off to the right, but Oberlin led 6-0.

Senior quarterback Jace Robinson led the Red Devils in rushing for 227 yards on 20 carries with three touchdowns. His first score was a two-yard plunge with 3:49 left in the second quarter. Robinson scored his second touchdown with 3:44 left in the third quarter on a 34-yard scamper.

Robinson saved his best run of the night for his last touchdown on a 650-yard romp around the left end on a jailbreak quarterback sweep



OBERLIN QUARTERBACK JACE ROBINSON handed off the football to fullback Chet Ely for a gain up the middle during the the Decatur Community High -Hoxie game Friday. The Oberlin Red Devils won 33-12.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

with 2:52 left in the fourth quarter, ending all hopes for an Indian comeback. Robinson threw one pass for a 15-yard completion to Gilliam at tight end. He also returned two kick-offs for 23 yards and two punts for 26 yards and scored on a two-point conversion.

Senior tailback Garrit Peters rushed 14 times for 123 yards despite two fumbles. Peters also threw a three-yard touchdown pass to Gilliam with 11:55 left in the fourth quarter. Gilliam finished with two receptions for 17 yards.

Senior fullback Chet Ely carried five times for 24 yards. Fullback Royal Fisher carried twice for eight.

The Red Devils rushed for 381 yards on the ground and passed for 17. Oberlin had 430 yards of total offense.

On the defensive side of the ball, Ritter led the Red Devils with five

—Area football standings—

NORTHWEST KANSAS LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Conference		Non-Conference		Points	Opp.
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses		
Oakley	1	0	1	0	80	0
Sainty	2	0	0	0	101	6
Oberlin	1	1	0	0	33	58
Atwood	1	1	0	0	20	41
Hoxie	1	1	0	0	38	48
Quinter	0	0	1	1	47	61
Colby	0	1	0	1	18	52
Goodland	0	2	0	0	12	72

unassisted tackles, five assisted tackles and one fumble recovery.

Other defensive standouts included:

- Jacob Unger, two unassisted tackles, five assists.
- Gilliam, two unassisted tackles,

four assists, one forced fumble.

- Breck Simonsson, two unassisted tackles, three assists.
- Ace Manning, five assists.

- G. Peters, four unassisted tackles, one assist.
- Ely, two unassisted tackles,

three assists.

- Brock Euhus, one unassisted tackle, four assists.
- Regan Badsky, four assists.
- Kurt Olson, two unassisted tackles, one assist.

- Sam Stapp, two assists.
- Lucas Juenemann, one assist.
- Kyle Glodt, one unassisted tackle, two assists.

- Nolan May, one unassisted tackle, three assists.
- David Urban, one assist.
- Terry Urban, one unassisted tackle, one assist.

- G. Peters, five kicks, 210 yards, 42-yard average.

- G. Peters, two punts, 81 yards, 40.5 average.

- G. Peters, kicking, one for three.
- Robinson, two-point conver-

sion, two-yard run.

Hoxie ran for 165 yards and passed for 26. Aumiller scored on an 11-yard run and McKenna on a two-yard run.

Oberlin will host Oakley (2-0) at 7 p.m. Friday at Smick Field.

The Plainsmen are coached by Randall Rath (59-34), who led the Plainsmen to a 12-1 record and sectional runner-up finish in 2005.

Oakley runs a multiple I formation on offense and a 4-3 defense. They have averaged over 300 yards per game on the ground in their first two games.

Oakley is led by senior quarterback/strong safety Chase Sperber, 6-0, 190; senior tailback/linebacker Drake Moore, 5-7, 160; and senior tight end/outside linebacker Paul Kuhlman, 6-4, 190.

The Plainsmen defeated Dighton/Ness City 45-0 and Atwood 35-0.

Young team wins



TROY JUENEMANN, carrying the ball for the third and fourth grade Oberlin Little Devils, was tackled by an Atwood player. Austin Kyte (13), Kelden Breth (9) and Ganon Henningson (17) followed the play. Oberlin won the game. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Junior high boys down Plainsmen

The Decatur Community Junior High football team made up for a close 12-7 loss the week before to St. Francis by stomping the young Oakley Plainsmen 45-6 on Thursday.

The Red Devils' offensive line dominated the Plainsmen, opening gaping holes for running back Dakota Soderlund, who rushed for 126 yards on 12 carries and scored two touchdowns.

Quarterback Chad Williams for the second week in a row threw a touchdown. He hit Soderlund for a 28-yard score.

Other rushers were Brent Juenemann, two carries, 31 yards; Williams, four for 24; Josh Ritter, one for 15; and Jeb Fortin, one for one yard.

On the receiving end, Soderlund had one reception for 28 yards; Saeger Grafel, one for 12; and Nolan Peters, one for 10.

Soderlund kicked three of six extra points and was 0 for 2, missing two field goals.

K. Fortin led the Red Devils in return yards with two for 23 yards; and B. Juenemann one for six yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Soderlund intercepted a pass and returned it 13 yards for a touchdown. Dalton Dolan had one fumble recovery.

"The team performed very well this week, as we were able to put together a lot of offense," said Coach Caleb Howland. "We were successful at holding on to the ball, sustaining good drives. The defense showed good improvement on their ball awareness and tackling."

"The whole team played with a lot of intensity on both sides of the ball."

The fifth quarter team played Oakley to a 6-6 tie.

"The fifth quarter players did a good job again this week," Howland said. "They continue to improve, with many of them seeing playing time in the first game."

Oberlin will play Quinter at home at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Two runners snare medals

The Decatur Community High cross country runners improved as a team and personally at the Quinter Invitational Thursday at the Quinter golf course.

The boys team finished eighth, scoring 190 points, and girls fifth with 111.

Sophomore Andrew Richards finished ninth, earning a medal with a time of 19 minutes, 19 seconds on the 3.25-mile course.

Junior Kayla Zodrow finished ninth in the girls competition to

snare a medal with a time of 19:05 on the 2.5-mile course.

Holcomb finished first in the boys team competition with a score of 36; Ellis, second, 59; Hill City, third, 92, Ness City, fourth, 108; Wheatland, fifth, 118; Colby junior varsity, 181, sixth; Quinter, seventh, 187; Oberlin, eighth, 190; and Stockton, ninth, 215.

In girls competition, Oakley finished first, with 44 points; Ellis, second, 49; Holcomb, third, 52; Hill City, fourth, 92; Oberlin, fifth, 111.

Junior varsity gets win

The Oberlin junior varsity football team posted its first victory of the season Monday, 20-8, against a tough Hoxie team at Smick Field.

The Indians got on the board first with 20 seconds left in the first quarter when Clayton Rall raced nine yards for a touchdown.

Hoxie went for a two-point conversion with Heath Best running to make the score 8-0.

Oberlin hit pay dirt with 4:14 left in the second quarter when quarterback Jacob Fortin ran off guard for a nine-yard touchdown.

The two-point conversion by Lucas Juenemann failed.

Each team ran two series before halftime but could not score.

Oberlin scored its second touchdown in the third quarter when Fortin ran a quarterback sneak.

This time the Red Devils were successful on the conversion, handing off to Juenemann, who ran outside the right end. Oberlin took the lead for the first time 14-8.

The Indians kept pounding the ball up the middle as their passing game failed during important first-down situations. At the start of the fourth quarter, the Indians' snap on fourth down sailed over the punter's head. Oberlin's Everett Urban pounced on the ball.

Three plays later, though, Oberlin fumbled and the Indians recovered.

The Indians fumbled back to the Red Devils. Oberlin's Ray Zodrow fell on it at the Hoxie 14.

Three plays later, Royal Fisher took the ball into end zone for the final score of the night.

Fortin attempted a two-point conversion, coming up short of the goal line, making the score 20-8 Oberlin.

The Red Devils rushed for 128 yards on the ground. Juenemann rushed 17 times for 83 yards, Fortin 12 times for 27 yards, Fisher three for seven and Sam Stapp, two for 11.

Fortin was one for four, passing for 13 yards with one interception.

Toby Peters had one reception for 13 yards.

Defensive end Jared Marcuson had 10 tackles. Strong performances also came from Zodrow, Peters, Wiley Farr, Stapp, Ryan McEvoy, David Urban, Fisher, and E. Urban.

"We moved some people around today," said Coach Keith Grafel. "The coaching staff uses the junior varsity game to evaluate players at different positions. That is what the junior varsity game is for."

In the boys race Andy Leitner placed 39th with 21:35; Aaron Helm, 43rd, 22:15; Nolan Wasson, 52nd, 23:08; Gage Reichert, 58th, 26:15; and Chenaniah Langness, 60th, 29:53.

For the girls, Becky Helm was 32nd at 22:15; Rory Wendelin, 37th, 22:50; Allie Sampson, 40th, 23:36; and Marci Metcalf, 43rd, 24:19.

In the junior varsity race Cody Haas finished 31st, 26:25; Cameron Nedland, 38th, 29:13; and Andrew Dempewolf, 40th, 32.

"It was nice to have the Helms back and running," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "We have to work hard to close down our gaps between our top runners and our counters."

Thursday, the Red Devils traveled to McCook to run in one of western Nebraska's top meets. Starting time is 5 p.m. at the McCook golf course.

"Nolan Wasson showed good improvement from last week, as did Rory Wendelin," the coach said. "Andrew Richards and Kayla Zodrow were very competitive. Cody Haas has regained his varsity spot with a solid race."

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