



**RED DEVIL JUNIOR** Royal Fisher (36) brought down an Oakley running back Friday night with help from Regan Badsky (54). Surrounding the play were Garrit Peters (47),

Jace Robinson (7) and Riley Cochran (58, foreground). The Plainsmen defeated Oberlin 44-0.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

# Junior High boys beat Quinter

The Decatur Community junior high football team (2-1) shut out the Quinter Bulldogs 28-0 on Thursday at Smick Field.

The junior Red Devils were led by running back Keithen Fortin, who rushed for 112 yards on 14 carries, and a stellar defense that forced six turnovers.

Key turnovers and key field position helped Oberlin score four touchdowns against Quinter.

Other ball carriers were Dakota Soderlund, who carried 11 times for 44 yards and a touchdown; Chad Williams, four carries for 33 yards; Jeb Fortin, two carries, two yards; Brent Juenemann, four carries, eight yards; and Saeger Grafel, one carry for minus two yards.

Williams passed five times with one completion for three yards and passed for a two-point conversion.

Nolan Peters made one reception for three yards and was on the receiving end for Williams' two-point conversion.

Soderlund kicked two of three extra points, a feat few junior high school kickers accomplish.

"Our defense did an excellent job all game tonight," said Coach Caleb Howland "The six turnovers, plus strong interline play by Dalton Dolan, Jacob Larue, and Soderlund kept Quinter at bay. Our offense had

## Junior varsity beats Oakley

The Decatur Community High junior varsity (2-1) defeated the Oakley Plainsmen 14-8 Monday afternoon in Oakley.

The game was scoreless at halftime. Fullback Sam Stapp ran for Oberlin's first touchdown and two-point conversion in the third quarter.

Oakley countered, tying the game at 8 with 1:02 left in the fourth quarter. On the first play from scrimmage after the Oakley touchdown, quarterback Jacob Fortin hit Logan Fortin on a 65-yard pass play for the winning touchdown with 43 seconds left.

The Red Devils play Quinter at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Smick Field.

good ball possession, turning the turnovers made by the defense into four touchdowns."

Oberlin will play the Hoxie Indians Thursday at Smick Field starting at 5:30 p.m.

# Oakley overwhelms Oberlin 44-0

By JIM MERRIOTT

The state-ranked Oakley Plainsmen (3-0) came to Oberlin with their suffocating defense Friday night, leaving coaches and players scratching their heads after a 44-0 defeat.

Oberlin (1-2) seemed puzzled on defense, repeating the nightmare of the last home game against the St. Francis Indians two weeks ago. The game seemed to be a carbon copy of that 46-0 defeat.

Whether the defense was lining up correctly or not, the Red Devils were one step behind the Plainsmen all evening.

Oakley's smaller defensive line submarined the Oberlin offensive line, clogging up running lanes in the middle of the field, making it virtually impossible to go up the middle.

On offense, the Plainsmen's line made gaping holes for their running backs to dash pass the Red Devils' pursuing linebackers. Oberlin was forced to reach and grab, tackling ball carriers from behind most of the night.

The Devils' lack of a passing attack hampered any chances of a comeback.

Oakley won the opening toss and elected to defer to the second half. Oberlin received the kickoff, but went four and out on their opening series.

The Plainsmen scored on their first series on a five-play, 64-yard drive with 8:11 in the first quarter when end Aaron Sperber ran for a six-yard touchdown. Aaron Racette ran for the two-point conversion, making the score 8-0 Oakley.

The Red Devils went four and out, and Oakley drove 65 yards on nine plays, scoring at 2:39 in the first quarter when Racette raced 18 yards for the score. The Plainsmen passed for a two-point conversion, C. Sperber to Paul Kulman, making the score 16-0.

Series 3 wasn't any better for the Red Devils, who went four and out. Punter Garrit Peters fumbled the long snap, kicking the ball on the run to the Oakley 42-yard line where the Plainsmen took over to end the first quarter. The Plainsmen scored on a pass six plays later at 6:42 in the first half when C. Sperber hit tightend Jared Sperber to make the score 22-0. A two-point conversion pass from C. Sperber to Drake Moore failed.

Oberlin put together a short drive in series 4, only to turn the ball over on a fumble. The Plainsmen ran six plays before they fumbled away the

## —Area football standings—

Team	League		Non-League		Points	Opp.
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses		
Oakley	2	0	1	0	124	0
St. Francis	3	0	0	0	156	26
Atwood	2	1	0	0	50	48
Oberlin	1	2	0	0	33	102
Hoxie	1	2	0	0	46	65
Quinter	0	1	1	1	54	91
Colby	0	2	0	1	18	52
Goodland	1	2	0	0	129	80

ball to Red Devils defensive lineman Everett Urban.

Oberlin took over at mid-field, but the offense stalled again, going four and out.

Oakley ran six plays before quarterback Chase Sperber dropped the football, then picked it up for a 10-yard game before fumbling to Oberlin defensive back Breck Simonsson.

Oberlin put together an eight-play drive before quarterback Jace Robinson was injured on a fourth-down-and-one play. Robinson got the first down but had to be pulled as Oberlin called time out with 51 seconds left.

Simonsson replaced Robinson at quarterback, and completed two passes for a gain of 20 yards. Oberlin used its second time out at 22 seconds.

Simonsson was sacked trying to run a pass play on the next down, then spiked the ball with 4 seconds left.

The Devils made one last-ditch attempt to score in the first half when Simonsson tried to hit wide receiver Ace Manning on a corner route. The half ended with Oakley leading 22-0.

Oakley received the second half kickoff, returning it to their own 30. Three plays later, running back Kelly Younkin fumbled at the Oberlin 47, where Oberlin defensive end Kurt Olson fell on the ball.

The Red Devils ran four plays before Robinson was intercepted at the Oakley 46. Eleven plays later, Oakley scored on a two-yard run by quarterback C. Sperber. Racette ran for the two-point conversion. Oakley led 30-0 with 3:53 left in the third quarter.

Oberlin's Andy Gilliam returned the ensuing kick-off to the Red Devil 34, but the offense was held again, forcing a punt. Oakley was

forced to punt for the first time on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Four plays later, Robinson was intercepted by J. Sperber at the 10:44 mark in the fourth. He scampered 35 yards for another touchdown. C. Sperber ran for the two-point conversion, and the score was Oakley 36-0.

Kyle Glodt returned the kickoff to the Oberlin 32, but four plays later G. Peters fumbled the ball back to Oakley with Racette recovering.

Nine plays later, Oakley scored its final touchdown at 5:31 left in the game when reserve quarterback Lex Parsons scored on a two-yard run. Oakley attempted a point-after touchdown kick, which failed due to a poor snap. This ended the scoring with a continuous clock running.

Oberlin could only muster three plays after the kickoff, losing the ball on a fumbled handoff by Royal Fisher at 1:28 with Racette picking up his second recovery.

Oakley called time out, putting in the last of the reserves. The Plainsmen fumbled again when Parson lost the snap. Oberlin's Jasin Unger fell on the ball, and the Red Devils ran two pass plays before time expired.

"This was the sloppiest game we have played to date," said Oakley Coach Randall Rath. "We need to play a full game, which we have not played yet this season. We have to be ready from the get-go next week against St. Francis with no letdown. The Indians are a powerful team."

### Oberlin Stats:

- Rushing:
  - Robinson, 14 carries, 44 yards.
  - G. Peters, nine carries, 26 yards, one fumble.
  - Fisher, three carries, four yards, one fumble.
  - Lucas Juenemann, one carry, three yards.
- Passing:

- B. Simonsson, five attempts, three completions, 34 yards.
- Robinson, three attempts, one completion, three yards, two interceptions.

Receiving:

- Glodt, one reception, 20 yards.
- Jobey Black, one reception, eight yards.
- Manning, one reception, 10 yards.
- Corey Cook, one reception, six yards.

Defense:

- Terry Urban, six assists, three unassisted tackles.
- B. Simonsson, four assists, four unassisted tackles, one fumble recovery.
- Unger, four assists, three unassisted tackles, one fumble recovery.
- A. Manning, two assists, three unassisted tackles.
- Stapp, three assists, two unassisted tackles.
- Fisher, five assists.
- G. Peters, two assists, two unassisted tackles.
- Olson, three assists, one unassisted tackle, one fumble recovery.
- Glodt, two assists.
- E. Urban, one assist, one unassisted tackle, one fumble recovery.
- Colt Diedrich, one assist.
- Regan Badsky, two assists, one unassisted tackle.
- Nolan May, two assists, one unassisted tackle.
- Gilliam, one assist, two unassisted tackles.

"We dug ourselves a hole right off the bat," said Red Devil Coach Trevor Williams. "We are trying to build a team here. Each practice we are working to get each player to raise their level of intensity. The team is struggling right now. We have to keep working hard in practice. It is going to take every player in that locker room to make it work."

The Red Devils hit the road Friday for an away game against the Quinter Bulldogs starting at 7 p.m. The Bulldogs (1-2) are coming off a 30-7 loss to Atwood. Quinter is coached by Greg Woolf in his fourth year. His record is 4-23. In 2005, the Bulldogs were 2-7 (0-3 in the district). They feature an option offense which likes to pass, with six returning starters on offense and seven on defense.

Key players are quarterback Brice Kesler, 5'10", 150 pounds, senior; Ashley Deaton, running back, 6-0, 180, junior; and leading tackler, strong safety Trent Blackwill, 5-10, 140, senior.

## Little Devils' record goes to 1-1 after loss

The Oberlin Little Devils third-and-fourth-grade tackle football team came away from Saturday's 19-0 loss to the Hays Outlaws with a 1-1 record.

Saturday, Sept. 9, the Little Devils defeated Atwood 20-8 for their first victory of the season.

The Oberlin fifth- and sixth-grade team ran its record to 2-0 Saturday by thumping the Hays Falcons 50-0, scoring their second shutout of the season.

Sept. 9, the older boys laid the wood to Atwood, 34-0.

Third- and fourth-grade players are Dakota Tate, Troy Juenemann, Kaine Fredrickson, Andrew Wade, Kelden Breth, Braden Wasson,

Gabe Anderson, Wesley Geishler, Austin Kyte, Noah Nelson, Kelly Brown, Gannon Henningson, Konner Witt, Regent Erickson and Keegan Blau.

Fifth and sixth graders are Zach May, Grant Gilliam, Kade Brown, Kolton Paul, Channing Farr, Dayton Dreher, Brady Fortin, Kennedy Fortin, Kyle Breth,

Chris Anderson, Baron Green, Daniel Skibbe, Ryan May, Cody Wurm, Konner Fortin and Tyler Bruggeman.

Saturday, the third- and fourth-grade team travels to Colby for a game at 10 a.m.

The fifth and sixth grade have a bye week.

## Let's tailgate in style

By JIM MERRIOTT

Now that we are in football season, there is nothing like a tailgate party before the big game. Here is a great drop-dead tasty recipe.

### Jayhawker's Grilled Salmon with Orange Sauce

- four salmon fillets
- 1/2 teaspoon cilantro
- 1/2 garlic clove, chopped
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 orange

About two hours prior to hitting the road, combine cilantro, sugar, garlic, soy sauce, sesame

oil, lemon juice and orange juice in a closed container, then stir. Grate 1/2 teaspoon of orange peel and stir it into the container.

Place the salmon fillets in the container skin side up. Marinate for two hours, then remove fillets and salt and pepper to taste.

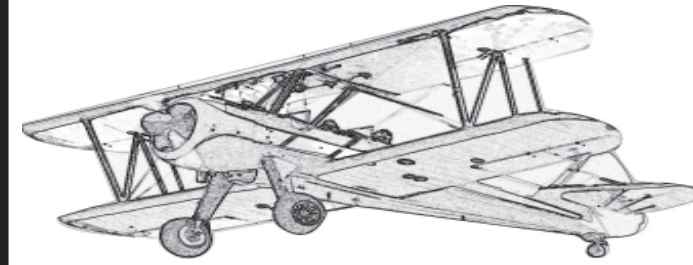
Fire up the grill at the game. While the salmon is cooking, take the mixture left over in the container and grate 1/2 teaspoon more of orange peel into it. Put it in a saucepan on the grill, add the cornstarch and whisk constantly. When fillets are done, pour heated sauce over salmon. Top with orange slices.

A good side dish is sliced carrots with asparagus. Enjoy.

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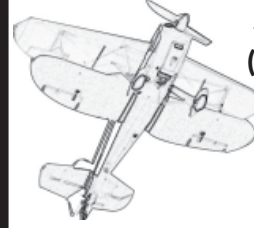
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