

Lady Devils keep winning streak alive

Oberlin wins triangular at Hill City

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Decatur Community High varsity volleyball team continued its winning ways Tuesday, running the season match record to 9-0 in a triangular match against Hill City and Oakley in Hill City.

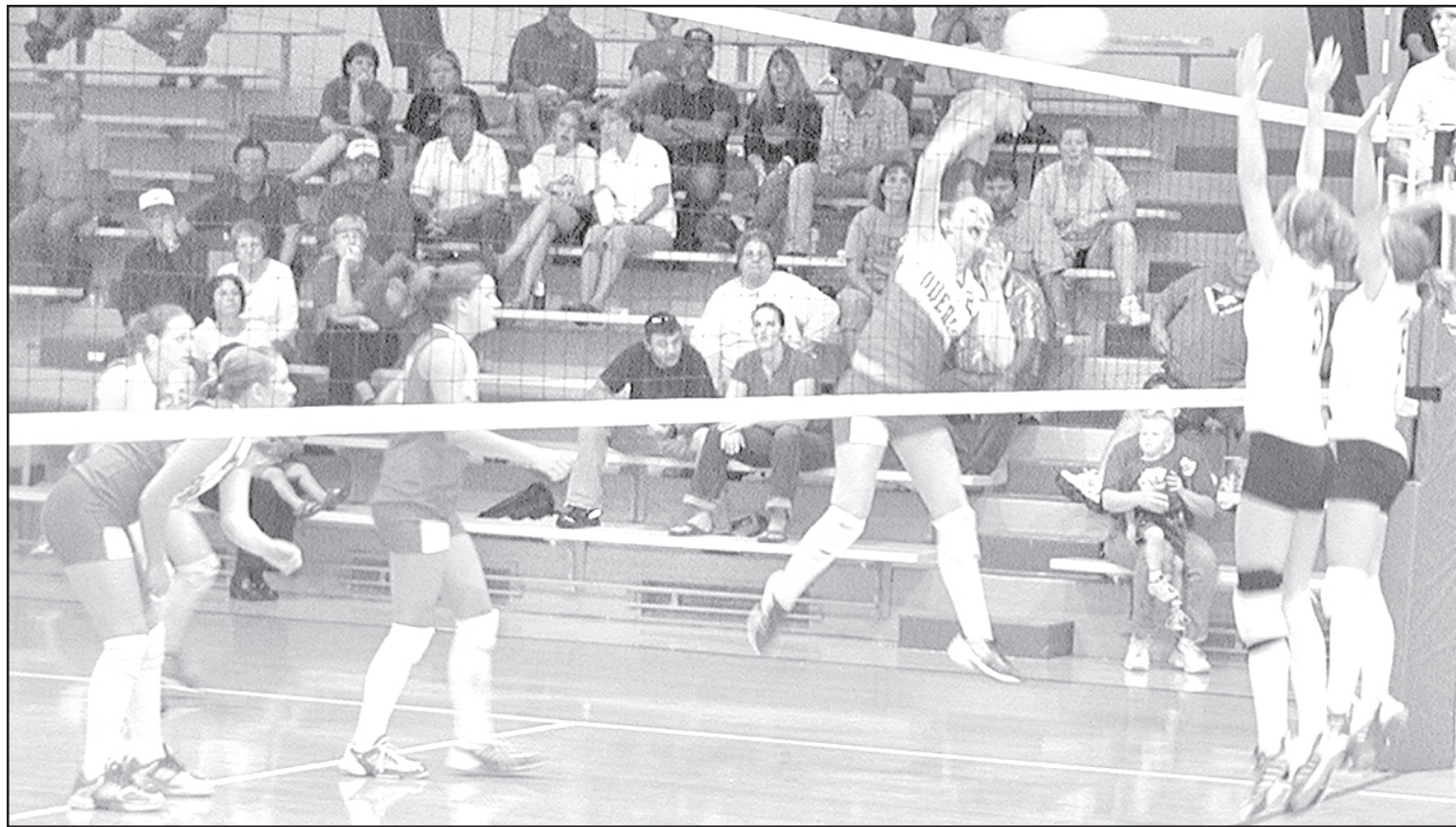
The Lady Red Devils downed the state-ranked Lady Ringnecks 25-16 and 25-13. That brought their season game record to 14-1.

Against Oakley, the Oberlin girls made it clear that they are on a mission with one goal in mind, downing the Lady Plainsmen 25-11 and 25-15.

"Our success came from how well we worked as a team," said Coach Patricia Dorshorst. "This was an outstanding team effort against two worthy opponents."

The Lady Devils had a 96 percent serving average as a team against the Hens, a 2.05 point serve receiving average, 26 digs and 15 stuff block shots.

Against Oakley, Oberlin had a 94 percent service average, 2.7 points serve receiving average, 24 digs, 24 percent kill efficiency, 83 percent hitting efficiency average and 12



SENIOR KARLI FREDRICKSON (far right) spiked a rocket shot against the Lady Ringnecks on Tuesday in Hill City. Surrounding Lady Devils were Heather Williams (front left), Tricia Dorshorst (rear left) and Sarah Murray (middle).

stuff blocks for the match. "The key to our success was the ability to stay aggressive," Dorshorst said, "keeping both teams on their heels and forcing them to play

a defensive match. The entire squad stepped up to face the challenge."

In junior varsity action, the younger Lady Devils split the matches, losing to Oakley 15-25,

25-17, 15-11.

They fought back against Hill City, winning the match 25-20, 15-25, 15-11.

The "C" team lost to Oakley 28-

26, 25-16.

Against Hill City, the girls took the match two games to one, downing the young Lady Plainsmen 26-24, 27-25, 15-13.



LADY RED DEVILS junior Lacey Ream (on top) and senior Karli Fredrickson clowned around after Oberlin won the McCook Volleyball Invitational tournament Saturday in McCook. The girls ran their season record to 12-0. —Herald photos by Sarah Fredrickson

Girls take top spot in McCook

The Decatur Community High volleyball team (12-0) won the McCook Volleyball Invitational tournament on Saturday, defeating Chase County of Imperial, Neb., in the championship match two sets to one.

The Lady Red Devils defeated Imperial 25-8 in the first set, lost a squeaker 21-25, then bounced back 25-19. The varsity girls' game record is 20-2, and they are undefeated in match play so far this year.

In round 1, Oberlin polished off the Lady Bison of McCook, 25-18 and 25-21. Oberlin served at 98 percent; 2.375 for serve receiving; and had 43 digs, 20 assists, 17 percent kill rate, 81 percent hitting average

and nine stuff blocks.

In round 2, the Lady Devils scalped the Indians of Indianola, 25-22 and 25-23.

The Devils ended the match against Indianola with 98 percent serve average; 2.39 serve receiving average; and 25 digs, 15 assists, 25 percent kill rate, 83 percent hitting average and 17 stuff blocks.

In the championship, the Devils averaged a 92.5 percent serving average; 2.32 serve receiving average; and 56 digs, 23 assists, 30 percent kill rate, 93 percent hitting average and 21 stuff blocks.

"It was a tough day of volleyball," said Coach Pat Dorshorst. "The three teams we met were strong

Nebraska teams. Southwest (Indianola) had only lost one match this season. Chase County was undefeated. The McCook squad plays well as a team. We knew we had to be aggressive the entire match.

"In set 2 of the championship against Imperial, we gave up three aces at the start, giving them momentum. The final set was intense and stressful. Every hit from each team turned into long volleys with a lot of long rallies.

"We played together as a team, bringing home the trophy and the win."

The Lady Red Devils return home Tuesday to play Cheylin and St. Francis at 4 p.m.

Seventh, eighth grades take wins

The Decatur Community junior high volleyball team swept the Quinter Lady Bullpups in Quinter on Thursday.

The seventh grade won both sets of the two-game match 25-22.

The eighth grade followed suit, defeating Quinter 25-19 and 25-18.

The seventh graders had an 80 percent serve average for the night. "The girls did much better this week, coming out ready to play,

serve and pass better," said Coach Gina Witt.

The seventh grade's overall record is 2-1.

The eighth-grade girls won both matches but struggled finding themselves during both sets, said Coach Melissa Dreher.

"We did not come out ready to play tonight," she said. "We had a hard time offensively and defensively setting the ball. I was proud

of the girls who came off the bench tonight; they did a great job."

The eighth grade's record is 3-0. Oberlin travels to Hoxie on Saturday for a round-robin tournament starting at 9 a.m.

The Oberlin seventh grade will play WaKeeney in the first match and St. Francis in match two.

The eighth grade opens against St. Francis, then plays WaKeeney in pool play.

Oberlin runners take 9th

Oberlin boy finishes 18th; girl takes 59th

The Decatur Community High cross country team traveled to McCook on Thursday to compete in the largest cross country event in the western Kansas-Nebraska area.

Twelve boys and 12 girls teams competed at the tough, windy Heritage Hills golf course, with temperatures in the high 80s and lots of up-and-down rolling hills.

The boys ran 5,000 meters and the girls ran 4,000.

Andrew Richards led the Red Devils by finishing 18th with a time of 19 minutes, 38 seconds.

Becky Helm finished 59th with a time of 21:01 to lead the Oberlin girls.

On the boys side, Ogallala finished first with 10 points.

North Platte took second with 61; Dundy County third, 68; Holdrege fourth, 69; Gothenburg fifth, 83; Grant sixth, 84; Chase-Imperial seventh, 133; Cambridge eighth, 141; Oberlin ninth, 144; McCook 10th, 170; Sutherland 11th, 220; and Maxwell 12th, 235.

North Platte won the girls race with 28 points.

Gothenburg finished second with 46; Eustis Farnam third, 81; Chase-Imperial fourth, 82; Ogallala fifth, 95; Holdrege sixth, 98; Dundy County seventh, 122; Southwest eighth, 135; McCook ninth, 143; Grant 10th, 144; Sutherland 11th, 171; and Oberlin 12th, 234.

Oberlin varsity boys finishers were Andy Leitner, 37th, 21:11; Aaron Helm, 48th, 22:12; Nolan Wasson, 55th, 22:55; and Gage Reichert, 65th, 24:39.

Oberlin girls included Ali Sampson, 63rd, 21:50; Rory Wendelin, 67th, 23:54; Marci Metcalf, 70th, 24:41; and Lakin Lahe, 71st, 25:13. Junior varsity boys were Chenaniah Langness, 33rd, 26:47; Cody Haas, 36th, 28:31; Cameron Nedland, 39th, 30:38; and Andrew Dempewolf, 40th, 31:57.

"This was a big, tough meet with some of the best Nebraska schools competing on a very challenging course," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Our boys are starting show improvement, closing down their gap times, which is very important."

Oberlin travels next to the Hill City Invitational at 5 p.m. Thursday.

The Red Devils will hold the 39th annual Oberlin Invitational at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Oberlin Country Club.



The Jayhawker

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Time, cash needed to collect trout gear

Looking back to all that has occurred to me since that first time I got the bug, I have realized that building the correct arsenal to catch trout isn't done overnight; it takes time along with deep pockets.

The reality of it is what gets the job done best.

There are three ways to catch trout. Since dynamite is illegal, that takes us down to the two — spin fishing and flyfishing.

For spin fishing, I would recommend a five- to six-and-a-half-foot, light-action rod and an open-faced reel with four- to six-pound test monofilament line.

For flyfishing, use an eight- to nine-foot rod. Use a single-action fly reel, load it with backing attached to a medium-action No. 6 to 7 weighted line. Attach a 7 1/2- to 10-foot leader, then attach 2x-4x tippet material. Tippet material is the finest monofilament line available with the strength necessary to pull in those little fat footballs. Then attach the tippet to the fly that you use.

If I am fishing a spinning reel in clear water between 32-36 degrees, I use hardware like a Little CEO (silver 1/8-1/6 oz.) or a Super Duper (silver with a red head; 1/12 oz.), fishing it with a slow jiggling action next to structure, or what I call cover.

In medium clear water at 35-42 degrees, I will use a Krocodile spoon (rainbow trout; 1/4 oz.) or a Panther Martin with a silver blade, yellow and red dots (1/8 oz.). Jig it in deep water, ticking the bottom on short upstream drifts.

In high, turbid water like the runoff at 40-50 degrees, I like to use a Krocodile spoon (hammered brass with a firestripe; 1/2 oz.) or a Blue Fox (gold or orange; 1/4 oz.).

If you use bait, in low, clear 32-36 degree water use 1 1/2-inch to 3-inch shiners or dace. (It is illegal to use minnows above 7,000 feet in the Rocky Mountains). Lightly weight your line and hook the minnow through the nose.

If the clarity is medium and the temperature 35-42, use salmon eggs or worms. Lightly weight your line and tumble along the bottom.

If the water is high and turbid and the temperature 40-50, use night crawlers, strips of sucker meat, power bait, marshmallows or velvet

wrapped around a treble hook in a small ball. Slowly drift in light current or stillfish in slack current.

If you want the ultimate challenge, flyfish in low clear water, 32-36 degrees, and use a drab-colored No. 14 nymph; caddis larva No. 12; or a black stone fly No. 12 using 2x tippet.

In medium, 35-42 degree water, try a glo-bug (in rainbow water) or a wooly bugger size 10. Look for a pool or pocket below gravel shoals or try fishing the dead drift method.

Finally, in high turbid water at 40-50, use a flash-a bugger No. 6 to No. 8 with 3x tippet. You can also try weighted marabou streamers, or a No. 6 brown stonefly. Use the hand-twist method along the bottom in slack water, near snags. If you are using marabou streamers, vertically jig them near structure. If you are using brown stoneflies, dead-drift them near the bottom.

If it is light blue skies, wear a light blue shirt and with gray skies, gray. I use camo waders to blend in.

The Jayhawker has been a professional fishing guide for over 20 years in the Rocky Mountains. He has guided on the Blue, Colorado, Yampa, Poudre, Frying Pan, Roaring Fork and South Platte rivers in Colorado and on the Green River and Miracle Mile in Wyoming.

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