



**SOPHOMORE SAM STAPP** (No. 33) executed a perfect swim move against Rawlins County tackle **Joe Clark** (No. 51) Friday in Oberlin's overtime loss to the Buffaloes 34-28. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

# Girls keep winning

## Tournament victories make it 18-0

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

The No. 1 state-ranked Decatur Community Red Devil volleyball team (18-0) came out on fire Saturday, winning the Oberlin Invitational tournament by beating Norton, St. Francis, Atwood and Hoxie.

The Lady Devils wasted no time against the Hoxie Indians downing them 25-10, 25-19.

Rawlins County from Atwood was the next team on the chopping block. The Buffaloes fell 25-4, 25-23.

In the third match for Oberlin, the Lady Red Devils downed the Norton Bluejays, 25-8, 25-20.

Oberlin then downed the St. Francis Indians, 25-13, 25-14, to win the tournament.

"It was a great day of volleyball for the Oberlin squad," said Coach Pat Dorshorst. "We seemed to come out tough every first game of the match. The second game was a different story. In every second game, except St. Francis, we spotted the opponent a lead and had to fight back to win."

- Against Norton, Oberlin had 17 assists, a 27 percent kill efficiency, an 81 percent hitting, four stuff blocks, 100 percent serving, 2.33 serve receive points and 16 digs.
- Against Hoxie, Oberlin had 25 assists, a 32.5 percent kill efficiency, an 87.7 percent hitting, seven stuff blocks, a 92.9 percent serving, 2.22 serve receive points and 28 digs.
- Against Atwood, Oberlin had 22 assists, a 36.7 percent kill efficiency, a 91.8 percent hitting, nine stuff blocks, a 97.9 percent serving, 2.75 serve receive points and 20 digs.
- Against St. Francis, Oberlin had 19 assists, a 23 percent kill efficiency, a 86.5 percent hitting, five

# Oberlin downs Sainty, Bird City on Tuesday

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

The state-ranked Oberlin Lady Red Devils volleyball team (14-0) continued its winning ways downing the Cheylin Cougars from the West Kansas Liberty League and the St. Francis Indians from the Northwest Kansas League on Tuesday in Oberlin.

The Lady Devils ran their winning streak to 14 in a row against Bird City, which is in the Western Kansas Liberty League, as they downed the Cougars 25-6, 25-5.

In match two of the triangular meet, St. Francis was tougher but still fell 25-18, 26-24.

The Lady Red Devils aggressive style of "take it to their opponents," helped win both matches.

"We played very aggressive against Cheylin," said Coach Pat Dorshorst. "We stepped on the court ready to play and never let

up. St. Francis is a very scrappy team. We did not move well defensively against the Indians, we had some communication problems, and started floating on our hits. Sainty took advantage of our struggles and played tough. We need to regroup and get back on track before we host the (Oberlin) Invitational tournament this Saturday."

Against Cheylin, Oberlin had 34 assists, a 56 percent kill rate, a 96 percent hitting average, a 94 percent serve average, a 2.8 serve receiving average and 11 digs.

Against St. Francis, Oberlin had 47 assists, a 9 percent kill rate, a 71 percent hitting average, a 98 percent serve average, a 2.2 serve receiving average and 11 digs.

The junior varsity defeated Cheylin 25-9, 25-21 and Sainty 25-19, 22-25, and 25-8.

The "C" team defeated St. Francis 25-18, 25-8.

# Devils lose heartbreaker to Atwood Buffaloes

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

The Decatur Community High football team was fired up to win its Homecoming game Friday night but couldn't quite pull it off as the Rawlins County Buffaloes won 34-28 in overtime.

It was a busy week in Oberlin with a pep rally, the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen, a parade, a dance and the football game.

On the football field, the Red Devils played the Buffaloes to a 28-28 tie at the end of the fourth quarter.

But one of the most exciting games of the year fell flat for Oberlin on an interception in overtime, which led to the Buffaloes scoring to end the game.

The Buffaloes led 6-0 after the first quarter, then 12-0 halfway into the second when Oberlin made the score 12-7. Atwood again scored in the second to lead 20-7 with 2:38 left. Oberlin countered with a second touchdown but trailed, 20-14, at the half.

The Red Devils took the lead 21-20 in the third quarter on a 21-yard touchdown run by quarterback Jace Robinson. But they could not hold the Buffaloes, who pushed ahead 28-21 with 7:46 left in the fourth quarter.

Oberlin fought back, tying the game 28-28 on a 10-yard run by Robinson with 3:39 to go in the fourth.

In overtime, each team had four downs to try and score from the opponent's 10-yard line.

Atwood pounded the ball into the end zone on the third try. The extra point attempt failed due to a bad snap and a pass batted down by Andy Gilliam.

The Red Devils called on Robinson three times in a row to tie and possibly win the game with a touchdown and a good extra point.

Robinson penetrated to the five-yard line on first down, but was stopped for no gain on the second.

The Buffaloes called time out to regroup prior to third down.

On third and five, Robinson took the snap and rolled to his left in an attempt to run the ball to the outside. A host of Buffaloes pursued him. As Robinson was grabbed by the legs,

## —Area football standings—

NORTHWEST KANSAS LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS						
Team	League		Non-League		Points	Opp.
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses		
Oakley	4	0	1	0	172	22
St. Francis	4	1	0	0	205	46
Atwood	4	1	0	0	114	86
Oberlin	2	3	0	0	93	155
Quinter	1	1	1	2	73	123
Hoxie	1	3	1	0	74	112
Goodland	1	2	0	2	79	188
Colby	0	4	0	1	34	110

AREA FOOTBALL SCORES			
Norton 27	Ellis 6	Hays 58	Goodland 30
St. Francis 49	Hoxie 0	Oakley 28	Colby 6
Rawlins County 34	Oberlin 28	Ness City/Dighton 16	Quinter 12
Cheylin 22	Northern Valley 8	Brewster-Triplains 46	Golden Plains 20

he made a desperation pass to the end zone in an attempt to make something positive happen for the Red Devils. Rawlins County defensive back Drew Basgall stepped in front of the Oberlin receiver and it was all over.

Defensive ends Kurt Olson and Gilliam had strong games.

"It is a disappointing loss. This was the first time this year I really thought we jelled as a team," said Olson. "Everybody was fired up and played as a team. I look for good things to come."

Oberlin rushed for 321 yards. Chet Ely carried the ball nine times for 36 yards; Garrit Peters, 16 for 61; Robinson, 18 for 174 with four touchdowns and a fumble; and Kyle Glodt one for 50 yards.

In the air, Oberlin threw 10 times, completing two for minus three yards and had two interceptions. Robinson made three attempts with one completion for no yards and an interception. Breck Simonsson was one for seven for minus three and an interception.

Rawlins County rushed for 245 yards on 47 carries. Basgall carried 34 times for 182 yard, two touchdowns, and a lost fumble. Ben Warta was seven for 28; Jordan Dunker, four for 30 and a touchdown; Justin Howard two for two; and Jackson Grafel one for three and a touch-

down.

On defense for Oberlin, Regan Badsy had 10 assists and a solo tackle; Jacob Unger, 10 assists, one solo and a fumble recovery; Gilliam, five assists, four solos; Terry Urban, four assists, three solos; Peters, five assists, two solos; Olson and Seth Ritter, seven assists each; Glodt, three assists, two solos; Sam Stapp, five assists and a fumble recovery; Ace Manning, three assists, one solo and a fumble recovery; Simonsson, three assists, one solo and an interception; Lucas Juenemann, one assist, two solos; Everett Urban, two assists, one solo; and Ely and Robinson, one assist each.

On kick returns, Robinson had three for 30 yards, a 10-yard average, and Jacob Fortin, two for 38 for a 19-yard average.

On punt returns, Robinson had two for 26 yards for a 13-yard average, and Glodt one for minus three yards on receiving.

Peters had five kickoffs for 197 yards for a 37.4-yard average. He also punted four times for 137 yards or a 34.2-yard average.

"The kids left it all on the field tonight," said Coach Trevor Williams. "It was an emotionally tough loss."

"We put ourselves in an early hole on the turnover and short punt, putting us down 12-0. I was pleased by the way the team fought back. I really felt that it was a total team effort."

"Even the guys who didn't get on the field were intense and played a big part in our effort."

"It would have been nice to have won the Homecoming game, but now we must focus and prepare for Colby."

and Josh Ritter one for no gain.

"The team did an excellent job on defense this week," said Coach Caleb Howland. "They showed a lot of improvement using aggressive play and strong tackling. The team must concentrate better, improving their mental discipline. We had 14 penalties called against us. Overall, the team continues to work hard in practice."

In fifth-quarter play, Brent Juene-mann had a 40-yard run for the young Devils and Josh Ritter scored on a two-yard touchdown. Saeger Grafel threw a hit 22-yard pass to Matthew Wittman in the 18-6 loss.

Thursday, the Red Devils play their final home game against Goodland starting at 5:30 p.m.

# Runners finish 4th at home

By **JIM MERRIOTT**

The Decatur Community High School boys took fourth in the 39th annual Oberlin Invitational cross country meet Tuesday and the girls came in sixth before more than 500 spectators.

With teams from Nebraska and Kansas hitting the grass at the Oberlin Country Club, the Norton Bluejay won the boys division and Oakley, the girls division. The junior varsity boys meet was led by Norton.

Andrew Richards took third place for Oberlin, finishing the three-mile course in 17.49 minutes, his best time this year.

Also for Oberlin, Aaron Helm finished 25th, 19:50; Andy Leitner, 33, 20:15; Nolan Wasson, 41, 20:45; Gage Reichert, 50th, 21:53; and Chenaniah Langness, 56th, 24:26.

In the girls division Kayla Zoderow finished 13th in 17:26 minutes on the 2.5-mile course. Becky Helm came in 18th in 18:10; Ali Sampson, 36th, 20:42; Rory Wendelin, 42nd, 21:36; Lakin Lahe, 48th, 22:34; and Marci Metcalf, 49th, 22:39.

The junior varsity boys were led by Cameron Nedland, 22nd, 26:23. He was followed by Cody Haas, 23rd, 26:51, and Andrew Dempe-wolf, 24th, 27:54.

Norton's boys came in first, 19; followed by Wheatland, second, 71; Phillipsburg, third, 75; Oberlin, fourth, 123; Cambridge, fifth, 127; McCook, sixth, 134; Colby junior varsity, seventh, 138; and Goodland, eighth, 207.

The Oakley girls finished first, 34; followed by McCook, second, 69; Phillipsburg, third, 89; Southwest (Indianola, Neb.), fourth, 93; Colby junior fifth, 101; and Oberlin, sixth, 105.

"I really felt good today, being at home with the crowd and all really helped me find the groove," Richards said. "It was really fun."

He wasn't the only one pleased.

"The meet went very well, thanks to all the good workers we had including timers, scorers, corner judges and people in the chute," said



**JUNIOR KAYLA ZODEROW** was the first Lady Red Devil to cross the 2.5-mile finish line in Tuesday's 39th annual Oberlin Invitational. She finished 13th and won a medal — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Coach Dick Ahlberg. "If I missed someone, I just want them to know that it takes community support to make this thing work and I am proud the meet ran so smoothly."

"Andrew Richards continues to run very well. This was our best performance by our boys team all season."

"Our girls times were not too bad,

but the points just didn't fall right. We were just 15 points out of third place, and a number of schools didn't field a full team (including Quinter, Goodland and Cambridge) and that may have been the difference."

The Red Devils' next meet starts at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Phillipsburg.

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