

Devils pluck Eagles

Penalties don't stop Oberlin win

By JIM MERRIOTT

It was windy as the dickens in Colby Friday evening, but that didn't stop the Oberlin Red Devils from downing the hometown Eagles, 20-6.

While the Decatur Community High boys beat the winless Eagles, it wasn't pretty. Fans witnessed 16 penalty flags — 10 on Oberlin for 80 yards and six on Colby for 45 yards.

Oberlin evened its record to 3-3 while Colby fell to 0-6.

Quarterback/tailback Jace Robinson continued his assault on Northwest Kansas League opponents as he rushed for 199 yards on 23 carries, including three touchdowns. Robinson has 813 yards rushing on 100 carries and 14 touchdowns.

Garrit Peters rushed 10 times for 71 yards and Lucas Juenemann was seven for 15.

Oberlin continued to struggle with its passing game. The Red Devils put the ball in the air three times with no receptions and one interception.

The Red Devils moved things around in preparation for district play. Robinson went from quarterback to tailback. Breck Simonsson played quarterback during the experiment and Peters moved to fullback.

Oberlin finished league play 3-3. Now the Red Devils begin district play against the Phillipsburg Panthers at 7 p.m. Friday at Smick Field in Oberlin.

The Red Devils are 0-3 at home. "This was a good win for our program," said Coach Trevor Williams.



OFFENSIVE LINEMAN BROCK EUHUS, (55) blocks Colby Eagle Travis Parker (2), as a Red Devil running back (left) flies through the air. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

"I felt that the game was pretty physical, but there were a lot of mental mistakes, especially penalties. We continue to hurt ourselves offensively with penalties. We will have a real challenge Friday night against Phillipsburg."

On defense against Colby, Terry Urban had four assists, three solo tackles and one punt block; Andy Gilliam, three assists, three solos; Peters, three assists, two solos; Jacob Unger and Ace Manning, two assists, two solos each; Simonsson, two solos; L. Fortin and Chet Ely, one assist, one solo each; Seth Ritter, three assists, one solo; Everett Urban, three assist; Kyle Glodt, two assists, one interception; Sam Stapp, three assists; Kurt Olson, two assists; and Juenemann and Mitchell Hitt, one assist each.

Peters had four kickoffs for 170 yards with a 42.5-yard average. He also punted three times for 105 yards for a 35-yard average.

On kick returns, Robinson had one for three yards and Fortin one

—Area football standings—

NORTHWEST KANSAS LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team	League		Non-League		Points	Opp.
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses		
Oakley	5	0	1	0	207	34
St. Francis	5	1	0	0	254	59
Atwood	5	1	0	0	148	100
Oberlin	3	3	0	0	113	161
Quinter	1	2	1	2	86	172
Hoxie	1	4	1	0	88	146
Goodland	1	3	0	2	91	200
Colby	0	5	0	1	40	130

Area Football Scores

Oakley 35	Goodland 12	Brewster-Triplains 56	Cheylin 32
St. Francis 49	Quinter 13	Rawlins County 34	Hoxie 14
Oberlin 20	Colby 6	Phillipsburg 47	Osborne 8
Beloit 66	Republic County 28	Norton 41	Stockton 0
Sharon Springs 54	Golden Plains 6		

for no yards.

There were no punt returns.

In passing, Robinson didn't complete his only pass, and Simonsson

was zero for two with an interception.

Simonsson scored on a two-point conversion.

Girls win three, remain perfect

Lady Red Devils beat Brewster, Rawlins County, Goodland

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Oberlin Lady Red Devils volleyball team moved the bar a little higher Tuesday as the team took its winning streak to 21 last Tuesday at a quadrangular meet in Atwood.

Ranked No. 2 in Class 3A, the Decatur Community High varsity team has not lost a match this season.

The Oberlin girls defeated Brewster 25-19, 25-17 to win match one in Atwood.

In match two, the Lady Devils hammered Goodland 25-10 and 25-12.

In the final round against Rawlins County, Oberlin downed the Lady Buffs 25-18 and 25-11.

• Against Brewster, Oberlin had 20 assists, a 20.7 percent kill efficiency, an 86.2 hitting percentage, 13 point blocks, 100 percent serving, 2.29 serve receive points and 27 digs.

• Against Goodland, Oberlin had 17 assists, a 28.2 percent kill efficiency, an 84.6 hitting percentage, 10 point blocks, 95.9 percent serving, 2.15 serve receive points and 14 digs.

• Against Rawlins County, Oberlin had 19 assists, a 25.5 per-

cent kill efficiency, an 90.9 percent hitting, 12 point blocks, 98 percent serving, 2.4 serve receive points and 18 digs.

"Oberlin played aggressive volleyball the entire night," said Coach Pat Dorshorst. "The hitters took turns pounding the ball so it was difficult for the opponent's blockers to know who to key on. The back row hustled well and got great passes up for the setter."

"The most outstanding thing of the night was the excellent teamwork. The communication was fantastic and players backed each other up extremely well. All three matches were true team effort."

In junior varsity action, Oberlin burned the Lady Buffs 27-25, 25-19.

In match two against Goodland, the younger girls lost 27-25, 25-13.

In the last round Oberlin defeated Rawlins County 25-18, 17-25, and 15-12 to finish match play 2-1.

The C-team went 1-1, narrowly losing to the Buffs 20-25, 25-12, 16-14 but coming back to beat Goodland 25-12, 25-12.

The Lady Devils were to play Colby and Quinter Tuesday at home and will be in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament starting at 10 a.m. Saturday in Atwood.

Eighth graders beat Goodland

The undefeated Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade volleyball team extended its winning streak to nine on Thursday as the young Lady Devils downed the Mustangs.

Oberlin continued to use teamwork, aggressive net play and a strong defense to master the Mustangs 25-23, 25-13.

"All the girls continue to work

hard in practice, said Coach Melissa Dreher. "The girls are now directing their focus on the match against Colby this week."

The seventh-graders continued to take their lumps, losing their match 27-25, 25-20 to come up with a 2-7 record.

Oberlin travels to Colby Thursday. Game time is 4:30 p.m.

Runners get two medals

The Decatur Community High boys cross country team finished seventh and the girls fifth at the Phillipsburg Invitational Thursday. Andrew Richards received a medal after taking fifth and running the three-mile course in 18 minutes, 34 seconds.

Kayla Zodrow also medaled, finishing 14th in the girls competition at 18:21 for the 2.5-mile run.

The Norton boys won the meet with 36 points. Hill City came in second with 92, followed by Phillipsburg, third, 109; Ellis, fourth, 114; Trego Community, fifth, 133; Osborne, fifth, 133; Oberlin, seventh, 171; Stockton, eighth, 172; and Lakeside, ninth, 192.

The Osborne girls took first with 30 points followed by Norton, 50; Hill City, third, 78; Ellis, fourth, and Oberlin, fifth, 112.

Also running for the boys were Andy Leitner, 34th, 20:29; Aaron Helm, 44th, 21:43; Nolan Wasson, 52nd, 22:25; Gage Reichert, 54th, 22:43; and Chenaniah Langness, who sprained his ankle and could not finish.

Also running for the girls were Becky Helm, 21st, 19:07; Rory Wendelin, 40th, 21:43; Ali Sampson, 42nd, 21:52; Marci Metcalf, 45th, 23:14; and Lakin Lahe, 47th, 24:07.

Juniors varsity runners were Cody Haas, 20th, 27:38; Andrew Dempewolf, 21st, 27:39; and Cameron Nedland, 22nd, 28:33.

"I thought we seemed a little flat today," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "That is not uncommon after a big



SOPHOMORE ANDREW RICHARDS placed third in the 39th annual Oberlin Cross Country Invitational. Richards finished with his personal best time of 17 minutes, 49 seconds in the three mile. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

meet ... our home invitational.

"The Mid-Continent Kansas League schools ran their league meet in conjunction with this meet so they were all pretty pumped up. We will be ready for the Northwest Kansas League meet next week in Oakley.

"Kayla Zodrow had a solid performance today, leading our girls team again. Gage Reichert is closing our gap time down."

The cross country team will be at the Northwest Kansas League meet, starting at 11 a.m. Saturday in Oakley.

Junior varsity downs Atwood

The Decatur Community High junior varsity football squad defeated the Rawlins County Buffaloes 34-8 last Monday helping heal the wound left from the heartbreaking 34-28 overtime varsity loss at homecoming.

There was no junior varsity scoring in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Oberlin quarterback Jacob Fortin threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Wiley Farr. Fullback Sam Stapp slammed across the goal line for the two-point conversion making the score 8-0 Oberlin.

The Red Devils got on the scoreboard again in the second quarter with a 4-yard touchdown run by Fortin. Stapp ran in the two-point conversion and Oberlin lead 16-0 at

half-time.

Rawlins County came back in the third quarter scoring on a 10-yard pass play making the score 16-8 Oberlin.

Oberlin countered when Fortin scored on a three-yard touchdown. The extra point failed making the score 22-8 Oberlin.

Toward the end of the third quarter, fullback Royal Fisher scored on a two-yard dive play. The extra point pass play failed but Oberlin was ahead, 28-8.

Fisher turned on the gas again in the fourth quarter running 25 yards for the final touchdown raising the score to 34-8. The extra point run failed.

Stapp led Red Devils rushers with 147 yards. Tailback Logan Fortin

rushed for 60 yards and Fisher for 50.

"This team has come a long ways," said Coach Keith Grafel. "Young freshmen are playing a lot. I am happy with the progression of Christian Whittman at wide-out."

"Our kids are starting to develop. They can practice all day, but the best experience is game experience, and that is what they are getting at this level. It is my job to develop these young kids for the next level. I was really pleased that the kids got physical out there today. I wish we could play St. Francis again this season, because I feel we could give them a better game."

The junior varsity's last home game was to be played on Monday against Colby.

Young Devils beat Goodland boys

The Decatur Community Junior High football squad won a nail-biter at Smick Field Thursday against the Grant Junior High Mustangs of Goodland, 13-12.

The Red Devils took a 13-0 lead into half-time. Oberlin managed to hang on to the lead despite three turnovers in the second half.

Dakota Soderlund was Oberlin's leading rusher, carrying the ball 10 times for 37 yards. He was followed by Keithen Fortin, who rushed eight times for 19 yards; Chad Williams, six for 17; Jeb Fortin, five for 12; and Dalton Dolan, one for two.

Williams was two for five in the air for 31 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions.

Soderlund caught a pass for a 25-yard touchdown. K. Fortin had a reception for six yards.

K. Fortin had three returns for 47 yards; Brent Juenemann returned a

punt for five yards and intercepted a pass.

Soderlund kicked one of two extra points.

"The team did an excellent job of intensity and assignment football during the first half," said Coach

Caleb Howland. "The second half, we had a little letdown and didn't tackle as well as we should have defensively."

The Red Devils close out the season on the road at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Colby.

NOTICE OF CLOSING OF REGISTRATION BOOKS GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 7, 2006 DECATUR COUNTY

In compliance with the provision of KSA-25-2310, 25-2311 and KAR 7-23-4, notice is hereby given that the Voter Registration Books will officially close on Monday the 23rd of October, 2006.

Voter Registrations will be taken at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk through that day with late registration until 9 p.m.

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The Books will remain closed until the day after the General Election which will be Wednesday, the 8th of November, 2006.

A citizen of the United States who is eighteen (18) years of age and upwards, or will have attained that age before the next election, must register before he or she can vote.

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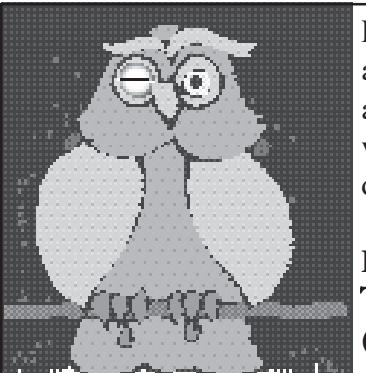
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