

Win, win, win, win, win, win

Lady Devils take second league title

The Decatur Community High volleyball team won the Northwest Kansas League tournament for the second straight time on Saturday.

The Oberlin girls downed Quinter, Hoxie, Atwood, Colby and Oakley to keep an unblemished 28-0 record. They are ranked No. 1 in Class 3A by the Kansas Volleyball Association, a group of coaches, and are the only undefeated Class 3A team.

Also undefeated are Moundridge, 23-0 in Class 2A, and Greensburg, 27-0 in 1A.

Class 3A Hillsboro (22-1) is ranked second; Sacred Heart of Salina (26-2), third; Hoxington (24-2), fourth; and Wellsville (24-4), fifth.

Back-to-back league titles came after a grueling day in the Rawlins County gym in Atwood as the Oberlin girls played 11 games.

In the first match, Oberlin destroyed the Quinter Lady Bulldogs, 25-3, 25-11.

In the next round, the Lady Red Devils downed the Hoxie Indians, 25-18, 25-22.

Rawlins County caught Oberlin off guard in the first game of the match, defeating the Lady Red Devils, 25-23. However, Oberlin came back to beat the Buffs, 25-5, 25-17.

Oberlin overcame the Colby Eagles 25-19, 25-17, in match four. The Lady Devils won their second league title by defeating the Lady Plainswomen of Oakley, 25-17, 25-19.

• Against Quinter, Oberlin had 31 assists, a 76.2 percent kill efficiency, 97.6 percent hitting, three point blocks, 95.8 serving, 1.81 serve receive points and 29 digs.

• Against Hoxie, the Lady Devils had 26 assists, 33.8 percent kill efficiency, 89.8 percent hitting, 11 point blocks, 97.9 percent serving, 2.3 serve receive points and 34 digs.

• Against Rawlins County, Decatur Community had 27 assists, 18.4 percent kill efficiency, 86.9

How to get to substate

Fans interested in attending the substate volleyball tournament need to take U.S. 83 south through Oakley to Scott City. The high school is at 712 S. Main Street, which is U.S. 83.

The trip is about 107 miles and should take a little under two hours to drive.

percent hitting, 28 point blocks, 97.2 percent serving, 2.13 serve receive points and 24 digs.

• Against Colby, Oberlin had 20 assists, 30 percent kill efficiency, 83.3 percent hitting, 10 point blocks, 100 percent serving and 20 digs.

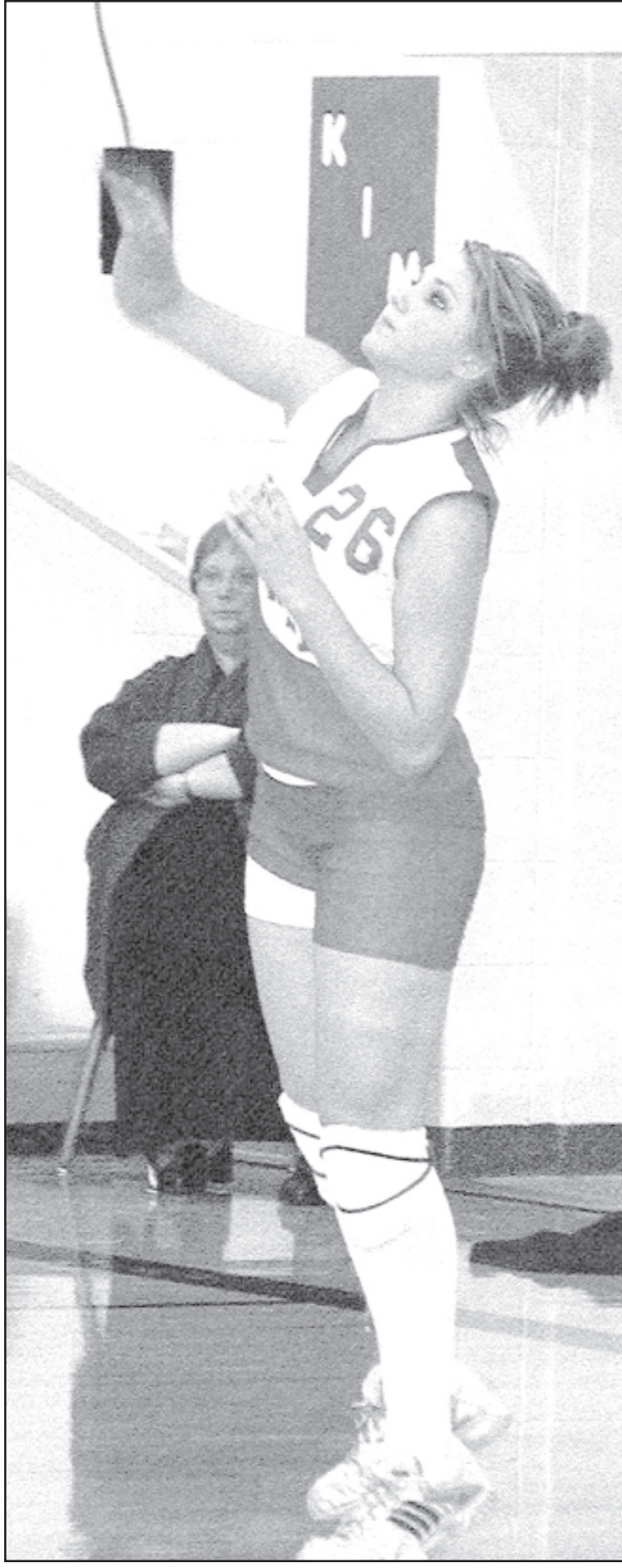
• Against Oakley, the Lady Devils had 21 assists, 19 percent kill efficiency, 85.7 percent hitting, 15 point blocks, 98 percent serving and 39 digs.

"It was a very intense day of volleyball," said Coach Patricia Dorshorst. "The Northwest Kansas League has some outstanding volleyball teams which are known for their aggressiveness and scrappiness."

"The Quinter squad is pretty young, we dominated the net the entire match. The Hoxie and Rawlins County squads really scrapped against us. The Lady Buffs played a fantastic first set of the match. We couldn't get anything down on them. The girls came out fired up in set two. Set three was a cat fight, both teams played well."

"The semifinal match was the third time this season that we faced Colby. I believe each team knew each team's strengths and weakness which made a close match. We also faced Oakley for the third time this year in the finals."

"Our girls' goal was to win back-



SENIOR EMMIE PAULS served to Colby in the first match Tuesday in Oberlin. The Lady Red Devils won both sets and the match. Decatur Community High has been the No. 1-ranked Class 3A team in the state.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

to-back Northwest League titles. They played extremely well in the finals hustling after every ball hit in the gym. The girls were all over the floor hustling to the wall and to the bleachers to keep the ball in play. I felt we dominated the net offensively and defensively. It was a great team effort to win the championship match. This is the most well-rounded team that I have ever coached. I have had a lot of teams that were great either on offense or defense, but this has both.

"This year has been special especially with the excellent support of

the student body and the community."

Oberlin receives a first-round bye in the substate playoffs in Scott City on Saturday. The Lady Red Devils will play the winner of the game between the Kismet/Southwestern Heights Mustangs (16-10) and the Lakin Broncs (15-14) at 4:30 p.m.

Dorshorst, who has coached Oberlin volleyball for 21 years, enters substate with a 369-217 career win/loss record.

Other teams in the substate will be Holcomb, Norton, Phillipsburg and Scott City.

Oberlin boys fall to Panthers in district play

By JIM MERRIOTT

The Decatur Community High football team fell 47-12 to the Phillipsburg Panthers in the first game of district playoffs on Friday at home.

The loss gives the Red Devils a 3-4 record, but they are 0-4 at home. Oberlin dug a hole early with turnovers and poor field position and trailed 20-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Red Devils' inability to stop the Panthers' inside running game hampered any hope of an Oberlin comeback. Phillipsburg's offense opened gapping holes in the Red Devil defense and allowed the Panthers to rack up 410 yards on the ground on 39 carries.

Oberlin rushed 39 times for 206 yards.

Two bright spots occurred when senior fullback Chet Ely broke free for a 41-yard touchdown romp with 7:29 left in the third quarter. Then quarterback Breck Simonsson hit Jobey Black for a 21-yard pass play with 5:37 left in the third period for the only other Red Devil touchdown.

On offense:

- Jace Robinson rushed 14 times for 74 yards.
- Garrit Peters gained 21 yards on nine carries.
- Ely got a 41-yard touchdown.
- Kyle Glodt rushed once for one yard.
- Seth Ritter carried once for no yardage.
- Simonsson rushed twice for mi-

nus three yards, passed six times with one reception for 21 yards and one touchdown.

• Lucas Juenemann carried 15 times for 75 yards.

• Black, one reception for a touch-

down. On defense, Simonsson had five assists and three solo tackles. Terry Urban, five assists, two solos; Sam Stapp, four assists, two solos; Everett Urban, four assists, two solos and a fumble recovery; Andy Gilliam, three assists, two solos; Jacob Unger, three assists, one solo; Ace Manning, three assists; Glodt, two assists; Regan Badsky, one assist, two solos; Kurt Olson, Royal Fisher and Garrit Peters, two assists each; and Robinson, Nolan May and Ely, one assist each.

"It was a disappointing effort on Friday," said Coach Trevor Williams. "We really felt going into the game that we would compete, but Phillipsburg took control of the game early and never stopped controlling us, especially when we were on defense. Defensively, we have to be able to shed a block, step up, and tackle. We didn't do that Friday night."

The Red Devils travel to Beloit Friday to play the Trojans at 7 p.m. in the second district playoff.

"Beloit will be another tough challenge," Coach Williams said. "The Trojans run the double wing and any time you have to prepare for a new scheme, kids must be really ready for a good week of practice."

—Area football standings—

NORTHWEST KANSAS LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team	League		Non-League		Points	Opp.
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses		
Oakley	6	0	1	0	251	40
St. Francis	5	1	1	0	316	78
Atwood	5	1	1	0	208	116
Oberlin	3	3	0	1	125	208
Quinter	1	3	1	2	92	216
Hoxie	1	4	1	1	88	172
Goodland	1	3	0	3	103	275
Colby	0	5	1	1	67	136
Area Football Scores					Oberlin 12 Phillipsburg 47	
Oakley 44 Quinter 6					Colby 27 Hugoton 6	
Goodland 12 Ulysses 75					Norton 26 Beloit 6	
St. Francis 62 Syracuse 19					Golden Plains 62 North Valley 6	
Rawlins County 60 Leoti 16					Grinnell/Wheatland 46 Tribune 0	
Hoxie 0 Trego 26					Cheylin 18 Weskan 52	

Eighth graders take 10th straight

The Decatur Community eighth-grade volleyball team won their 10th in a row Thursday, beating Colby 25-10 and 25-20.

The eighth graders will take their winning streak to the Northwest Kansas League junior high tournament Thursday in Atwood.

The young Lady Devils will play Rawlins County in the first round starting at 2 p.m.

If they advance, they will play the winner of the Colby/Hoxie match in round two at 4 p.m. If they lose, they will play the loser at 5 p.m.

The eighth grade was led by the serving of Rachele Scott.

"The girls played very well," said Coach Melissa Dreher. "They were

aggressive at the net taking control of the match."

The seventh grade lost their match 25-23, 22-25 and 15-13 to the Colby Eagles.

Megan Wentz was the top server. "We are proud of all the girls' effort during the match," said Coach Gina Witt. "They never gave up."

The seventh graders will take their 3-7 record to Goodland Thursday for the league tournament starting at 2 p.m.

Oberlin will play Quinter (3-7) in the first round.

If they win, they will play the winner of the Oakley/Hoxie match at 3 p.m. If they lose, they play the loser at 4 p.m.

Girls win two games

The Decatur Community High volleyball team downed Colby 25-18, 25-12 and Quinter 25-9, 25-13, to extend their winning streak to 23 last Tuesday in Oberlin.

Solid team work on offense helped the Lady Red Devils fight off an early run by the Cowgirls, who got as close as 18-14 before Oberlin put them away. Red Devil defense stuffed the Cowgirls in set two.

"The girls played extremely well before the home crowd against Colby," said Coach Pat Dorshorst. "We dominated the net early in the game and stayed on the offensive throughout the match. Colby has some great hitters. Oberlin either got the block or the back row got the pass right to the setter so Oberlin could get the kill."

In the two-game match against the Quinter Lady Bulldogs, the Lady Devils used a solid serving and hitting game to ward off any hopes of a Quinter victory.

"We didn't play as well on defense against Quinter," Coach Dorshorst said. "We waited for the ball to come to us rather than moving to it. The Bulldogs played well in set two. My hopes are that our girls continue to improve playing at a high level of teamwork and intensity as we start to prepare for the league tournament."

• Against Colby, Oberlin had 20 assists, a 48.9 percent kill efficiency, 91.4 hitting percentage, 96 percent serving, 2.5 average serve receive points, eight digs and eight point blocks.

• Against Quinter, Oberlin had 27 assists, a 48.9 percent kill efficiency, a 91.4 hitting percentage, 98 percent serving, 1.95 average serve receive points, 17 digs and five point blocks.



ANDREW RICHARDS (left), Aaron Helm (center) and Andy Leitner took off at the start of the Oberlin Invitational cross country meet held last month

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Runners take third at league meet

Oberlin's boys and girls both took third in the Northwest Kansas League cross country meet Saturday in Oakley.

Both teams will advance to the Class 3A regional meet in Lyons on Saturday. The first race starts at 1 p.m.

In the league contest, the boys were led by sophomore Andrew Richards, who finished fourth on the three-mile Oakley Golf Course in 18 minutes, 5 seconds. He received All-league honors after the meet.

On the girls side, junior Becky Helm finished 11th on the 2.5-mile course in 18:23.

The Colby boys came in first with 21 points, followed by Quinter, sec-

ond, 64; Oberlin, 66; and Goodland, 85.

Oakley won the girls event with 27 points. They were followed by Colby, second, 32, and Oberlin, 69.

After Richards, Andy Leitner was 15th, 20; Nolan Wasson, 19th, 20:52; Aaron Helm, 21st, 21:26; Gage Reichert, 22nd, 21:27; and Ceni Langness, 27th, 22:17.

After Helm, Kayla Zodrow came in 14th, 18:38; Rory Wendelin, 21st, 20:16; Ali Sampson, 24th, 20:50; and Lakin Lahe, 26th, 22:02.

"Andrew and Nolan both had nice races on the boys' side," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Our girls ran well, but with only three teams scoring, it did not show."

"I wish Quinter and Goodland could have fielded teams. Both Colby boys and the Oakley girls teams should qualify for the state meet in (Class) 4A and (Class) 2A respectively."

The top three teams and top 10 individuals that qualify in the regional meet will be eligible to compete in the state meet in Wamego on Saturday, Oct. 28.

"This is one of the top (Class) 3A regionals in the state," said Ahlberg. "The boys' side is especially tough and the competition will be intense. We will go and do our best. Richards, Helm, and Zodrow have a chance to qualify if they have good races."

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