



QUARTERBACK JACE ROBINSON (above) faded back for a pass against the Beloit Trojans. Robinson has rushed for 1,037 yards and 17 touchdowns this season. Coach Trevor Williams (below) talked with the Red Devils following the 52-20 loss to the Trojans.

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Oberlin back racks up over 1,000 yards rushing

Red Devils fall to Beloit in 50-24 contest

By JIM MERRIOTT

The electrifying running of No. 7, senior quarterback/tailback Jace Robinson, who ran 18 times for 125 yards and two touchdowns Friday night, was not enough to overcome a determined Beloit Trojan football team which handed Oberlin its fifth loss.

The Trojans downed the Decatur Community High Red Devils 52-20 in district playoffs in Beloit. This is Oberlin's second district loss.

Robinson cracked the magical 1,000-yard rushing barrier and scored his league-leading 16th and 17th touchdowns. He also threw two passes, completing both for 11 yards, along with receiving a pass for an additional 11 yards. He has 1,037 yards rushing this season.

Oberlin rushed 42 times for 214 yards and completed five of 10 passes for 74 yards for 288 yards on offense.

The Red Devils got into the hole for the second straight week, allowing the Trojans to score on their first series just three plays into the game.

The Red Devils countered by scoring their first touchdown three plays later on a 53-yard run by Robinson to tie the score at 8-8 with 9:35 left in the first quarter.

Beloit scored again and led 14-8 going into the second quarter.

Spotty defense by the Red Devils allowed the Trojans to run up 24 unanswered second-quarter points for a 38-8 lead at halftime.

Oberlin came to life in the third quarter, marching 66 yards on 12 plays and scoring on a Robinson 22-yard run, making the score 38-14.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Red Devils tried an onside kick which failed, giving the Trojans strong field position at the Oberlin 36. Four plays later Beloit crossed the goal line, making the score 44-14 with 4:01 left in the third.

The Trojans kicked a line drive kickoff directly to special teams player Sam Stapp, who scooped up

—Area football standings—

NORTHWEST KANSAS LEAGUE FOOTBALL STANDINGS						
Team	League		Non-League			
	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses	Points	Opp.
Oakley	6	0	2	0	276	48
St. Francis	5	1	2	0	365	88
Atwood	5	2	1	0	271	123
Oberlin	3	3	0	2	145	260
Hoxie	2	4	1	1	102	172
Quinter	1	4	1	2	92	230
Goodland	1	3	1	3	144	295
Colby	0	5	1	2	67	183

Area Football Scores

Oakley 26 WaKeeney 8	Atwood 63 Syracuse 7
Goodland 41 Hugoton 20	Hoxie 14 Quinter 0
St. Francis 49 Leoti 10	Beloit 52 Oberlin 20
Ulysses 47 Colby 0	Sharon Springs 48 Cheylin 0
Phillipsburg 51 Norton 13	
Golden Plains 52 Weskan 12	North Valley 6
Grinnell/Wheatland 54	Healy-Western Plains 6

the ball at the Beloit 49. Oberlin pounded the ball on the ground, ending the third quarter.

The Red Devil's drive continued into the fourth quarter.

Senior quarterback Breck Simonsson connected with senior tight end Kurt Olson for an 18-yard pass play touchdown with 10:33 left in the game making the score 44-20.

Oberlin regained the ball after an attempted onside kick by Beloit. However, the Red Devils couldn't move the ball and the drive stalled on the Beloit 25.

The Trojans took over and marched 75 yards for the final touchdown, making the score 52-20.

With 2:34 left, the Red Devils were not able to make a comeback. Beloit is now 5-3 and Oberlin, 3-5.

Against Beloit defensively, Andy Gilliam had seven assisted tackles and three solos; Terry Urban, four assists, three solos; Glodt and Peters, five assists, two solos each; Simonsson, four assists, two solos;

Jacob Unger, three assists, two solos; Manning, three assists, three solos; Stapp, one assist, three solos; Royal Fisher, three assists; Ritter, two assists; and Olson, two assists, one solo.

"Down the stretch, we just haven't been able to put four strong quarters together," said Coach Trevor Williams. "It has been difficult finding the correct mix on defense this season. It seems we get ourselves in a hole early and cannot find a way to get ourselves out. The kids are trying to make the plays on defense, but are having trouble flying to the ball."

"Norton has a good defensive team. Their front line takes care of business. They run a more balanced attack on offense. I look for a good game Thursday night since it is the seniors' last game of the season."

The Red Devils' last home game will be against the Norton Blue Jays Thursday night, starting at 7 p.m. It will be Senior Night and Oberlin will be honoring 18.

Junior high loses to Colby

The Decatur Community Junior High football team ended its season with a 32-0 loss to Colby Oct. 12 at Dennen Field.

"Colby was very aggressive on defense tackling while not allowing our offense to ever get going," said Coach Caleb Howland. "Our boys improved as the season went on. We thank all the parents and students that supported us this season."

Oberlin individual season statistics:

- Dakota Soderlund, 371 yards rushing, 165 yards receiving, eight touchdowns, nine for 16 kicking

extra points.

- Keithen Fortin, 337 yards rushing, 25 yards receiving, six touchdowns.

- Chad Williams, 122 yards rushing, one touchdown, 14 for 34 passing for 237 yards, four touchdowns, one two-point conversion and four interceptions.

- Brent Juenemann, 55 yards rushing.

- Jeb Fortin, 48 yards rushing, one touchdown.

- Josh Ritter, 16 yards rushing.

- Nolan Peters, two yards rushing, 20 yards receiving, one touchdown,

and one two-point conversion.

- Dalton Dolan, two yards rushing.

- Saeger Grafel, 27 yards receiving and minus two yards rushing.

"Our young men worked hard during the long season continuing to improve on the fundamentals for the next level of play," Howland said. "Several players individually improved during practice and during the games."

Fifth quarter statistics are not part of season statistics.

The junior high finished with a 4-3 record.

Runners end season at regionals

The Decatur Community High girls cross country team finished eighth in the Class 3A Regionals at Ellsworth Saturday and the boys came in 13th.

Oberlin had no state qualifiers.

Sacred Heart of Salina won the girls race with 41 points; followed by Beloit, 66; Lakin, 98; Holcomb, 104; Norton, 111; Southeast of Salina, 136; Ellsworth, 151; Oberlin, 182; and Ellinwood, Hoisington, Lyons, Phillipsburg, Scott City and Southwest Heights of Kismet no score.

The Southeast of Salina boys took first with 75 points; followed by Norton, 90; Holcomb, 109; Scott City, 141; Sacred Heart, 147; Hoisington, 156; Lakin, 171; Lyons, 195; Beloit, 198; Ellsworth, 266; Phillipsburg, 280; Ellinwood, 301; Oberlin, 304; and St. John's Military Academy and Southwest of Kismet, no score.

Oberlin's girls were Kayla Zodrow, 26th, 18 minutes, 31 seconds; Becky Helm, 37th, 19:07; Rory Wendelin, 50th, 20:24; Ali Samson, 55th, 20:42; Lakin Lahe, 63rd, 22:49; and Marci Metcalf, 65th, 23:22.

The boys were Andrew Richards, 19th, 18:08; Andy Leitner, 48th, 19:10; Aaron Helm, 77th, 20:51; Nolan Wasson, 81st, 21:03; Gage Reichert, 82nd, 21:11; and Chenaniah Langness, 90th, 25:31.

"In summary this season was really fun, especially having nine new runners," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Watching them improve and gain experience should pay off for us next year."

"We will miss our seniors and wish them the best in their future endeavors. The team and myself would like to thank the parents, fans and district staff for all their support this season."

Kid football comes to close

Oberlin's third- and fourth-grade youth football team ended the season Saturday losing to the McPherson Bullpups, 13-6, in Hays in the Kansas Youth League Football playoffs. Oberlin had a 2-4 season.

On Oct. 7, the Little Devils lost 29-0 to Phillipsburg in Oberlin.

Last Saturday, the boys lost to the Hays Gamblers, 13-6, in Hays.

The Oberlin fifth- and sixth-grade team beat the Phillipsburg Panther Cubs, 28-6, on Oct. 7 and defeated Goodland 37-7 Saturday in Goodland.

The fifth and sixth graders had a 3-2 record but did not make the playoffs.

All the coaches said they wanted to thank everyone who helped out at the home games during the season.

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Hatcheries help economy flourish

Rainbow trout anglers got in 4 million fishing days in 2004 with help from the U.S. government.

A study by Dr. James Caudill for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showed that trout from national fish hatcheries produced 9.4 million stocked rainbows for fishermen.

Taxpayers put up \$5.4 million to help produce those fish.

The economic impact showed that every dollar came back as \$32.20 in retail sales and \$36.88 in net economic value per trout caught.

Retail sales of \$172.7 million was for food, gas, lodging, rods and reels, licenses, bait and tackle and miscellaneous.

This created \$80 million in

wages. The wage earners contributed back \$2.9 million in state and \$10.6 million in federal taxes.

As I figure it for every dollar a fisherman spends on chasing a stocker rainbow, it has an economic impact of more than \$36 per fish.

True sportsmen realize it is much

cheaper to eat at Red Lobster than to go on a fishing trip. It is up to us to decide how much our time is worth. For it is far much better to enjoy the serenity of a clear mountain stream than to be corralled in a fancy restaurant waiting for the same supper.

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