

Boys run fourth

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The Decatur Community High boys track team finished fourth in Atwood at the Rawlins County Invitational last Tuesday.

On a windy afternoon, Dundy County, Neb., finished first with 173 points; followed by Rawlins County, 156; Hitchcock County, Neb., 103; Oberlin, 59; Bethune, Colo., 32; and Colby, 28.

The Red Devils were led by second-place finishes from sophomore Jacob Fortin in the 400-meter dash and senior Nolan May in the shot put.

- Scoring for Oberlin were:
- J. Fortin, 400-meter dash, second, 54.24 seconds, and 100-meter dash, third, 11.33.
 - May, shot put, second, 43 feet, 5 1/2 inches.
 - Logan Fortin, javelin, third, 126, and pole vault, fourth, 10.
 - Lucas Juenemann, 300-meter hurdles, fourth, 50.2.
 - Riley Cochran, discus, fifth, 120-11.
 - Jay Wessel, 110-meter hurdles, fifth, 22.81, and 300-meter hurdles, sixth, 1:00.36.
 - Sam Stapp, shot put, fifth, 38-9 1/2.
 - Mitchell Hitt, shot put, sixth, 38.
 - Andrew Richards, mile run, sixth, 5:27.62.
 - Chet Ely, triple jump, sixth, 34-7.5.
 - Daniel Jordan, 400-meter dash, sixth, 1:03.3.
 - The 4x100-meter relay team of J. Fortin, Seth Ritter, Ely and Juenemann, second, 48.04.
 - The 4x400-meter relay team of J. Fortin, Ace Manning, Richards and Ritter, fourth, 4:06.86.
- A meet in Hoxie on Friday was canceled due to bad weather and will not be rescheduled.



SETH RITTER SET THE PACE for the 4x100-meter relay last Tuesday at the Rawlins County Invitational. Ritter, with teammates Jacob Fortin, Chet Ely and Lucas Juenemann, finished second in 48.04 seconds. — Staff photo by Jim Merriott

Friday, the Red Devils will be in Colby for the Oakley Invitational. Oakley has moved its home meets to Colby this season while its

weather-damaged track is resurfaced. The invitational will be run by Oakley officials and Colby will not participate.

Golfers take seventh

Oberlin's high school golf team finished seventh at the Goodland Invitational Tuesday at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Senior Jobey Black led the Oberlin golfers, shooting a 45 on the front nine and a 47 on the back nine for a 92.

Senior Breck Simonsson was hot on Black's trail, shooting a 93.

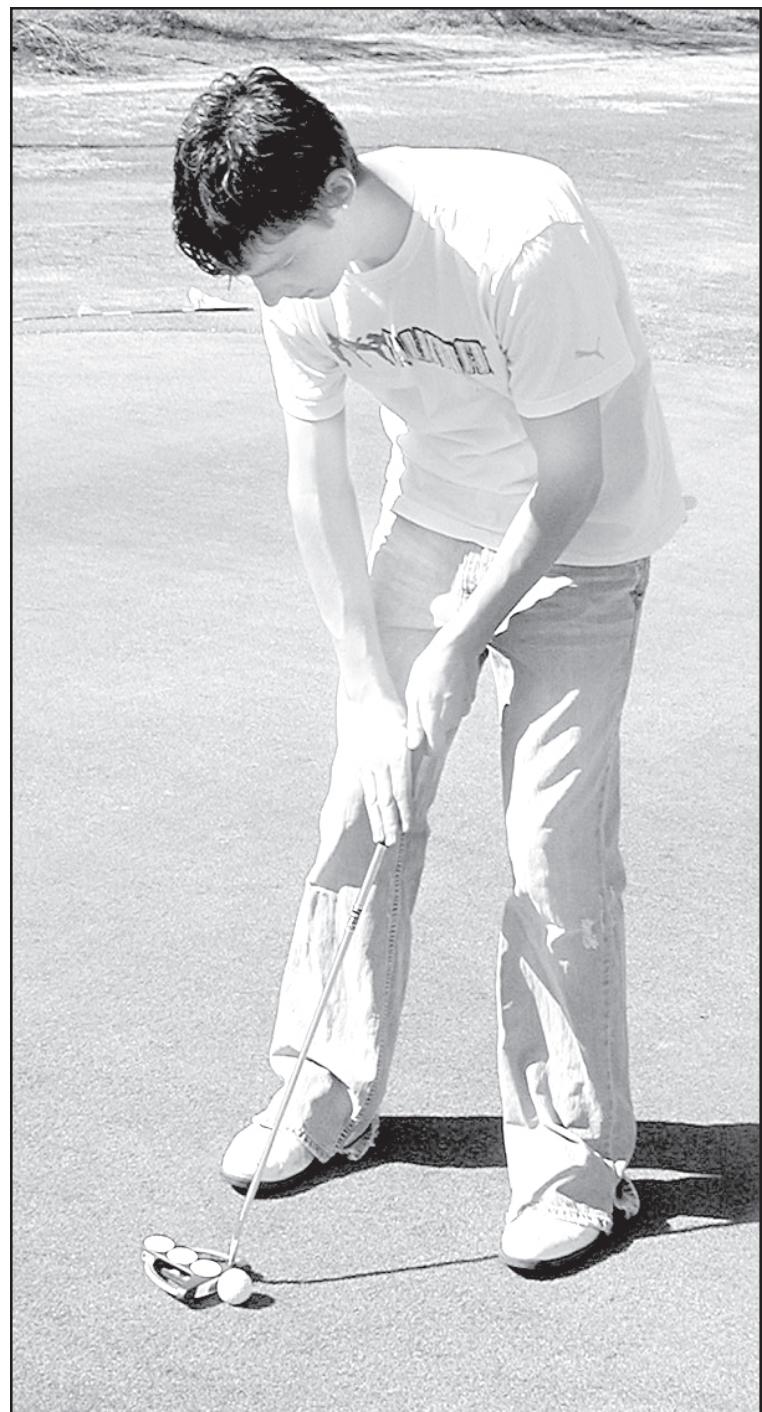
He was followed by Andy Gilliam and Corey Cook, 48-52 for 100 each; Jordan Tally, 52-53 for 105; and Nathan Simonsson, 54-56 for 110.

Hays High School won the tournament with a team score of 368 followed by Goodland, 369; Thomas Moore Prep of Hays, 369; Ulysses, 373; Hoxie, 374; Colby, 378; Oberlin, 385; Norton, 400; Quinter, 408; Scott City, 432; Rawlins County, 436; and Oakley, 476.

"It was a tough day and we didn't play very well," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Seriously, I have never seen so many tumbleweeds. We don't have time to dwell on our first meet, we have a busy week ahead of us. I just hope we can catch a break with good weather for practice."

The Red Devils were to host the Oberlin Invitational on Saturday, but due to a forecasted snowstorm the meet was rescheduled to Saturday, May 5.

Oberlin was to play at McCook on Tuesday at Heritage Hills, then travel to Hill City on Friday.



SENIOR JOBEY BLACK WORKED on his putting game. Black shot a 92 at Sugar Hills Country Club in Goodland last Tuesday to lead the Red Devils. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Junior Devil Track Meet set for next week

The Decatur Community High School weight club and track team will sponsor the annual Junior Devil Track Meet on Friday, April 27, at Smick Field beginning at 4 p.m.

The competition is open to those in the first through sixth grades.

Ribbons will be awarded to the

top six placers in each category.

Events include standing long jump, girls softball throw, boys baseball throw, 50-meter dash and 100-meter dash for first through third graders.

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders can participate in those plus the 200-

meter and 400-meter dashes.

Entry forms are available at the Oberlin Elementary School office and must be returned by Tuesday, April 24. The entry fee is \$1 per person for unlimited events.

Records from the last four meets are listed on the back of entry forms.

Bass fishing really an art

Whether you are a tournament fisherman or just fish for pleasure, outsmarting largemouth bass is an art form in itself.

There are fishermen who are lucky, but 10 percent of the fishermen catch 90 percent of the fish, and 90 percent of fishermen only catch 10 percent because they don't have the proper technique.

Years ago, an old man told me about advice.

"Son," he said. "Advice works like this: smart people don't need it, and fools never use it."

After I thought that through, I tried to relate it to my fishing. Good fishermen used good advice and threw away the bad and poor fishermen didn't use either.

Here is what the old man told me about bass fishing:

- Practice your mechanics — fundamentals, fundamentals and more fundamentals.
- Fishing is like any sport, the more you practice, the better you will be. Learn from your mistakes.
- Make pre-trip preparations and do your homework. Get an under-



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water topographical map and plan where you want to fish. Keep a journal. Describe the conditions of weather, temperature, wind, water temperature, water clarity, what worked and what didn't, barometer reading, moon phase and the time and day. Keep it from year to year as a guide.

Prepare your rigs and have them ready before you hit the water. Fishing buddies want a few problems on the water as possible. If you are fishing in someone else's boat, don't be a pain in the neck or it might be your last invite.

• Fishing is like buying real estate — location, location, location. Find the best place and work it.

• Form a game plan. Bait shops can tell you what worked last week, but be flexible and willing to adjust to conditions.

I've learned that hard-headed fishermen like my dad, who didn't change with conditions, got more sunburns than fish.

• Search out the patterns. When you catch a bass, remember how deep were you fishing, what kind of structure held the fish, what were you using, and what technique you used when you caught the fish.

• Fish with confidence, expect a strike on every cast and think positive.

Above all, use common sense and safety. Good luck and good fishing.

Annual tourney draws players

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Forty-six teams and 138 players from a dozen towns turned out for the annual Sappa Valley Shootout on Saturday at the Oberlin high school gym.

Teams from Oberlin, Colby, Atwood, Hoxie, Goodland, Grainfield, Oakley, St. Francis, Hill City, and McCook, Wauneta and Culbertson, Neb., participated.

"All the entry fee proceeds will be used for the high school girls basketball program and possibly purchasing equipment for the Oberlin youth basketball teams," said tournament coordinator Barbara Olson.

Prizes were awarded to the top two teams in each division.

The winners were:

- Girls, grades 1-2
- First — Pretty in Pink, Oberlin, Jakobi Blau, Kelsey May and Jenna Long.
- Second — Dribblin' Rugrats, Oberlin, Kyleana Blau, Aspen Gallentine and Genna Randel.
- Boys, grades 1-2
- First — Jaguars, Oberlin, Kel Grafel, Jeff Juenemann and Kole Breth.

• Second — Jayhawks, Oberlin, Mason Ahlberg, Tabor Erickson and Gatlin Hissong.

Girls, grades 3-4

• First — Groovy Girls, Hoxie, Breanna Slipke, Scout Washington and Kelsie Geerdes.

• Second — Girl Devils, Oberlin, Whitney Witt, Kariah Castle and Caitlin Shields.

Boys, grades 3-4

• First — Blacktop Aces, Oberlin, Kelden Breth, Kaine Fredrickson and Troy Juenemann.

• Second — Crazy Puppies, Oberlin, Andrew Wage, Kelly Brown and Jacob Koerperich.

Girls, grades 5-6

• First — Tuff Stuff, Oakley, Marlee Rath, Laura Dennis and Kenzie Hemmert.

• Second — Swoosh, Atwood, Taylor Leitner, Tasia Reuber and Nichole Oelschlager.

Boys, grades 5-6

• First — Ferocious Purple Ponies, Oberlin, Zach May, Kade Brown and Ryan May.

• Second — Jayhawks, Hoxie, Kade Spesser, Conner Katt and Chase Kennedy.

Girls, grades 7-8

• First — Old Skool, Oberlin, Rachele Scott, Jordan Dreher and Jori Diederich.

• Second — Lady Ballers, Oakley, Brooke Hemmert, Kaylen Rath and Carrie Pilkington.

Boys, grades 7-8

• First, Nike Dynasty, Oberlin, Dakota Soderlund, Josh Ritter and Saeger Grafel.

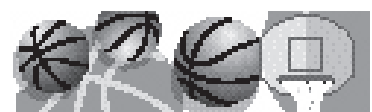
• Second, Broncos, Wauneta, Neb., Chris Bartels, Cody Steinke and Drew Harris.

Boys, grade 9

• First — Purple Zebras, Hoxie, Michael Yergey, Thayne Spesser and Matt Wells.

• Second — Top Guns, St. Francis, Matt Raile, Trent Raile and Drew Zweggardt.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped make the tournament a success, including participants, helpers and fan base," Olson said.



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