

Boys take fourth

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The Decatur Community High boys track team tied with Hoxie for fourth in a field of 13 teams Friday at the Oakley Invitational held in Colby.

Quinter won the meet with 79 points followed by Oakley, 66; Wheatland/Grinnell, 61; Oberlin, 59; Hoxie, 59; St. Francis, 58; Wallace County, 47; Hoxie junior varsity, 43; Triplains, 24; Golden Plains, 24; Cheylin, 12; Trego, 7; and Brewster, 6.

Oberlin was led by Jacob Fortin, who finished first in the 200-meter dash with 23.39 seconds; first in the 400-meter dash, 53.27; and second in the 100-meter dash at 11.42, just .05 seconds off the win.

Other Oberlin winners were:
 • Logan Fortin, pole vault, second, 11 feet; 200-meter dash, fifth, 24.72; and javelin, fifth, 136-3.

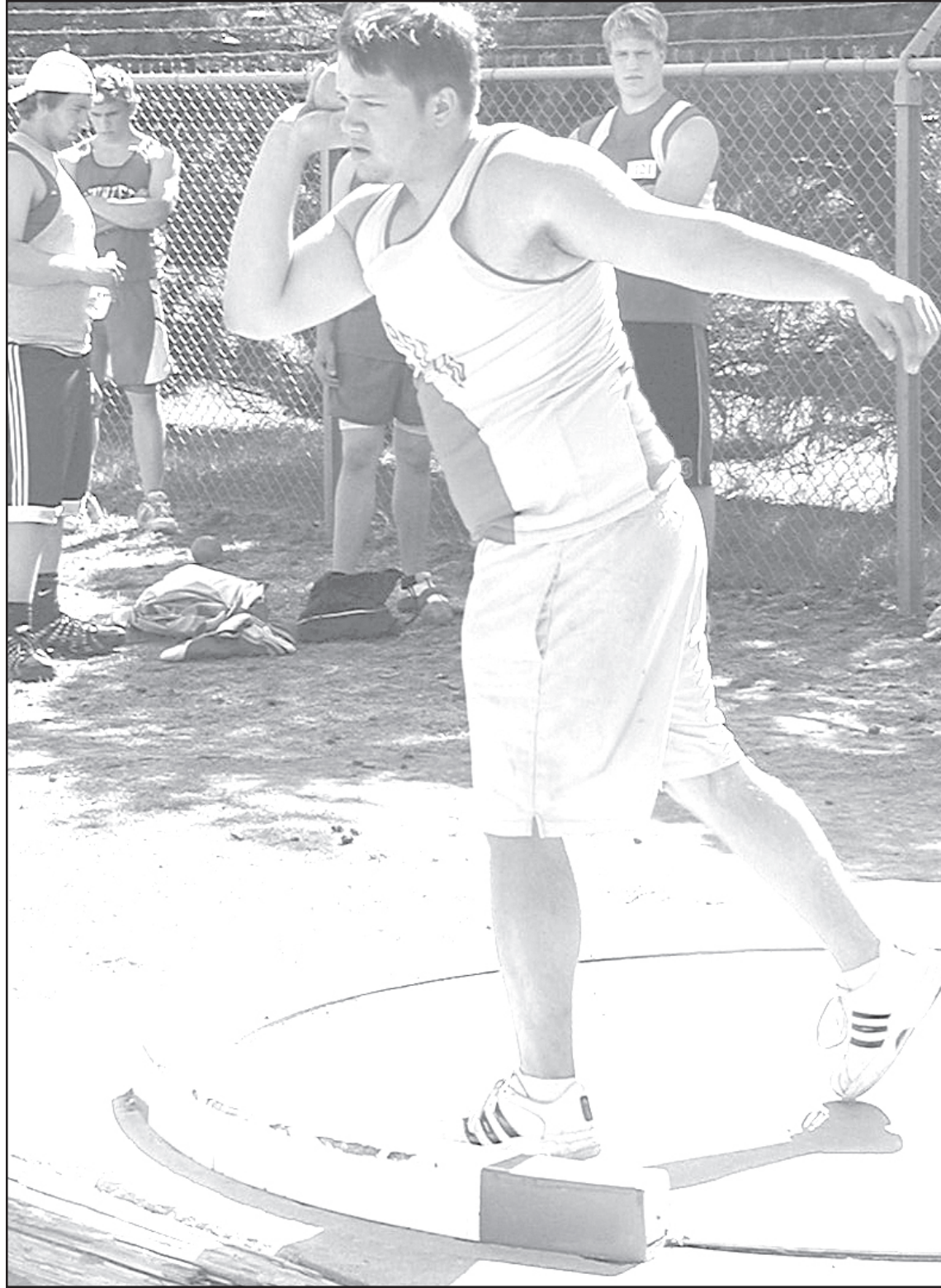
• Nolan May, shot put, second, 44-3.

• Andrew Richards, 1,600-meter run, fourth, 5:20, and 800-meter run, sixth, 2:21.89.

• Sam Stapp, shot put, fourth, 42-7.

• Lucas Juenemann, high jump, sixth, 5-6.

• The 4x100-meter relay team of J. Fortin, Chet Ely, Juenemann and



OBERLIN SENIOR RILEY COCHRAN prepared to launch the shot put during the Oakley Invitational on Friday.

Seth Ritter, sixth, 47.45.

“The team performed pretty well,” said Coach Joe Dreher.

On Tuesday the Red Devils were to attend the St. Francis Invitational. The Red Devils are getting ready for the Oberlin Invitational to be held next Tuesday starting at 3 p.m. at Smick Field.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Golf team shoots a 376 in McCook

The Red Devil team finished 11th at the McCook Invitational golf tournament at Heritage Hill on a cool and breezy day last Tuesday.

Most of the other teams were from Nebraska.

Senior Breck Simonsson led the Decatur Community High golfers, shooting a 45 on the front nine and a 39 on the back for an 84 and fifth place.

He was followed by Andy Gilliam, 47+50=97; Corey Cook, 46+51=97; Jobey Black, 52+46=98; and Jordan Tally, 52+60=112.

North Platte won the tournament with a 315 followed by Kearney, 347; McCook, 351; York, Neb., 354; McCook junior varsity, 360; Ogallala, Neb., 360; Minden, Neb., 366; Cozad, Neb., 368; Lexington, Neb., 370; Holdrege, Neb., 374; Oberlin, 376; Hoxie, 381; Colby, 382; and Gothenburg, Neb., 396.

“We played a little better than last week,” said Coach Dick Ahlberg. “It is always great to play against a quality field on a championship course.”

On Tuesday, the junior varsity was to play in Hoxie.

Eighth-grade boys get second at meet

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade boys track team finished a close second at the Rawlins County Invitational on Thursday in Atwood.

Oberlin was edged out by Goodland 89 to 88. Rawlins County was a distant third with 38 followed by Oakley, 15.

Oberlin came home with seven first-place finishes, four second-places and three thirds.

Nolan Peters and Chad Williams each finished with two first place finishes; Peters in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs and Williams in the 400-meter dash and triple jump.

Dalton Dolan took first in the discus, Dalton Paul in the 800-meter run and Jeb Fortin in the pole vault.

Other eighth-grade winners were:

• Peters, 3,200-meter run, 12:13 minutes, and 1,600-meter run, 5:43.

• Williams, triple jump, 31 feet, 9 inches and 400-meter dash, 1:02.

• Dolan, discus, 125 feet, and shot put, fourth, 33-8.

• Paul, 800-meter run, 2:33, and 200-meter run, second, 28.1.

• Fortin, pole vault, 7-6, and 100-meter dash, fifth, 13.5.

• Dakota Soderlund, shot put, second, 37-2; triple jump, second, 31; 400-meter dash, fourth, 1:08; and long jump, fourth, 14-4.

• Jason Larue, discus, second, 110, and shot put, fifth, 32-1.

• Josh Ritter, 100-meter hurdles, third, 19.5, and 400-meter dash, third, 1:06.

• Jacob Helm, pole vault, third, 5-6, and 3,200-meter run, fourth, 14:21.

• Jonathan Samson, 200-meter dash, fifth, 37.7.

• The 4x100-meter relay team of Ritter, Larue, Fortin and Williams, second, 53.4.

• The 4x200-meter relay team of Ritter, Larue, Williams and Fortin, second, 1:53.

The seventh graders came in fourth.

Goodland was first with 103 points, followed by Rawlins County, 56; Oakley, 37; and Oberlin, 20.

Seventh-grade winners were:

• Tyler Shields, 1,600-meter run, second, 6:12, and long jump, fifth, 12-7.

• Brent Juenemann, 100-meter hurdles, third, 17.7, and 100-meter dash, fourth, 14.2.

• Nolan Henningson, triple jump, fourth, 25, and 400-meter dash, fourth, 1:10.

• Matthew Wittman, 100-meter hurdles, fourth, 20.

• The 4x200-meter relay team of Juenemann, Shields, Henningson and Conner McHugh, second, 2:06.

“We competed very well today,” said Coach Keith Grafel.

Junior high men run fourth at Sainty

The Decatur Community Junior High boys track team finished fourth in a 12-team field at the St. Francis Invitational last Tuesday.

The seventh and eighth graders competed together in one division.

The boys brought home three firsts, two thirds, three fourths, and two fifth places.

Nolan Peters led the way again for the young Red Devils with two firsts. Dalton Dolan also finished with a first place.

Scoring were:

• Peters, 3,200-meter run, first, 12 minutes, 15 seconds, and 1,600-meter run, first, 5:31.

• Dolan, discus, first, 117 feet, and

shot put, fifth, 35-1.

• Dakota Soderlund, shot put, third, 36-5.

• Chad Williams, triple jump, fourth, 31-10, and 400-meter dash, fifth, 1:05.

• Dalton Paul, 800-meter run, fourth, 2:31.

• The 4x100-meter relay team of

Josh Ritter, Jacob Larue, Jeb Fortin and Williams, fourth, 53.

• The 4x200-meter relay team of Fortin, Peters, Ritter and Williams, third, 1:57.

“We are getting a lot better in our field events,” said Coach Keith Grafel.

Senior enjoys sports

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Some people say that Decatur Community High senior Lauren Fortin is fast.

They're right. Her speed and quickness have been the key to her successful high school career; she lettered in volleyball, basketball and track and was named to the all-Northwest Kansas League teams in volleyball and basketball.

“My family got started playing basketball when I was very young,” she said. “I always played against my brothers and cousins. It has always been fun, especially when I beat the boys.”

Fortin has said she will play basketball at Colby Community College in the fall.

She plans to major in athletic training in college.

Her goals are to improve her skills at the junior college level and have fun with her new teammates.

“I feel you have an edge on all the other athletes if you are bigger, faster and stronger,” she said. “It is the key to success.”

“I started lifting weights the summer before my seventh-grade year. I think it is a good time to start lifting.”

“I only wish that Oberlin had a YMCA or some type of facility for athletes to go to where they could work out year-round,” she said.

Fortin is a K-State fan and she likes hanging out with her friends in her spare time. She enjoys going to the movies, and listening to different types of music including country, rap and rock. She also loves to play with puppies and the family dog, “Sarge.”

“Coach Joe Dreher and Mrs. (Patricia) Dorshorst have been a big influence to my success,” she said. “I also want to thank all the coaches who worked with me over the years.”

She is the daughter of Jamie and Lisa Fortin. She has a sister Lindsay, 22, and two brothers Lance, 20, and Logan, 16.



WHETHER FIGHTING for the basketball (above), running or playing volleyball, Lauren Fortin is a strong competitor.

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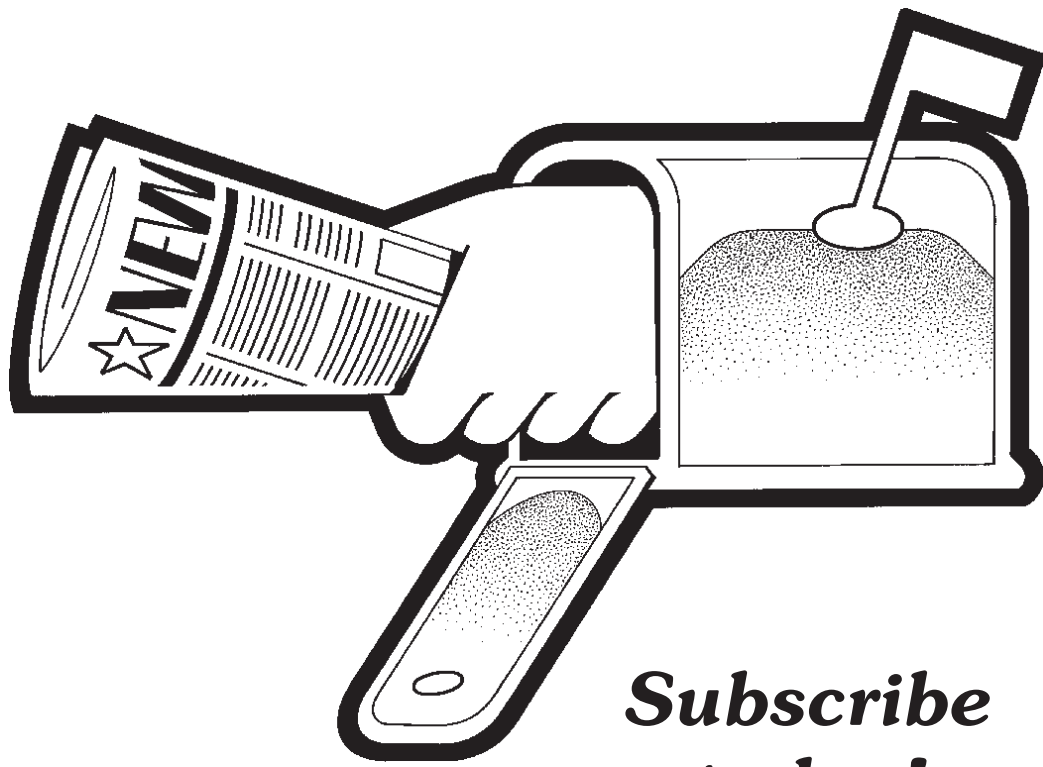
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