

Girls take first at Oakley meet

Oberlin shows off in Colby

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The Decatur Community High girls track team continued their assault on area teams Friday as they finished first at the Oakley Invitational in Colby.

Oberlin had 98.3 points followed by Triplains, 76; Hill City, 72.3; Oakley, 70; St. Francis, 64; Hoxie, 60; Wallace County, 56; Quinter, 23; Wheatland/Grinnell, 20; Trego, 12.3; Golden Plains, 2; Cheylin, 2; and Brewster, 1.

The Lady Red Devils were led again by seniors Lauren Fortin, Tricia Dorshorst and Sarah Murray and junior Rory Wendelin, who all took home first places.

Fortin won the 100-meter dash, breaking the string in 12.69 seconds, and took first in the 200-meter dash in 26.64.

Murray won the javelin competition by a five-foot margin with a 121-foot, 2 1/2-inch toss, and took third in the discus, 95-1.

Dorshorst got first in the high jump at 5, and sixth in the discus, 88-3.

Wendelin got a first in the shot put, 34-8 1/2.

Other Oberlin placers were:

- Emmie Pauls, triple jump, second, 32-1.
- Lacey Ream, 800-meter run, second, 2.44.
- Heather Glodt, 100-meter dash, third, 13.14, and 200-meter dash, fifth, 27.94.
- Brandi Diederich, pole vault, fourth, 7.
- Whitney Ashley, long jump, fifth, 15-3 1/2.
- Rebecca Helm, 3,200-meter run, sixth, 15.20.54.
- Tamara Ketterl, 1,600-meter run, sixth, 6.43.
- Kim Wessel, high jump, sixth, 4-6.
- LeAnna Sheaffer, shot put, sixth, 30-11.
- The 4x400-meter relay team of Dorshorst, Ream, Ketterl and Anna Larue, fifth, 4.39.
- The 4x800-meter relay team of Ketterl, Ream, Murray and Diederich, third, 11:16.

"Several athletes had personal bests for the season," said Coach Joe Dreher. "We just have to look to improve each week."

The Lady Red Devils were to travel to St. Francis on Tuesday. The Oberlin Invitational will be next Tuesday starting at 3 p.m.



OBERLIN FRESHMAN ASHLEY SAMSON gave it her all during the long jump competition Friday at the Oakley Invitational.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Oberlin junior high students take fifth in meet

The Decatur Community Junior High track teams finished fifth at the Oakley Invitational on April 12.

The meet was held in Colby because the Oakley track is being repaired due to storm damage.

Scott City won the boys division with 141 points and Oakley won the girls with 87.

Nolan Peters led the way for the young Red Devils with a first in the 3,200-meter run in 11 minutes, 34 seconds.

Jordan Dreher led the girls with a first in the shot put with a throw of 33 feet, 2 inches.

In the boys division Scott City was followed by Goodland, 110; Quinter, 63.5; Wallace County, 45.5; Oberlin, 40; Greeley County, 36; Hoxie, 31; Oakley, 11; Rawlins

County, 7; Weskan, 5; and Bethune and Cheyenne Wells, Colo., 3 each.

In the girls division Oakley was followed by Scott City, 67; Wallace County, 60; Quinter, 56; Oberlin, 54; Greeley County, 44; Weskan, 41; Hoxie, 28; Tri-Plains, 16; Goodland, 15; Cheyenne Wells, 14; and Bethune, 13.

"For our first meet, we did OK," said Coach Keith Grafel. "I was a little disappointed in some of our field-event people, but we'll get a lot better as the season goes."

Other results for the boys were:

- Peters, 1600-meter run, fourth, 5:38.
- Dalton Dolan, discus, second, 120-1.
- Dalton Paul, 800-meter run, fourth, 2:51.

- Dakota Soderlund, shot put, fourth, 35-4.
- Chad Williams, triple jump, fifth, 31-9.
- The 4x100-meter relay team of Josh Ritter, Jacob Larue, Jeb Fortin and Williams, second, 53.8.

Other results for the girls were:

- Dreher, 100-meter dash, fifth, 13.9.
- Rachelle Scott, 100-meter hurdles, fourth, 18.6, and shot put, third, 31-5.
- Kiah Blau, 100-meter dash, fourth, 13.73; 100-meter hurdles, sixth, 19; and 200-meter dash, sixth, 30.28.
- Sara Kyte, triple jump, fourth, 27-9.
- Tiffany Anderson, 400-meter dash, fifth, 1:08.
- The 4x100-meter relay team, of Scott, Dreher, Blau and Kyte, first, 55.9.
- The 4x200-meter relay, of Scott, Sydney Grafel, Anderson and Dreher, first, 2:03.

"With just two divisions, boys and girls, it means that some younger kids didn't get in many events," Coach Grafel said. "With 12 teams, it was a very tough meet. It was great to see our relay teams run well. We had a couple of individuals with personal bests."

"Our team will just continue to work hard in practice and try to improve in both running and field events," said Grafel.

The junior high will return to Colby on Thursday for the Colby junior high meet.

Junior varsity golfers shoot 454 for 12th place

The Decatur Community High School junior varsity golf team finished 12th at Hill City on a breezy and mild day Friday.

Senior Kurt Olson led Oberlin, shooting a 53 on both the front and back nines for 106.

Junior Nathan Simonsson followed shooting 54-54 for 108.

Other Red Devils golfers were Chris Larson,

60-53 for 113; Mitch Wittman, 56-62 for 118; Nathan Baker, 60-62 for 122; and Garrit Peters, 65-68 for 113.

Phillipsburg and Hoxie tied for the win with scores of 336. Trego Community finished second, 337; Norton, 351; Hill City, 365; Osborne, 368; Ellis, 374; Wheatland, 382; Ness City, 387; Plainville, 392; Stockton, 397; and Oberlin, 454.

"Our junior varsity players gained some experience today," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "We will continue to work hard to improve our scores."

The junior varsity was to play Hoxie on Tuesday. The varsity travels to Atwood Saturday for a 9 a.m. tee time.

Junior high girls finish in third place

Oberlin's seventh- and eighth-grade girls finished third out of 12 teams at the St. Francis Invitational last Tuesday.

The Decatur Community Junior High girls brought home two firsts, four seconds, three thirds and two fourths.

- Jordan Dreher led the way with a first in the shot put of 34 feet, 10 inches and a second in the 100-meter dash in 13.7 seconds.
- Other Oberlin winners were:
- Rachelle Scott, shot put, second, 33-2, and 100-meter hurdles, third, 18.6.
- Jori Diederich, discus, second, 70-4.
- Kiah Blau, 100-meter dash, third, 14.1; 200-meter dash, fourth, 30.1; and 100-meter hurdles, fifth, 18.7.

- Sara Kyte, long jump, third, 13-10, and triple jump, fourth, 27-9.
- Tiffany Anderson, 100-meter dash, fifth, 14.3.
- The 4x100-meter relay team of Scott, Kyte, Blau and Dreher, first, 55.3.
- The 4x200-meter relay team of Scott, Sydney Grafel, Anderson and Dreher, second, 2:01.

"Our times are starting to show great effort," said Coach Keith Grafel. "We will keep working harder in practice to get ready for the Northwest Kansas League meet next month."

Seventh, eighth graders run away with seconds

The Decatur Community Junior High girls track teams both finished second Thursday in Atwood at the Rawlins County Invitational.

Oakley took first in both seventh- and eighth-grade divisions.

In the eighth-grade division Oakley scored 84 points, followed by Oberlin, 76; Goodland, 37; and Rawlins County, 29.

In seventh-grade action, Oakley scored 68; Oberlin, 53; Goodland 44; and Rawlins County, 37.

Oberlin eighth graders had seven first places and seven seconds.

Eighth-grade winners were:

- Jori Diederich, 1,600-meter run, first, 6 minutes, 58 seconds; discus, second, 68 feet; 400-meter dash, fourth, 1:20; and 100-meter hurdles, fifth, 20.2.
- Rachelle Scott, shot put, first, 33-7, and 100-meter hurdles, second, 15.9.
- Sara Kyte, triple jump, first, 29-2, and long jump, second, 13-4.
- Jordan Dreher, 100-meter dash, first, 13.9, and shot put, second, 33-2.
- Tiffany Anderson, 800-meter run, first, 3:02, and 400-meter dash, second, 1:08.
- Erin Jeffrey, 1,600-meter run, second, 7:11, and shot put, third, 27-3.
- Sydney Grafel, triple jump, second, 27-3.

- The 4x100-meter relay team of Grafel, Dreher, Scott and Kyte, first, 57.3.
- The 4x200-meter relay team of Grafel, Dreher, Scott and Anderson, first, 2:01.

The seventh graders finished with seven firsts and Kiah Blau took four of those in the 100-meter hurdles, 18.2; 100-meter dash, 13.4; 200-meter dash, 29.1; and shot put, 31-8.

Other seventh-grade winners were:

- Serena Stacy, triple jump, first, 25-8; discus, first, 66-8; and shot put, third, 27-4.
- Megan Huntley, long jump, first, 12-9; 100-meter hurdles, fourth, 20.8; and 200-meter dash, fifth, 33.0.
- Samantha Anderson, 800-meter run, fifth, 3:22; discus, fifth, 57-8; and shot put, fifth, 23-7.
- The 4x200-meter relay team of Huntley, Stacy, Anderson and Brianna Klima, third, 2:24.

"Every grade level is starting to settle in their events," said Coach Keith Grafel. "Some athletes are trying some new events. We are just trying to find ways to score additional points and be successful."

Oberlin was to be in Hoxie on Tuesday and will attend a meet in Colby on Thursday starting at 3 p.m.

Woman lifts enough for third at nationals

Decatur Community High graduate Lora Marietta finished third in the 132-pound (60-kilogram) division at the 2007 USA Powerlifting Collegiate National Championships in Killeen, Texas, last week.

Marietta, a sophomore at Kansas State University, competed against 14 others in her weight class from colleges around the nation.

She lifted 302.5 pounds (137.5 kg) in the squat; 192.5 pounds (87.5 kg) in the bench press, a personal best; and 286 pounds (130 kg) in the deadlift for 781 pounds (355kg) total.

Marietta did powerlifting while she was a student in Oberlin.

Summer ball signup set

Oberlin boys and girls who are interested in playing T-ball, coach pitch, regular baseball and slow-pitch softball should pick up an entry form at Oberlin Elementary or the Decatur County clerk's office.

There is a \$10 fee per player and it and the entry form must be returned to the clerk's office by Friday, May 11.

Summer ball will be divided into T-ball – age 4 to kindergarten boys and girls; Little League (coach pitch) – first- through third-grade boys and girls; Pony League (regular baseball) fourth- through sixth-grade boys; and Bantam League (slow-pitch softball) – fourth- through eighth-grade girls.

Just arrived, a variety of flowers, vegetable plants, potting soil, peat moss and mulch.

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