



**REDDEVIL GOLFER JORDAN TALLY** (above) prepared to drive a practice shot off the tee during pre-tournament warm-up. Senior Jobey Black (right) made one of his impressive shots which allowed him to finish second in the tournament.

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# Golfers take third at tourney

By JIM MERRIOTT

On a windy and mild Saturday morning, the Decatur Community High School golf team gathered at the practice putting green along with 10 other schools to compete in the annual Oberlin Invitational at the Oberlin Country Club.

Each year Decatur Community High School hosts the tournament with volunteer help from the Oberlin Country Club board staff and several school faculty.

Prior to the tournament, the Red Devils practiced their driving just north of the old tennis courts waking up the squirrels just after sunrise.

Dressed in their new red golf shirts, seniors encouraged the younger junior varsity players with tips and a few relaxing jokes to take off pre-tournament stress.

This year, the Phillipsburg Panthers won the invitational shooting 329; followed by Colby, 354; Oberlin, 355; Tribune, 364; Sharon Springs, 373; Goodland junior varsity, 380; Atwood, 383; Trego Community, 385; Quinter, 400; Southwest of Republic Valley, just east of McCook, 424; and Oberlin junior varsity, 459.

The Red Devils finished third, led by the precision stroke of senior Jobey Black who finished second in the tournament. Black shot his best game of the season, B shooting a 38

on the front nine and a 39 on the back nine for 77.

Senior Andy Gilliam also shot his best game of the season with 45-44 for 89.

Other Oberlin finishers were:

- Corey Cook had 47-43 for 90.
- Jordan Tally, 49-50 for 99.
- Kurt Olson, 52-48 for 100.
- Chris Larson, 55-47 for 102.
- Nathan Simonsson, 56-49 for 105.
- Mitch Wittman, 49-58 for 107.
- Nathan Baker, 66-58 for 124.
- Garrit Peters, 67-69 for 136
- Jaxen Alstrom, 82-96 for 178.

“Jobey had a great day,” said Coach Dick Ahlberg. “He took advantage of a couple of good breaks and almost won the tournament.”

“The tournament ran smoothly, thanks to the hard work of the Oberlin Country Club board,” Ahlberg said. “A big thanks to Aaron Ploussard and staff at the golf course along with Brian Simonsson and the Joe Dreher family.”

Monday, the varsity was to be in Phillipsburg and the junior varsity in Hoxie for tournaments.

On Friday the Red Devils will go to Oakley for the Northwest Kansas League meet starting at 3 p.m.

On Monday, Oberlin qualifiers will attend the regional meet at Kismet-Southwestern Heights in Kismet starting at 10 a.m.



**THE OBERLIN GOLF TEAM** (above) waited for their names to be called for tee-times Saturday. The team finished third at the annual Oberlin Invitational, at the Country Club. Nathan Baker, Mitch Wittman and Corey Cook (from left) kidded Garrit Peters on about his hat.

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