

Hoxie Indians down Devils 47-0 in home opener

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The Decatur Community High School football squad dropped its home opener and the second game of the season Friday to the Hoxie Indians 47-0.

The Red Devils dropped to 0-2 and Hoxie moved to 2-0.

The Indians rolled up 407 yards of offense rushing for 380 yards with 18 first downs compared to Oberlin's 105 yards rushing and seven first downs.

The Red Devils had five penalties for 28 yards to the Indians' one for five yards.

Junior Lucas Juenemann led the Red Devils in rushing carrying the ball 10 times for 23 yards, followed by sophomore Jacob Fortin, five carries, 22 yards; junior Sam Stapp, five carries, 13 yards; sophomore Toby Peters, four carries, 13 yards; freshmen Chad Williams, two carries, three yards; and junior Logan Fortin, one carry for no gain.

J. Fortin passed ten times completing two for 46 yards and was intercepted once.

Williams, Fortin's replacement in the second half, passed three times completing none and was intercepted once.

Peters caught one pass for 28 yards, and L. Fortin caught one for 18 yards.

Peters led the Red Devils with 15 tackles and three assists, followed by the Urban brothers. Everett had 12 tackles and three assists and David had 7 tackles and one assist.

Other tacklers were Sean Ybarra, five tackles and one assist; Juenemann, five tackles; Stapp, three tackles, three assists; Derek Chambers, four tackles and one assist; J. Fortin, three tackles, one assist; Jared Marcuson and Dakota Soderlund, three tackles each; L. Fortin, 2 tackles and a quarterback sack; Nathan Simonsson, two tackles and one assist; Williams, one tackle and four assists; Jaxen Alstrom, one tackle and three assists; Josh Ritter, one tackle; and Keithen Fortin and Wiley Farr, one assist each.

Juenemann punted five times for 147 yards, a 29.4 average.

"Defensively, we really need to work on getting off the blocks and our tackling," said Oberlin Coach Trevor Williams. "Without a doubt, we can get better."

"Offensively, we need to be more consistent, get rid of the mental mistakes and become more confident in what we are doing."

"Our plan this week is to prepare for a good Oakley team Friday night. We are going to do this the only way I know how — come out Monday and work hard all week on getting better."

The Indians were led by senior running back Patrick Eland, who scored four touchdowns, rushing 16 times for 83 yards.

A junior varsity game against Hoxie was canceled.

The Red Devils will play the Plainsmen, 2-0, at 7 p.m. Friday in Oakley.



EIGHTH-GRADER SAEGER GRAFEL grabbed the ball and ran for a good gain on Thursday during the Oakley game

in Oberlin. The Wildcats won the game 36-6.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Junior high boys fall to Oakley, 36-6

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Oakley downed the Red Devil junior high football team, 36-6, Thursday in Oberlin.

Oberlin was led by tailback Saeger Grafel who rushed 11 times for 17 yards and Oberlin's only touchdown.

Decatur Community Junior High quarterback Zach May rushed eight times for minus 17 yards. He threw four times, completing two for 57 yards with one interception and a fumble, which he recovered.

Fullback Kade Brown rushed twice for three yards and caught a pass for one yard.

Brent Juenemann rushed twice for one yard and caught a pass for 56 yards.

He also kicked off twice for 16 yards and 14 yards.

Oberlin committed four fouls for 30 yards while Oakley had two for 10 yards.

Defensively, Ryan Bishop and Kade Brown took tackling honors with nine each. They were followed by Shane McEvoy, five tackles and two assists; Juenemann, four tackles and two assists; Grafel, three tackles and six assists; Z. May, three tackles and two assists; Cody Wurm, two tackles and an assist; Dakota Cook, two tackles; Conner

McHugh, one tackle and three assists; Ryan May, one tackle and two assists; and Matthew Wittman and Garrett Berry, one assist each.

"We can always do better," said Oberlin linebacker Bishop. "I was happy with my defensive play, but I know we can play better, we will keep trying."

"I thought we did a pretty good job holding the Wildcats on their inside running game," said Red Devil linebacker Grafel. "What killed us was the fact that we could not stop the Wildcats' outside running game. As soon as the defensive end was knocked out of the play, it was a foot race for our linebackers.

We tried to cut the angle of pursuit down, but once Cox took off, he was gone."

"We just need to get better each week and learn from our mistakes," said Coach Caleb Howland. "Last year we beat them pretty bad because we had more bigger eighth graders than they did. This year the tables were turned. They had more seasoned eighth graders."

"Today's game is over, it doesn't matter any more. What we have to do is correct our mistakes and learn from them and try to get better."

Oberlin will play the young Bulldogs at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Quinter.

Volleyball girls take fourth place at Grainfield tourney

The Oberlin volleyball team finished the Wheatland/Grinnell tournament in fourth place with a record of 3-3 Saturday in Grainfield.

The Wheatland/Grinnell Lady Thunderhawks won the tournament 6-0, giving them a season record of 11-0.

In pool "A" play, Healy-Western Plains beat the Lady Red Devils 25-21 in game one. Oberlin came back to win the last two games 25-12 and 25-7, taking the match from the Lady Bobcats.

Jordan Dreher was top server with 15 of 16 serves and five aces and top setter with 29 of 32 sets for 14 perfect. Lacey Ream was top passer with 11 of 13 and 15 digs. Adrienne Pauls was top hitter, going 17 of 21 with 10 kills and top blocker with 5 points stopped.

In the second match, Oberlin defeated St. Francis 25-10 and 25-16. Against Sainty, Ream was a top server going 12 for 12 with 3 aces and top passer with 6 for 6. Pauls also was a top server going 13 for 13 with 2 aces.

Dreher was top setter going 24 for 24 and 5 perfect. Heather Glodt was the top hitter with 6 for 6 and 3 kills. LeAnna Sheaffer and Jenny Ploussard were top blockers with one point stopped each.

The Lady Red Devils fell to Wheatland/Grinnell 26-24 and 25-16.

Pauls was the top server going 9 for 9 with 2 aces. Ream was top passer going 15 for 16 with 7 digs. Dreher was 25 for 26 setting with 4 perfect; Glodt a was top hitter with 6 for 6 and 3 kills. Ploussard also was a top hitter going 3 for 3 with 3 kills. Sheaffer was top blocker with 3 points stopped.

Oberlin bounced back winning straight sets 25-10 and 25-13 over the Quinter Lady Bulldogs.

Ream was top server going 11 for 11 with one ace and top passer going 4 for 5. Dreher was top setter going 20 for 21 with 7 perfect. Sheaffer was top hitter going 17 for 17 with 9 kills. Pauls was top blocker with 4 points stopped.

Oberlin played in the championship side of the tournament bracket

but lost in straight sets to Hoxie 25-20 and 25-22.

Dreher was the top server with 8 for 8 and top setter with 34 for 36 and 7 perfect. Ream was top passer going 14 for 17 with 4 digs. Sheaffer was top hitter with 21 for 23 and 4 kills and a top blocker, tying Pauls with 4 point blocks each.

In the final match Oberlin lost 26-24 to the Trego Community Lady Golden Eagles, bounced back to defeat the Eagles 25-20, then lost 25-20 to end the day.

Pauls was top server going 7 for 7. Ream was top passer with 21 for 24 and 14 digs. Dreher was top setter going 39 for 40 with 15 digs. Sheaffer was top hitter going 24 for 29 with 12 kills and a top blocker tying Pauls again with 4 point blocks.

Wheatland won the tournament, followed by Hoxie who lost in the championship match finishing 5-1. They were followed by Trego Community, 4-2; Oberlin and Healy-Western Plains, 3-3 each; Weskan, 2-4; Wallace County, 2-4; and St. Francis, 1-5.

"We started off the day with good transition and communication," said Oberlin Coach Sherri Ruf. "As the day progressed, we tended to quit moving as well and made several mental errors. We had too many serving errors at critical times."

"The girls did stay aggressive at the net throughout the tournament."

"We need to play with consistent intensity throughout each match."

It was a tough weekend for the junior varsity team who played in the Quinter Invitational on Saturday.

The young Lady Devils lost three matches. The first was to Wheatland/Grinnell in straight sets 26-24 and 25-12.

The second was to Trego Community 25-21 and 25-15.

In the third round Oberlin lost to Quinter 25-14, won 25-13, then lost 15-13.

Oberlin was to play Hill City and Oakley on Tuesday in Oakley.

Saturday, the Lady Red Devils will play in the McCook Invitational tournament at 11 a.m.



SEVENTH GRADER TAYLOR MACFEE got in the ready position during a game against the Oakley Wildcats on Thursday.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Runners come in sixth in Quinter

Oberlin's cross country team finished sixth in Quinter last Thursday.

The girls team, with only four runners, was one short of receiving a team score.

Nolan Wasson finished in 29th place to lead the Red Devils with a time of 20 minutes, 53 seconds. Chris Larson finished 42nd in 22:17, followed by Tim Larson, 44th, 22:49; Jacob Helm, 47th, 23:16; Christian Rittman, 51st, 23:56; Cole May, 52nd, 24; and Gatlin Reichert, 53rd, 24:01.

Tamara Ketterl, Kayla Zodrow and Becky Helm led the girls and received medals, finishing in the top twelve.

Ketterl finished seventh in 18:39 on the 2.5-mile run. Zodrow finished eighth in 18:43 and Helm was 12th at 20:08. Rory Wendelin finished 28th in 26:47.

The Ness City and Holcomb boys tied for first with 36 points followed

by Wheatland/Grinnell, 88; Quinter, 94; Victoria, 124; Oberlin, 157; Stockton, 196; and Colby junior varsity, 220.

For the junior varsity boys, Gage Reichert finished 15th, 24:19; Chenaniah Langness, 18th, 25:22; Ray Zodrow, 24th, 27:22; and Jay Wessel, 25th, 27:41.

"This was Tamara's first cross country race, and I thought she did a fine job," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "It was nice to have the Helms back and running."

"The ladies had nice races today. Many of our runners showed improvement this week."

"We will have to work hard to close down our gaps between our top runners and our counters."

"Nolan Wasson showed good improvement, he was 52nd here last year."

"Nolan has a great attitude, and shows good leadership."

Thursday, the Red Devils will be in McCook for the Western Nebraska Invitational at 5 p.m.

-Scorecard-

Hoxie over Oberlin, 47-0
St. Francis over Goodland, 22-6
Oakley over Atwood, 44-6
Concordia over Colby, 12-6
Golden Plains (Rexford) over Healy/Western Plains, 50-20
McCook over Ogallala, 21-7
Smith Center over Hill City, 67-0
Eastern Heights over Northern Valley (Almena), 60-14
Norton over Trego Community, 27-6

Triplains- over Palco, 68-40
Ellis over Phillipsburg, 14-7
Kensington over Logan, 66-20
LaCrosse over Quinter, 45-22
Wheatland/Grin. over Cheylin, 48-0



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Schedules

• Thursday, junior high volleyball	at Quinter	4:30 p.m.
• Thursday, junior high football	at Quinter	5:30 p.m.
• Thursday, cross country	at McCook	5:30 p.m.
• Friday, varsity football	Oakley	7 p.m.
• Saturday, "C" team volleyball tournament	at Phillipsburg	9 a.m.
• Saturday, varsity volleyball tournament	at McCook	11 a.m.
• Monday, junior varsity football vs Oakley	here	5:30 p.m.