

Lady Devils finish 2-2 at tourney

The Decatur Community High volleyball squad finished 2-2 at its own round-robin tournament on Saturday.

Oberlin beat the Norton Lady Blue Jays, 25-22 and 25-18.

Lacey Ream was the top server for Oberlin going 6 for 6 with a pair of aces. She also was the top passer going 11 for 11 with 6 perfect.

Jordan Dreher was the top setter going 20 for 20 with 17 perfect.

Leanna Sheaffer lead the Lady Red Devils as top hitter going 20 for 22 with nine kills.

Adrienne Pauls was top blocker with three point blocks.

In the second match, Oberlin lost to St. Francis winning the first set 25-22 then losing the final pair by the same score, 25-23 and 25-23.

Ream was top server and top passer again going 15 for 15 serving with an ace and 13 for 13 passing with 10 perfect. Dreher was top setter going 51 for 51 with 15 perfect. Sheaffer was top hitter going 25 for 25 with 10 kill shots. Pauls was top blocker with six point blocks.

Oberlin had another tough match following Sainty and lost to Hoxie in three sets.

In set one, the Lady Red Devils jumped all over Hoxie downing them, 25-18, but then lost the final two sets by the same score 25-23.

Heather Glodt was the top server going 10 for 10 with an ace. Ream was top passer going 15 for 15 with

five perfect. Dreher was top setter going 41 for 43 with seven perfect. Sheaffer was top hitter and blocker. She was <<312>> for 33 hitting with nine kills and eight point blocks.

In the final match, Decatur Community High defeated the Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes, 25-18 and 25-22.

Ream was top server going 10 for 10 and top passer going 8 for 9 with five perfect. Dreher was top setter going 19 for 19 with eight. Sheaffer was top hitter going 12 for 14 with seven kills. Jenny Ploussard was top blocker with three point blocks.

The girls played well against Norton and Atwood," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "They stayed aggressive and had good transition.

"We played well at times against Hoxie and St. Francis. Hoxie just never seemed to give up. We would be up three or four points, then Hoxie would come back.

"St. Francis played well against us. They blocked very well and had some good hits."

Rawlins County won the tournament defeating St. Francis and Hoxie.

Tuesday, the Lady Red Devils were to play host to Rawlins County, Goodland, and Atwood. Next Tuesday Oberlin travels to Colby to take on the Lady Eagles and the Quinter Lady Bulldogs at 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball girls capture wins over Cheylin and Sainty

The Decatur Community High volleyball team swept a dual match last Tuesday, defeating Cheylin and St. Francis in Bird City.

The Lady Red Devils downed Cheylin in straight sets 25-11, 25-6.

In the match against Sainty, Oberlin stepped up its game downing the Lady Indians 25-12 and 25-13.

In the match against Cheylin, Lacy Ream was top server and passer. She served 11 for 11 with two aces and she passed 9 for 10 with 4 perfect.

Freshmen Jordan Dreher continued to keep pace as top setter going 18 for 19 with 5 perfect.

LeAnna Sheaffer was 8 for 9 taking top hitter honors along with nine kills.

Adrienne Pauls was top blocker with six point blocks.

"The girls served well in the match," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "We have been focusing on good communication and consistency in serving. We were given lots of free balls and continued to play an aggressive type of ball."

Against Sainty, Ream was again

the top server and passer. She was 13 for 13 serving with an ace and went nine for 10 passing.

Top setter was Dreher going 18 for 18 with seven perfect.

Sheaffer was 15 for 15 with nine kills in hitting and was top blocker with six block points.

"The girls played well in the match," said Ruf. "They had good transition and stayed aggressive at the net. St. Francis has a team that doesn't let up, so it was good to see the girls win the match."

In junior varsity action, the young Lady Red Devils took two straight from St. Francis winning 25-14 and 25-20.

Oberlin also dominated Cheylin's junior varsity winning 25-11 and 25-9.

The "C" team fought off a stubborn Sainty team winning two of three sets for the match. Oberlin won the first set 25-23, fell 25-22 and bounced back 15-12 for the victory.

The Lady Red Devils were to play host to Atwood, Goodland and Brewster on Tuesday and will be in Colby to play Quinter and Colby at 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

Junior high boys lose two games in a row

The Oberlin seventh- and eighth-grade football team has had two tough weeks, losing to Hoxie and Atwood.

On Sept. 20, the young Red Devils lost 28-15 to an aggressive Hoxie Indian team on the road.

Thursday, Oberlin was roughed up by the young Rawlins County Buffalo squad, 44-19, at home.

"Offensively, our team has improved," said Coach Caleb Howland. "We have been able to move the ball against our opponents.

Defensively, we have failed to make plays even though we are in position.

"As long as we continue to struggle on defense, we will continue to have difficulty winning. The young men are continuing to work hard despite our record and we invite everyone to come watch us this week in Goodland and next week at home as we take on Colby."

The Red Devils tackle the Grant Junior High Mustangs in Goodland at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

- Schedules -

Thursday	Junior high volleyball	at Goodland, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	Junior high football	at Goodland, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday	Cross country	at Phillipsburg, 4:30 p.m.
Friday	Football vs. Colby	Here at 7 p.m.
Monday	Junior varsity football	at Colby, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Volleyball	at Colby, 4:30 p.m.

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Red Devils win second game downing Buffaloes 33-22

The Decatur Community High School football squad continued its winning ways Friday defeating the Rawlins County Buffaloes, 33-22, in Atwood.

It was the Red Devils' second win in as many weeks.

Atwood played Oberlin evenly as the first half ended in a 6-6 tie.

The Red Devils came out of the locker room after the half on fire and ready to go. They hit the Buffaloes and scored 20 points in the third to lead 26-6.

Oberlin's offensive line took charge allowing Sam Stapp to rush for 123 yards on 18 carries including a 60-yard touchdown.

In the fourth quarter, Atwood tried furiously to make a comeback as Drew Basgall scored on a one-yard plunge. Atwood added a two-point conversion.

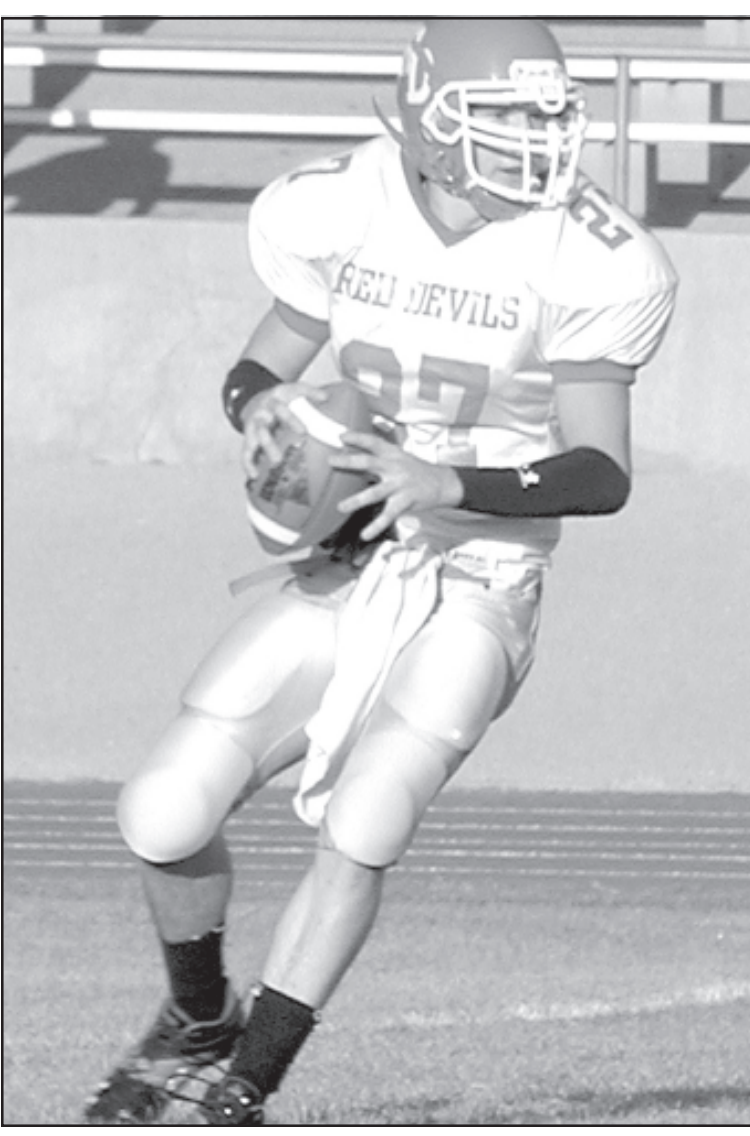
Shortly after Atwood scored quarterback Jacob Fortin marched the Red Devils down the field, countering the Buffaloes' score when he ran in an eight-yard touchdown. Dakota Soderlund kicked the extra point.

The Buffaloes ended their scoring efforts late in the fourth when Basgall scored on a 17-yard touchdown run but it was too little too late for Rawlins County.

Oberlin racked up 338 yards of total offense, 243 yards on the ground and 95 through the air. It was the first time this year Oberlin scored five touchdowns in a game.

Fortin carried the ball 15 times for 80 yards and scored two touchdowns. He also passed eight times with one completion for a 38-yard touchdown to Ace Manning.

Lucas Juenemann rushed seven times for 35 yards including a 7-yard touchdown. He also



TOBY PETERS faked a pass before tucking the ball and running for a short gain. So far this season, he has played quarterback, halfback, receiver, linebacker and filled in as punter.

passed twice, completing both for 57 yards. He punted once for 30 yards and was on the receiving end of Juenemann's passes, catching both tosses for 57 yards. He carried the ball twice for two yards and

tackles and 11 assists. He was followed by Manning, five tackles, two assists and a fumble recovery; Wiley Farr, two tackles, 11 assists; Fisher, two tackles, six assists; T. Peters, two tackles, eight assists; Colt Diedrich, two tackles, seven assists; Juenemann, two tackles, five assists; Nathan Simonsson, two tackles, five assists; David Urban, one tackle, five assists; Sean Ybarra, one tackle, six assists; Stapp, three assists; L. Fortin, one tackle, three assists; Soderlund, one assist and one caused fumble; J. Fortin and Nolan Peters, one assist each.

The Buffaloes have yet to win a game and their record is 0-5. Oberlin improved to 2-3.

"It was a great win for us," said Coach Trevor Williams. "The game was a real physical contest, with both sides playing hard."

"I was really pleased the way our guys came out the third quarter.

"At halftime we made a few adjustments and the guys did a great job.

"Defensively, I thought we continued to improve. We had some guys really step up and play a great game. If we continue to improve our tackling, we have the ability to have a really good defense.

"This Friday against Colby, like all Northwest Kansas League games, will be a great game. Colby will do some things offensively that we have not yet seen. Their athletes will be a great test for us. Our plan this week is to work hard and be prepared for another physical football game."

Oberlin will play host to the Eagles at Smick Field at 7 p.m. Friday night.

— Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Oberlin runner brings home fifth place

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The Decatur Community High cross country team finished fifth at the 40th annual Oberlin Invitational last Tuesday at the Oberlin Country Club.

Andrew Richards finished in 17 minutes, 33 seconds, for fifth place and a medal.

Norton won the boys race with 33 points followed by: Colby, 60; Quinter, 83; Wheatland/Grinnell, 103; Oberlin, 124; Goodland, 128;

and Phillipsburg, 170.

Tamara Ketterl finished 17th in 17:16 to lead the Lady Red Devils.

Colby won the girls race with 36 points, followed by Norton, 59; Hoxie, 59; Oakley, 112; Oberlin, 118; and Southwest High School of Bartley, Neb., 119. Other Oberlin varsity runners were Nolan Wasson, 36th, 19:52; Cole May, 41st, 20:16; Jacob Helm, 45th, 20:39; Chris Larson, 46th, 20:48; Gage Reichert, 49th, 21:20; and Tim Larson, 53rd, 22:12. Other Oberlin girls' results

were Kayla Zodrow, 21st, 17:39; Becky Helm, 23rd, 17:48; Bret Ashley, 45th, 19:56; and Rory Wendelin, 55th, 22:59.

For the Oberlin junior varsity Dalton Paul came in first in 20:13. He was followed by Christian Rittman, seventh, 21:06; Gatlin Reichert, 10th, 21:28; Jeffery Isbell, 11th, 21:38; Andy Dempewolf, 14th, 22:14; Chenaniah Langness, 18th, 23:10; Jay Wessel, 23rd, 23:58; Ray Zodrow, 31st, 26:23; and Cody Haas, 32nd, 26:37.

"The team performed pretty well today," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Lots of effort."

"We would like to thank all the people who helped with the meet."

There were 152 athletes in the contests, he said, and it takes lots of people to run a successful meet including scorers, timers, corner judges, chute controllers and parents to prepare the food. The Red Devils travel to Phillipsburg on Thursday to compete in the Panthers Invitational at 4:30 p.m.

Junior high girls win two over Rawlins County

Kiah Blau led the Oberlin eighth-grade volleyball team with 10 of 12 for a 91 percent attack rate in Oberlin's "A" team victories over Atwood, 25-14 and 25-23, on

Thursday.

Battling illness for the past few weeks, Decatur Community Junior High girls put up a strong fight even though they were short-handed.

Megan Wentz, Serena Stacey, Kaitlin Brown and Brooklyn O'Hare helped the young Lady Devils with 100-percent serve rates.

"The girls did adjust pretty well and played hard," said Coach Gina Witt. "We did a good job with our serves going 38 for 43 for an 88-percent average."

"When we finally got into the groove, we did use the ball. We were 29 of 32 for a 91 percent attack rate.

Overall I was pleased with the girls. They had to make some serious adjustments and they did a pretty good job doing so. We hope everyone is healthy for our next match against Goodland Thursday."

The "B" team stepped up to beat the young Lady Buffs, 25-19, in a single set.

The junior high Lady Red Devils travel to Goodland for a 4:30 start on Thursday.

- Scores -

St. Francis over Hoxie, 30-14
Oakley over Colby, 30-0
Oberlin over Atwood, 33-22
Hays over Goodland, 24-7
Ellis over Norton, 13-12
Beloit over Ellsworth, 48-12
Smith Center over Stockton, 72-0
Phillipsburg over Hill City, 34-6
Northern Valley over Cheylin, 26-6

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