

Cross country teams take fourth, sixth at meet

The Decatur Community High cross country girls team finished fourth and the boys team sixth at the Phillipsburg Invitational on Thursday.

Andrew Richards, Tamara Ketterl and Kayla Zodrow led the Red Devils, picking up medals along the way.

Richards finished fifth in the boys divi-

sion running the 3.5-kilometer course in 18 minutes, 37 seconds. Ketterl finished 11th in 18:17 on the 2.5-kilometer course and Zodrow finished 15th in 18:52.

Norton won the boys' division with 48 points. Osborne won the girls' with 32 points.

Oberlin girls who finished but didn't

medal were Becky Helm, 20th, 19:31; Bret Ashley, 31st, 23:24; and Rory Wendelin, 33rd, 27:06.

Other Oberlin varsity boys were Nolan Wasson, 26th, 21:07; Chris Larson, 29th, 21:12; Cole May, 36th, 22:29; Jacob Helm, 38th, 22:34; Dalton Paul, 41st, 22:41; and Christian Rittmann, 48th, 23:23.

Junior varsity results included Jeffrey Isbell, sixth, 23:12; Gage Reichert, seventh, 23:13; Jay Wessel, 14th, 24:15; Andy Dempewolf, 15th, 24:16; Tim Larson, 20th, 24:32; Chenaniah Langness, 24th, 24:58; Gatlin Reichert, 35th, 28:33; and Cody Haas, 36th, 28:34.

"Our teams are improving," said Coach

Dick Ahlberg. "Larson is healthier and running better. Isbell had a good race, as did Ketterl and Zodrow. We are excited about hosting the league meet this Saturday."

The Red Devils will be hosts for the Northwest Kansas League Championship on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Oberlin Country Club.

Eagles down Devils

Oberlin record falls to 2-3

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The Colby Eagles swooped into Oberlin Friday night and soared out with a 41-0 victory against the Decatur Community High Red Devils football team.

The Eagles broke Oberlin's two-game winning streak and raised their record to 2-3, matching the Red Devils' record, as both teams head into district play on Friday.

Colby took a 13-0 lead into the locker room at the end of the first half after racking up 175 yards of offense, 164 yards of that on the ground.

The Red Devils had 54 yards of offense during the first half.

Neither team scored in the first quarter.

With 9 minutes and 33 seconds left in the second quarter, Colby scored on a 27-yard run by Scott McCoy. The extra-point kick was good making the score 6-0.

At 3:59, the Eagles scored again on a 38-yard run by Tanner Kriss. The kick was good making the score 13-0.

On the fifth play of the third quarter, Colby scored its third touchdown. The extra-point kick was good making the score 20-0.

With 4:35 to go in the third quarter, McCoy scored his second touch-



RED DEVIL TIGHT END SEAN YBARRA (No. 99) delivered a block against Colby Eagle defensive end **Todd Ziegelmeier** (No. 50) during Friday's game. The Eagles defeated Oberlin 41-0. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

down making the score 26-0. A stiff south breeze caused the extra-point kick attempt to drift to the left.

The Eagles scored again with 1:17 left in the third quarter. Colby used just four plays as McCoy scored his third touchdown on a one-yard run. The extra-point kick was good making the score 33-0.

With 11:53 to go in the fourth quarter, Colby scored again on a Heath Stephens 4-yard run making the score 39-0. The Eagles added a two-point conversion on a fake kick

ending the scoring at 41-0.

Sam Stapp led the Red Devils carrying the ball 14 times for 44 yards followed by Lucas Juenemann, 14 carries for 29 yards; Jacob Fortin, 12 for 25 yards; Royal Fisher, two for five yards; Toby Peters, one for seven yards; and Logan Fortin, one for minus two yards.

J. Fortin was one for 10 passing for 28 yards with one interception. Stapp was on the receiving end of Fortin's pass.

On the defensive side, Wiley Farr

led the Red Devils with nine tackles. Just behind Farr was Fisher with eight and Everett Urban and Peters followed with seven tackles each.

"I really felt Friday that we had opportunities in the first half against Colby to put ourselves into the game," said Coach Trevor Williams. "At halftime being down 13-0, we felt that if we came out focused we could put ourselves right back into the game. Unfortunately, Colby came out and scored on their opening drive, we lost momentum, we

lost confidence and we lost focus."

Friday, the Red Devils hit the road traveling to Phillipsburg to face the Panthers at 7 p.m. in the first round of district play.

The junior varsity defeated Atwood 18-0 last Monday.

"The junior varsity played extremely well," Williams said. "Getting the shut-out was a complete team effort. All the guys stepped up and played well."

A junior varsity game at Colby on Monday was canceled.

Oberlin Lady Red Devils win pair, lose to Atwood

The Decatur Community High volleyball team defeated Goodland and Brewster Tuesday and lost a close match to Rawlins County, finishing the night 2-1 at home.

The Lady Red Devils defeated the Goodland Cowgirls 25-11 in the first set, lost a close set 25-21, then won 25-18 in the last set to take the match.

Against Triplains/Brewster, Oberlin downed a determined Lady Titan team 25-10 in the first set, then lost the second 25-17. In the final set, Oberlin outscored Brewster 25-18, to take the set and match.

Rawlins County continued their season battle with the Lady Devils, this time coming out on the winning end of a three-set match. Oberlin took the first set 25-20, then lost the

next two 25-19 and 25-22.

Last Saturday, Oberlin defeated the same Lady Buffalo team in straight sets to take that match at the round robin Oberlin Invitational.

Lacey Ream was the top server and passer against Goodland. She was 21 for 21 serving with four aces. Passing, she was 10 for 10 with six perfect.

Jordan Dreher was top setter and hitter against the Cowgirls. She was 46 for 48 setting with 10 perfect, and was 14 for 16 hitting with eight kills.

Heather Ploussard was top blocker with two point blocks.

"The girls played very well in the first game of the match," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "They transitioned well and stayed aggressive. The second game, we sat back and did not play

our type of ball. We made some defensive adjustments in the third game. That helped win the match."

Against Brewster, Dreher was top server and setter. She was 13 for 13 with five aces serving and 36 for 37 with 12 perfect.

Heather Glodt was top passer going 16 for 16 with nine perfect.

LeAnna Sheaffer was top hitter going 20 for 23 with 12 kills. Adrienne Pauls was top blocker with five point blocks.

"The girls played awesome in this match," Ruf said. "They played aggressive at the net and transitioned well. We had some missed serves at critical times. In the match both teams played aggressive ball."

Against Rawlins County, Sheaffer was top server going 15 for 15 with two aces.

She also was top hitter going 29 for 31 with 12 kills.

Ream was top passer going 14 for 15 with eight perfect.

Dreher was top setter going 40 for 41 with 12 perfect.

Pauls was top blocker with seven point blocks.

"The girls played awesome in this match," Ruf said. "They played aggressive at the net and transitioned well. We had some missed serves at critical times. In the match both teams played aggressive ball."

On the junior varsity, the young Lady Red Devils put it all together downing Goodland in straight sets

25-18 and 25-15.

Against Atwood, Oberlin won the first set 25-17, then lost 25-22, then finished off the young Lady Buffs 15-4 in the final set to take the match going 2-0.

The "C" team won both of its matches, putting clamps on the young Cowgirls, downing them in straight sets 25-8 and 25-15.

The young Oberlin girls rolled up their sleeves against Atwood downing them in straight sets 25-23 and 25-17 to win the match.

The Lady Red Devils will face the Quinter Bulldogs and the Colby Eagles in Colby on Tuesday in preparation for the Northwest Kansas League tournament, which starts at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Francis.

Jr. high defeats Mustangs

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade volleyball "A" team defeated the Grant Lady Mustangs in a three-set match Thursday in Goodland.

The young Lady Red Devils played a close match losing 25-23 in the first set, then caught fire downing Goodland 25-9 and 15-10 to take the match.

The "B" team stepped up its game downing Goodland in straight sets 25-13 and 25-17.

"The 'A' girls started out rocky," said Coach Gina Witt. "They did improve greatly for the second and third sets in the match. They served 79 of 95 for an overall 83 percent serve average. We had one 100-percent server, Megan Wentz.

"We were 35 of 45 from the attack line.

"Kiah Blau led the team with five kills.

"The girls got mixed around a lot in the 'B' match and did a good job adjusting," said Coach Witt. "I was proud of the girls pulling themselves together after the first match. We look to improve our record against Colby at home Thursday, starting at 4:30 p.m."

Goodland Mustangs beat Devils

The Decatur Community Junior High football team ran into a tough Grant Junior High Mustang squad Thursday in Goodland and lost 38-6.

"This past week, we faced a very physical eighth-grade team," said Coach Caleb Howland. "Our team has done an excellent job of continuing to be positive throughout the season, even though we continue to meet up against opponents who are bigger, faster and stronger than we are.

"We finish out the season at home Thursday against Colby. We appreciate the fan support throughout the year. Hopefully, our players will continue to play with intensity and we can get a victory in the final game of the season."

Oberlin will play host to Colby at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Smick Field.

Seventh-graders play Atwood, Goodland

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade volleyball teams have had a busy time.

September 27, the "A" team defeated Rawlins County in straight sets 26-24 and 25-12 to take the match here in Oberlin.

The "B" team split a two-game match losing the first set 25-17, then winning the final set 25-20.

"The seventh grade played really well against Rawlins County," said Coach Lindsay Fortin. "The first game started out with the Lady Buffaloes having a really good server. We had a tough time with our serve receive and were down 15-2. Once we were able to pull together and get past that rotation, the rest of the night we played well.

"The team had a serving percentage of 82 percent. Our passing struggled at times and we had an overall passing percentage of 46 percent. I was very impressed with the way we used the ball. The girls were able to set the ball up for a hit 47 times and 31 of those times it went over the net which is great from seventh graders.

"Keatra Fisher, Mika Hackney, Darbi Rouse and Taylor Macfee served 100 percent for the night," Fortin said. "Miki Dorshorst served 20 for 22 including a streak of 17 points to start the second game."

Thursday, the girls were in

Goodland. The "A" team defeated the Grant Junior High Lady Mustangs in straight sets 26-24 and 25-22.

The "B" team took won the first sets 25-5, lost 25-21 and won 15-5.

"We struggled to beat Goodland," said Coach Lindsay Fortin. "We served really well, 89 percent, but were not moving and working together throughout the game.

"We had our good moments where we played to our potential. The girls were able to rally behind those good moments and come through with a win. I was proud of how the girls stayed determined and did not quit just because we were struggling.

"Our game on Thursday will be another tough one as Colby is always very competitive. We will have to work hard in practice this week and make the proper adjustments.

"Kaylee May, Fisher, Rouse and Cheyanne Soderlund finished the day with a 100-percent serve rating," said Coach Fortin.

The Lady Red Devils will play Colby at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Oberlin junior high gymnasium.

After Colby, the Red Devils will prepare for the Northwest Kansas League tournament on Thursday, Oct. 18. The seventh grade will play in Oakley and the eighth in Quinter.

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