

Sports

Beloit Trojans down Devils

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The Beloit High School football squad blew away Oberlin Friday night 50-12 in the second round of district play.

The Trojans were by no means spectacular, but their effective offensive attack racked up 452 total yards, mostly on the ground, at Smick Field.

Thursday, Beloit will tackle Phillipsburg, who lost to Norton Friday 12-6 during the district playoffs.

Beloit improved to 1-1 in district play and 6-2 for the season.

Oberlin dropped to 0-2 in district play and 2-6 for the season. Thursday night the Red Devils will travel to Norton with hopes of knocking off the Bluejays and finishing the season on a winning note.

Oberlin continued to struggle with penalties. The Red Devils committed six penalties for 45 yards.

Turnovers also killed the Red Devils as they fumbled twice, losing both. They also threw one interception.

The Red Devils spotted Beloit a 44-0 halftime lead causing a running clock in the second half. The Trojans scored once more in the third quarter running the score to 50-0 before the Red Devils scored twice in the fourth quarter with their last score coming as time ran out.

The Oberlin offense remained in first gear. Red Devil runners could only muster 95 yards on 33 carries.

Passing, the Red Devils were five for 13 for 69 yards and one interception. Oberlin made 11 first downs, five rushing, four passing and two by penalties.

Beloit scored on their first six of seven possessions, controlling the clock with smashmouth up the middle runs on offense.

The Trojans pounded and pounded the ball on the ground either grinding out first downs or touchdowns.

The Trojans ran 39 plays for 452 yards; the Red Devils ran 49 plays for 157 yards of total offense.

Beloit scored their first touchdown with 7 minutes, 14 seconds left in the first quarter, going 53



WIDE RECEIVER LOGAN FORTIN looked for someone to block as Sam Stapp (background) ran up the middle of the field against the Beloit Trojans. Beloit won the contest 50-12.

—Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

yards on eight plays using 3 minutes and 15 seconds on the drive when Cas Spangler, 5'9" and 155 pounds, scored on a two-yard run making the score 6-0. The two-point conversion failed.

Spangler rushed for a game high 176 yards on 10 carries and two touchdowns.

The Trojans scored their second touchdown with 4:47 left in the first quarter on a three-play drive, covering 86 yards in just 47 seconds when Spangler broke for a 69-yard touchdown romp making the score 12-0. The two-point conversion failed.

Beloit scored again after a Red Devil fumble occurred in the first quarter with 56 seconds left when

covering 44 yards, using four plays. Sporleder ran in the two-point conversion making the score 44-0 at halftime.

Oberlin scored their two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Lucas Juenemann scored on a 10-yard run. Dakota Soderlund's extra-point kick was blocked, making the score 50-6.

Red Devil senior Roy Fisher scored the last touchdown of the game and his first rushing of the season with 28 seconds left in the game on a seven-yard run ending scoring.

The Oberlin two-point conversion was intercepted on the last play of the game with the final score Beloit 50, Oberlin 12.

Rushing, Juenemann carried the ball 11 times for 26 yards and a touchdown. Jacob Fortin carried nine times for 25 yards; Sam Stapp, seven times for 25 yards; Logan Fortin, one time for two yards; Fisher, one time for seven yards and a touchdown; Toby Peters, three times for eight yards; and Chad Williams carried one time for eight yards.

J. Fortin was five for 13 for 69 yards and one interception in the air.

Receiving, L. Fortin caught two passes for 32 yards; Stapp, two catches for 30 yards; and T. Peters, one catch for seven yards.

On defense, Dakota Soderland was top tackler with eight; Wiley Farr finished with seven tackles; and Everett Urban, six.

"We were definitely disappointed with our effort on Friday night," said Coach Trevor Williams. "As the head coach, it is my job to have the team prepared and ready to play. We were not ready and we came out flat from the beginning. Beloit completely controlled the game.

"Thursday will be a great challenge for us to end the season. Norton is having a very good year and will be playing a game that will decide first or second for them in district play. We will have to be prepared and inspired to play a great game," Williams said.

The Red Devils travel to Norton Thursday for their final game of the season. Game time is 7 p.m.



LADY RED DEVIL TAMARA KETTERL will represent Decatur Community High School at the state cross country meet in Wamego Saturday. Ketterl finished 10th receiving a medal at the 2A regional meet in Hill City last Saturday.

—Herald photo by Patti Richards

Runners advance to the state meet on Saturday

Decatur Community High's Andrew Richards and Tamara Ketterl will represent the Red Devils at the 2A state cross country meet in Wamego at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Richards led the boy Red Devils, finishing fourth at the 2A regional meet in Hill City Saturday with a time of 18 minutes, 51 seconds on the five-kilometer or 3.106856-mile course, receiving a medal.

Ketterl also received a medal with her 10th-place finish on the four kilometer or 2.4854848-mile course with a time of 18:07.

Three teams qualified for the state meet next week, Johnson-Stanton County, Osborne, and Leoti-Wichita County.

Johnson-Stanton won the boys division with a team score of 81 followed by Osborne, 90 points, and Leoti-Wichita County, 92.

Other boys division scores were: Hill City, 103; Syracuse, 125; WaKeeney-Trego Community, 139; Minneapolis, 139; Oberlin, 152; Ellis, 180; and Stockton, 234.

On the girls side, Osborne, Johnson-Stanton County, and Oakley teams qualified for the state meet.

Osborne finished first with a score of 24, followed by Johnson-Stanton, 76; Oakley, 92; Oberlin,

94; Syracuse, 109; and Hill City 112.

Oberlin boys' times were Richards, fourth, 18:51; Chris Larson, 32nd, 21:10; Nolan Wasson, 35th, 21:12; Jacob Helm, 40th, 21:46; Dalton Paul, 41st, 21:49; Cole May, 61st, 23:06; and Jeffrey Isbell, 66th, 23:59.

Lady Red Devil times were Ketterl, 10th, 18:07; Kayla Zdrov, 15th, 18:43; Becky Helm, 16th, 18:49; Bret Ashley, 37th, 21:48; and Rory Wendelin, 46th, 25:34.

"Andrew and Tamara had solid races qualifying for state," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Our girls lost a heartbreaker, failing to qualify by just two points. It was really sad for our seniors, we will really miss them.

"Our boys ran into a buzz saw. The schools from the southwest were a little better than we had anticipated.

"We are really excited about our boys team for next year, with our entire varsity returning. We will need to find four or five girls to run so we can have a team."

"I want to thank all the parents and community for their support this season," Ahlberg said.

Two coaches named for boys' basketball

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Decatur Community High School has hired Greg Olson as the 2007-'08 boys basketball coach. He will be assisted by Tim Thornton.

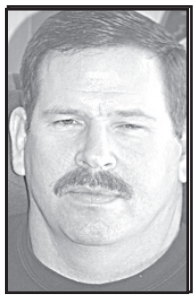
Olson, 44, will move to the head coaching position after working last year as the assistant coach under Rusty Montgomery. Montgomery left the position to work in the private sector. This is Olson's first head coaching position.

Olson played high school basketball at Cheylin in Bird City. He also played junior college basketball at Garden City Community College.

"I am looking forward to rebuilding the program," said Olson. "My plan is to emphasize teamwork. I am also looking forward to working with Tim."

This will be Thornton's first opportunity to coach at the high school level. He played high school basketball at Oakley. Last season, he coached the girls fifth-grade team.

"I feel that I bring the energy necessary to help elevate this program," Thornton said. "I enjoy



Greg Olson

working with young adults. Greg and I feel that last season is over. We want the players to realize that we don't have to have another season like last year again."

"Winning," Thornton said, "is learning to work together as a team and trusting in each other."

Basketball practice begins Monday, Nov. 12.

Girls lose to Atwood in straight sets

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The Rawlins County High Lady Buffaloes (20-8) will represent northwest Kansas in Hays at the state volleyball tournament on Friday and Saturday after defeating Oberlin in the finals of the 2A substate tournament.

Atwood, the number two seed, defeated the Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils (17-18), the number five seed, in straight sets 25-22 and 25-18 in the single-elimination championship final here in Oberlin Saturday in a sultry, warm gymnasium. The Lady Red Devils received the runner-up trophy for their efforts.

Both teams battled worthy opponents during the all-day tournament to face each other in the final deciding match.

Oberlin advanced to the semi-finals by knocking off the number four seed Ellis Railroaders (18-10)

in straight sets 25-11 and 25-19 in the first round in the top bracket of the tournament.

The Lady Red Devils began to build momentum when they knocked off the number one seed Hill City Lady Ringnecks (32-6) in straight sets 25-20 and 25-18 in the semifinal round to advance to the finals.

The Lady Buffaloes of Atwood defeated the Stockton Lady Tigers (6-21), the seventh seed, in the first round of the lower bracket in straight sets 25-22 and 25-15, advancing to the second round. There they defeated the Oakley Lady Plainsmen (14-20), the sixth seed, in straight sets 25-22 and 25-18 to advance to the finals to face the determined Lady Red Devils.

In first-round results, Hill City defeated the Plainville Lady Cardinals (5-23), the eighth seed, in straight sets 25-12 and 25-8.

Oberlin defeated Ellis; Atwood

defeated Stockton; and Oakley defeated the WaKeeney/Trego Community Lady Golden Eagles (22-12), the third-seeded team, in straight sets 25-19 and 25-20.

Against Ellis, Lacey Ream was top server and top passer.

Ream was 8 for 8 serving with two aces. Passing she was 6 for 7 with four perfect.

Jordan Dreher was top setter going 17 for 17 with six perfect.

LeAnna Sheaffer was top hitter and top blocker.

Sheaffer was 14 for 14 hitting with seven kills, and had three blocks.

Against Hill City, Ream was top server going 11 for 12 with one ace.

Heather Glodt was top passer going 8 for 9 with eight perfect.

Dreher was top setter going 37 for 39 with 12 perfect.

Adrienne Pauls was top hitter going 15 for 16 with eight kills.

Pauls was also top blocker with four point blocks.

In the finals against Rawlins County, Ream was again top server going 10 for 11 with one ace.

Sheaffer was top passer, top hitter, and top blocker.

Passing Sheaffer was 8 for 9 with five perfect, hitting 26 for 29 with nine kills and top blocker with four point blocks.

Pauls also did a fine job hitting, going 17 for 19 with seven kills.

"The girls played very well today," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "The first two matches, they stayed aggressive and shut down the net. We controlled the tempo of both matches.

"The final match against Rawlins County, the girls played aggressive, but we had trouble shutting down the net. I am very proud of our girls," said Coach Ruf, "they have great character and were an awesome team to coach."

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