

Sports

# Red Devils drop opener to Bulldogs

The Osborne Bulldogs turned a first half lead into a 34-14 football victory over the Oberlin Red Devils on Friday.

The Decatur Community High team opened the season at home against the Bulldogs, a team that they beat in 2003 but do not play much.

Neither team could gain any footing in the first quarter, which ended with no score.

In the second quarter, however, a good drive and a six-yard pass and Osborne scored the first touchdown. The kicked point after was good and the visitors were on the board 7-0.

In the same quarter an 11-yard pass netted the Bulldogs another touchdown. This time the point after try was blocked. Still the half ended with Osborne on top 13-0.

In the third quarter, Osborne

scored again and this time the point after pass was good for a 20-0 lead.

Oberlin gave their guests the next score as Osborne picked up a fumble and ran it 84 yards into the end zone to put the Red Devils on the board.

The point after failed again but the Bulldogs had a commanding 26-0 lead.

Oberlin was able to answer almost immediately, however, as Jacob Fortin caught the kickoff and ran it 84 yards into the end zone to put the Red Devils on the board.

The point after try was no good but Oberlin was no longer shut out.

In the fourth quarter, Osborne scored again on a three-yard run and on a 13-yard run. Both point-after kicks were good to give the Bulldogs a 34-6 advantage.

Oberlin wasn't done, however.



**PLAYING KEEP AWAY,** Oberlin junior quarterback Toby Peters was trying to elude an Osborne defender during the football game on Friday. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Fortin threw a 35-yard pass to Toby Peters who took it into the end zone. Fortin then passed to Lucas Juenemann for a two-point conversion to give the Red Devils 14 total points.

Passing leaders for Oberlin were Fortin, six for 11 for 81 yards, and Peters, three for nine for 25 yards.

Rushing leaders were Peters, 12 carries for 21 yards; J. Fortin, nine for 30; Logan Fortin, three for 21;

and Sam Stapp, three for 10.

Receiving leaders were J. Fortin, four for 18 yards; Peters, one for 35; Juenemann, one for 22; Dakota Soderlund, one for 13; L. Fortin, one for 10; and Stapp, one for nine.

## Boys take second in first race of year

The Decatur Community High boys came in second at the Norton Invitational Cross Country meet on Thursday, edging out the home team but coming in a little behind WaKeeney.

The Oberlin girls took third in the meet behind Norton and Hoxie.

Seniors Andrew Richards and Tamara Ketterl, sophomore Dalton Jones and freshman Tyler Shields brought home medals.

Richards came in second for the boys running the 3.25-mile course at the Prairie Dog Golf Course in 18 minutes and 41 seconds.

Jones was sixth in 1:20 and Shields was 12th in 20:01.

Ketterl came in 15th for the girls in 19:59 on a 2.5-mile course.

"This was a good start to our season," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "For nine of our runners this was a new experience/challenge. I was proud of our team's effort. How about those freshmen boys on the varsity. We also had a very large crowd, which made the day even more fun."

Other Oberlin finishers were:

- Freshman Dalton Paul, 24th, 21:44.
- Junior Nolan Wasson, 25th, 21:45.
- Sophomore Jacob Helm, 32nd, 22:48.

- Senior Chris Larson, 35th, 23:29.
- Sophomore Tiffany Anderson, 17th, 20:45.
- Senior Annamarie Larue, 19th, 21:06.
- Sophomore Bret Ashley, 22nd, 22:40.
- Sophomore Rachelle Scott, 25th, 24:55.
- Junior Kira Meitl, 26th, 25:28.

Junior varsity runners were:

- Cole May, 3rd, 22:48.
- Tim Larson, 9th, 23:40.
- Ray Zodrow, 10th, 23:59.
- Hunter Nedland, 18th, 25:38.
- Matt Wittman, 19th, 25:51.
- Gatlin Reichert, 22nd, 26:02.
- Shay McChesney, 27th, 28:01.

The WaKeeney boys came in first with 42 points followed by Oberlin, 46; Norton, 47; and Phillipsburg, 93. Hill City, Stockton, Ellis, Wheatland, Hoxie and Northern Valley competed but did not have enough runners for team scores.

The Norton girls were way out ahead of the competition with 18 points followed by Hoxie, 47, and Oberlin, 64. Hill City, Phillipsburg, Stockton, Ellis, Wheatland, WaKeeney and Northern Valley competed but had not team scores.

The next meet for the Oberlin team will be the Quinter Invitational at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.



**BEING URGED ON** by Coach Dick Ahlberg, Oberlin cross country runner Annamarie Larue ran the Norton course in 21 minutes, six seconds. — Herald photo by Patti Richards

## Junior high girls win both sets

The Oberlin junior high volleyball teams opened their season with victories over the Lady Indians of St. Francis.

The seventh-grade girls from Decatur Community Junior High overcame the young Indians 25-16, 25-16.

The eighth graders also won in straight sets 25-8, 25-13.

"We did a nice job in the opening game against St. Francis," seventh-grade coach Lindsay Fortin said. "We served the ball really well. As a team, we served with 92 percent efficiency. In seventh-grade volley-

ball, keeping the serve is a definite advantage. We were a little timid and nervous to start off the game, but as they relaxed they started to play better. We are looking forward to improving over the week and preparing for Oakley on Thursday."

Head junior high volleyball coach Gina Witt was also enthusiastic about her eighth-grade girls.

"The opening game for the eighth-grade volleyball team was a great success," she said. "We had contributions from all 12 players. Our serving percentage was 79 percent with 12 aces. The girls did

a good job of communicating and transitioning."

The eighth-grade B-team also won the single set it played, 25-22.

"They also did a great job of serving," Coach Witt said. "Both teams worked hard."

The girls will take on Oakley at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Oakley.

## Junior high wins football game

The Decatur Community Junior High football team kicked off its season with a 6-0 win over the young St. Francis Indians on Thursday.

"Our defense played an excellent game and really did a great job of finding the ball and having several tacklers in on every play," Coach Caleb Howland said. "The defense really did win the game for us this week. A lot of credit goes to these

young players and Coach (Mark) Bricker, who is the defensive coach. On offense, we moved the ball effectively in our first few drives, scoring on our first offensive possession. We need to improve offensively in the

## Girls win two, lose one

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils took two out of three matches in Oakley last week, bringing their season record up to 3-2.

The Oberlin girls downed the Leoti Indians 25-11, 25-18 and the Oakley Lady Plainsmen 25-18, 25-20, but fell to the Phillipsburg Panthers 25-19, 25-14.

In the game against Leoti, Coach Sherri Ruf said that she thought her girls did well.

"At times the girls played well in this match," she said. "They played the net tough and transitioned well."

Top players were:

- Server — Elisha Jones, 10 for 10 with two aces.
- Passer — Adrienne Pauls, 11 of 11 with three perfect.
- Setter — Jordan Dreher, 12 of 12 with eight perfect.
- Hitter — Pauls, nine of 10 with six kills.
- Blocker — Pauls, four points.

The girls had good sets against Oakley.

"Oberlin played an aggressive match," Coach Ruf said. "We had good serves and communicated as a team. We need to work on getting in position to hit the ball, allowing us to stay aggressive on offense."

Top players were:

- Server — Ashley Horton, nine for nine with three aces.
- Passer — Heather Ploussard, eight of nine.
- Setter — Dreher, 10 of 10 with seven perfect.
- Blocker — Kiah Blau, two points stopped.

However, the team didn't play as well against Phillipsburg, Coach Ruf said.

"The girls played flat in this match," she said. "We need to stay on our toes and move to the ball quickly. Phillipsburg is a good team and we were able to get some good block and hits."

Top players were:

- Server — Jones, six of six.
- Passer — Pauls, six for six.
- Setter — Jessica Fredrickson, seven for seven with seven perfect.
- Hitter — Pauls, six of nine with four kills.
- Blocker — Pauls, four points.

The Oberlin junior varsity won all three of its matches downing Phillipsburg 25-15, 25-21; Leoti 25-16, 25-7; and Oakley 25-13, 18-25, 15-13. They are undefeated.

The C-team girls beat Oakley 25-19, 21-25, 17-15, but lost to Phillipsburg 25-13, 25-17.

The girls are to go to a tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday sponsored by Wheatland/Grinnell. The junior varsity will attend a 9 a.m. tournament in Quinter the same day.

Next Tuesday, the girls will have a 4:30 p.m. matchup with Oakley and Hill City at home.

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