

Volleyball teams win Oberlin tournament

The Oberlin Lady Red Devils dominated its home volleyball tournament on Saturday, as both the varsity and junior varsity teams went 4-0 to win the championships.

The Decatur Community High varsity girls started off the day with a loss in their first set with Rawlins County, falling to the Atwood girls 25-19, but that was their last loss on Saturday.

The Lady Red Devils went on to stomp the Atwood girls 25-15, 25-16 to win the match.

"The first set, the girls played flat," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "They weren't moving to the ball and getting good passes. We regrouped between sets to bring it altogether. They started moving quick to the ball, which allowed the setter to receive good passes, which led to kills. We also shut down the net and picked up the tips."

"It was good to see the girls regroup and come out the next two sets to finish with a win."

Top players were:
• Server — Jordan Dreher, two aces.
• Passer — Elisa Jones, 32 service points and nine digs.
• Setters — Dreher, 12 assists, and Jessica Fredrickson, six assists.
• Hitters — Adrienne Pauls, 12 kills; Dreher, seven; and Kiah Blau, six.
• Blocker — Pauls, five points blocked.

After beating Atwood in three, it only took Oberlin two sets each to down Hoxie, St. Francis and Norton.

In their second match, the Lady Red Devils beat Hoxie 25-19, 25-22.

"The girls played really well in this match," Coach Ruf said. "Both teams played very aggressive. We were just able to win the long volleys with kills and blocks. This is the third time we have played Hoxie, and we have come out on top each time."

Top players were:
• Server — Dreher, five aces.
• Passer — Jones, 46 service points and three digs.
• Setters — Dreher, 17 assists, and Fredrickson, five assists.
• Hitters — Pauls, 11 kills, and Dreher and Heather Ploussard, four each.
• Blocker — Blau, two points blocked.

Girls down Cougars, St. Francis Indians

The Oberlin Lady Red Devils volleyball team downed the Cougars of Cheylin High and the Lady Indians of St. Francis last Tuesday at a meet in St. Francis.

The Decatur Community High girls were able to win both matches in two sets.

The St. Francis Lady Indians fell to the Lady Red Devils 25-12, 25-18.

"The girls stayed aggressive in this match," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "We received several free balls and were able to get some really good hits."

Top players were:
• Servers — Brandi Diederich, three aces, and Jordan Dreher, two.

• Passer — Elisa Jones, 22 service points and seven digs.
• Setters — Dreher, nine assists, and Jessica Fredrickson, eight.
• Hitters — Adrienne Pauls, nine kills, and Dreher, four.
• Blocker — Pauls, three points blocked.

The match against the Cheylin Cougars from Bird City was even faster, as Oberlin downed

them 25-10, 25-14.

"The girls were able to get some set plays in this match that we have been working on in practice," Coach Ruf said. "We did a really nice job serving the ball and staying aggressive at the net."

Top players were:

• Servers — Dreher, five aces, and Cherish Manning, two.
• Passer — Jones, 14 service points and five digs.
• Setters — Fredrickson, 10 assists, and Dreher, seven.
• Hitters — Dreher, seven kills, and Pauls, five.
• Blocker — Pauls, two points blocked.

The junior varsity team downed St. Francis 25-19, 25-17.

Oberlin's C-team girls lost to St. Francis in three games, winning the first 25-23 but losing the next pair 26-24, 15-7.

The girls' next match was to be on Tuesday against Goodland and Brewster. Then next Tuesday, the team will take on the Quinter Bulldogs and the Colby Lady Eagles at 4:30 p.m. in Quinter.

St. Francis started out tough but was no match for Oberlin, which won 26-24, 25-12.

"The first set of this match, we just made too many mental mistakes," Coach Ruf said. "We were able to still win ..., but it did not look pretty. The second set went much better. We had a couple of girls not feeling well and the team did a nice job stepping it up to cover for them."

Top players were:
• Server — Fredrickson, two aces.
• Passer — Jones, 39 service points and six digs.
• Setters — Dreher and Fredrickson, seven assists each.
• Hitters — Dreher, eight kills, and Pauls, five.
• Blocker — Blau, three points blocked.

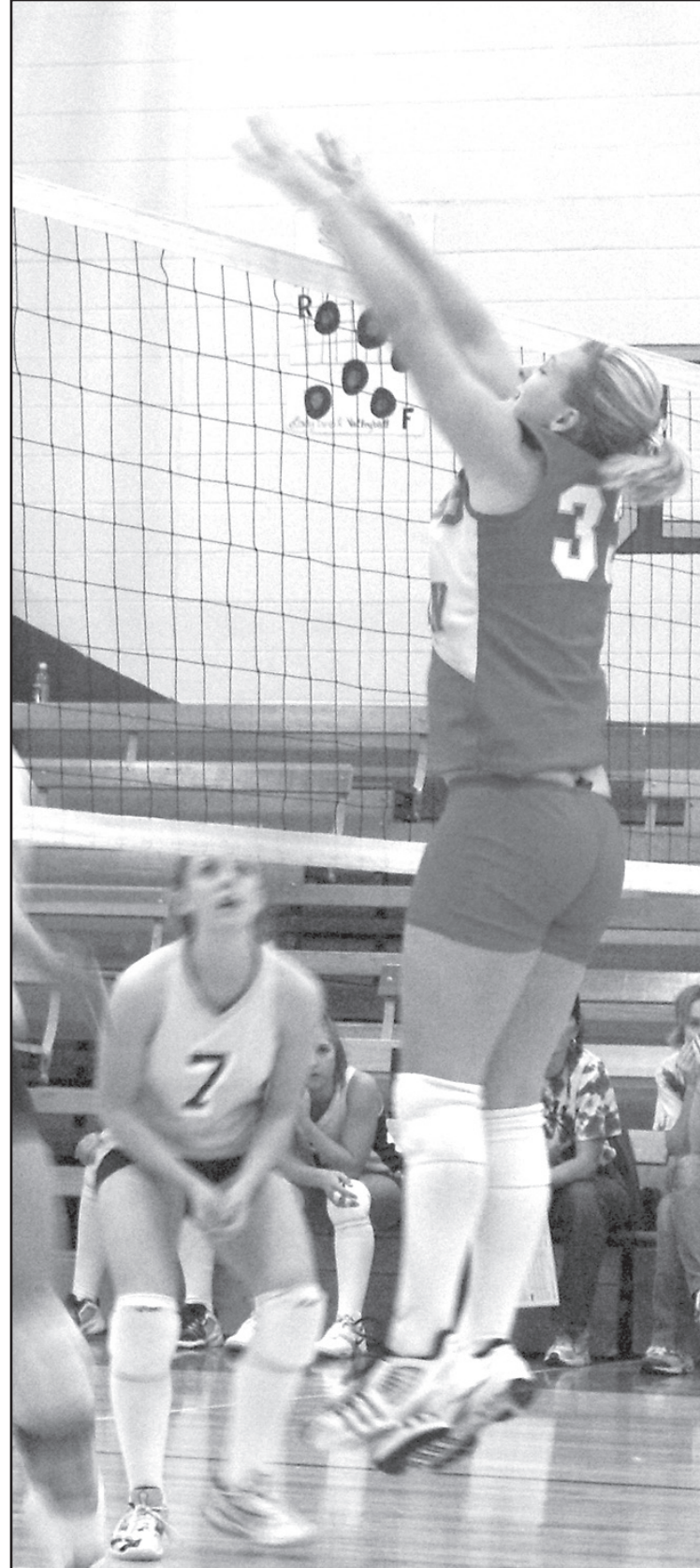
blocked.

In the last match Oberlin, downed Norton 25-21, 25-19.

"The girls played well in this match," Coach Ruf said. "It had been a long day and the girls did a nice job of staying aggressive and communicating with each other. We had a few girls not feeling well, but the team together did a nice job of supporting each other to finish the day 4-0 to win the tournament."

Top players were:

• Server — Dreher, three aces.
• Passer — Jones, 62 service points and 10 digs.
• Setters — Dreher, 11 assists, and Fredrickson, five.
• Hitters — Dreher, nine kills, Pauls, eight.
• Blockers — Blau, Ashley Hor-



PUSHING THE VOLLEYBALL back to the other side of the net, Jordan Dreher was one of the key players in Oberlin's tournament-winning victory over the Norton Blue Jays on Saturday — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

ton and Pauls, one point blocked each.

The varsity now has a 17-7 record.

Hoxie came in second in the tournament, beating St. Francis, Norton and Atwood.

The other three schools each won one match. Norton beat St. Francis, St. Francis beat Atwood and Atwood beat Norton.

In junior varsity play, Oberlin downed St. Francis 25, 18, 23-25,

15-6; Atwood, 25-14, 25-20; Hoxie, 25-19, 29-27; and Norton, 25-23, 20-25, 15-9.

Atwood beat Norton and St. Francis, while Norton beat Hoxie and St. Francis to finish 2-2 each, and St. Francis beat Hoxie and Hoxie beat Atwood to finish 1-3 each.

The Oberlin girls were to play Goodland and Brewster in Goodland on Tuesday and will be in Quinter at 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday to take on Colby and Quinter.

Cross country boys run third at home

The Decatur Community High boys came in third and the girls fifth at the 41st annual Oberlin Invitational Cross Country Meet last Tuesday at the Oberlin Country Club.

Senior Andrew Richards took second in 17 minutes, 32 seconds. He has won medals in every meet this year, mostly for placing third.

Freshman Dalton Jones was the only other Oberlin runner to grab a medal, coming in ninth in 18:09. He also has won several medals this year.

Coach Dick Ahlberg said he was proud of the his runners, appreciative of all the help putting on the meet and loved the great weather.

"The team performed pretty well today," he said. "The runners put in lots of effort and there were a number of personal records. We had 25 runners today. That was a team record for Oberlin and Decatur Community High."

"We would like to thank all the people who helped with the meet. It takes lots of people to run a successful meet — scorers, timers, corner judges, chute control and parents with food."

Besides the medalists, Oberlin had five other varsity boys, 10 girls and nine junior varsity boys in the races.

Other varsity boys:

• Tyler Shields, 20th, 18:53.
• Dalton Pauls, 33rd, 19:45.
• Nolan Wasson, 34th, 19:47.
• Chris Larson, 42th, 20:45.
• Josh Ritter, 49th, 21:46.

Girls:

• Tamara Ketterl, 16th, 17:27.
• Tiffany Anderson, 31st, 18:19.
• Annamarie Larue, 35th, 18:58.
• Bret Ashley, 45th, 19:57.
• Rachele Scott, 55th, 21:18.
• Kira Meitl, 56th, 21:45.
• Cindy Murray, 63rd, 24:01.
• Rhiannon Davies, 64th, 24:16.
• Farra McChesney, 66th, 29:19.

Junior varsity boys:

• Tim Larson, 12th, 20:37.
• Conner McHugh, 14th, 21.
• Ray Zodrow, 24th, 22:06.
• Nolan Henningson, 28th, 22:30.

• Matt Wittman, 29th, 22:42.
• Gatlin Reichert, 32nd, 23:12.
• Cole May, 34th, 23:36.
• Shay McChesney, 40th, 25:05.
• Hunter Nedland, 50th, 27:26.



RUNNING AHEAD OF THE PACK, Dalton Jones came in ninth in the 41st annual Oberlin Invitational Cross Country Meet last Tuesday. — Herald photo by Patti Richards

There were 176 racers. Norton won the boys division with 37 points, followed by McCook, 60; Oberlin, 69; Colby, 91; Goodland, 110; and Phillipsburg, 148. McCook won the girls division

with 41 points, followed by Norton, 43; Southwest High from Nebraska, 76; Colby, 78; and Oberlin, 116.

The Oberlin runners will hit the trail again at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Phillipsburg Golf Club.

Eighth grade wins four out of five

The Decatur Community High eighth-grade volleyball team won three out of four matches at a round-robin tournament in Hoxie, then turned around and beat Atwood the next week.

A week ago last Saturday, the young Lady Red Devils defeated Norton in the first round of the tournament in Hoxie 25-22, 25-15.

"The girls came out strong on both sides of the ball," Coach Gina Witt said. "We served a 91 percent."

Next, Oberlin downed St. Francis 25-23, 16-25, 15-4.

accuracy."

In the third round, Oberlin beat WaKeeney 25-16, 25-15.

"Once again the girls did a good job using the ball," Coach Witt said. "They served with 80 percent accuracy."

In the championship round, however, the young Lady Devils fell to Hoxie 25-23, 4-25, 19-17.

"We had a little trouble with our coverage, but overall the girls did a great job of using the ball and working together," Coach Witt said. "We served with 82 percent accuracy."

"Overall, I was very proud of the girls. They worked hard all day and did a great job."

Then on Thursday the girls were in Atwood to take on the young Lady

Buffaloes.

The A-team downed Atwood 25-11, 25-22.

"The girls did a great job moving and transitioning," Coach Witt said. "They got out of system a few times, but were able to regroup and make something happen. The girls served with 87 percent accuracy and attacked the ball 22 of 28 times."

The B-team defeated the Rawlins County girls 25-15, 25-23.

"The girls did a wonderful job of using and setting up the ball," Coach Witt said. "They served with 82 percent accuracy and attacked the ball 17 of 23 times."

"I am very proud of how far along the team is coming. Great job, girls."

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