



THE OBERLIN RED DEVILS' offense gave quarterback Logan Fortin (No. 7) plenty of blocking as he prepared to send a pass over the heads of the Hoxie Indians on Friday. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Oberlin girls beat all teams to win league

Despite the loss of a key player, the Decatur Community High girls downed all opponents to take the Northwest Kansas League championship Saturday in Colby.

The Lady Red Devils downed St. Francis, Quinter, Goodland, Colby and Hoxie to win the championship and take their record to 26-8.

The Oberlin girls downed the St. Francis Lady Indians 25-20 25-16 in pool play.

"The girls played this match well," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "We had to adjust to a new setter with Jordan Dreher injured, but Brandi Diederich stepped in and did an excellent job in that position. All the girls adjusted well to the change in line up. They stayed aggressive and transitioned well."

Top players were:
 • Server — Cherish Manning, two aces.
 • Passer — Elisha Jones, 35 service points and 13 digs.

• Setters — Diederich, 16 assists, and Jessica Fredrickson, 11.
 • Hitters — Adrienne Pauls, 13 kills, and Kiah Blau, six.

• Blockers — Pauls, nine points, and Carissa Wentz, five.
 The Oberlin girls also downed Quinter in two sets in pool play 25-11, 25-21.

"The girls stayed consistent in this match," said Coach Ruf. "They had great enthusiasm and did a nice job hitting and blocking."

Top players were:
 • Server — Jones, two aces.
 • Passer — Jones, 34 service points and seven digs.

• Setters — Diederich, 15 assists, and Fredrickson, 10.
 • Hitters — Pauls, 11 kills, and Kiah Blau, five.

• Blocker — Pauls, seven points.
 Goodland was also no match for hot Lady Red Devils as they downed the Cowgirls 25-19, 25-21 in pool play.

"Oberlin played good defense in this match," Coach Ruf said. "They did a nice job blocking and digging."

Top players were:
 • Server — Manning, two aces.
 • Passer — Jones, 26 service points and 16 digs.

• Setters — Diederich, 15 assists, and Fredrickson, eight.
 • Hitter — Pauls, 12 kills.
 • Blocker — Pauls, six points.
 Oberlin met Colby in the semifinals, and although the Lady Eagles had beaten them earlier in the week, the Lady Red Devils weren't ready to lose. It helped that Dreher was able to help return to the fray.

The Eagles took the first set 25-18 but Oberlin came back to win the match in the next two 25-22, 25-20.

"Oberlin played flat in the first match, we didn't shut the net down and had too many net violations," Coach Ruf said. "We made some adjustments between matches and played very well in the next two sets."

"Our defense was awesome! If we didn't get a bug at the net, our back row defense dug the ball up for a set and kill. The girls maintained intensity in this match and came out on top."

Top players were:
 • Server — Manning, two aces.
 • Passer — Jones, 69 service points and 21 digs.

• Setters — Dreher, 20 assists, and Fredrickson, 16.
 • Hitters — Pauls, 15 kills, and Dreher and Blau, nine each.

• Blockers — Pauls, 16 points, and Wentz, eight.
 Even after playing four matches and beating Colby, the Oberlin girls were not ready to slow down in the championship round, where they demolished Hoxie 25-13, 25-21.

"Oberlin dominated this match," Coach Ruf said. "All the enthusiasm and momentum from the day continued right into this championship match. The girls kept their composure with the adjustments that had to be made, and it paid off with becoming the 2008 Northwest Kansas League Champions."

"I am very proud of the girls. They have such great attitude, and it shows when you watch them play. They play with such great teamwork and enthusiasm for the sport of volleyball. What a great team to coach."

Top players were:
 • Server — Fredrickson, two aces.
 • Passer — Jones, 37 service points and 14 digs.

• Setters — Dreher, 12 assists, and Fredrickson, 10.
 • Hitter — Pauls, 14 kills.
 • Blockers — Pauls, 11 points, and Wentz and Heather Ploussard, four.

The Lady Red Devils will start substate play at 1 p.m. Saturday in Atwood.

Red Devils down Indians

The Oberlin Red Devils won their first game in district play on Friday, downing the Hoxie Indians 14-12 in their last home game this season.

Hoxie started out the fireworks by scoring on a five-yard run in the first quarter. The point after was no good, but the Indians led 6-0 after one.

In the second quarter, Oberlin answered the challenge first with a screen play by senior Sam Stapp for about 17 yards, then a couple of sweeps to seniors Jacob Fortin and Lucas Junemann and finally a short

two-yard run by Stapp into the end zone for the Red Devils' first score. Senior Logan Fortin kicked the point after and Oberlin was ahead 7-6 at the half.

In the third quarter, J. Fortin grabbed a Hoxie fumble and ran 66 yards for the most exciting touchdown of the evening. Logan Fortin again kicked the pigskin through the goal posts and Oberlin led 14-6.

Hoxie was able to answer with another touchdown, but again the point after try was no good and at the

end of three Oberlin led 14-12.

Neither team was able to cross the goal line in the final quarter.

Since this was the last home game, Oberlin honored its senior players, Stapp, the Fortins, Nathan Simonsson, Derek Chambers, Juennemann and Everett Urban.

As quarterback, Logan Fortin was 16 for 19 in the air for 94 yards.

His receivers were Jacob Fortin, who grabbed eight passes for 40 yards; Stapp, four for 20 yards; junior Toby Peters, three for 29 yards; and

junior Wiley Farr, one for 11 yards.

Rushing leaders were Juennemann, seven for 31 yards; L. Fortin, eight for 38 yards; J. Fortin, nine for 28 yards plus the fumble-recovery run; and Stapp, six for 40 yards and a touchdown.

The victory puts the Red Devils 1-0 in district play. At 7 p.m. Friday, they will be in Oakley to take on a tough Plainsmen team in their second district contest. Then it's on to Ellis to take on the Railroaders on Thursday, Oct. 30.

Cross country team tops league

The Oberlin boys ran off with the Northwest Kansas League cross country championship on Saturday in Colby, while the girls came in third.

Andrew Richards, Oberlin's senior speedster, took first place, running the 3.25-mile course in 17 minutes, 47 seconds.

The Oberlin boys came in first with 39 points, followed by Colby, 47; Hoxie, 67; and Goodland, 71. The Colby girls won the meet with 30 points, followed by Hoxie, 38, and Oberlin, 52.

Other medal winners were:

- Dalton Jones, fifth, 18:49
- Tyler Shields, eighth, 19:09.
- Tamara Ketterl, seven for the girls, 18:30.

The four medalist were all named to the All-League team.

"Andrew ran a good strategic race," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Having three all-league runners (on the boys team) was really fun ... but all the more meaningful when the team brings home the title. Our gap times are getting better, we are continuing to improve as a team."

- Other varsity boy runners were:
 • Dalton Paul, 14th, 19:48.

- Nolan Wasson, 15th, 19:53.
- Conner McHugh, 17th, 20:34.
- Nolan Henningson, 22nd, 21:24.

"Our girls had a tough time today," Coach Ahlberg said. "I was proud of their effort, our girls are running, even though they are a little dinged up. We hope to be healthier next week and at full strength."

- Other varsity girls:
 • Tiffany Anderson, 12th, 19:15.

- Annamarie Larue, 15th, 20:22.
- Bret Ashley, 18th, 21:04.
- Kira Meitl, 22nd, 23:33.

Junior varsity runners were:

- Chris Larson, 20:34.
- Tim Larson 21:26.
- Josh Ritter, 21:26.
- Ray Zodrow, 22:15.
- Cole May, 22:22.
- Matt Wittman, 24:12.
- Shay McChesney, 25:05.
- Hunter Nedland, 25:34.

The runners will race at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith Center in the Class 2A Regional meet to determine who goes to state. The top three teams and top 10 individual runners will get a state berth. Oberlin will be running against nine other schools, the coach said.

Volleyball team beats Goodland girls

The Decatur Community High volleyball girls downed Quinter last Tuesday but ran into trouble with Colby at the same meet.

Oberlin was able to beat the Quinter Lady Bulldogs in two sets 25-22, 25-9, in Quinter in their first game.

"The Quinter girls came out and played a very aggressive first set," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "There were some long volleys, but the girls were able to get the win. We dominated the second set by taking advantage of the free ball and digging up their hits."

Top players were:

- Servers — Elisha Jones, two aces, and Brandi Diederich and Jordan Dreher, one each.

• Passer — Jones, 34 service points and three digs.

• Setters — Dreher, 13 assists, and Jessica Fredrickson, eight assists.

• Hitters — Kiah Blau, eight kills; Dreher, seven; and Adrienne Pauls, six.

• Blocker — Pauls, two points.
 While Oberlin kept things close, the Class 4A Colby Lady Eagles were able to win their game in two sets 27-25, 25-20. (Oberlin plays in Class 2A, for smaller schools.)

"The Oberlin girls started by leading the first set (with) a five-point lead," Coach Ruf said. "Then we started to get too comfortable and let Colby back in the match. We blocked the ball well, but did not get good digs to the setter. In the second set, we just made too many mental mistakes and didn't move to the ball. Overall, we played well at times, but not consistently throughout the match to get the win."

Top players were:

• Server — Dreher, one ace.

• Passer — Jones, 67 service points and seven digs.

- Setters — Fredrickson, 10 assists, and Dreher, nine.
- Hitters — Kiah Blau, eight kills, and Dreher and Pauls, six each.
- Blockers — Pauls, six points, and Carissa Wentz, three.

The junior varsity team was also able to beat Quinter but not Colby.

The younger girls downed Quinter in two 25-18, 25-20, but after winning the first set 25-17 from Colby, they lost the last two 25-20, 15-11, and the match.

Colby downed The Lady Red Devils C team 25-8, 25-13.

Eighth grade wins in four

The Oberlin eighth-grade girls volleyball teams downed both Colby and Goodland in two-set games.

The Decatur Community Junior High girls took on the Mustangs from Goodland in Oberlin on Oct 9, and the Lady Red Devil A and B teams both won in straight sets. The A team downed Goodland 25-11, 25-24, and the B team won 25-17, 25-23.

"Both teams did a good job of using the ball and serving," said Coach Gina Witt. "The A team served at 92 percent and the B team served at 88 percent. The girls did a fair job of transitioning, but could improve in that area."

On Thursday, the Oberlin girls were in Colby, where both teams beat the young Lady Eagles. The A team won 25-14, 25-21.

"The girls did a really good job staying focused and playing together," Coach Witt said. "They keep improving on their coverage and their use of the ball. The girls were 22 of 29 attacking the ball. They also did a good job serving — 43 of 49 for 88 percent."

The Oberlin B team downed Colby 25-16, 25-23.

"The girls did a good job of playing together," the coach said. "The girls' serving was a great strength for us; the girls served 44 of 49 for 90 percent. I am very proud of the effort the girls put forth."



RUSHING WITH LOTS OF BLOCKING HELP, Dayton Dreher took the football downfield for the junior Red Devils against Colby on Thursday. — Herald photo by Susan May

Junior Devils take six wins

The Decatur Community Junior High football team won six out of seven games this year, beating the junior Eagles in Colby 42-8 in its last game.

Chris Anderson and Dayton Dreher each scored once, and Brady Fortin scored three touchdowns.

"This past week, we finished our season with another big win," said Coach Caleb Howland. "We were

able to move the ball very well on offense, and again our defense played great. The players on this year's team set very high goals for their season and worked hard throughout the season to achieve those goals.

"We finish the season with a 6-1 record and a 6-0 league record.

"On behalf of the players and myself, I would like to thank the as-

sistant coaches, Tim Breth and Mark Bricker, for their dedication and hard work, and would also like to thank the parents and fans for their support throughout the season."

The young Red Devils beat the St. Francis Indians, Oakley Plainsmen, Hoxie Indians, Atwood Buffaloes, Goodland Mustangs and Colby, losing only to Dundy County, Neb., of Benkelman.

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