

Girls headed for state tournament

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 “We played sluggish in the first set of this match and St. Francis came out to play,” she said. “The girls kept their composure and started to regroup to come out ahead in the match.”

- Top players were:
- Server — Jori Diederich, two aces.
 - Passer — Elisha Jones, 24 service points and nine digs.
 - Setters — Jessica Fredrickson, nine assists, and Jordan Dreher, five.
 - Hitters — Adrienne Pauls, eight kills, and Kiah Blau, seven.
 - Blocker — Pauls, seven points blocked.

The coach was happier with the play against Atwood as the Lady Red Devils downed the Lady Bufaloes 25-19, 25-9.

“The girls played well in this match,” she said. “We were able to get the net shut down and played well on defense. As the match went on the girls just continued to play aggressive and move to the ball.”

- Top players were:
- Servers — Cherish Manning and Diederich, one ace each.
 - Passer — Elisha Jones, 13 service points and nine digs.
 - Setters — Fredrickson, 14 assists, and Dreher, nine.
 - Hitters — Pauls and Dreher, 11 kills each.
 - Blocker — Pauls, five points blocked.

The last match was against Hill City, a team Oberlin has only faced once before this year. On Sept. 16

Here’s how you can get to coliseum

For those planning to attend the state volleyball tournament in Hays on Friday, opening ceremonies start at 7:45 a.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University. The Oberlin girls will play St. Marys at 9:30 a.m.

For those going to Hays on I-70, use Exit 157 (the west Hays exit) and go south on U.S. 183 Bypass about two miles. The coliseum will be on the left side of the road after you cross the creek and the railroad tracks.

For anyone driving south on U.S. 183 from Stockton, go through town. Turn and go west on the U.S. 183 Bypass for about two miles and the coliseum will be on the right side of the road.

the Lady Ringnecks downed the Lady Red Devils in three sets to give Oberlin one of its few losses.

This time the Oberlin wrung the Ringnecks 25-21, 25-13.

“The girls put all their heart into this match,” Coach Ruf said. “Hill City was playing very well through-



OBERLIN FANS and well wishers rushed onto the court to be with the Lady Red Devils after they won the Class 2A

substate tournament in Atwood on Saturday. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

The Plainsmen overcome Devils

The Decatur Community High football team stands 1-1 in district play after a 40-12 loss on Friday to the Oakley Plainsmen.

The Red Devils now need Thursday’s game against the Ellis Railroaders to continue their season in the state Class 2A playoffs.

Friday’s in Oakley, the Oberlin boys held their own in the first half. The home team jumped out ahead with a 5-yard rushing touchdown in the first quarter. The point after was no good, but the Plainsmen were on the board and ahead 6-0.

In the second quarter, Oakley again made a touchdown after a drive and a short four-yard rush into the end zone. Again the point after was no good, and at the half, the home team led 12-0.

Oakley came out fired up after the half and put up three touchdowns in the third quarter before Oberlin was able to counter with a five-yard pass from senior quarterback Logan Fortin to junior Toby Peters for its first score. The point after was no good, but Oberlin was on the board. The score was 34-6.

Oberlin was able to repeat its drive in the fourth quarter. This time a seven-yard pass from Fortin

to Peters produced another 6 points for the Red Devils. The point after was again no good, but Oberlin now had two touchdowns and the score was 34-12.

Oakley took one more crack at the scoreboard on a seven-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth to end the game at 40-12.

Fortin got 264 yards in the air with 17 of 39 passes completed and two touchdowns. He also caught a pass for two yards.

His cousin, senior Jacob Fortin, was perfect in passing, hitting two of two for 27 yards. He also caught one ball for nine yards.

Other receivers were Peters, nine catches for 149 yards and two touchdowns; junior Wiley Farr, three for 64 yards; senior Sam Stapp, four for 39 yards; and senior Lucas Juennemann, one for 28 yards.

Rushing leaders for Oberlin were L. Fortin, 22 yards on six carries; Stapp, eight yards on three carries; and J. Fortin, a yard on three carries.

Oberlin will have a 7 p.m. kickoff on Thursday in Ellis for the last district game. The Red Devils must win to continue on to bi-district competition next week.

out the day and we knew we would have a tough match to play. We were able to capitalize on their weaknesses and stayed focused on our game.

“Adrienne was able to block the quick hits that they were able to get down on other teams, they had

played earlier. Our defense did not let any ball hit.

“Elisha Jones and Jori Diederich did an awesome job on digging balls up for kills. The girls dominated this match with teamwork and great athleticism.

“I would like to thank all the

Oberlin fans for supporting Red Devil volleyball. I hope to see you in Hays.”

- Top players were:
- Servers — Diederich, Dreher and Jones, one ace each.
 - Passers — Elisha Jones, 21 service points and 14 digs; Diederich,

16 points and six digs; and Dreher, 16 digs.

- Setters — Fredrickson, 10 assists, and Dreher, nine.
- Hitters — Pauls, nine kills; Dreher, five; and Kiah Blau, four.
- Blocker — Pauls, seven points blocked.



ROUNDING A CORNER during the Class 2A Regional cross country meet in Smith Center on Saturday, Andrew Richards was well on his way to state. Richards took first in the meet. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Oberlin runner headed for state

Oberlin’s Andrew Richards took first place in the Class 2A Regional cross country meet in Smith Center on Saturday, earning a ticket to the state meet Saturday in Wamego.

Both the Decatur Community High boys and girls placed fifth in team standings, while only the top three teams in each region get to go to the state meet.

Richards was the only Oberlin runner to earn a berth at state. He had won the Northwest Kansas League meet in Colby the previous week.

The Decatur Community High senior completed the Smith Center course in 18 minutes, 24 second, somewhat off the 17 minutes, 47 seconds he ran last week on the Colby golf course.

This is Richards’ second trip to state. Last year, he ran the course in Wamego in 18:21.9 for 13th place and a medal.

“Andrew had a very good race (on Saturday),” Coach Dick Ahlberg said, “and qualified for the state meet next week in Wamego. Andrew will run at 12:30 p.m. We had a great crowd again supporting our athletes. The team and I really appreciate this.”

“We probably did not have our A game today, and the competition was very good. Our season was very successful, with good participation, and the boys’ Northwest Kansas League championship.

“Our boys’ future is extreme-

ly bright with such good young runners. With increased summer mileage and natural improvement through physical development, we will have the opportunity to become competitive at the state level. We will graduate four of our nine girls, and need to increase our girls’ squad size to be competitive.

“Thanks to all the parents and the community for their support this season.”

Other Oberlin runners were:

- Dalton Jones, 17th, 20:27.
- Tyler Shields, 19th, 20:30.
- Conner McHugh, 35th, 21:26.
- Nolan Wasson, 36th, 21:30.
- Dalton Paul, 38th, 21:37.
- Chris Larson, 41st, 21:53.

Girls running for the Red Devils were:

- Tiffany Anderson, 21st, 19:30.
- Tamara Ketterl, 22nd, 19:34.
- Annamarie Larue, 30th, 20:24.
- Bret Ashley, 36th, 21:01.
- Kira Meitl, 42nd, 23:56.

Minneapolis High School took first in the regional boys race with 56 points, followed by Sacred Heart of Salina, 58; WaKeeny, 65; Bennington, 90; Oberlin, 100; Hill City, 119; and Osborne, 158. The top three teams will go to state.

The Bennington girls team took first with 37 points, followed by Sacred Heart, 60; Minneapolis, 61; Osborne, 65; and Oberlin, 117.

Seventh grade wins one match

The Oberlin seventh-grade volleyball team lost its A-team match to Goodland on Oct. 9 at home but won the B-team match, then fell in both to Colby on Oct. 16 on the road.

The seventh-grade Goodland Mustangs downed the Oberlin A-team 25-22, 25-14 but the young Lady Red Devil B-team came back to win 25-23, 25-17.

The girls had a hard time with the young Lady Eagles in Colby, as the home team beat the A squad 25-17, 25-17, and the B team 25-15, 25-18.

“The seventh-grade team did a better job transitioning and com-

municating against Goodland and Colby, but we are not yet consistent for an entire match,” Coach Lindsay Fortin said last week. “We have struggled with those two things throughout the year, but the team has improved since the beginning of the season.”

“Transitioning and communicating are the two areas that will continue to be our main focus in practice over the next week as we work to prepare for the league tournament.”

The tournament was to be held Thursday in Oberlin.

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