



CATCHING THE BALL, Conner McHugh (left) of the white team was about to be brought down by Keithen Fortin of the red team during the Oberlin Red Devils' annual preseason scrimmage on Thursday.
— Herald photos by Sarah Fredrickson

Football team off to Osborn

The Oberlin Red Devils football team will see its first action at 7 p.m. Friday night in Osborne against the Bulldogs.

The public got its first glimpse of the Decatur Community High team last week during the annual preseason scrimmage.

The scrimmage went well, said coach J.D. Johnson, with no injuries and good work from the teams.

"We saw some good things from different people," he said. "We will make some changes — just tune things up, fine tune little things."

The Red Devils team was to be practicing with full pads on Monday, Tuesday and today and then have a walk through on Thursday.

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Sports

The team bus will leave the school parking lot at 3:30 p.m. Friday with eight seniors, eight juniors, four sophomores and six freshmen. The team has 11 returning lettermen, he said.

As for Osborne, Coach Johnson said that the Bulldogs are a young team but they have a lot of size and quite a few returning lettermen. Since Osborne is a member of the

Mid-Continent League, the junior varsities will not play each other, he said.

The Oberlin junior varsity will play Oakley on the road at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Oberlin's first home game will be Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 18, against Plainville.

Girls victorious in pair

The Decatur Community High volleyball team started its season with a pair of wins over Wheatland/Grinnell and Hoxie at home on Friday.

To start out, Oberlin outplayed Wheatland/Grinnell 25-15, 25-14.

"For the first match for Oberlin, we came out a little timid," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "As the match progressed, the girls started talking more and stayed aggressive at the net."

Top players were:

- Server — Jori Diederich, four aces, and Jordan Dreher, three aces.

- Passer — Diederich, 17 service returns and five digs.

- Setter — Dreher, 15 assists.

- Hitter — Adrienne Pauls, 10 kills.

- Blockers — Pauls, five blocks, and Kiah Blau, four blocks.

The Lady Red Devils then turned around and downed Hoxie in two, 25-11, 25-17.

"The girls stayed aggressive and had good transition," Coach Ruf



SHOWING OFF their skills at the volleyball scrimmage last week, Rachele Scott (right) went for the ball while Ashley Horton was ready to help.

said. "We need to move quicker to the ball. Tonight the girls had two good matches to start the season."

Top players in the second game:

- Server — Dreher, five aces, and Jessica Fredrickson, a pair of aces.

- Passers — Brandi Diederich, 16 service receive points and nine digs, and J. Diederich, 13 serve receive points and seven digs.

- Setter — Dreher, 12 assists.

- Hitters — Pauls, seven kills, and

Blau, four kills.

- Blocker — Pauls, three blocks.

The junior varsity girls also downed both visiting teams. Oberlin beat Hoxie 25-11, 25-16 and Wheatland/Grinnell 28-26, 25-17.

The Lady Red Devils were to play Oakley, Phillipsburg and Leoti on Tuesday at home and then will be on the road this Tuesday in Colby to take on the Colby Eagles and St. Francis Indians at 4 p.m.

Cross country runners set to go

The Decatur Community High cross country team will hit the ground running on Thursday as it starts competition at the Norton Invitational at 4:30 p.m. at the Prairie Dog Golf Course.

This year's running Red Devils have 11 boys and six girls, including six returning letter winners.

Running for the boys will be seniors Hunter Nedland, Gatlin Reichert, Nolan Wasson and Ray Zadow; junior Jacob Helm; sophomores Nolan Henningson, Dalton Jones, Tyler Shields and Matt Wittman; and freshmen Kade Brown and Matthew Helm.

Running for the girls will be

senior Kira Meitl; juniors Tiffany Anderson, Bret Ashley, Rhiannon Davies and Sarah Campbell; and freshman Kaylee May.

Returning letter winners include Wasson, three years, J. Helm and Ashley, twice; and Anderson, Jones and Shields.

"Our boys are the defending Northwest Kansas League champs," said Coach Dick Ahlberg, who has coached the team for 33 years. "We will be competitive again."

Junior high plays Thursday

The Decatur Community Junior High football team will have its first game at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in St. Francis.

"Junior high football is underway with good numbers of seventh and eighth graders," said Coach Joe Dreher.

He said the team has 12 seventh graders and 11 eighth graders out this year.

The young Red Devils will have their first home game at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, against Oakley.

The junior high volleyball team will also start play on Thursday in St. Francis. The girls will get underway at 4:30 p.m.

The team will be coached by Gina Witt.

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People in Our Community

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The Doug and Melissa Hasty family enjoyed a recent vacation in the Kansas City area. They were joined there by Rebekah and Ben Hitzfeld and on Friday night they attended a Kansas City Royals game. This was the family's last time to see the Hitzfelds until Thanksgiving as he has accepted a call to be the pastor of the Independent Christian Church at Darlington, Ind. The couple moved there from Junction City on Aug. 14. Their new address is Box 575, Darlington, Ind., 47940. On Aug. 9, Melissa Hasty moved into the Phi Mu house at Baker University in Baldwin City.

The Herndon Covenant Church will begin its Sunday School Kick-Off on Sept. 6, starting at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Recreation Center were Veanna Carman, Max Carman,

Kelva Dryden, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Moore and Merle Shirley. Lows went to Elden Haas, Neil Marshall, Max Carman, Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Henry Edgett and Kelva Dryden. Winning highs in pitch were Henry Edgett and Dorothy Moore with lows going to Elden Haas and Neil Marshall. Winning highs at bridge were Carol Shirley, Marie McKisson, Shirley Simpson and Marty Munson.

John and Ardythe Cederberg returned home last Monday from an 11-day trip. They visited her siblings, Merlin and Rosemary Anderson as well as Mardelle Gocek at Oakland, Neb., and at their cousin reunion at New Ulm, Minn. They went on to visit Cheryl Lindgren at Gaylord, Minn., Jim and Judy Cederberg at Northfield, Minn., Marge and Chuck Lindgren at Hendricks, Minn., and Tim and Kay Lindgren at Brookings, S.D. Their

last stop was at the Jim Wolf family home in Pierre, S.D., where they attended the South Dakota State 4-H Rodeo Finals in which their grandchildren, Christa and Jamie Wolf, competed.

Sunday John and Ardythe Cederberg treated Ron and Cindy Sattler to dinner at a local cafe to honor them on their anniversary.

Brad Larson entertained with a cookout at his farm house on Saturday night, Aug. 23. Those who attended were Pastors Chris and Sharon Nelson; Craig and Karen Larson; Brad and Shanna Long and Miranda; Joanne and Norman Wendelin and Rory; and Brandon and Laura Bryan and Sage, all of Oberlin.

Wayne and Lois Larson were guests of Brad Larson and Kathy Almquist at the Pow Wow held at the J.R. Ginther ranch on Aug. 30.

New Arrivals

Hope Elizabeth Carman

Kendal and Amy Carman of Oberlin are the parents of a daughter, Hope Elizabeth Carman, born at 3:22 a.m. on Aug. 18, 2009, at home. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. She was welcomed into the family by two brothers, Isaac and Gideon, and two sisters, Patience and Moriah. Grandparents are Duane and Norma Carman, and Jack and Donna Fortin, all of Oberlin. Great-grandparents are June Fortin, Oberlin, and Donald Fulk, Cave Junction, Ore.



H. Carman

Jude Jackson Metcalf

Jude Jackson Metcalf was born Aug. 25, 2009, at the Hays Medical Center, to Shad and Jody Metcalf, Colby. He weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces, and measured 18 1/2 inches.

He has a brother, Bryson, and a sister, Seanna. Grandparents are Bob and Kay Gaskill and Sid and Cheryl Metcalf of Oberlin. Eileene Grose of Oberlin is a great-grandmother.

Coaches speak at Rotary

Coaches Dick Ahlberg, Sherri Ruf and J.D. Johnson talked about their teams at the Aug. 25 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club when members met at The Gateway for lunch.

They were introduced by Doug Hasty, program chair for the day.

Coach Ahlberg said that he has 11 boys and six girls out for cross country. The team has two All-League runners returning for the boys, and he said that three team members from last year are running for college teams.

Mrs. Ruf, the volleyball coach, said she has nine returning letter winners and five returning starters, which includes two All League players and one All State player. She said that last year, the team won all of the tournaments in which they

participated in the regular season.

Mr. Johnson is beginning his second year as high school football coach. He said that this year's program began on June 1 with a strong weight program, during which 22 players focused on conditioning. He said that the team will have a new look this year with silver helmets and red face masks.

Kay Brown was a guest.

Band show planned

The Boulder Acoustic Society, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association, will present a lively band program with fiddle, accordion and drums at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at The Gateway.

This will be the first event of the association's season. Tickets will be available at the door, or call Lynn Tacha, (785) 678-2365, or Kathy Brainard at The Gateway, 475-2400.

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