

Devils down 'Dogs

The Oberlin Red Devils football team downed the Osborne Bulldogs 18-15 on the road Friday night for a good start to the season.

Osborne drew first blood, as the Bulldogs scored in the first quarter and the point-after kick was good to put the home team up 7-0.

In the second quarter, Oberlin's Wiley Farr scored on a quarterback draw, but the attempted pass after the touchdown was no good.

The teams went into their locker rooms at the half with the Bulldogs up by one on a 7-6 score.

In the third quarter, both teams were able to score.

Oberlin's Farr threw a pass to Toby Peters for a 78-yard touchdown while the Bulldogs scored on a 23-yard pass. Osborne put up two points after the touchdown, but Oberlin did not. At the end of three, Osborne lead the Decatur Community High boys 15-12.

In the fourth quarter, Farr was able to connect with Keithen Fortin for a 33-yard touchdown and the Red Devils were ahead 18-15.

The point after again was no good, and the game ended with the visitors



OBERLIN QUARTERBACK Wiley Farr (above) looked for a receiver as Keithen Fortin was prepared for a pass during Friday night's football game in Osborne. Kaden Macfee (right) ran the ball for the Red Devils.

— Herald photos by Susan May

on top and an Oberlin victory.

Coach J.D. Johnson said that his boys did a good job with the passing game but would be working on their running game this week.

"Wiley was 18 for 31 for 300 yards passing, but we had 27 runs for 27 yards," he said. "I thought

the offensive line's pass protection was good, and (I liked) the way the boys stayed together. Even down, they kept working."

Scoring for Oberlin were Toby Peters, Farr and Fortin.

Top rushers were Farr, 18 carries for 14 yards, Fortin, three for

8 yards; Kaden Macfee, three for 4 yards; T. Peters, two for 10 yards; and Nolan Peters, one for 1.

Wiley threw all 31 passes for 18 completions, 300 yards and two touchdowns.

Receivers were T. Peters, six for 152 yards and a touchdown; Fortin,



six for 83 yards and a touchdown; Cody Kane, one for 5 yards; Macfee and N. Peters, two for 31 yards each; and Zach May, one for 8 yards.

The Red Devils will be on the road again this week to face the Norton Blue Jays at 7 p.m. Friday in Norton.

Coach Johnson said he is expecting a good game.

"They're a pretty good (Class) 3A school," he said.

Next week, Friday, Sept. 18, will be Oberlin's first home game and it will be Homecoming.

Girls win three

The Decatur Community High volleyball girls continued their winning ways last Tuesday, downing Leoti, Phillipsburg and Oakley at home to take their record to 5-0.

The Lady Red Devils beat the Oakley Lady Plainsmen 25-19, 26-24.

"The girls played sluggish in this match," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "We had too any serving errors. They did stay aggressive at the net."

Top players were:

- Server — Jori Diederich, two aces.
- Passer — Ashli Samson, 17 service points and eight digs.
- Setters — Jessica Fredrickson, nine assists, and Jordan Dreher, seven.
- Hitters — Adrienne Pauls, nine kills, and Dreher, six.
- Blockers — Kiah Blau, six points blocked, and Brandi Diederich, four.

The girls had a harder time against Phillipsburg, which Coach Ruf said is a good team.

However, Oberlin downed the Lady Panthers in three games, losing the first 25-20 but coming back and winning the next pair 25-20 each.

"This was very aggressive match by both teams," Coach Ruf said. "The girls transitioned well and had several digs. We need to get our blocks closed."

"Phillipsburg is a good team; they hit and serve well. Oberlin communicated well and hustled to the ball more quickly in this match."

Top players were:

- Servers — J. Diederich, four aces, and B. Diederich, three.
- Passer — J. Diederich, 63 service points and 13 digs.
- Setters — Dreher, 11 assists, and Fredrickson, seven.
- Hitters — Pauls, nine kills, and Blau, seven.
- Blockers — Pauls, 12 points blocked.

The Lady Red Devils were deadly against the Leoti Indians downing



SENDING THE BALL BACK over the net, Kiah Blau helped the Decatur Community High volleyball team win three matches last Tuesday.

— Herald photo by Erin May

the girls 25-10, 25-8.

"The girls transitioned to defense well in this match," Coach Ruf said. "They stayed aggressive at the net. We did have too many serving errors in the first set, but didn't miss one in the second."

Top players were:

- Server — J. Diederich, five aces.
- Passer — B. Diederich, 12 service points and four digs.
- Setters — Fredrickson and Dreher, six assists each.
- Hitters — Dreher, six kills, and Pals, five.
- Blockers — Pauls, two blocks.

In junior varsity action, Oberlin lost to Oakley in three games, falling 25-23, coming back to win 25-16 and losing the last game 15-10.

The junior varsity also lost to Phillipsburg, 25-23, 25-15

The junior-varsity came back to beat Leoti 25-8, 25-10.

The Lady Red Devils C-team beat Oakley in three games in its only match of the evening. Oberlin won the first game 25-19, dropped the second 25-15, and won the final round 15-12.

Oberlin's volleyball teams were to play Tuesday against Colby and St. Francis in Colby. On Saturday, the teams will split with the junior varsity attending a tournament in Quinter at 9 a.m. and the varsity going to a tournament.

Oberlin will start out in pool play at Grinnell and then, hopefully, advance to the final rounds, which will be held in Wheatland.

Next week, the Lady Red Devils will play Oakley and Hill City in Hill City starting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Junior high beats St. Francis team

The Decatur Community Junior High football team started off its season in fine style, beating the young St. Francis Indians 12-6 on the road.

Coach Joe Dreher said that he thought his team had done well.

"We controlled the ball pretty well despite a couple of turnover," he said. "The defense had a good day, never allowing the Indians inside the 20-yard line."

The young Red Devils' first touchdown came on a sweep left as Chris Anderson went in for the score from 12 yards out. The two-point conversion failed.

Kolton Paul scored Oberlin's second touchdown on a 27-yard option play. Again the two-point conversion failed.

St. Francis' only score came on a kickoff return, which gave the hometown crowd something to

cheer about.

The young Red Devils will be at home this week as they welcome the Oakley Plainsmen at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Next week, the boys will again be at home to play Dundy County, Neb., at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17. This is a schedule change, as the game was originally slated to start at 5:30 p.m.

Runners bring home medals

The Oberlin boys cross country team took third at the Norton Invitational on Thursday with a pair of medal winners.

Norton won the meet with 45 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 61; Oberlin, 67; Plainville, 70; and WaKeeney, 103.

Oberlin's Dalton Jones came in sixth, running the five-kilometer course in 19 minutes, eight seconds. Tyler Shields was right behind him, running the race in 19:10 for seventh and a medal.

Also running for Oberlin were Nolan Wasson, 21st, 21:30; Kade Brown, 30th, 23:39; Jacob Helm, 31st, 23:48; Ray Zodrow, 33rd, 24:20; and Nolan Henningson,

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37th, 25.

The Oberlin girls did not have enough runners to qualify as a team but Tiffany Anderson came in 11th in 20:11 to snare a medal.

Also running on the girls team were Kaylee May, 16th, 20:59; Bret Ashley, 22nd, 23:23; and Kira Meitl, 25th, 27:10.

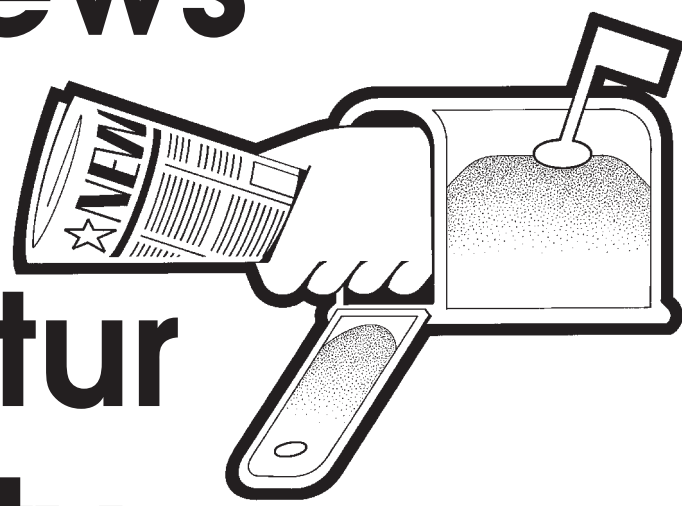
Junior varsity runners were Matthew Helm, 13th, 25:12, and Gatlin Reichert, 14th, 25:17.

"We had a respectable showing and effort today," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "This was the first meet of the year, and there is always a learning process during these early meets."

"Our freshmen, Kaylee May and Kade Brown, did a good job."

The next outing for the team will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Quinter.

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