

Sports

Oberlin girls stay victorious in volleyball

The Lady Red Devils volleyball team continued winning, with victories over Colby and St. Francis to take its record to 7-0 last Tuesday.

The Decatur Community High girls downed the Lady Eagles from Colby 25-21, 28-26.

“Colby was able to dig up a lot of balls this match,” Coach Sherri Ruf said. “The girls started to set back on their heels and quit moving to the ball.”

“The girls did stay aggressive and were able to come away with the win.”

Top players were:

- Servers — Jessica Fredrickson, Jordan Dreher and Ashley Horton, one ace each.
- Passers — Jordan Dreher, 10 digs; Brandi Diederich, nine; and Ashli Samson, eight.
- Setter — Dreher, 14 assists.
- Hitters — Rachelle Scott, six kills, and Kiah Blau, five.
- Blockers — Adrienne Pauls, eight blocks, and Carissa Wentz, six.

The Lady Red Devils also downed St. Francis in two, beating the Lady Indians 25-15, 25-20.

“The first match, the girls played

well and transitioned to defense quickly,” Coach Ruf said. “The St. Francis girls did a nice job on defense. We stayed aggressive and played at the net well to win the match.”

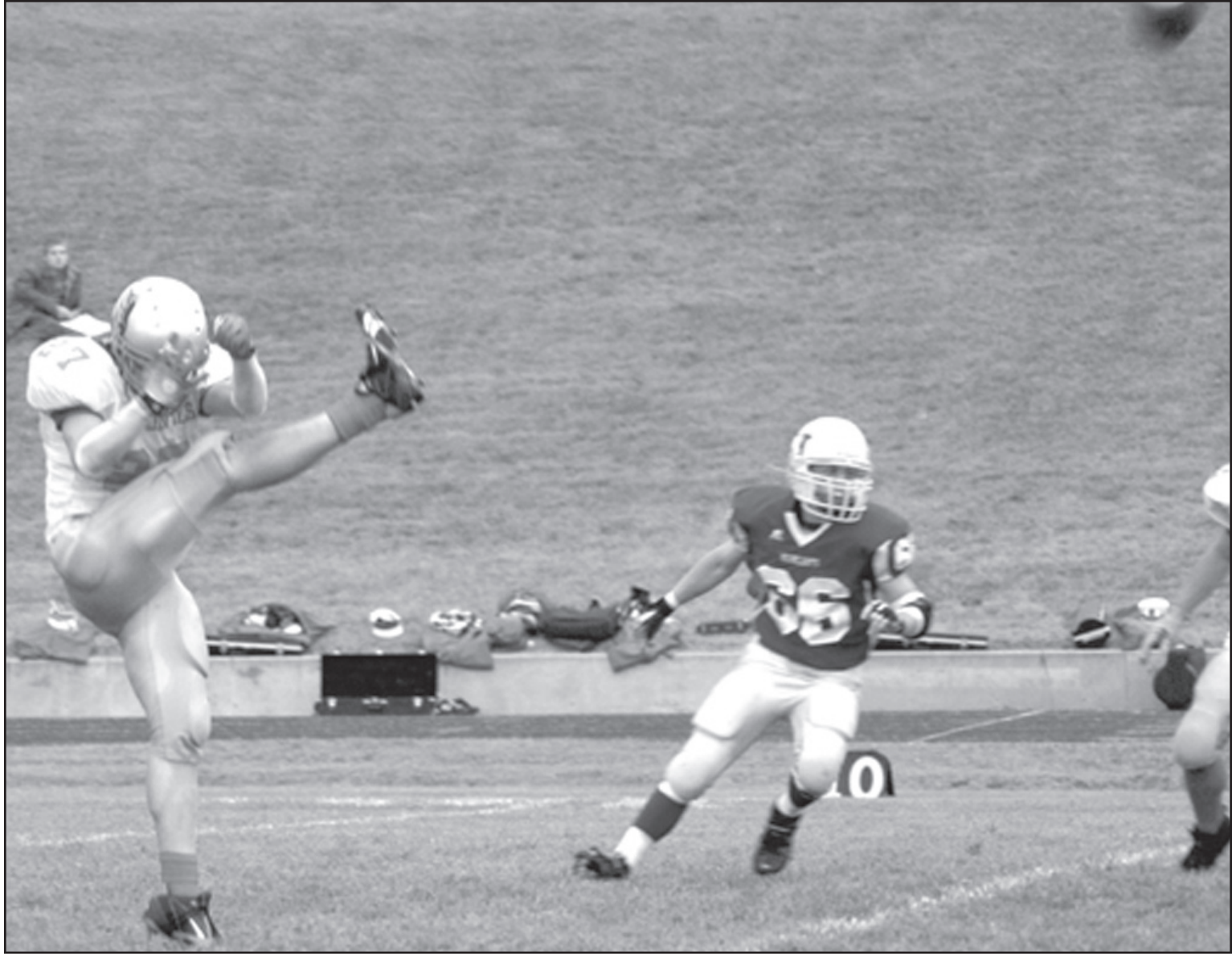
Top players:

- Server — Horton, one ace.
- Passers — Samson, 17 digs, and Jori Diederich, nine.
- Setter — Fredrickson, nine assists.
- Hitters — Blau, seven kills, and Dreher, four.
- Blockers — Pauls and Blau, four blocks each.

In junior varsity action, Oberlin beat St. Francis 25-7, 25-8, and downed Colby in three, losing the first game 25-16 then coming back to win the next two, 25-20 and 25-13.

The Lady Red Devils C-team also won all its games, downing St. Francis 25-14, 25-19 and Colby 25-7, 25-11.

The Oberlin girls were to play Hill City and Oakley in Hill City on Tuesday and will play in the McCook Tournament at 11 a.m. on Saturday.



BOOTING A PUNT INTO THE AIR, Oberlin's Toby Peters put the ball as far as he could into Blue Jays territory on Friday. The game was called in the third quarter because of lightning. — Herald photos by Sarah Frederickson

Red Devils fall 33-0 to Blue Jays

The Norton Blue Jays proved too tough for the Oberlin Red Devils football team Friday, but the weather proved tougher than either team.

With a little more than six minutes left in the third quarter and the home team up 33-0, the officials called a 30-minute lightning delay. The game was eventually called without play resuming.

The Blue Jays were able to stop the Red Devils on both the ground and in the air, as Oberlin's quarterback Wiley Farr connected on only three

passes for 12 yards and the team was able to rush for just 34 yards.

Norton scored 6 points in the first quarter, 21 in the second and another 6 in the third before the game was called. They might have done better, but Toby Peters intercepted a Blue Jays' pass near the end of the first half. Although Oberlin was not able to take the ball into the end zone, Norton was also not able to score again in the quarter.

Oberlin punted five times for an average of 27 yards and made four first downs.

There wasn't much to be said about the game, but Coach J.D. Johnson said the Red Devils are looking forward to this week's game against Plainville.

“Plainville is coming off a loss to Osborne,” Johnson said on Monday. “We will depend on how fairly well with them. A lot will depend on how focused we can stay this week with Homecoming activities.”

The annual homecoming game for Decatur Community High will kick off at 7 p.m. Friday.



PREPARING TO THROW A PASS, Dayton Dreher helped the Decatur Community Junior High Red Devils beat the young Oakley Plainsmen on Thursday.

Junior high beats Oakley

The Decatur Community Junior High football team downed Oakley 22-14 at home on Thursday.

The victory gives the Oberlin seventh- and eighth-grade team a 2-0 record.

In Thursday's game, Kennedy Fortin scored the first touchdown on a 59-yard run. Then quarterback Dayton Dreher hit Kolton Paul on a pass for the two-point conversion.

Fortin also scored the second touchdown on a 17-yard run. Dreher ran in the two-point conversion and the young Red Devils were ahead 16-0 at half-time.

Oakley scored both its touchdowns on passes in the second half.

In the fourth quarter, Fortin scored again on a 46-yard run. The conversion failed.

“We had a great first half offensively and defensively,” said Coach Joe Dreher. “We have to be more consistent in the second half.”

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

“We played very well,” Coach Dreher said. “We communicated much better this match. Overall, the girls had a good weekend. I was proud of the effort they gave in each match.”

In the last game, for first place, Oberlin had to play WaKeeney again, and the girls from Trego County downed Oberlin 25-19, 25-20.

Junior high wins, loses games

The Oberlin eighth-grade volleyball girls beat St. Francis in two games while the seventh graders lost to the young Indians in three on Thursday, Sept. 3, in St. Francis.

The eighth-grade team won 25-8, 30-28 in its first match of the year.

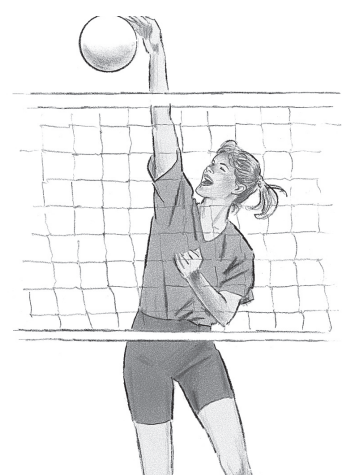
“We had a great serving night, serving 80 percent,” said Coach Gina Witt. “We had a little trouble with transition. Overall, I think the team did a good job.”

The Decatur Community Junior

High seventh graders weren't so lucky.

The girls won the first game 25-20 but dropped the second on 25-14 and the third 15-9.

“The seventh-grade team did pretty well for their first game,” said Coach Lindsay Fortin. “I saw a lot of potential and improvement, even throughout the game. The first-game nervousness is over, and we are preparing for next week.”



Cross country runs first

The Decatur Community High cross country boys took first place in the Quinter Invitational on Thursday.

The Oberlin boys won the meet with 41 points, followed by Hill City, 47; Plainville, 47; Wheatland, 55; Stockton, 66; Oakley, 79; and the Colby junior varsity, 94.

The Oakley girls won with 20 points, followed by Quinter, 30; Hill City, 36; and Oberlin, 53.

“Our guys had a pretty good day,” Coach Dick Ahlberg said. “Nolan Wasson closed down one of our gaps

and Matthew Helm ran well today. Tiffany (Anderson) ran a smarter race today for our girls.”

Three Oberlin runners came home with medals.

- Dalton Jones, 18 minutes and 46 seconds, fourth-place medal.
- Tyler Shields, 18:51, fifth-place medal.
- Wasson, 20:23, 18th.
- Jacob Helm 22:35, 28th.
- Ray Zodrow, 23:36, 31st.
- Kade Brown, 23:38, 32nd.

Running for the girls were:

- Anderson 19:18, eighth-place

medal.

- Kaylee May, 21:35, 18th.
- Bret Ashley, 23:51, 22nd.
- Kira Meitl, 27:36, 25th.

Oberlin's junior varsity runners were:

- M. Helm, 22:36, 11th.
- Hunter Nedland, 28:20, 25th.

“The competition gets a lot harder next week,” Coach Ahlberg said after the races.

This week, the team travels north for the McCook Invitational, which starts at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the golf course west of town.

Oberlin wins tournament

The Oberlin Lady Red Devils brought home the first-place trophy from the Gove County Classic Volleyball Tournament in Quinter over the weekend and retained their unbeaten status.

The Oberlin girls record was 13-0 after Saturday's matches.

“This was a good tournament for the girls,” Coach Sherri Ruf said. “They communicated well and stayed aggressive throughout the day. Our defense played well, we got our blocks closed and dug up balls well. It was a good team effort.”

“It was good to see the girls stay focused for such a long day of volleyball.”

Oberlin started out in pool play against Weskan, Northern Valley, Quinter and Lakin.

The Lady Red Devils downed Weskan 25-18, 25-13.

Top players were:

- Jordan Dreher — one ace serve, four digs, four assists, three blocks and four kills.
- Adrienne Pauls — three kills and eight blocks.
- Brandi Diederich — one ace serve, four digs, an assist, two blocks and two kills.
- Jessica Fredrickson — one ace, four digs and seven assists.
- Kiah Blau — four blocks and four kills.
- Ashley Horton — two aces and four digs.
- Ashli Samson — five digs.
- Carissa Wentz — a kill and three blocks.

Oberlin beat Northern Valley 25-22, 25-12.

Top players:

- Dreher — four aces, four digs, 10 assists, three kills and a block.
- Pauls — 14 kills and five blocks.
- B. Diederich — one ace, five digs and a kill.
- Fredrickson — four assists.
- Blau — a block.
- Horton — five digs.
- Samson — two aces.
- Jori Diederich — seven digs.
- Rachelle Scott — four kills, six blocks and three digs.

The Lady Devils downed Quinter 25-18, 25-17.

Top players in that game:

- Dreher — two aces, 10 assists, five digs, five kills and a block.
- Pauls — five kills and three blocks.
- B. Diederich — two aces, a kill and two blocks.

- Fredrickson — an ace, three digs and six assists.
- Blau — three kills and four blocks.
- Horton — an ace and three digs.
- Samson — two aces and five digs.
- Wentz — a kill and three blocks.
- Scott — two kills and a block.
- J. Diederich — eight digs.

Oberlin then beat Lakin 25-16, 25-16.

Top players:

- Dreher — three aces, seven assists, five kills and eight digs.
- Pauls — nine kills and six blocks.
- B. Diederich — one ace, eight digs and a block.
- Fredrickson — five assists and three digs.
- Blau — three kills and three blocks.
- Horton — four digs.
- Samson — two digs.
- Wentz — two digs and a block.
- Scott — three kills and two blocks.
- J. Diederich — an ace and seven digs.

In the semi-final round, the Decatur Community High girls downed Wallace County 25-17, 25-19.

Top players were:

- Dreher — an ace, nine digs, seven assists and five kills.
- Pauls — six digs, seven kills and seven blocks.

- B. Diederich — two aces, seven digs, an assist, a kill and two blocks.
- Fredrickson — two digs and seven assists.
- Blau — a dig, seven kills and five blocks.
- Horton and Samson — three digs each.
- Wentz — a dig, an assist, two kills and two blocks.
- Scott — two digs, an assist, three kills and two blocks.
- J. Diederich — two aces and eight digs.

Oberlin beat Hoxie 25-8, 26-24 for the championship.

Top players in the finals:

- Dreher — nine digs, seven assists, five kills and two blocks.
- Pauls — a dig, 10 kills and nine blocks.
- B. Diederich — an ace, six digs, two kills and three blocks.
- Fredrickson — an ace, three digs and seven assists.
- Blau — five kills and five blocks.
- Horton — an ace and five digs.
- Samson — four digs.
- Wentz — an assist and a block.
- Scott — two digs, two kills and three blocks.
- J. Diederich — two aces and 10 digs.

“I would like to thank all those who came to support the girls,” Coach Ruf said. “We had the largest group of supporters.”

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