

# Sports

## Volleyball team beats Hill City, Oakley girls



HELPING HER TEAM TO A WIN, Adrienne Pauls would not let the ball come over onto Oberlin's side of the net during a match against Southwest High School in McCook on Saturday. Jordan Dreher, No. 33, was prepared to help. — Herald photos by Sarah Fredrickson

The Decatur Community High volleyball varsity downed Oakley and Hill City in two games each last Tuesday to stay undefeated. After several weeks, the Oberlin girls have stopped all opposition, with most matches only lasting two games. Oberlin beat Oakley 25-11, 25-22.

This is the second meeting for the two teams. Back on Sept. 1, the Lady Red Devils also beat the Lady Plainmen. "The girls covered the court well," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "They made good transitions and stayed focused." Top players were: Jordan Dreher, six aces, 10 digs, 10 assists and seven kills.

Brandi Diederich, two aces, five digs, two kills and two blocks. Jessica Fredrickson, three digs and 10 assists. Adrienne Pauls, 10 kills and three blocks. Kiah Blau, one dig and three blocks. Rachele Scott, a dig and two kills.

in this match," said Coach Ruf. "Hill City is a good team, and we had to be ready for a variety of hits. We did play the net well. It was good to see the girls stay positive throughout this match." Top players: Dreher, 11 aces, eight digs, 11 assists, four kills and two blocks.

B. Diederich, six digs, a kill and a blocks. Wentz, a serve, two digs, an assist, a kill and two blocks. Fredrickson, nine serves, two digs and nine assists. Pauls, one dig, seven kills and seven blocks.

J. Diederich, nine digs. Horton, six digs. Samson, five digs. Oberlin's junior varsity was able to beat Oakley 25-17, 25-16. Hill City was tougher, however, and the Lady Ringnecks downed Oberlin in three, taking the first 25-21, losing the second 24-26 and winning the third 15-11.

The varsity team will have the week off while the younger girls will play in the Oberlin C-team tournament on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. Next week, the Lady Red Devils will play St. Francis and Bird City at home at 4 p.m. Tuesday. The Oberlin Invitational Tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3.

## Junior high girls win one game, lose one

The Oberlin eighth-grade girls won one volleyball match and lost one over the last two weeks. The Decatur Community Junior High eighth graders fell 25-16, 25-11 to Oakley on Sept. 10.

"The girls had a rough serving night... serving 63 percent," said Coach Gina Witt. "We need to improve on transition and communication. The girls worked hard the first set, but struggled from the serving line." Oberlin came back on Thursday to beat St. Patrick's of McCook in three sets.

Oberlin won the first game 25-13, lost the second 19-25 and came back to take the final one 16-14. "The girls did a lot better with serving from last week, with 74 percent," Coach Witt said. "We improved with transition and communication from last week but could still use some improvement."

"Our next games will be at Hoxie for the Hoxie Round Robin on Saturday." The seventh grade will start play at 9 a.m. in the Hoxie Elementary Gym and the eighth grade will start about 9:45 a.m. at the high school, she said.

## Top Nebraska team gives Oberlin first loss of season

Oberlin's previously undefeated volleyball team fell to one of Nebraska's No. 1 teams during a tournament in McCook on Saturday and finished in fifth place. Oberlin lost to Cambridge, Neb., in bracket play. Cambridge was the runner-up at the Nebraska state tournament last year. They also had a perfect record before the tournament but lost two matches, said Oberlin Coach Sherri Ruf.

Rachele Scott, three digs, two kills and two blocks. Adrienne Pauls, five digs, nine kills and 10 blocks. Jessica Fredrickson, one serve, one dig and five assists. Kiah Blau, four kills and four blocks. Carissa Wentz, three digs and four blocks. Ashley Horton and Jori Diederich, six digs each. Ashli Samson, three digs. Sidney, Neb., turned out to be a much easier match for the Lady Red Devils as they downed the Nebraska girls 25-12, 25-10.

serve and three digs each. Samson, three digs. Mary Olson, a dig. While Oberlin won its last match against Southwest High School, the games were tough and it took a lot of points to down the Nebraska team. The Lady Red Devils beat Southwest in regular tournament play, 30-28, 25-23. Top players: Dreher, a serve, six digs, eight assists, five kills and two blocks. B. Diederich, a serve, nine digs, a kill and a block.

"We didn't play very well in this tournament," Coach Ruf said. "Our passing and serving weren't good for the day. We didn't move to the ball and cover the court on defense. We did play the net well. "In our match against Sidney, we transitioned to defense and got to digs better." Against Cambridge, Oberlin took the first game 25-22 but was edged 26-24 in the second and fell 25-15 in the final round. Top players were: Jordan Dreher, two serves, seven digs, 10 assists, three kills and a block. Brandi Diederich, nine digs, a kill and a block.

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kill and a block. Scott, five digs, two kills and four blocks. Blau, two digs and two kills. Fredrickson, five digs and five assists. Pauls, six kills and three blocks. Horton, a serve, five digs and two blocks. Wentz, three digs and two blocks. J. Diederich, five digs. Samson, four digs. Oberlin's record is now 17-1. The Lady Red Devils next matches will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the annual Oberlin Invitational.

## Boys cross country team takes 10th in McCook meet

The Oberlin cross country boys finished in the middle of the pack at the McCook Invitational on Thursday. The Oberlin boys came in 10th in the 13-team event. Oberlin was the only non-Nebraska team at the meet.

McCook won its own meet with 24 points followed by North Platte, 53; Holdrege, 62; Dundy County, 70; Cozad, 95; St. Patrick's, 104; Hershey, 148; and Oberlin 181.

The North Platte boys took the trophy with 13 points, followed by Ogallala, 30; Cozad, 92; Imperial, 101; Holdrege, 105; Dundy County, 109; St. Patrick's of McCook, 129; McCook, 142; Cambridge, 142; Oberlin, 161; Perkins County, 199; Maxwell, 222; and Sutherland, 251. The Oberlin girls came in eighth.

"This is a very strong field for a cross country meet, and it was a learning experience," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Some of our times were pretty good... better than our places." Dalton Jones was the first Red Devil across the finish line. He took 18th in 18 minutes, 49 seconds. Other varsity runners were: Tyler Shields, 20th, 18:56. Nolan Wasson, 60th, 22:20. Jacob Helm, 63th, 23.

Matthew Helm, 72th, 24:59. Running for the girls were: Tiffany Anderson, 27th, 19:05. Kaylee May, 42nd, 20:28. Bret Ashley, 55th, 23:26. Kira Meitl, 57th, 25:39. Times for junior varsity were: Ray Zodrow, 23:37. Kade Brown, 23:43. Gatlin Reichert, 23:48. Hunter Nedland, 27:16. This week, the runners will be in Hill City for a 5 p.m. start. Next Tuesday, Decatur Community High will play host to the 42nd Annual Oberlin Invitational at 5 p.m. at the Oberlin Country Club.



BLOCKING AND PROTECTING the ball carrier, the Decatur Community Junior High football team outplayed Dundy County, Neb., 8-6 on Thursday. The young Red Devils will take on Hoxie at 5:30 Thursday.

## Junior high boys down Dundy County 8-6

The Oberlin junior high football team edged Dundy County, Neb., 8-6 on Thursday in a defensive battle where the ability to score the extra points made the difference. No one was able to score in the first half as the defenses held. In the third quarter, Oberlin's lone touchdown came on a 15-yard pass from Dayton Dreher to Grant Gilliam.

The two-point conversion, which turned out to be the difference in the game, came on a pass from Dreher to Kennedy Fortin. Dundy County scored late in the fourth quarter but the young Red Devils kept them from scoring the conversion. "I thought we did a good job controlling the line of scrimmage on offense," Coach Joe Dreher said. "The defense did a good job the

whole day." During a fifth quarter, the Decatur Community Junior High B-team scored three times. The first was on a one-yard run by Kelden Breth, the second on a 25-yard pass from Breth to Kaine Fredrickson and finally on a 32-yard run by Troy Juennemann. This week, the junior high team will play at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Hoxie.

## Last sprint race at speedway set for Saturday

The United Rebel Sprint Series will make its final appearance of the year at the Decatur County Speedway on Saturday. Oberlin is one of the drivers' favorite tracks, said promoter Rick Salem, as the racing action is always fast and the wide turns make for multiple lanes.

As the season winds down, all important points are on the line and there are several close battles throughout the top 10 positions, he said. The race will feature local favorite Cody Salem, Rick's son, as he returns to race in his home town. Salem picked up his second Sprint

feature win Saturday night at the Phillips County Speedway in Holyoke, Colo. Salem said that he is always happy to come back to race for all of his fans and his local sponsors, who help make it possible for him to drive. Other likely racers will be Smokey

Fairbank, current points leader C.J. Johnson, Jon Johnson, Ken Lutters, Ray Seemann, Darren Bowman, Jeff Radcliffe, Keefe Hemel, Bill Hays and Blake Bogenhagen. Racing action begins at 7 p.m., with the pits opening at 2.

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