

**BLOCKING THE BALL**, Adrienne Pauls helped the Oberlin volleyball team beat St. Francis during the Oberlin Invitational on Saturday. — Herald photo by Susan May

## Girls come out on top at home invitational

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils varsity and junior varsity both came out on top for the second year in a row at the annual Oberlin Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

The teams downed Atwood, Hoxie, Norton and St. Francis on Saturday in Oberlin to be the tournament champions.

The varsity girls took only two games in each match to down their opponents, while the junior varsity beat everyone but Norton, in the championship round, in two games.

"The girls had a good tournament," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "We started the day out slow moving to the ball. By the second match, the girls started getting to the ball and played aggressive ball."

The Oberlin varsity now has a record of 23-1.

In the first match on Saturday morning, the Oberlin varsity downed Atwood 25-20, 25-20.

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Jordan Dreher, one serve, four digs, four assists, four kills and a block.
- Jessica Fredrickson, two serves, eight digs and six assists.
- Adrienne Pauls, five kills and a block.
- Ashli Samson, a serve and six digs.
- Brandi Diederich, two serves and a block.
- Carissa Wentz, two digs and a block.
- Ashley, Horton, a serve and a dig.
- Kiah Blau, one dig and three kills.

- Rachele Scott, three digs.
- Jori Diederich, a serve.

Hoxie didn't do any better than Atwood against the tough Lady Red Devils, as Oberlin downed the Indians 25-19, 25-19 with almost everyone on the Oberlin team having at least one dig.

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Dreher, six serves, five digs, six assists, nine kills and a block.
- B. Diederich, a serve, eight digs, two assists, a kill and a block.
- Scott, three digs, four kills and two blocks.
- Fredrickson, four digs and eight assists.
- Blau, one dig, two kills and two blocks.
- Pauls, four kills and two blocks.
- Samson, two serves and four digs.
- Wentz, one dig and three blocks.
- J. Diederich, a serve and eight digs.
- Horton, 12 digs.

St. Francis suffered defeat for the second time in a week at the hands of the Lady Red Devils as Oberlin downed the Lady Indians 25-16, 25-12.

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Dreher, a serve, six digs, eight assists, two kills and a block.
- Scott, two digs, two kills and a block.
- Mary Olson, a dig, two kills and two blocks.
- Pauls, four kills and two blocks.
- B. Diederich, a serve and three digs.
- Blau, three kills and a blocks.

## Girls bring home two more wins

The Decatur Community High volleyball girls downed two more opponents last Tuesday when they beat Cheylin 25-8, 25-12 and St. Francis 25-13, 25-9 to take their record to 19-1.

St. Francis went on to down the girls from Bird City 25-15, 25-14.

"I was proud of the girls tonight," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "They played aggressive ball and didn't fall into the other teams' style of play."

Neither St. Francis nor Cheylin were able to make much of a dent in the tough Oberlin playing style.

"We were able to run some hits we have been working on in practice," Coach Ruf said. "Our passing was much better, which allows us to run some special hits."

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Jordan Dreher, four serves, three digs, eight assists, six kills and two blocks.
- Kiah Blau, a dig, an assist, two kills and a block.
- Adrienne Pauls, two digs, seven kills and three blocks.
- Brandi Diederich, a serve, four digs and a block.
- Carissa Wentz, two digs, two kills and two blocks.
- Jessica Fredrickson, two digs and six assists.
- Jori Diederich, a serve and six digs.
- Ashli Samson, a serve and five digs.
- Ashley Horton, a dig.
- Rachele Scott, a kill.

- Horton, two serves and three digs.

- Wentz, one assist and a kill.
- Fredrickson, four assists.
- Samson, three digs.

In the last match of the day, Oberlin trounced Norton 25-10, 25-10.

Playing for Oberlin were:

- B. Diederich, a serve, seven digs, an assist, a kill and a block.
- Dreher, five serves, four digs, six assists and a kill.
- Scott, a dig, an assist, a kill and a block.
- Pauls, a dig, an assist, nine kills and four blocks.
- Fredrickson, a serve, a dig and four assists.
- J. Diederich, a serve and eight digs.
- Wentz, one dig and a kill.
- Horton, a serve and four digs.
- Samson, four digs.
- Blau, one kill.

In other varsity games, Hoxie beat St. Francis, 25-18, 25-23; Norton in three, 24-26, 25-12, 25-14; and Atwood, 25-21, 25-13; Atwood beat Norton 25-22, 25-19, and St. Francis in three, 24-26, 25-22, 25-23; and St. Francis beat Norton 25-19, 25-14.

In junior varsity play, Oberlin beat St. Francis 25-8, 25-8; Atwood 25-19, 25-18; Hoxie, 25-17, 25-23; and Norton in three, 25-23, 22-25, 15-9.

In other junior varsity games, Norton downed Hoxie 25-16, 25-19; St. Francis, 25-14, 25-21; and Atwood, 25-10, 25-18; Hoxie beat Atwood, 25-22, 25-9, and St. Francis, 25-10, 25-10; and Atwood beat St. Francis 25-22, 25-23.

downed the Cougars 25-8, 25-12.

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Dreher, six serves, four digs, five assists and three kills.
- Fredrickson, four serves, three digs and five assists.
- B. Diederich, five digs, five kills and a block.
- Pauls two digs and four kills.
- Scott, one assist and five kills.
- Mary Olson, a dig and three kills.
- Blau, three kills.
- Samson, four serves.
- Wentz, two kills.
- J. Diederich, two digs.

The Lady Red Devils were to play Goodland, Rawlins County and Brewster in Atwood on Tuesday and will play Quinter and Colby starting at 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday at home.

# Oberlin speedster takes second at meet

While the Decatur Community High School cross-country team came in last at the Oberlin Invitational on Tuesday, two runners placed in the top 10 to capture medals.

Tyler Shields crossed the finish line second in 17 minutes, 36 seconds, just 19 seconds behind Norton's Zach Hartwell, who won the boys' race.

Colby's Dustin Reed came in third in 17:51, 15 seconds behind Shields.

Oberlin's Dalton Jones came in 10th in 18:23 to win a medal. "We had some outstanding individual efforts," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Tyler Shields and Tiffany Anderson ran very good races. Nolan Wasson had a personal best, showing good senior leadership."

Norton won the boys race with 47 points, followed by Colby, 64; McCook, 81; Phillipsburg, 96; Goodland, 99; and Oberlin, 103.

McCook took the girls' race with 20 points, followed by Norton, 60; Colby, 83; Southwest, 88; and Oakley, 112. Oberlin did not have enough runners for a team score.

Also running for Oberlin's boys were:

- Nolan Wasson, 25th, 19:18.
- Jacob Helm, 42nd, 21:02.
- Kade Brown, 47th, 2:58.
- Nolan Henningson, 48th, 22:29.
- Matthew Helm, 49th, 22:32.

Running for the girls were:

- Anderson, 18th, 17:58.
- Kaylee May, 38th 19:41.
- Bret Ashley, 49th, 21:02.
- Kira Meitl, 56th, 24:10.

Oberlin junior varsity runners



**RUNNING THE COURSE** in the Annual Oberlin Invitational Cross Country meet, Tyler Shields came in second.

— Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

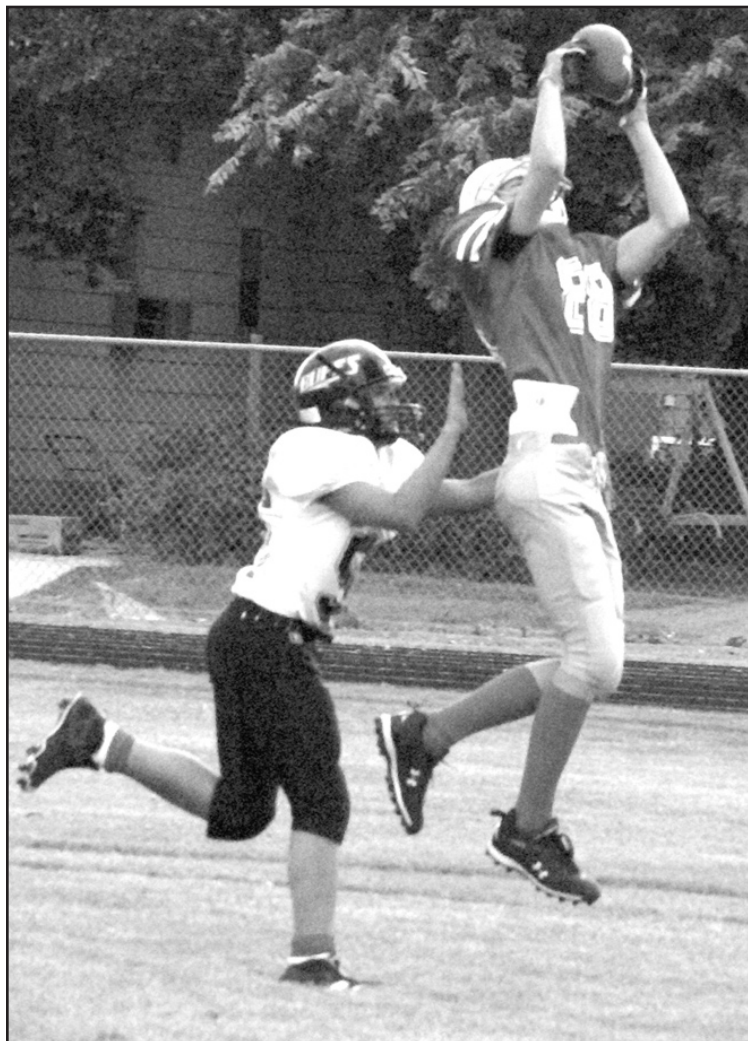
were:

- Ray Zodrow, 22nd, 22:15.
- Gatlin Reichert, 26th, 23:10.
- Hunter Nedland, 44th, 28:16.

"The meet went really well, thanks to our experienced staff of teachers, parents and friends,"

Coach Ahlberg said. "It takes about 20 individuals all doing their job to make this happen. We would like to thank all of our workers."

The running Red Devils' next meet will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Phillipsburg Golf Course.



**CATCHING A PASS**, Grant Gilliam helped the Decatur Community Junior High team beat the Atwood Buffaloes on Thursday.

— Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

## Junior High beats Atwood

The Oberlin junior high football team took its record to 5-0 with a win over the Rawlins County Buffaloes on Thursday.

Oberlin defeated Atwood 36-12 at home in an eight-man game because Atwood didn't have enough players for regular 11-man play.

"It was a little different playing an eight-man game," Coach Joe Dreher said. "We had to modify our offense and defense quite a bit. The kids did a great job adjusting, and continued to play hard the whole game."

Kennedy Fortin scored three of the Oberlin touchdowns on 25-yard, 34-yard and six-yard runs. Chris Anderson scored on a 28-yard run.

The fifth Oberlin touchdown came on a 31-yard pass from Dayton Dreher to Grant Gilliam.

The young Red Devils were successful on three out of five two-point conversion attempts. Dreher threw to Gilliam for two and ran three yards for a third.

The Decatur Community Junior High team will be in Goodland for a 5:30 p.m. game on Thursday against the Grant Junior High Mustangs.

On Thursday, Oct. 15, the young Red Devils will have their last football game at home against the Colby Eagles.

## Eighth graders lose three straight

The Oberlin eighth-grade volleyball team lost to Atwood in three games and the seventh graders lost in two at home on Thursday.

The eighth graders lost the first game 24-16, won the second 25-19 but fell 15-5 in the final game of the match.

"The girls came out playing strong," Coach Gina Witt said. "They were moving, talking and using the ball on both sides of the net. It was fun to watch such a competitive game at this level of play. We beat ourselves in the third set and missed key serves."

The seventh graders lost 25-12, 25-15.

"The girls are struggling with transition and communication, but their ball handling and serving have improved," the coach said. "The girls served 78 percent. All the pieces will come together if the girls have just a little confidence."

Oberlin went 0-4 in a round robin at Hoxie on Sept. 26.

Oberlin fell 25-12, 25-13 to Wa-Keeney in the first round. The girls won the first game against Norton 25-23 but then fell 25-18, 15-9 to Norton in the second round.

In the third round, St. Francis downed Oberlin 25-14, 25-18.

In the last round, Oberlin beat Hoxie 25-20 but went on to lose the next two games 25-20, 15-12.

Oberlin will be in Goodland on Thursday to take on the Grant Junior High Mustangs. Both seventh and eighth-grade games will start at 4:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.



**PLAYING FOR OBERLIN**, Dallas Paul and Caitlin Shields were on the seventh-grade team which played against Atwood on Thursday.

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