

Boys lose 20-14 Cowboys outgun Red Devils



IT WAS A BATTLE of No. 75s as Oberlin senior Jaxen Alstrom (facing camera) moved up to block Goodland senior Kevin Amthor during Friday night's football game in Oberlin. Oberlin's Wiley Farr (No. 9) was also in on the play.

bounds on the Goodland 30.

The Cowboys made a pair of first and tens, then stalled out and couldn't make a fourth and two. Oberlin took over on downs on its own 21.

With time running out, the Red Devils pushed hard toward the goal. Running and passing, Oberlin was able to get down to the Goodland 10 before the clock ran out and the first half ended with Goodland ahead 14-8.

Goodland took the kickoff in the second half on its own 24. A run and a pass took the Cowboys down to the 44.

Another two first downs, and the Cowboys were suddenly on the Oberlin 26. The next pass, however, was caught by Toby Peters on the 3, and Oberlin had the football but really poor field position.

Farr threw to Fortin to punt the ball on the Oberlin 10, and then ran it to the 20. With 7:52 left in the third quarter, the Red Devils moved the ball to its own 37. However on the next series of downs, Oberlin was not able to move the ball and had to punt.

Oberlin got a break, however, when Goodland got a personal foul for roughing the kicker, giving the Red Devils 15 yards and another chance. A pass and a couple of runs later and Farr was across the goal line for the touchdown.

The Red Devils had moved the ball 97 yards for the score but could not make the conversion.

With 5:09 remaining in the third quarter, the score was again tied, this time at 14.

Goodland took the kickoff but was not able to move the ball and punted it to the Oberlin 37. Oberlin ran the ball for four yards, where an illegal substitution penalty on Goodland gave the Red Devils another five yards and a second and one. A pass from Farr to Toby Peters put the ball on the 50.

This time it was Oberlin's turn to get a penalty, as an official called a block in the back and Oberlin was suddenly at second and 21. A

quarterback sack put the Red Devils back to third and 32. A pass from Farr to Soderlund only took Oberlin to a fourth and 26 and the Red Devils punted again.

Goodland took the ball on their own 40 but was not able to run the ball and suffered a quarterback sack. On fourth and seven, at the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Cowboys punted.

Oberlin fumbled the catch but was able to get the ball. The Red Devils got a roughing the kicker penalty for running into the punter. Since there was no personal foul, it was only for five yards but the foul gave the ball back to the Cowboys with a fourth and two on their own 48.

Goodland went for yardage and was able to get across the 50. The Cowboys were soon moving into Oberlin territory. Several runs and a couple of passes later, the Cowboys were again in the end zone. The two-point conversion was no good but the visitors led 20-14 with 6:29 left in the game.

Fortin took the ball on Oberlin's 15 and ran it out to the 36. Farr threw to Fortin on the 39 for a second and seven, then ran it to the Oberlin 44 for a third and three.

However, the snap was fumbled and Oberlin found itself at fourth and six. The Decatur Community High boys went for it, but a holding call put them at four and 16. Oberlin punted to the Goodland 25 with 4:41 left in the game.

Goodland wasn't able to move the ball and punted back to Oberlin with a short kick.

Oberlin took over on the Goodland 41 with 2:42 left to play.

Running and throwing, the Red Devils made another rush to the goal line. On fourth and nine, Farr threw the ball into the end zone but the receiver was not able to hang on.

Goodland took over with 54 seconds left and allowed the clock to run out.

"We played well and it's disappointing to come out on the bad end of it," Coach J.D. Johnson said after the game, "but sometimes, it doesn't

fall your way.

"We were hoping they would pass more, but they went up the middle."

The coach said that the team made some adjustments.

"Overall, we stepped up," he said. "If we can keep teams around that 14 to 20 (point range), I hope we can make a lot more (points)."

The coach noted that interceptions led to three of the game's five touchdowns — two for Goodland and one for Oberlin.

"When you throw as much as we do," he said, "you're going to have some interceptions. You have to expect that."

Quarterback Farr threw the ball 29 times and connected on 16 for 201 yards and a touchdown. Peters threw once and connected for a 23-yard gain.

T. Peters caught seven passes for 123 yards and a touchdown. Fortin caught seven for 67 yards, Soderlund two for 11 yards and Farr, one for 23 yards.

Peters and Farr each made an interception.

Farr was Oberlin's chief rusher with 86 yards on 24 carries. T. Peters had seven yards on a carry, Nolan Peters, a yard on a carry and Fortin, minus two on a carry.

Oberlin had 12 first downs to Goodland's 14. However, Goodland was able to make 11 of theirs on the ground to Oberlin's two. Oberlin made eight first downs in the air and two by penalty.

Oberlin put 30 passes up and completed 17 for 224 yards. Goodland put up 18 and completed 10 for 76 yards. Both teams had a touchdown pass and two interceptions.

Goodland had 50 rushing plays for 160 yards to Oberlin's 27 plays for 92 yards.

This week, Goodland will go on to play Scott City and Oberlin will be in Hoxie at 7 p.m. Friday for its first district game.

The Hoxie Indian are 1-5, having beat WaKeeney 13-12 and lost to Atwood 60-0, Colby 38-0, Ellis 50-14, Osborne and St. Francis, 51-13.

Runners bring home medals

The Decatur Community High runners came in fourth at the Phillipsburg Invitational on Thursday, with two speedsters in the top 10 bringing home medals.

Tyler Shields took sixth, running the course in 19 minutes flat, while Dalton Jones came in eighth in 19:23.

Norton won the meet with 41 points, followed by Hill City, 76; Lakeside, 83; Oberlin, 91; Phillipsburg, 109; WaKeeney, 133; Smith Center, 172; and Osborne, 175.

Norton also won the girls race

with 39 points, followed by Osborne, 48; Lakeside, 81; and Hill City, 83. Oberlin does not have enough girls for a team entry this year.

"Our runners competed better today," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "We showed some signs of improvement. Nolan Wasson and Nolan Henningson are starting to close down some of our gap times, therefore (we get) a more competitive team score."

Also running were:

- Wasson, 16th, 19:44.
- Henningson, 39th, 21:33.
- Jacob Helm 40th, 21:34.
- Kade Brown, 52nd, 22:29.
- Ray Zodrow, 53rd, 22:30.
- Matthew Helm, 55th, 22:42.
- Gatlin Reichert, 64th, 23:34.

Running for the girls:

- Tiffany Anderson 18th, 19:03.
- Kaylee May, 27th, 20:31.
- Bret Ashley, 39th, 21:46.

Oberlin's next meet will be the Northwest Kansas League race starting at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hoxie golf course.

Junior high fall to Mustangs

The Decatur Community Junior High football team fell 26-0 to the Grant Junior High Mustangs in Goodland on Thursday.

"It was a tough game," Coach Joe Dreher said. "It was cold and windy, with sleet and snow falling at times."

"We just didn't play consistent football. It was a loss, but the kids

never quit."

The young Red Devils will play their last game at 5:30 p.m. Thursday against the young Colby Eagles in Oberlin.

The junior high boys will start their basketball season almost as soon as football is over. The first game will be Thursday, Nov. 5, against St. Francis in Oberlin.

Oberlin girls top the lists in Class 2A

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When the fans chant, "We're No. 1, we're No. 1," during an Oberlin volleyball game, they're telling the truth.

The girls from Decatur Community High have been named as the top volleyball team in Class 2A by the Kansas Volleyball Association, a group devoted to advancing the sport and helping teams and coaches.

At the end of last week, the Lady Red Devils had not lost a match to a Kansas team, suffering their only loss in a McCook tournament to a top Nebraska team.

The association gives out team rankings each week after the coaches call in their statistics on Monday.

In preseason rankings, Oberlin was fourth in Class 2A. By Week 1, they had moved up to No. 2. On Week 3, they were ranked No. 1, a spot they have held onto for three, going on four weeks.

The last rankings available are for Week 5, which ended Monday, Oct. 5. At that time The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils were 23-1. Since then they have increased their record to 26-1 with victories over Brewster, Goodland and Atwood.

On Week 5, Uniontown, 21-1, was ranked second; Inman, 24-4, third; Goessel, 21-6, fourth and Onaga, 18-6, fifth.

Others on the Class 2A list, but not ranked in the top five, were Hill City, 17-4; Republic County 18-6; Spearville, 18-6; and Valley

Heights, 16-6.

The week before, Oberlin led the ratings with Uniontown, Inman and Onaga right behind.

Other area teams ranked in the top five by the association are Phillipsburg, 23-1, third, and Smith Center, 24-4, fifth, in Class 3A. Phillipsburg's only loss has been to Oberlin.

Besides ranking teams, the association also gives state statistics for individual players.

Oberlin's Adrienne Pauls leads the list of top blockers in the state, averaging 2.39 per game. Kiah Blau is fifth on that list, averaging 1.28 and Carissa Wentz is 12th averaging at .87 per game.

Jordan Dreher is listed second in service aces averaging 1.16 per game. Brandi Diederich and Jori Diederich are both on the list, averaging .52 and .5 serve aces per game each.

Jori Diederich is 10th in digs with 3.18 while Dreher is 11th with 3.08 and Brandi Diederich is 19th with 2.79.

Pauls is eighth in the list for kills, averaging 3.42 per game. Dreher and Blau are also on that list, averaging 2.04 and 1.67 respectively.

Dreher and Jessica Fredrickson were on the assists list, with Dreher ranked 14th with 4.1 per game and Fredrickson, 22nd with 2.75.

While Week 6 was to be turned in on Monday, and the result posted later this week, it looks like the Lady Red Devils should be able to hold on to their No. 1 status for a while.

Volleyball team wins three more

The Oberlin volleyball girls extended their winning record to 26-1 after downing Goodland, Brewster and Rawlins County high schools in straight sets a week ago Tuesday in Atwood.

Oberlin whipped Goodland 25-19, 25-18, but Coach Sherri Ruf felt they could have done better.

"The girls did not play a real consistent match," she said. "At times, we would get the momentum and then we seemed to set back on our heels. I was proud of the girls when Goodland started tipping. We got to the ball and many times got a kill out of it."

Playing for Oberlin were:

- Jordan Dreher, a serve ace, 10 digs, seven assists, seven kills and four blocks.
- Brandi Diederich, a serve, four digs, an assist, two kills and a block.
- Adrienne Pauls, six digs, two kills and four blocks.
- Jessica Fredrickson, a serve, three digs and eight assists.
- Jori Diederich, four digs and an assist;
- Carissa Wentz, three digs and four blocks.
- Ashley Horton, eight digs.
- Kiah Blau, six kills.
- Ashli Samson, two digs.
- Rachelle Scott, a block.

The girls did better against Rawlins County, downing the host team 25-14, 25-10.

"The girls played well in this match," Coach Ruf said. "They hit the ball well. Defensively, I would have liked to have seen more blocks, but we did get to the tips."

Playing were:

- Dreher, a serve, four digs, nine assists, three kills and a block.
- Pauls, two digs, an assist, six kills and six blocks.
- B. Diederich, a serve, seven digs and four kills.
- Blau, a dig, four kills and a block
- Scott, a dig, two kills and two blocks.
- Fredrickson, a serve and six assists.
- Samson, a serve and three digs.

- Wentz, a kill and three blocks.
- J. Diederich, six digs.
- Horton three digs.
- Mary Olson, an assist.

While the score looked good against Brewster, Coach Ruf felt that her girls could have made fewer errors.

Oberlin downed the Lady Bulldogs 25-14, 25-10.

"We had too many missed serves and hitting errors in this match," Coach Ruf said. "The girls know not to have an error after one is just made, and we had several back-to-back.

Players were:

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

Oberlin's junior varsity has an 18-4 record. In Atwood, the young Lady Red Devils downed Goodland 25-21, 25-18 and Rawlins County in three, losing the first set 25-22 but coming back and winning the next pair 25-14, 15-7.

The C-team girls are undefeated with an 11-0 record after beating Goodland 25-14, 25-23 and Atwood 25-16, 26-24.

The Oberlin girls were to play Quinter and Colby at home on Tuesday. Since this was the last home match, it was to be senior night.

The girls' next outing will be at the Northwest Kansas League meet in Goodland on Saturday. Team pairings were not to be set until Tuesday night, but the matches should start at 1 p.m., Coach Ruf said. Oberlin is the defending league champion.

After that meet, the girls will begin substitute play on Saturday, Oct. 24, in Plainville. The state meet will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30-31, at the Coliseum in Hays.

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