

Two Sweet Girls win league title second straight year

The powerful Decatur Community High volleyball team made it two in a row over the weekend as they successfully defended their Northwest Kansas League championship title.

The Lady Red Devils downed Quinter, Atwood and Goodland in pool play before going on to beat Oakley and Goodland in the semi-final and final rounds on Saturday in Goodland.

"The girls had a good day of volleyball," Coach Sheri Ruf said. "They stayed aggressive and did a nice job of blocking throughout the day. At time, we had too many mental errors, but the team stayed together and stayed focused on winning the match."

The Oberlin girls had already downed Quinter once last week during the last regular games of the season. During pool play at the tournament, Oberlin once again beat up on the Lady Bulldogs. This time they beat the Quinter girls 25-10, 25-15. Even some of the less experienced players got a chance to show their stuff during this match.

Playing against Quinter were:
 • Jordan Dreher, two service aces, four digs, 11 assists, four kills and two blocks.
 • Adrienne Pauls, a dig, five kills and four blocks.
 • Brandi Diederich, an ace, seven digs and a kill.
 • Carissa Wentz, three digs, a kill and a block.
 • Jessica Fredrickson, two digs and four assists.
 • Jori Diederich, an ace and seven digs.
 • Ashley Horton, two aces and two digs.
 • Rachelle Scott, two digs and a block.
 • Ashli Samson, an ace and two digs.
 • Kiah Blau, five kills.
 • Miki Dorshorst, a dig.
 • Mary Olson, a block.

Atwood was another team that Oberlin has beaten this year, and the Lady Red Devils handled the Lady Buffaloes handily, 25-21, 25-16.

Playing against Atwood were:
 • Dreher, five aces, five digs, an assist, nine kills and a block.
 • Pauls, a dig, four kills and five blocks.

Goodland was the home team for the league meet this year, and the Lady Cowboys were a little tougher than the girls from Atwood or Quinter. Still, it only took Oberlin two sets to down the home team, 25-15, 25-23.

However, the Lady Cowboys would show up again before the day was done.

Playing against Goodland were:
 • Dreher, two aces, two digs seven assists, three kills and a block.
 • Fredrickson, two aces, three digs and eight assists.
 • B. Diederich, a service ace, four digs and three kills.
 • Wentz, two digs and two blocks.
 • Pauls, three kills and three blocks.
 • J. Diederich, an ace and eight digs.
 • Horton, an ace and two digs.
 • Scott, a kill and a block.
 • Blau, six kills.
 • Samson, five digs.

After getting out of pool play with three victories, the Lady Red Devils were matched up with Oakley for the semi-final round.

For the first time all day, it took Oberlin three sets to beat an opponent.

Oberlin came out strong, besting Oakley 25-17 in the first set. However, the Lady Plainsmen came back to surprise Oberlin 25-20 in the second set. Oberlin wasn't ready to lose a game, however, so in the third set,

Oberlin adds three more wins

The Lady Red Devils volleyball team added two more to the win column last Tuesday with victories over Quinter and Colby in Oberlin in their last regular-season meet.

After the two victories, the Oberlin girls had a 28-1 record.

The team remained the top-rated team in the state in Class 2A, according to the Kansas Volleyball Association.

The Lady Red Devils didn't give the Quinter girls a chance, as they downed the Lady Bulldogs 25-11, 25-9.

"The girls played well in this match," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "Quinter moved to the ball well, so we had several long volleys. Jordan (Dreher) had some awesome jump service aces in this match."

Playing for Oberlin were:
 • Dreher, nine service aces, eight digs, five assists and three kills.

• Adrienne Pauls, four kills and two blocks.
 • Brandi Diederich, four digs and three kills.
 • Kiah Blau, two digs and two kills.
 • Jessica Fredrickson, one service ace, a dig and four assists.
 • Jori Diederich, two service aces and five digs.
 • Carissa Wentz, a dig and two blocks.
 • Rachelle Soctt, one block.
 • Ashley Horton, three digs.
 • Ashli Samson, seven digs.

the Lady Red Devils beat Oakley 25-20 to advance to the finals.

Playing against Oakley were:
 • Dreher, six aces, five digs, 12 assists, four kills and three blocks.
 • Pauls, 10 kills and 10 blocks.
 • B. Diederich, 16 digs and a kill.
 • J. Diederich an ace and 13 digs.
 • Blau, a dig, two kills and a block.
 • Wentz, five digs and three blocks.
 • Scott, a dig and a block.
 • Samson, six digs.
 • Fredrickson, five assists.
 • Horton, two digs.

Goodland reappeared in the final game and gave the Lady Red Devils a run for their money.

Oberlin downed the Lady Cowboys in the first set 25-18 but Goodland came back and won a 25-18 second-set victory.

Oberlin won the third set of the final match 25-18.

Three runners named all league

While the Colby boys won the Northwest Kansas League cross country meet on Saturday, Oberlin came in third, just one point behind second-place Goodland.

Colby ran off with the league title with 38 points, followed by Goodland, 48; Oberlin, 49; and Oakley, 95.

The Oakley girls team won the meet with 15 points and no opposition. Decatur Community High, among others, did not have enough girls for a team score.

The race was run in Hoxie.

Three Oberlin runners took medals, including Tyler Shields, who took fourth place and ran the course in 18 minutes, 18 seconds.

Dalton James came in eighth in 18:47 and Tiffany Anderson took fifth in 18:20 on the shorter girl's course.

Colby was a little tougher, but the Oberlin girls still only took two sets to win, 25-16, 25-22.

"The girls played pretty good in the first set," Coach Ruf said. "They were able to shut down the net and had some good hits. Second set, we started to set back on our heels and missed too many service aces, but came out with a win."

Playing were:
 • Dreher, a service ace, three digs, seven assists, five kills and two blocks.

• Fredrickson, a service ace, a dig, six assists and a kill.
 • Pauls, a dig, an assist, six kills and five blocks.
 • Scott a dig, three kills and three blocks.
 • B. Diederich, eight digs and two kills.
 • Horton and J. Diederich, six digs.
 • Samson, seven digs.
 • Blau, three kills.
 • Wentz, six blocks.
 • Mary Olson, a kill.

Colby downed Quinter in three games, losing the first 25-21 but coming back to win the next pair 25-17, 25-17.

The Oberlin junior varsity beat Quinter 25-16, 27-25 and Colby 25-12, 25-13.

The Oberlin girls won the Northwest Kansas League Tournament on Saturday and will start substate play on Saturday in Plainville, with the match ups to be announced later in the week.

In the championship match:

• Dreher, two aces, nine digs, 16 assists, seven kills and a block.
 • B. Diederich, two aces, eight digs, an assist, a kill and three blocks.
 • Pauls, a dig, 13 kills and 12 blocks.
 • Scott, two digs, an assist, two kills and two blocks.
 • J. Diederich, an ace and 14 service aces.
 • Wentz, a dig, a kill and a block.
 • Fredrickson, four digs and seven assists.
 • Blau, two kills.
 • Horton, six digs.
 • Samson, five digs.

The five victories at the league meet puts the Decatur Community High girls at 33-1, with their only loss to Cambridge, Neb.

This week, the Lady Red Devils play in the substate tournament at Plainville on Saturday.

Other Oberlin runners were:
 • Nolan Wasson, 11th, with a personal best time of 19:15.
 • Nolan Henningson, 18th, with a personal best of 20:42.
 • Kade Brown, 24th, 21:53.
 • Jacob Helm, 26th, 21:59.
 • Matthew Helm, 28th, 22:35.
 • Gatlin Reichert, 31st, 23:22.
 • Ray Zodrow, 33rd, 24:42.

Shields, Jones and Anderson were named as All League runners.

This week, the team will travel to Hill City for the Class 2A Regional meet at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The top three teams and top 10 individual runners will qualify for the state meet Saturday, Oct. 31, in Wamego.

"It will be a close meet — kind of like the Northwest Kansas League," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "We will need some more personal bests."



THE OBERLIN RED DEVILS took a water break during their game against the Hoxie Indians on Friday night.

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Boys beat Hoxie 44-0, score in all quarters

After a disappointing loss to Goodland a week ago, the Oberlin Red Devils football team bounced back and beat up on the Hoxie Indians on Friday in Hoxie.

Oberlin Coach J.D. Johnson said that his team was ready to play.

"We're going into each game individually, like it's our last one," he said. "We want to be district champs. Hoxie's one of the stops we have to do to get there."

"We have to control the ball and score when we have it." Against Goodland, Oberlin was able to get the ball but was denied near the goal line on several drives.

Not so Friday night in Hoxie, where the Red Devils scored in every quarter.

Oberlin took the ball in the first period and refused to give it up, taking it downfield until quarterback Wiley Farr threw a one-yard pass to Toby Peters for a touchdown with less than four minutes left. The two-point conversion from Farr to Peters was good and Oberlin was up 8-0.

Hoxie got the ball but it didn't take long for Oberlin to get it back.

The second quarter belonged to Oberlin, as the Red Devils scored quickly on a 21-yard touchdown run by Keithen Fortin. The conversion didn't work, but Oberlin had the first of three touchdowns in the quarter and the second of the game.

With 5:48 remaining in the half, Fortin intercepted a Hoxie pass and took the ball for a 30-yard run into the end zone for Oberlin's second touchdown of the period.

Farr passed to Kaden Macfee for the two-point conversion.

Hoxie just couldn't hang onto

the ball. With a little more than two minutes left, Josh Ritter intercepted a Indians pass and the Red Devils were back in business.

Oberlin headed for the end zone and with 45 seconds to go. Farr threw a seven-yard touchdown pass to Peters for Oberlin's third score of the quarter and fourth of the game.

The two-point conversion toss from Farr to Peters was good and the half ended with Oberlin up 30-0.

Hoxie had no better luck in the second half, as Oberlin again controlled the ball.

It wasn't pretty, with fumbles, missed passes and penalties, but Oberlin hung on. Eventually, with a little less than five minutes remaining in the third quarter, Dakota Soderlund took the ball for a one-yard run into the end zone for Oberlin's fifth touchdown. The conversion attempt was no good, but Oberlin was up 36-0.

Hoxie got a little to cheer about before the quarter was done as a player picked off a Farr pass.

However, the Indians couldn't move the ball and Oberlin got it back as Farr intercepted a Hoxie pass at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

With 9:26 remaining, Fortin made Oberlin's final touchdown on a one-yard run. Farr passed to Fortin for the two-point conversion and Oberlin was ahead 44-0, the final score.

Coach Johnson said that he felt the team played well in the first half but became sloppy in the second. He praised quarterback Farr.

"(He) played a very smart game," Coach Johnson said. "He threw the ball well. He ran the ball well."

Offensively, the Red Devils did

well on the ground with Farr gaining 130 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown. He was followed by Fortin, 31 yards on four carries and two touchdowns; Soderlund, 30 yards on six carries and a touchdown; Toby Peters, 21 yards on two carries; and Nolan Peters, 14 yards on five runs.

Farr completed 12 of 26 passes for 199 yards and a touchdown. His receivers were T. Peters, four catches for 141 yards and a touchdown; Fortin, five for 34 yards; Soderlund, two for 14 yards; and N. Peters, one for 10 yards.

On defense for the Red Devils were: Daniel Jordan, two tackles and eight assists; Soderlund, a tackle, eight assists and a fumble recovery; T. Peters, two tackles and six assists; Farr, two tackles, five assists and an interception; Justin Williams, a tackle and three assists; Macfee, five assists; Fortin, a tackle, an assist and an interception for a touchdown; Dalton Dolan, a tackle and two assists; Ritter, a tackle, an interception and an assist; N. Peters, an assist and a fumble recovery; and Kelly Stamm, a tackle.

This week, the tough Oakley Plainsmen will be in Oberlin for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Friday.

The Plainsmen will bring an undefeated record to Oberlin. They have beaten Goodland, 37-0; Ellis, 14-0; Atwood, 29-6; St. Francis, 28-14; Plainville, 58-0; and WaKeeney, 60-6.

Oberlin, at 5-2, has also beaten Atwood, Plainville and WaKeeney. Oberlin has also beaten Osborne and Hoxie but fell to Norton and Goodland.

Seventh graders win one, lose one

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade volleyball "A" team defeated Colby but lost to Goodland in their last two weeks of play.

Last Thursday, the "A" team downed Colby in three, losing the first 25-14 but coming back to beat the Lady Eagles 25-18, 15-12.

"The girls served very well at 79 percent," said Coach Gina Witt.

"They started talking and moving which changes the momentum of the game for them. I am very proud of their efforts."

The week before, the "A" team had lost to Goodland 25-13, 25-10.

"The girls did a good job service with a 74 percent," Coach Witt said, "but they are still struggling with communication and confidence."

The seventh-grade "Be" team lost

to Goodland 25-23, 25-15. The girls won their first set against Colby 25-12 but lost the second 25-23.

"They also served well and played better as a team," Coach Witt said.

The junior high girls' season will end this week at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament. The seventh graders play in St. Francis and the eighth graders in Colby starting at 2 p.m. Thursday.

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