



DOING A BIT OF ACROBATICS, Kiah Blau wasn't going to let the ball fall on Oberlin's side of the net during a game on Friday against the Sacred Heart Knights.

— Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Ellis edges Oberlin in 8-6 football contest

Although the Oberlin Red Devils football team scored first on an exciting 85-yard kickoff return at the beginning of the second quarter of their game against Ellis on Saturday night, it was the Railers who were able to make the two-point conversion that won the game.

The two teams battled back and forth all the first quarter without being able to penetrate the end zones.

Then with only 14 seconds off the clock at the beginning of the second quarter, Keithen Fortin grabbed the kickoff return and just kept running from the Red Devils' 15-yard line clear across the goal line to make the score 6-0 in Oberlin's favor.

However, the two-point conversion from Nolan Peters to Wiley Farr was no good. That proved to be the difference in the game.

A few minutes later, the Railers were able to make their way down to the other end of the field. With 9:15 remaining in the quarter, Ellis was on the board.

The visitors were able to make their conversion and the score was 8-6 in favor of Ellis.

And on a cold and raining night, neither team was able to score

Top players make area list

Several Decatur Community High football players were named among northwest Kansas leaders last week in rushing, passing, receiving and interceptions from information supplied to the state by coaches.

All statistics are foreight games and do not include Thursday night's contest against Ellis.

Toby Peters was tied with O.D. Kinderknecht of Ellis for the most interceptions with five each.

Peters was also second in receptions with 30 catches for 660 yards and six touchdowns. Wiley Farr came in 20th on the recep-

tions list with 24 catches for 253 yards and two touchdowns.

Farr was sixth in passing with 70 successes out of 137 attempts for 1,029 yards and nine touchdowns.

Farr and Keithen Fortin both made the list of best rushers. Farr made 545 yards on 141 carries with 10 touchdowns and Fortin had 387 yards on 45 carries and two touchdowns.

The statistics for both 11-man and eight-man football leaders in northwest and north central Kansas were printed in *The Salina Journal* on Thursday.

again.

The Red Devils team, with a 4-5 record, were to meet the St. Francis Indians, 6-3, in St. Francis on Tuesday for the bidistrict round of the state playoffs.

The winner of that game will go on to play the winner of one of the other teams in the bottom bracket on Saturday. Other pairings are Plain-

ville, 1-8, versus Smith Center, 9-0;

Sterling, 3-6, versus Minneapolis, 6-3; Sublette, 6-3, versus Meade, 9-0; Washington County, 5-4, versus Ellis, 7-2; Bennington, 4-5, versus Ell-Saline, 7-2; LaCrosse, 7-2, versus Elkhart, 5-4; and Atwood, 5-4, versus Oakley, 8-0.

Runners finish in middle at state cross country meet

Two Oberlin cross-country runners had a chance to prove their stuff at the state meet in Wamego on Saturday, and both finished in the top third.

Dalton Jones came in 30th in 18 minutes 32.4 seconds with Tyler Shields just behind at 31st in 18:32.9 out of 103 runners.

"The guys competed well on the big stage of the state meet," Coach Dick Ahlberg said.

Berean Academy of Elbing won the Class 2A state championship.

Jones and Shields won their trip to state at the Class 2A Regional meeting in Hill City. Shields came in seventh in Hill City in 19:09 and Jones was 12th in 19:37 so both shaved their times, Shields by 36 seconds and Jones by more than a minute.

The only northwest Kansas school in the top 12 at state was Hill City,

which took 12th.

On the girls side, Bennington won the meet and Osborne, which came in fifth, was the only school from this area in the top 12.

"We would like to thank everyone for their support this season," said coach Ahlberg. "We will return a good nucleus for next year's cross country teams."

Both Jones and Shields are sophomores this year.

* Girls take fourth at state

(Continued from Page 6A) in the semi-finals before the Lady Red Devils even played Spearville, but the Decatur Community High girls iced their cake on Friday with a third victory.

"We didn't want to be satisfied, saying we've got what we wanted," Ruf said after the match. "Being the top team in the pool is the perfect thing going into the semifinals. Plus, these girls don't like losing."

Oberlin downed Spearville 25-21, 25-13.

Playing were:

- Dreher, an ace, seven digs, 11 assists, four kills and a block.
- Scott, three digs, two assists and five kills.
- Pauls, a dig, five kills and three blocks.
- Blau, four digs, three kills and a block.
- B. Diederich, an ace, nine digs and two kills.
- Wentz, an assist, a kill and three blocks.
- Samson, an ace and six digs.
- Horton, an ace and five digs.
- Fredrickson, a dig and four assists.
- Olson, a dig and a block.
- J. Diederich, seven digs.

"The girls played an awesome day of volleyball," Coach Ruf said. "They consistently played with intensity. Our defense at the net, tip coverage and back court was excellent. The hitters stayed aggressive and kept the momentum going their way."

Saturday was tougher on the Lady Red Devils, as they first played

Lebo and fell in three hard-fought sets. Oberlin won the first 25-18 but then lost the next two sets 26-24, 25-21.

Playing were:

- Dreher, an ace, seven digs, nine assists, four kills and a block.
- Scott, three digs, an assist, three kills and five blocks.
- Horton, an ace, 17 digs and an assist.
- Pauls, a dig, seven kills and seven blocks.
- Wentz, four digs, two kills and nine blocks.
- B. Diederich, an ace, 12 digs and a block.
- Fredrickson, three digs and seven assists.
- Blau, three digs and three kills.
- Samson, an ace and nine digs.
- J. Diederich, nine digs.

"With our loss to Lebo, we were mentally drained," Coach Ruf said. "It took the first set (against Valley Heights) to regroup. The second set, we came back pretty tough, but couldn't finish it in the third."

Oberlin lost 25-15 in the first set, came back to win the second one 25-20 but fell 25-20 in the final set.

Playing were:

- Dreher, two aces, eight digs, nine assists, six kills and six blocks.
- B. Diederich, nine digs, two assists, a kill and two blocks.
- Pauls, a dig, five kills and nine blocks.
- Fredrickson, seven digs and six assists.
- D. Diederich, an ace and 13 digs.
- Horton, an ace and eight digs.

- Samson, an ace and seven digs.
- Scott, two digs and three kills.
- Blau, three digs and a kill.
- Wentz, two kills and four blocks.
- Miki Dorshorst and Olson, one assist each.

"The girls had an awesome season," Coach Ruf said. "I am so proud of the girls, I would like to thank everyone for the support they showed the team. We had such a great show of fans throughout the whole season."

Although the Lady Red Devils volleyball team will be losing six seniors — B. Diederich, Fredrickson, Horton, Olson, Pauls and Samson — Coach Ruf says the team will be back at state again.

"We'll be back next year," she said. "(We have a) good group coming back, with some young ones to fill (the seniors') shoes."

Boys Junior High Basketball

Thursday, Nov. 5: St. Francis — Home	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 9: McCook St. Patrick's — Away	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 10: Oakley — Away	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 12: Quinter — Home	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 14: 8th grade/Goodland — Away	10 a.m.
Thursday, Nov. 19: Hoxie — Home	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 23: Rawlins — Away	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 3: Goodland — Away	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10: Colby — Away	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 14: 1st round league	TBA
Thursday, Dec. 17: 7th league tourney — Home	2 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17: 8th league tourney — Hoxie	2 p.m.

Junior high boys start basketball

The Decatur Community Junior High boys finished football, turned around and began basketball practice as October closed.

Both the seventh- and eighth-grade teams started practice on Friday, Oct. 23, under the direction of Coach Tim Breth and Assistant Coach Jason Ketterl.

The boys' first game will start at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at home against St. Francis.

The eighth graders finished their season last year with a 5-6 record, though three of the six losses were by five points or less, Coach Breth said. They finished fourth in the Northwest Kansas League.

"I hope we can build off of last year," he said. "I expect good things."

There are 11 eighth-grade players, he said, the same as last year.

Playing for Oberlin will be Kyle Breth, Konner and Kennedy Fortin, Jude Walinder, Baron Green, Adam Zillinger, Kolton Paul, Justin Gee, Dayton Dreher, Grant Gilliam and Chris Anderson.

The seventh-grade team looks good also, the coach said.

"They had a very productive sixth-grade team and played well during the summer league in Atwood," Coach Breth said.

The boys are small but very quick,

he said, and they work well together.

There are 13 boys on the seventh-grade team: Kelton Breth, Kramer Wrinkles, Austin Kyte, Gannon Henningson, Wesley Geihlsler, Regant Erickson, Rex Diederich, Fernando Sanchez, Kaine Fredrickson, Troy Jueneemann, Gabe Anderson, Logan Berry and Jordan Baker.

Ben Glading and Caleb Koerperich are the team managers.

While the junior high boys play basketball, the girls will all be on the cheerleading squad. In January, the boys will begin wrestling and the girls will play basketball.

Boys lose last game

The Decatur Community Junior High football team ended its season with a tough loss to the young Colby Eagles on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The Eagles beat the young Red Devils 32-0 in Oberlin.

"We just couldn't get things going," said Coach Joe Dreher. "Colby did a good job of controlling the ball on offense. We did have some sick players, so we had to play some kids in positions they have never played."

Despite Thursday's loss, the junior high finished its season 5-2.

"This was a fun group of kids to coach," Coach Dreher said. "They worked hard and never quit."

"Thanks to all the parents for their support throughout the season."

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