

# Devils' season at end

## Oberlin suffers bidistrict loss to St. Francis

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The Decatur Community High football team ended its year with a 44-12 loss to St. Francis in bidistrict play last Tuesday.

The loss left the Red Devils a 5-5 season record with victories over WaKeeney, 54-12; Hoxie, 44-0; Osborne, 18-15; Plainville, 30-0; and Atwood 20-16, and losses to Goodland, 20-14; Oakley, 46-6; Ellis, 8-6; Norton, 33-0; and St. Francis in the playoffs.

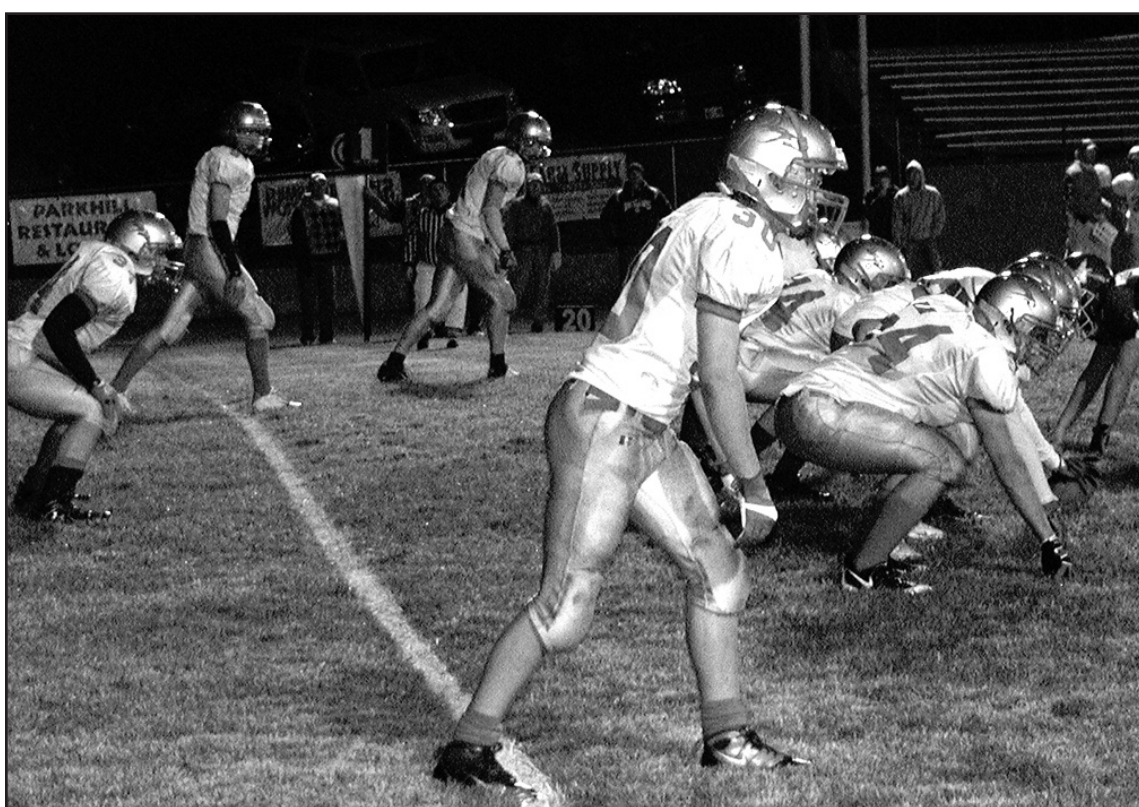
On Tuesday, the first half belonged to the hometown Indians, as they scored twice in both the first and second quarters to go to the locker room at half time up 28-0.

Neither team was able to score in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Indians drew first blood with a touchdown and two-point conversion after intercepting an Oberlin pass. The score was 36-0.

The Red Devils came right back with a 51-yard pass play from Nolan Peters to Keithen Fortin for Oberlin's first touchdown with 9:42 left in the quarter. The conversion was unsuccessful but Oberlin was on the board and the score was 36-6.

St. Francis scored its last touchdown and two-point conversion



**THE RED DEVILS** lined up against the St. Francis Indians last week with (from left) Dakota Soderlund, Wiley Farr and Toby Peters in back, Keithen Fortin in front and Daniel Jordan (No. 74) and Justin Williams (No. 54) visible on the line. — Herald photo by Casey McCormick

with 4:12 left in the game to take the score to 44-6.

As the clock wound down, Oberlin crossed into the end one more time as Peters again threw to Fortin, this time for 16 yards.

"Your guys never quit, even when it was obvious they weren't going to win," said Shawn McCormick, a St. Francis parent and game photographer.

St. Francis seemed to be ready for Oberlin's passing game, causing a lot of incomplete passes and grabbing three interceptions.

Passing for Oberlin were:

- N. Peters, who made 13 completions on 25 attempts for 176 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

- Wiley Farr, one completions in five attempts for two yards with an interception.

Receivers were:

- Farr, who caught four for 48 yards.

- Fortin, who caught three for 68 yards.

- Dakota Soderlund, three for 26 yards.

- Kaden Macfee, one for 19 yards.

- Toby Peters, one for 15 yards.

- N. Peters, one for two yards.

The Red Devils may have had trouble in the air, but that was nothing compared to what they had on the ground, as they had almost no yards gained rushing.

Rushing for Oberlin were:

- Fortin, three carries for four yards.

- N. Peters, two carries for no yards.

- Farr, one carry for no yards.

On defense:

- Fortin had six tackles and six assists.

- T. Peters, five tackles and 17 assists.

- Justin Williams, four tackles and four assists.

- Farr, three tackles and 18 assists.

- Daniel Jordan, three tackles and seven assists.

- Soderlund, two tackles and nine assists.

- Josh Ritter, a tackle and four assists.

- Macfee, a tackle and three assists.

- Zach May, a tackle.

- N. Peters, 12 assists.

- Dalton Dolan and Jacob Larue, three assists each.

- Kelly Stamm, two assists.

- Cody Kane, an assist.

St. Francis went on to play Meade for the Class 1-2A regional game on Saturday, losing 48-6.

Other Oberlin opponents in the playoffs on Saturday were Oakley, which beat Elkhart, 50-9; Ellis, which downed Ell-Saline, 34-16; and Norton, which won over Beloit, 42-20.

# Volleyball team ends season 39-3

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils volleyball team took fourth in the Class 2A at the state tournament and ended the season with a 39-3 record.

This was the third out of four years that the team had been to the state tournament, but the first that it had swept the pool games and advanced to the final rounds.

The team also finished first at the Gove Country Classic and the Oberlin Invitational, won the Northwest Kansas League championship and was unbeaten in the substate tournament.

Coach Sherri Ruf said that she was pleased with what her girls had done this season and plans to see them back at the state tournament next year.

Oberlin's team included six seniors, five juniors, four sophomores and eight freshmen.

As a team, the Lady Red Devils totaled 767 kills, 247 serves aces, 1,355 good passes, 2,623 pass points, 1,555 digs, 224 solo blocks and 333 assisted blocks this year.

Individual statistics:

- Senior Adrienne Pauls, two aces, 46 serve receive points, 55

- Senior Jessica Fredrickson, 30 aces, 93 digs and 262 assists.

- Senior Brandi Diederich, 36 aces, 535 serve receive points, 262 digs, 30 assists, 43 kills and 49 blocks.

- Senior Ashley Horton, 23 aces, 431 serve receive points, 197 digs, two assists, three kills and three blocks.

- Senior Ashli Samson, 21 aces, 502 serve receive points and 202 digs.

- Senior Mary Olson, five serve receive points, six digs, an assist, seven kills and five blocks.

- Junior Jordan Dreher, 98 aces, 152 serve receive points, 257 digs, 355 assists, 200 kills and 62 blocks.

- Junior Jori Diederich, 36 aces, 742 serve receive points, 314 digs and six assists.

- Junior Rachelle Scott, 133 serve receive points, 81 digs, 11 assists, 82 kills and 67 blocks.

- Junior Carissa Wentz, 56 serve receive points, 51 digs, six assists, 25 kills and 93 blocks.

- Sophomore Kiah Blau, 14 serve

- receive points, 35 digs, four assists, 136 kills and 64 blocks.

- Freshman Miki Dorshorst, seven serve receive points and two digs.

Also playing for the Lady Red Devils were junior Laysha Medina; sophomores Samantha Anderson, Serena Stacy and Brianna Klima; and freshmen Mika Hackney, Taylor Macfee, Elizabeth Nedland, Dan-

- nay Rhein, Darbi Rouse, Cassidy Shields and Keatra Fisher.

The team was coached by Mrs. Ruf and Melissa Dreher.

Pauls, Dreher, Fredrickson, and B. Diederich were selected for the Northwest Kansas all-league team and Blau received honorable mention.

Dreher and Pauls were named to the state all-tournament team.

## Kid wrestlers meet Tuesday

An organizational meeting for kids wrestling will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the high school cafeteria.

For questions, call Kevin Brown at 475-3644.



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# Junior high wins first games

The Decatur Community Junior High basketball teams started off the season with two victories over St. Francis on Thursday in Oberlin.

The seventh graders downed the young Indians 37-7 while the Oberlin eighth graders won 35-20.

The seventh graders jumped on St. Francis immediately, outscoring their guests 16-0 in the first quarter and 7-5 in the second to lead 23-5 at the half. Oberlin outscored St. Francis 11-2 in the third quarter and 3-0 in the fourth for a 37-7 victory.

"We came out like gangbusters," Coach Tim Breth said. "They played with no hesitation and really got after St. Francis. Our guards tormented the guy with the ball all night. For our first game, I was impressed.

Playing were:

- Regent Erickson, 13 points and eight rebounds.

- Troy Juenemann, 7 points, three rebounds and eight steals.

- Rex Diederich, 4 points and four rebounds.

- Kelden Breth, 4 points and three steals.

- Kaine Fredrickson, 2 points, three rebounds and two steals.

- Fernando Sanchez, 2 points and a steal.

- Gannon Henningson and Austin Kyle, 2 points each.

- Gabe Anderson, 1 point.

The eighth grade outscored St.

Francis in every quarter but the last. Oberlin put up 11 points to the Indians 6 in the first quarter, 12 to 2 in the second and 8 to 3 in the third.

At the half, Oberlin lead 23-8 and after three quarters 31-11. In the fourth quarter, St. Francis was able to outscore the young Red Devils 9-4 to shrink the gap to 35-20.

"The guys came out playing so hard that we looked sloppy at times," Coach Breth said. "Once we settled down, our play got much better. We were able to capitalize early against the St. Francis man-to-man defense with an offense that we have just learned."

Playing were:

- Kyle Breth, 14 points, two rebounds and five steals.

- Kennedy Fortin, 11 points, 12 rebounds and three steals.

- Dayton Dreher, 6 points and three steals.

- Grant Gilliam, 4 points, five rebounds and two blocks.

- Konner Fortin, seven rebounds.

- Kolton Paul, six rebounds.

This will be a busy week for the junior high teams. On Monday, the boys were to play St. Patrick's in McCook; on Tuesday, they were to be in Oakley to take on the young Plainsmen; and on Thursday, they will be at home against Quinter with the seventh graders starting play at 4:30 p.m.

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