

Coach feels boys will have good year

The Decatur Community High boys basketball team started practice on Monday with 18 boys.

This is Jeff Jones' second year as Oberlin's head basketball coach. He will be assisted by Tyson Nicholson.

Coach Jones said that he feels the team will be much improved over last year.

"We had a good summer," he said, noting that many of the boys had played basketball over the break. "The kids put in a lot of time in the off season."

Quinter High appears to be the best team in the league right now, he said, but lots of things could change.

"I think we'll be OK," Coach Jones said. "We'll put a competitive team on the floor every night."

The Red Devils will have seven returning lettermen, seniors Toby Peters, Wiley Farr and Nolan Wasson; juniors Josh Ritter, Dakota Soderlund and Keithen Fortin; and sophomore Dalton Jones.

Scrimmage set

The annual Decatur Community High Food Scrimmage will give basketball fans their first taste of the season as the Red Devils take to the floor for intrasquad workouts at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Admittance is a nonperishable food item, which will be donated to the Decatur County Food Pantry.

Others playing for Oberlin include senior Kelley Stamm, juniors Keithen Fortin and Jeb Fortin, sophomores Tyler Shields, Shane McEvoy, Garrett Berry, Matt Wittman and Connor McHugh and freshmen Zach May, Ryan May, Tyler Bruggeman and Brady Fortin.

Last year, the Red Devils finished their season in the first round of substate play with a loss to Plainville, which gave them a 7-14 record.

Six letter winners return to girls' team

Oberlin will have six returning letter winners when the Decatur Community High girls basketball team hits the floor.

Coach Terry Ream said that he expects his girls to do well this year.

"There are a couple of places where the girls need to step up," he said, "but if we take care of the ball, we should do alright."

Returning letter winners include seniors Brandi Diederich, Jessica Fredrickson, Ashley Horton, Adrienne Pauls and Mary Olson and junior Jordan Dreher.

Others on the team will be ju-

nior Tiffany Anderson, sophomores Kiah Blau, Brianna Klima and Megan Huntley and freshmen Miki Dorshorst, Darbi Rouse, Taylor Macfee, Dannay Rhein, Sam Wrinkles, Elizabeth Nedland, Cassidy Shields, Mika Hackney and Meghan Gault.

The girls will play in the annual Food Scrimmage at 6 p.m. Tuesday and will have their first game at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in Oakley.

Last year, the Oberlin girls finished their season with a first-round loss to Stockton in the substate tournament to give them a 5-15 record.

Final football stats released

The Decatur Community High Red Devils had a decent football season, winning five games and losing five.

Coach J.D. Johnson said that he thought the boys had a good season, especially after last season's 2-8 record.

Last year, Oberlin was only able to beat Hoxie and Plainville.

This year, the Red Devils scored wins over WaKeeney, 54-12; Hoxie, 44-0; Osborne, 18-15; Plainville, 30-0; and Atwood 20-16.

The Oberlin boys lost to Goodland, 20-14; Oakley, 46-6; Ellis, 8-6; Norton, 33-0; and St. Francis, 44-12.

Four out of the five teams Oberlin lost to have gone on to win in the postseason, with St. Francis beating Oberlin in bidistrict play and then losing in the next round of playoffs.

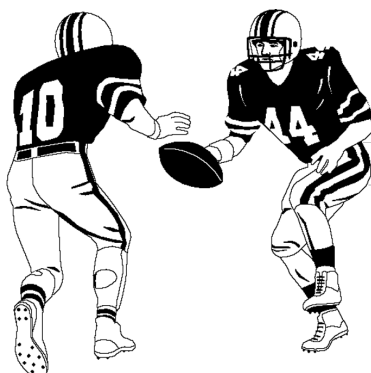
Ellis won its first two games in preseason and Oakley and Norton have won three and continue this week with Norton playing Collegiate and Oakley facing Smith Center on Friday. Oakley and Ellis play in Class 2A, as does Oberlin, but Norton and Goodland are both Class 3A schools.

Several Oberlin athletes have been among the top players in the area, according to *The Salina Journal*.

Among those noted were senior Toby Peters, interceptions made and receiving; senior Wiley Farr, passing, receiving and rushing; and junior Keithen Fortin, rushing.

Now that the season is over, Coach Johnson has compiled the team statistics.

Rushers for Oberlin this season



were:

- Farr, 599 yards on 151 carries and 10 touchdowns. The longest was 40 yards.

- Fortin, 413 yards on 60 carries and two touchdowns. The longest was 60 yards.

- Junior Dakota Soderlund, 106 yards on 22 carries and two touchdowns. The longest was 12 yards.

- T. Peters, 73 yards on nine carries and two touchdowns. The longest was 20 yards.

- Junior Nolan Peters, 96 yards on 26 carries. The longest was 12 yards.

- Senior Kaden Macfee, three carries for no yardage.

- Freshman Ryan May, one carry for a yard.

- Sophomore Conner McHugh, one carry for no yardage.

Passers were:

- Farr, 71 completions on 142 attempts for 1031 yards with a 50 percent average, nine touchdowns and seven interceptions. The longest pass was for 78 yards.

- N. Peters, 27 completions on 55 attempts for 336 yards with a 49.1 percent average, two touchdowns and four interceptions. The longest

was 50 yards.

- T. Peters, two completions on three attempts for 55 yards with a 66.7 average.

- Fortin, one completion on a single attempt for two yards.

Receivers were:

- T. Peters, 34 catches for 730 yards and six touchdowns. The longest was 78 yards.

- Fortin, 27 catches for 321 yards and four touchdowns. The longest was 51 yards.

- N. Peters, 11 catches for 102 yards and a touchdown. The longest was 23 yards.

- Soderlund, 13 catches for 95 yards. The longest was 15 yards.

- Farr, seven catches for 110 yards. The longest was 23 yards.

- Macfee, five catches for 55 yards. The longest was 25 yards.

- Freshman Zach May, two catches for 16 yards. The longest was eight yards.

Playing defense were:

- T. Peters with 37 tackles, 87 assists, five interceptions for 66 yards, a blocked pass and a fumble recovery

- Senior Daniel Jordan, 25 tackles, 81 assist, an interception for three yards, a blocked pass, three fumble recoveries and a quarterback sack for 12 yards.

- Farr, 21 tackles and 74 assists, two interceptions and three blocked passes.

- Senior Justin Williams, 17 tackles, 67 assists and a blocked pass and a quarterback sack.

- Soderlund, 16 tackles, 78 assists, three blocked passes and a fumble recovery.

- K. Fortin, 15 tackles, 27 assists, an interception for 12 yards, six

blocked passes and four fumble recoveries.

- N. Peters, 13 tackles, 45 assists, five blocked passes and six fumble recoveries.

- Junior Josh Ritter, nine tackles, 37 assists, six quarterback sacks for 12 lost yards and a fumble recovery for 24 yards.

- Macfee, six tackles, 64 assists, an interception for 12 yards, a blocked pass and a fumble recovery.

- Junior Jacob Larue, three tackles and 22 assists.

- Junior Dalton Dolan, two tackles and 22 assists.

- Senior Jaxon Alstrom, two tackles and 15 assists.

- McHugh, two tackles and two assists.

- Sophomore Brent Juenemann, a tackle, four assists and a fumble recovery.

- Senior Cody Kane, four assists and a fumble recovery.

- Freshman Channing Farr, 11 assists.

- Freshman Tyler Bruggeman, six assists.

- Z. May, a tackle.

- Senior Kelly Stamm, four assists.

- Junior Jon Samson, an assist.

Next year the team will be missing graduating seniors Jaxon Alstrom, Wiley Farr, Daniel Jordan, Cody Kane, Kaden Macfee, Toby Peters, Kelly Stamm and Justin Williams.

The Red Devils scored 204 points this year. Farr with 70 was the scoring leader. He was followed by T. Peter, 56; K Fortin, 52; Soderlund, 12; Ritter and N. Peters, six each; and Macfee, two.

Wrestling team will have nine lettermen

The Decatur Community High wrestling squad was to start practice on Monday with 18 members, including nine returning lettermen.

"We have a good group of guys out," Coach Joe Dreher said. "Several have had varsity experience. It's too early to tell where everyone will

fit in the line up, but we may be open in two or three weights."

The returning lettermen include seniors Gatlin Reichert, Ray Zodrow, Daniel Jordan and Jaxon Alstrom; juniors Jacob Helm, Nolan Peters, Jacob Larue and Dalton Dolan; and sophomore Brent Juenemann.

Also wrestling will be senior Steven Overmiller; juniors Jon Samson and Justin Rogers; and freshmen Matthew Helm, Kade Brown, Hunter Gould, Matt Glading, Channing Fortin and Cody Wurm.

Caleb Howland and Shane Bird will be the assistant coaches and Sara

Kyte will be the team manager.

Last year, Oberlin's season ended when senior Everett Urban took second place at the state Class 3-2-1A tournament at 152 pounds.

The boys first meet will be at home on Friday, Dec. 4, against Atwood and Goodland.

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