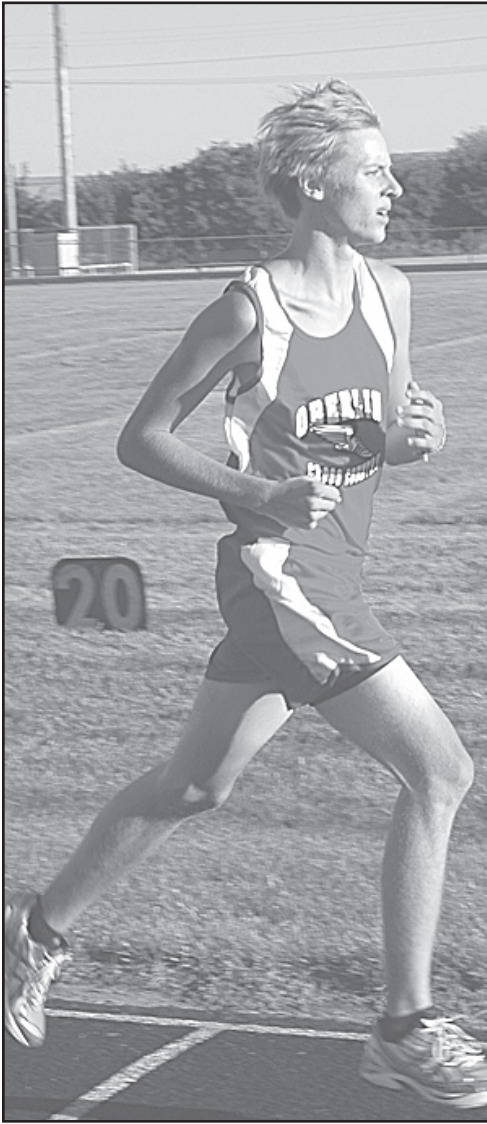


Scrimmage

Teams show their stuff during annual exhibitions



HANDING OFF THE BALL, Dayton Dreher (No. 3) was playing for the Red team during the annual Sports Drink Scrimmage on Thursday between the red and white teams. — Herald photos by Susan May



NOLAN HENNINGSON (above) took part in the annual cross country run as part of the Sports Drink Scrimmage and Run on Thursday. Earlier in the day, Alexis Hissong (right front) and Keatra Fisher showed off their skills during the volleyball scrimmage.



Junior high volleyball teams ready

The seventh and eighth-grade junior high volleyball teams started practice just a little over two weeks ago and they'll face their first opponents this week.

The girls will play host to Goodland and St. Francis at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Playing on the eighth-grade

team are Grace Randel, McKenna O'Hare, Molly Jansonius, Winter Polivka, Morgan Jansonius, Demi Murray, Daisy Rhein, Shawn Baker, Rebecca Wentz, Whitney Witt and Kariah Castle.

Playing for the seventh graders are Alexandra Waterman, Sabryn O'Gara, Kassidie Jensen, Ara Ma-

rine, Rosa Silsley, Shylo Shields, Emily Larson, Kaitlyn Fisher and Meghan Davies.

The teams will be coached by Gina Witt with help from assistant Kerrie Wahlmeier and student managers Dallas Paul and Elizabeth Hollars.

Boys set for football

The combined seventh- and eighth-grade Decatur Community Junior High football team will begin its season at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at home against St. Francis.

The boys have been practicing since the day before school started just a little over two weeks ago.

On this year's team are Kelden Breth, Kelly Brown, Troy Juemenn, Noah Nelson, Gabe Anderson, Rex Diederich, Kaine Fredrickson, Konner Witt, Andrew Wade, Myles Sheaffer, Justice Harris, Austin Hendrickson, Logan Berry, Aaron Cressler, Regent Erickson, Jonathon Howland, Kade Grafel, Keagan Blau and Ganon Henningson.

They are coached by Joe Dreher and Mark Bricker.

Junior High Volleyball

Thursday, Aug. 26, Sports Drink Scrimmage.....	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 2, St. Francis/Goodland.....	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 9, Plainville	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 16, at McCook St. Pat's.....	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 23, at St. Francis	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 25, at Hoxie Tournament.....	TBA
Thursday, Sept. 30, at Rawlins County	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 14, at Oakley	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 21, NW Kansas League, at Oakley	TBA

Junior High Football

Thursday, Aug. 26, Sports Drink Scrimmage.....	4:45 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 2, St. Francis	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 9, Plainville	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 16, at Dundy County.....	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 23, at St. Francis	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 30, at Rawlins County	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 7, Goodland.....	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 14, at Oakley	5:30 p.m.

Sports

Devils to play in Nebraska in the first game of season

The Decatur Community High Red Devils will take to the football field Friday in Nebraska, with a new opponent for their first game this season.

The Oberlin team showed what it could do on Thursday during the annual Sports Drink Scrimmage. Now it's time to get on to the real games.

Oberlin will be traveling to Cambridge, Neb., to take on the Cowboys at 7 p.m. Friday.

"We will be young in a few positions," said football coach J.D. Johnson. "We have a great group of seniors with good leadership, but we have a very difficult schedule. We added some pretty quality nondistrict games, but (that) should help us come district game time."

This is Oberlin's first time to play the Nebraska team, which was put on the schedule after two of Red Devils' regular opponents, Goodland and Colby, pulled out of the

Northwest Kansas League.

Cambridge is about 45 minutes to an hour from Oberlin, said Activities Director Joe Dreher said, so the drive will be shorter than Goodland.

This is better than the next two games, which will be against Syracuse, about two hours and 45 minutes away, and LaCrosse, about two hours and 15 minutes away, Mr. Dreher said.

The Syracuse Bulldogs will be the ones to travel this year, as they head up to Oberlin for Decatur Community High's first home game on Friday, Sept. 10.

The next week, Oberlin will get to take the long trip to LaCrosse to play the Leopards.

Both Syracuse and LaCrosse are Class 2A schools, Coach Dreher said, and Cambridge also is similar in size to Oberlin.

In fact, all of the Red Devils' opponents will be Class 2A schools

or equivalent except Norton, which Oberlin plays on Friday, Sept. 24 in Oberlin. Norton, a Class 3A school, is part of the Mid-Continent League but an old traditional rival of the Red Devils.

The departure of both Colby (Class 4A) and Goodland (Class 3A), from the Northwest Kansas League left the athletic directors of the remaining schools scrambling to fill their game cards, Mr. Dreher said.

"It was kinda hectic last year," he said. "The AD's all had to scramble around."

In some sports, such as basketball, he said, Colby and Goodland will still play Oberlin, but in a lot of other things, such as football, the two schools will need to play the other teams in their new league.

The last five games of the season — St. Francis, Atwood, Oakley, Ellis and Wichita County — will be district games, Mr. Dreher said.

Girls take first two games

The state-ranked Oberlin Lady Red Devils volleyball team showed their stuff last week, downing both Hoxie and Wheatland/Grinnell in two sets each during the first games of the season.

The Decatur Community High team, which ended its 2009 season with a fourth-place finish at the state Class 2A tournament, is ranked second this year, behind Valley Heights High School in Blue Rapids by the Kansas Volleyball Association.

After starting out the year showing the home crowd what the squad will look like during the annual Sports Drink Scrimmage on Thursday, the team headed for Grainfield on Friday to take on the home team, Wheatland/Grinnell, and Hoxie.

Oberlin downed Wheatland/Grinnell in straight sets, 25-13, 25-13.

Top players were:

- Jordan Dreher, four aces, a dig,

21 assists and five kills.

- Miki Dorshorst, two digs, 18 assists and six kills.

- Jori Diederich, four aces and two digs.

- Kiah Blau, four kills and three blocks.

- Carissa Wentz, two kills and two blocks.

- Rachelle Scott, three kills.

- Taylor Macfee, a kill.

Hoxie turned out to be a little tougher, but the Lady Indians were no match for the Lady Red Devils, as Oberlin won 25-11, 25-22.

Top players were:

- Dreher, four aces, a dig, 29 assists and six kills.

- Scott, three aces, a dig, three assists, seven kills and three blocks.

- Dorshorst, an ace, two digs, 18 assists and three kills.

- Blau, three digs, eight kills and three blocks.

- Wentz, six kills and three

blocks.

- Macfee, three digs and a block.

- Diederich, six digs.

"The girls played pretty well for the first matches of the season," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "They stayed aggressive and hit the ball well. The last set, we tended to sit back and didn't move as well. Overall, I'm proud of the girls at all levels."

The Oberlin junior varsity and C-teams also won their games.

The junior varsity downed Hoxie 15-13, 15-9, and Wheatland 15-13, 15-4.

The C-team beat Hoxie 15-13, 15-7, but took three sets to beat Wheatland, winning the first 15-6, losing the second 15-7 and coming back and taking the final set 15-8.

The girls were to play Oakley, Phillipsburg and Leoti at Oakley on Tuesday and will be in St. Francis next Tuesday to take on the Indians and Colby at 4 p.m.

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