

Devils fall to Trojans

Oberlin loses football game

The Decatur Community High Red Devils started the football season off with a nonleague loss to the Cambridge Trojans on Friday.

The Trojans downed the Red Devils 34-6 before a home crowd in Cambridge.

Last year, the Nebraska team finished the year 8-4 and it has been in postseason play four out of the last five years.

On Friday, the Trojans won the toss but deferred to their guests and kicked off.

The ball went back and forth mostly in the center of the gridiron, but with Cambridge getting better field advantage. Neither team could penetrate far into the other's territory, however, and at the end of the first quarter, neither had scored.

Cambridge had the ball at the start of the second quarter but had to punt it to Oberlin, which started deep in its own territory and was not able to gain much ground.

When Cambridge got the ball, the Trojans' ground game took the team into Oberlin territory and with 8:48 left in the second quarter, the home team scored on a 15-yard touchdown run. The point after was successful and the score stood at 7-0.

Oberlin took the kick on its 20-yard line and ran the ball to the 40. An 87-yard pass from quarterback Zach May to Keithen Fortin gave Oberlin its first and only six points.

Fortin was the only receiver Oberlin had deep, and he successfully eluded several pursuers, including two Cambridge players who ran into each other trying to catch him.

The two-point conversion was unsuccessful but May came down badly and hurt his ankle. Although he came back into the game later, he was not able to kick the ball very well and limped noticeably.

Oberlin tried for an onside kick but it didn't get the required distance and Cambridge got the ball back with excellent field position on its own 46-yard line.

On the next play, the Trojans ran the football into the end zone. The point-after kick was successful and the score was 14-6.

Oberlin took the ball but had to punt after one series of plays and the Trojans took over. In one series, the Trojans again took the ball into the end zone and were successful with a two-point conversion play.

With 4:59 to play in the second quarter, the score stood at 22-6.

In its last series of plays in the quarter, Oberlin took the ball by running and passing into Cambridge territory. However, a face mask penalty and a holding call pushed the Red Devils back just as they were within range.



RUNNING THE FOOTBALL, Oberlin quarterback Zach May was surrounded by Cambridge Trojans during the Red Devils' first game on Friday in Nebraska. The home team won the contest 34-6.

The game was stopped for a short time when Fortin, who had been playing pretty much the whole time, started to suffer from cramps. He was able to return to the field after a break and some water.

Oberlin was on its fourth down with 18 yards to the goal. A pass to a receiver in the end zone was dropped. The referees called pass interference and the Red Devils were at first and goal with 15 seconds to go in the half.

However, it was not to be as the Red Devils fell short on their first play. With seven seconds left, Oberlin threw a pass which was intercepted by a Cambridge player. He was brought down as the first half ended.

At the beginning of the second half, Oberlin again tried an onside kick, and while the distance was good, the Trojans were able to get the ball. Cambridge could go nowhere and punted.

The Red Devils had one big gain negated by a holding call, then had a pass intercepted. The interception led to a defensive touchdown for Cambridge as the receiver just kept going until he crossed into the end zone.

The point-after try was no good and the score was 28-6.

Neither team could move the ball very far the rest of the period, and the third quarter ended with Cambridge ahead 28-6.

In the fourth quarter, Cambridge added a fifth touchdown on a long run. The two-point conversion was unsuccessful and with 9:27 left in the fourth quarter, the score stood at 34-6.

Oberlin threatened to score again on the next series of plays. The Red Devils picked up a punt on their own 29 yard. Dakota Soderlund threw a 21-yard pass to Nolan Peters. Two incomplete passes later, Soderlund again connected with Peters, this time with a 14-yard pass. The Red Devils got the ball to the 8, where it was first and goal for the boys in red.

However, four incomplete passes later, Oberlin had to turn over the ball to the Trojans. The turnover with 7:44 left in the quarter was the first time either team had run out of downs.

Although the ball went back and forth a few more times, both teams started to substitute, so that the younger and less experienced players got some playing time.

While Cambridge played a running game, Oberlin had 189 yards in the air and 48 rushing.

May threw the ball eight times and had four completions for 111 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions while Soderlund threw 17 times with five completions for 78 yards with one interception.

Receiving were Fortin, three catches for 102 yards; Nolan Peters,

two for 45 yards; Josh Ritter, three for 39 yards; and May, one for three yards.

Rushing were Ryan May, two for 11 yards; Soderlund, five for 11 yards; Fortin, 12 for 10 yards; Ritter, six for nine yards; Z. May, six for three yards; Chris Anderson, one for two yards; and Peters, two for two yards.

On defense, Peters had five tackles and five assists, followed by Soderlund, three tackles and 11 assists; Keithen Fortin, three tackles and two assists; Kennedy Fortin, a tackle and five assists; Jacob Larue, a tackle and four assists; Channing Fortin and Tyler Bruggeman, one tackle and three assists; Dayton Dreher, a tackle and an assist; Ritter, seven assists; Z. May, three assists; Garrett Berry, two assists; and Brady Fortin, an assist.

Oberlin finished last season 5-5, with victories 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.

On Friday, the Red Devils will be at home for a 7 p.m. kickoff against the Syracuse Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are also 0-1 after a 64-6 loss last week to the Oakley Plainsmen in a nonleague game.

Girls win two of three games

The Decatur Community High volleyball team racked up two more victories but lost its first game of the season on Tuesday in Oakley.

The state-ranked Oberlin Lady Red Devils downed Leoti and Oakley but fell to Phillipsburg to take their record to 4-1.

"The girls played up and down tonight," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "We need to keep our intensity through the entire match. We had too many mental mistakes and quit moving our feet."

Oberlin downed both Leoti and Oakley in two sets each.

Oberlin downed Leoti 25-8, 25-12. Top players were:

- Rachelle Scott, two aces, three digs, one assist, six hits and two blocks.

- Jordan Dreher, two serves, three digs, four assists, eight hits and a block.

- Kiah Blau, an ace, three digs, four hits and a block.

- Jori Diederich, an and seven digs.

- Miki Dorshorst, a dig, eight assists and a hit.

- Carissa Wentz, a dig, an assist and a hit.

- Taylor Macfee, an ace, a dig and a block.

- Keatra Fisher, a hit.

The Lady Red Devils downed Oakley, 25-16, 25-19.

Top players were:

- Dreher, two serves, six digs, four assists and eight kills.

- Scott, an ace, six digs, six kills and a block.

- Blau, four digs, an assist, four kills and four blocks.

- Dorshorst, a dig, 10 assists, a kill

and a block.

- Diederich, an ace and eight digs.

- Macfee, an ace, a dig and a block.

- Wentz, three kills and three blocks.

Phillipsburg was a whole different animal, as the Lady Panthers downed Oberlin in two close sets 27-25, 25-23.

Top players were:

- Dreher, an ace, four digs, eight assists, 13 kills and a block.

- Scott, two digs, an assist, eight kills and a block.

- Dorshorst, three digs, six assists, four kills and two blocks.

- Blau, four digs, seven kills and five blocks.

- Diederich, three aces and eight digs.

- Macfee, three digs.

The Oberlin junior varsity also won two out of three games. The younger girls beat Leoti 25-13, 25-13 and Phillipsburg in three 20-25, 25-14, 15-11 but lost to Oakley in three 15-25, 25-18, 5-15.

On Tuesday, the Lady Red Devils were to be in St. Francis to play the Indians and the Colby Eagles.

On Saturday, the younger Oberlin players will be in Quinter for a junior varsity tournament starting at 9 a.m. and the older girls will be in Grainfield for the Wheatland/Grinnell Tournament, which starts at 8:30 a.m.

Next Tuesday, the girls will again be in Oakley. This time they will take on the Lady Plainsmen and the Hill City Ringnecks starting at 4:30 p.m.



CROSSING INTO THE END ZONE, Kaine Fredrickson made the first of the Oberlin junior high football team's three touchdowns against St. Francis on Thursday.

— Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Junior High boys beat Sainty Indians

The junior high Red Devils started out the year with a shutout on Thursday, as the combined seventh- and eighth-grade Decatur Community Junior High football team downed the young St. Francis Indians 28-0 in Oberlin.

Kaine Fredrickson scored Oberlin's first touchdown on a 20-yard run. The touchdown play had been set up by a 42-yard run by Gabe Anderson.

Kelden Breth connected with Noah Nelson on a pass for the two-point conversion.

Rex Diederich added six points to Oberlin's score on a 22-yard run with two seconds left in the second quarter.

The two-point conversion failed but Oberlin led 14-0 at the half.

Troy Juenemann took the opening kickoff for a 74-yard run into the end zone for Oberlin's third touchdown. Breth ran the two-point conversion in and the score stood at 22-0.

The young Red Devils' final touchdown came on a one-yard run by Diederich. The two-point conversion failed.

"The offensive line did a good job and the defense played great the whole game," Coach Joe Dreher said.

The young Red Devils will be at home again this week as Plainville comes to town at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Two runners in top 10 at Norton meet

The Decatur Community High cross country teams came in third at the Norton Invitational on Thursday.

Two Oberlin boys came home with medals, finishing among the top 10 runners.

Tyler Shields took fourth place, running the 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) route at Norton's Prairie Dog Golf Course in 18 minutes, 24 seconds.

Dalton Jones ran seventh for the boys in 18:50.

The Norton boys won the meet with 39 points, followed by Plainville, 57; Oberlin, 65; Phillipsburg, 78; and Stockton, 108.

The Norton girls won their invitational with 18 points, followed by Hill City, 62; Oberlin, 66; and Phillipsburg, 101.

"We had a respectable showing and effort today," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "This was the first meet of the year, and there is always a learning process during these early

meets.

"We had five freshmen running their first race and they did fine."

Also running for the Oberlin boys were:

- Kolton Paul, 21:04 for 22nd.
- Nolan Henningson, 21:11 for 24th.

- Matthew Helm, 21:57 for 28th.
- Jacob Helm, 22:45 for 34th
- Caleb Koerperich, 23:16 for 37th.

Running the 4 kilometer (2.5

mile) course for the girls were:

- Kayla Jones, 20:04 for 16th.
- Emma Borton, 20:30 for 20th.
- Kaylee May, 20:55 for 21st.
- Tiffany Anderson, 21:30 for 24th.

- Lara Zodrow, 21:44 for 26th.
- Bret Ashley, 22:38 for 30th.

The Oberlin runners will be on the road again at 4:30 p.m. Thursday to run in the Quinter Invitational.

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