

Girls take six at Gove Classic; go to 12-1 record

Last Tuesday, the Oberlin Lady Red Devils volleyball girls downed the Colby Eagles in two sets, 25-9 and 25-11, and the St. Francis Indians, 25-15 and 25-12.

Then on Saturday, the Decatur Community High girls won the Gove County Fall Classic, taking all six matches in two sets each.

The victories on Saturday took the Lady Red Devils' record to 12-1.

However, due to the loss, the team fell from second to third in the Kansas Volleyball Association rankings.

Oberlin was ranked No. 2 in pre-season polls, but after a week, the Lady Red Devils had a 4-1 record and had traded places with Oskaloosa, which had a 2-0 record at the beginning of last week.

"The girls played well tonight," Coach Sherri Ruf said last Tuesday. "They blocked well at the net and played good defense."

Top players against Colby:

- Jordan Dreher, three aces, three digs, 11 assists and three hits.
- Miki Dorshorst, three digs, nine assists, four hits and a block.
- Kiah Blau, two digs, 11 hits and four blocks.
- Rachele Scott, six digs and two hits.
- Jori Diederich, four digs.
- Keatra Fisher, an ace and a hit.
- Taylor Macfee, two assists.
- Carissa Wentz, two hits.

Top players against St. Francis:

- Scott, two aces, three digs, an assist, five hits and two blocks.
- Blau, two aces, a dig, seven hits and four blocks.
- Dreher, three digs, six assists, five hits and a block.
- Diederich, an ace and seven digs.
- Dorshorst, seven assists and a hit.
- Wentz, two assists and two blocks.
- Macfee, an ace, a dig and an assist.
- Fisher, a block.

The junior varsity and C-teams also won their matches against Colby and St. Francis in two sets each.

The junior varsity downed Colby and St. Francis by the same scores, 25-22 and 25-17.

The C-team girls edged Colby 25-21, 25-22 and St. Francis, 25-21, 25-22.

On Saturday, the Lady Red Devils downed Wallace County, 25-8, 25-11; St. Francis, 25-17, 25-16; WaKeeney, 25-5, 25-14; and Hoxie, 25-11, 25-23 in pool play. Oberlin downed Wheatland/Grinnell, 25-6, 25-16 in the semifinals and Weskan 25-18, 26-24 in the finals.

"This was a long day for the girls," Coach Ruf said. "They stayed focused throughout the day, taking one match at a time."

"In the championship match against Weskan, we started to sit back and weren't moving to the ball. The girls fell behind and regrouped

to win the match. "I was proud to see the team be able to come together to fight back and win the match against a really good team."

Top players against Wallace County:

- Dreher, five aces, four assists and six hits.
- Scott, an ace, a dig, two hits and a block.
- Wentz, two aces, two hits and a block.
- Dorshorst, a dig, five assists and a hit.
- Diederich, eight digs.
- Blau, an ace, a hit and a block.
- Macfee, four aces.

Top players against St. Francis:

- Dreher, an ace, six digs, four assists, 11 hits and two blocks.
- Scott, a dig, two assists, three hits and a block.
- Blau, an ace, three digs, two hits and a block.
- Dorshorst, an ace, three digs, nine assists and a hit.
- Diederich, two aces.
- Macfee, a block.

Top players against WaKeeney:

- Scott, an ace, one dig, a hit and a block.
- Dreher, three digs and four hits.
- Diederich, two aces and five digs.
- Blau, an ace, a dig and a hit.
- Dorshorst, an ace and two assists.
- Macfee, a dig.
- Fisher, a block.

Top players against Hoxie:

- Dreher, two aces, three digs, three assists, two hits and a block.
- Scott, three digs, an assist, three hits and a block.
- Dorshorst, an ace, two digs, four assists and two hits.
- Blau, a dig, five hits and four blocks.
- Wentz, two hits and two blocks.
- Macfee, an ace, a dig and a block.
- Diederich, three digs.

Top players against Wheatland/Grinnell:

- Dorshorst, an ace, a dig, six assists, a hit and a block.
- Dreher, an ace, a dig, four assists and two hits.
- Scott, an ace, three digs and four hits.
- Macfee, six assists, a hit and a block.
- Blau, a hit and three blocks.
- Diederich, two digs.
- Wentz and Fisher, a hit each.

Top players against Weskan:

- Dreher, an ace, two assists, 16 hits and a block.
- Dorshorst, 13 assists and a hit.
- Blau, three digs, a hit and a block.
- Scott, two digs and two hits.
- Diederich, three digs.
- Wentz and Fisher, a hit each.
- Macfee, a block.

On Tuesday, the Oberlin girls were to play Hill City and Oakley at Oakley. On Saturday, they will play in the McCook High Tournament starting at 11 a.m.

Seventh graders lose three matches

The Oberlin seventh-grade volleyball girls lost a pair of matches to Goodland and St. Francis in their opening meet on Sept. 2.

The young Lady Red Devils fell 25-19, 25-16 to St. Francis.

"The girls did not communicate well," said assistant coach Kerrie Wahlmeier. "They did not transition and move on the court."

In the second match, the girls lost 25-20, 25-12 to Goodland.

"The girls played well against Goodland," the coach said. "They were excited and ready to play for their second match. They communicated well, but still needed to transition better."

The Oberlin girls lost B-team games to both Goodland and St. Francis, also, but no scores were available.

Sabryn O'Gara was the top server and Kaitlyn Fisher the top passer

for the Oberlin seventh-graders while Meghan Davies was the top server on the B-team, said Coach Wahlmeier.

Thursday, the Oberlin girls took on Plainville but the Lady Cardinals were too much for them, whipping the young Lady Red Devils 25-8, 25-8.

"The girls struggled with serve receive," the coach said. "They were not moving as well as they do in practice."

The B team also lost its match but won the first set 25-21. Scores were not available on the other sets.

O'Gara was the top server, the coach said, and Ara Singleton-Marine stepped and made some good attacks.

In the B-team game, Fisher was the top server. Shylo Shields and Emily Larson were the top passers.

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A LINE OF OBERLIN PLAYERS headed up the field toward a Syracuse player (above) during Friday night's game in Oberlin. The Red Devils downed the Bulldogs

61-0. Nolan Peters (No. 20, below) carried the ball as he eluded a Bulldog pursuer.

— Herald photos by Susan May and Sarah Fredrickson

Oberlin Red Devils shut out Syracuse Bulldogs by 61-0

The Decatur Community High Red Devils kicked the Syracuse Bulldogs from one end of the football field to the other Friday night, staging a 61-0 shutout of the boys from Hamilton County in southwest Kansas.

After taking a beating in their contest against Cambridge, Neb., the week before, the Red Devils were ready to show their stuff to the home crowd. On Friday night, they got the chance and took their record to 1-1 while sending Syracuse home with a 0-2 record.

The Bulldogs won the toss and Oberlin kicked off.

However, on the first series of plays, Oberlin's Josh Ritter intercepted a Bulldog pass. Oberlin lost the ball on a fumble and the next series was marred by penalties against both teams for everything from delay of game to offsides.

Eventually, Syracuse came up against a fourth-and-14 and had to punt.

Then with 7:23 left in the first quarter, Ritter took the ball and ran it 22 yards for a touchdown. The point-after attempt was no good, and the score was 6-0.

Again Syracuse tried to move the ball with little success and had to punt. Keithen Fortin caught the punt and didn't stop until he crossed into the end zone for a 55-yard punt-return touchdown.

The extra point was good and with 4:59 left in the first quarter, Oberlin led 13-0.

Again each team had foul problems, as Oberlin had to rekick the ball, Syracuse was offside, Oberlin committed a personal foul and Syracuse had a false start.

Once again, though, the Bulldogs got to a fourth and long and had to punt.

Fortin grabbed the ball again and ran it back for a 75-yard return and another touchdown.

The point after was good again, and with 2:53 still to go in the first quarter, Oberlin was up 20-0.

Syracuse took over again, but Ritter sacked the quarterback twice and the Bulldogs again had to punt.

Just after the first quarter came to an end, Ritter added a fourth touchdown on a 52-yard run. The point after was no good but Ober-

lin led 26-0.

In the second quarter, Syracuse was again unable to move the ball as Dakota Soderlund sacked the quarterback. The Bulldogs ended up in a fourth-and-12 situation and punted the ball.

Oberlin took over and with 9:25 left in the second period, Nolan Peters ran the ball 27 yards into the end zone. This time, the extra point was good and the score stood at 33-0.

With five minutes left in the half, Soderlund took the ball into the end zone to score another 6 for Oberlin. The extra point was good, and Oberlin led 40-0.

After getting the ball back, the frustrated Bulldogs got a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct and then fumbled the ball, which was picked up by Ritter.

The Red Devils marched the pigskin back over the goal line with 3:41 left in the half. This time Peters was the ball carrier. The extra point was good and Oberlin led 47-0.

The ball moved back and forth for the rest of the quarter, but neither team was able to score, so at the half, Oberlin led 47-0.

In the second half, with Oberlin leading by a wide margin, the clock ran nonstop as Coach J.D. Johnson substituted his younger players into the game.

With 8:23 left in the third quarter, Anderson scored Oberlin's seventh touchdown and while the point after was no good, Decatur Community High led 53-0.

Syracuse got the ball but Ritter was able to bring down the ball carrier at the Syracuse one-yard. The defensive combo of Ritter, Ryan May and Channing Farr pushed the ball carrier over the line for a two-point safety.

The quarter ended without further scoring; Oberlin led 55-0.

As the clock continued the run, Oberlin got the ball back when Syracuse ran out of downs and moved it bit by bit back down the field. Eventually, Oberlin was second and goal on the one and Fortin took it in.

Oberlin ended the game up 61-0.

Oberlin ran the ball this week. Quarterback Zach May attempted



only one pass, which was not caught.

Top rushers were Z. May, 80 yards on five carries; Ritter, 74 on two; Peters, 64 on four; Anderson, 81 on nine; Kennedy Fortin, 22 on four; Soderlund, seven on two; and Keithen Fortin, three on two.

Top defensive players were Ritter, five tackles and four assists; Soderlund, three tackles and 12 assists; Z. May, three tackles and five assists; Peters and Jacob Larue, two tackles and five assists each; Dayton Dreher, two tackles and two assists; Keithen Fortin, one tackle and two assists; Brady Fortin, six assists; C. Fortin, five assists; Conner McHugh and Kennedy Fortin, four assists each; Tyler Bruggeman, two assists; and

Grant Gilliam, an assist.

Ritter sacked the quarterback twice for 17 yards; Z. May, once for 12 yards; and Soderlund, once for eight yards.

Ritter intercepted a pass for three yards, recovered a fumble for 10 and helped force the game's only safety.

Peters was five for eight in point-after-touchdown kick kicks.

Scoring for Oberlin were Peters, 17; Ritter, 14; Keithen Fortin, 12; and Anderson, Kennedy Fortin and Soderlund, 6 each.

This week, Oberlin will take on the Leopards in LaCrosse with kickoff at 7 p.m. Friday. The team is 2-2 with a 55-28 victory last week over Christ Prep Academy of Overland Park.

Cross country boys take second

The Oberlin cross country team took four medals on Thursday at the Quinter Invitational.

The boys came in second out of six teams, while the Oberlin girls came in fourth.

Tyler Shields came in third in the boys race in 18 minutes, 10 seconds.

Dalton Jones took six in 18:50; Kayla Jones, ninth for the girls, 19:14; and Caleb Koerperich, ninth

in the junior varsity race, 23:28.

"Our guys had a pretty good day," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Kolton Paul closed down one of our gaps. Kayla Jones ran a smarter race today for our girls."

"The competition get a lot tougher next week."

Plainville won the meet with 33 points, followed by Oberlin, 35; Hill City, 41; Victoria, 54; Stockton, 70; and the Colby junior varsity, 107.

Quinter won for girls' division with 27 points, followed by Hill City and Oakley, both 38, and Oberlin 40.

Other Oberlin men were:

- Paul, 19:55, 13th.
- Nolan Henningson, 21:35, 23rd.
- Matthew Helm, 22:02, 26th.
- Jacob Helm, 22:07, 27th.
- Jude Walinder, 32, 27th junior varsity.

Other Oberlin women runners were:

- Tiffany Anderson, 20:17, 20th
- Emma Borton, 20:48, 22nd.
- Kaylee May, 21:14, 25th.
- Lara Zoderow, 22:20, 33rd.
- Bret Ashley, 22:22, 34th.

The Decatur Community High runners' next meet will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the McCook Invitational, run on the hilly McCook golf course.

Junior high boys shut out Plainville

The Decatur Community Junior High football team made it two in a row on Thursday as the boys downed Plainville 32-0 to preserve an undefeated record in the young season.

The combined Oberlin seventh and eighth-grade team scored on its opening drive when Kelden Breth took the ball into the end zone from one yard out. He then ran the two-point conversion on an

option play and Oberlin was on the board 8-0.

Rex Diederich scored the next Oberlin touchdown with a 16-yard run. The score was set up when Ganon Henningson blocked a Plainville punt return. This time, the two-point conversion failed.

As the first half came to an end, Oberlin put up its third touchdown on a five-yard run by Noah Nelson. Again, the two-point conversion

failed.

At the half, Oberlin led 20-0.

In the third quarter, Gabe Anderson scored the fourth Oberlin touchdown on a one-yard run. The play was set up when Troy Juenemann took a punt return for 36 yards before being brought down.

The two-point conversion again failed.

Oberlin's final touchdown was on a 10-yard pass from Bret to Nelson.

The two-point conversion failed but the young Red Devils won the game by a decisive 32-0 to take their record to 2-0.

"Offensively, we didn't play the best," said Coach Joe Dreher, "but we put points on the board. "The defense did a great job again, getting another shutout."

This week, the team will play at Benkelman, Neb., with a 4 p.m. kickoff Thursday.