

Sports

Girls rank No. 2 in state

The Oberlin varsity volleyball girls did not play last week after playing in a tournament in McCook the previous Saturday. Still, at the end of three weeks of play, the Decatur Community High team was ranked No. 2 in Class 2A by the Kansas Volleyball Association. The Lady Red Devils started out the season as No. 2 but fell to No. 3 the second week after losing to Phillipsburg.

However, at the end of last week, the girls had a 16-2 record. This put them behind Uniontown, which was 13-0. Others in the top five were Washington County, 12-0; Olpe, 10-0; and Spearville, 15-4. This week, the Oberlin girls were to play Cheylin and St. Francis in Bird City on Tuesday and will play host to the annual Oberlin Invitational starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.



THE OFFENSIVE LINE WORKED to punch a hole in the Norton Bluejay defense on Friday as Nolan Peters (No. 20) ran the ball for the Decatur Community High Red Devils. — Herald photo by Susan May

Norton Bluejays down Red Devils

The Norton Bluejays were not kind to the Decatur Community High football team on Friday, beating the Red Devils 56-0 in Oberlin. The Red Devils got off to a bad start when Norton intercepted a pass on Oberlin's first possession. The Bluejays drove to the goal line but the Red Devils forced a fumble on the one-yard line and recovered the ball. With little room to maneuver, however, Oberlin was forced back into the end zone for a Norton safety with 9:42 left in the quarter. Oberlin kicked the ball and it took just three plays for the visitors to take it back into the end zone and score 6. The kick was good, and Norton led 9-0 with 9:02 to go in

the quarter. Oberlin was not able to move the ball, but neither was Norton. The Bluejays fumbled the ball and Oberlin recovered. At the end of the first quarter, the score remained 9-0. Norton opened the second quarter with a touchdown. The point-after was good and the Bluejays were up 16-0 with 10:56 left in the half. Oberlin was not able to move the ball and turned it over to Norton. As the Bluejays moved down the field, Oberlin defensive back Zach May intercepted a pass and returned the ball to the Norton three. However, four plays later, the ball had only moved 2 1/2 yards, so Norton took possession on its own one. The Bluejays took the ball down the field to score again and the

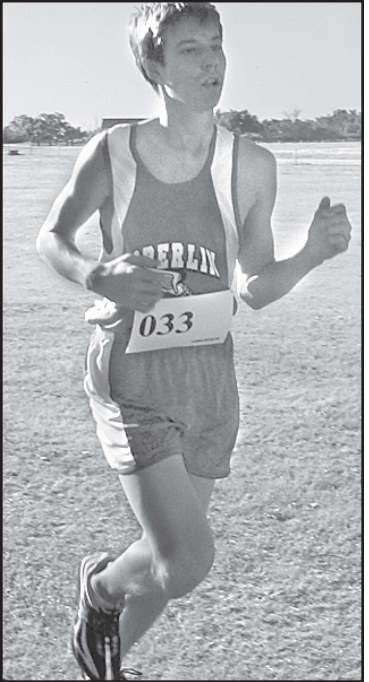
kick was good. With 3:19 left in the half, the visitors were up 23-0. Oberlin got the ball back but fumbled, and the Jays jumped on the mistake and turned it into another touchdown. This time the kick failed, but with 2:24 left in the first half, Norton led 29-0. Oberlin kicked off to start the second half and held the Bluejays. However, the Norton punt landed on the one. Oberlin wasn't able to move the ball and punted again. Norton scored on its next series of plays and the point after was good. The Bluejays led 39-0 with 3:57 left in the third quarter. Norton scored again with 1:47 left in the quarter and the kick was good.

With the score 46-0, the officials put the continuous clock into play. Norton scored once more in the fourth quarter and added a two-point conversion to for the final 54-0 score. Nolan Peters was the leading ball carrier for the Red Devils with 21 yards on 15 carries. May completed nine for 15 passes for 57 yards with Keithen Fortin catching five for 51 yards. Other statistics were not available. This week, Oberlin will begin Northwest Kansas League play as the Red Devils travel to St. Francis to take on the Indians at 7 p.m. Friday. Oberlin and St. Francis both have 1-3 records.

Junior high boys beat St. Francis, 8-6

The Decatur Community Junior High Red Devils football team downed the young Indians 8-6 on Thursday in St. Francis. Neither team was able to score in the first quarter. In the second, however, Oberlin's Kelden Breth sent a seven-yard pass to Noah Nelson, who took it into the end zone. The two-point conversion, which turned out to be the winning score, was good as Nelson threw to Troy Juenemann. The Red Devils were ahead 8-0 at the half. The home team came back early in the third quarter to score but was unable to convert, making the score 8-6.

Again neither team scored in the fourth quarter and Oberlin ran the clock out. The victory gives the young Red Devils a 3-1 record. In a fifth-quarter contest, Oberlin scored twice while keeping the young Indians from crossing into the end zone. The first Oberlin score came on a 57-yard run by Fernando Sanches and the second on a pass from Nelson to Justice Harris. The junior high will play in Atwood on Thursday. Since this is Rawlins County's homecoming week, game times have been changed. The volleyball girls will play at 4 p.m. and the football team at 5 p.m.



TYLER SHIELDS RAN the cross country course in Hill City in 18 minutes, 32 seconds. — Photo by Kelly Shields

Runners place sixth

The Oberlin cross country teams both took sixth at the Hill City Invitational on Thursday. Tyler Shields was the only Red Devil to win a medal, coming in fifth in 18 minutes, 32 seconds. "Tyler continues to run well," Coach Dick Ahlberg said on Thursday, "but as a team, we were kind of flat. We should be excited to be running at home next week." Ness City won the boys division with 37 points, followed by Norton, 74; Plainville, 111; Phillipsburg, 133; Colby, 133; Oberlin, 136; Hill City, 141; Victoria, 170; and Stockton, 187. Colby won the girls division with 40 points followed by Norton, 41; Osborne, 77; Quinter, 108; Hill City, 112; and Oberlin, 135. Other Oberlin varsity boys were: Dalton Jones, 19:53, 24th. Kolton Paul, 21:13, 42nd. Nolan Henningson, 21:42, 44th. Matthew Helm, 22:10, 51st. Jacob Helm, 22:36, 57th. Caleb Koerperich, 23:51, 67th. Running for the girls were: Kayla Jones, 20:15, 32nd. Tiffany Anderson, 20:25, 37th. Bret Ashley, 22:05, 50th. Lara Zodrow, 22:12, 51st. Emma Borton, 23:14, 53rd. In the junior varsity division was: Jude Walinder, 31:07, 41st. The 43rd Annual Oberlin Invitational and Northwest Kansas League meet were to begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Oberlin Country Club. The runners' next outing will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at Phillipsburg.

Seventh grade girls win one

The Oberlin seventh graders beat St. Patrick's of McCook but fell to St. Francis and lost four games in a volleyball tournament in Hoxie. It took three sets to down the Nebraska team, as the Oberlin girls lost the first set 25-22 but came back to win the second 25-22 and the third, 15-12 in McCook on Sept. 16. "The girls were excited about the win," said Assistant Coach Kerrie Wahlmeier. "They worked hard and I was proud of all of them." Caitlyn Gault was the top passer with 15 out of 16. Alexandra Waterman was top server with 10 out of 12. Kassidie Jensen attacked well and Ara Singleton-Marine was the top setter, Coach Wahlmeier said. Shylo Shields was 100 percent serving in a mixed C-team contest. On Sept. 23, the girls were in St. Francis to take on the young Indians but lost in three sets. "They played the best I have seen them play," Coach Wahlmeier said. "They set up the ball and attacked 35 time. They worked hard, but did not take the win."

Gault was the top passer with 11 out of 11. Singleton-Marine was to top setter with nine out of nine. She was also the top hitter with 10 out of 12 attacks and four kills. On Saturday, the girls attended the Hoxie round robin tournament, losing to WaKeeney, Norton, St. Francis and Hoxie. "It was a rough day for the girls," Coach Wahlmeier said. "Team work was not there for us. In the first set against Trego (Community), the girls were unstoppable. They were communicating well, setting up the ball and had few serving errors. It was fun to watch. "Unfortunately, that was the only set where they really had it together. They just couldn't click the rest of the day." Oberlin won the first set 25-18 but dropped the next pair, 25-12, 15-6 to WaKeeney. Kaitlynn Fisher was to top passer, Sabryn O'Gara the top server and setter and Gault the top hitter. Oberlin lost to Norton in two close sets, 29-27 and 25-23. Waterman was the top server, O'Gara, the top setter and Single-

ton-Marine the top hitter. The Lady Red Devils got another shot at St. Francis, but fell 25-22, 25-19. Fisher was the top passer and Singleton-Marine the top setter and hitter. In the final match against Hoxie, Oberlin lost 25-15, 15-17. Emily Larson, who had helped out from the bench throughout the day, made some nice passes, Coach Wahlmeier said. Rosa Silsley and Shields also come in to make some nice plays. "I am proud of the improvement I have seen with this team," Coach Wahlmeier said, "but they really need to step it up in practice to prepare for our next two matches and the league tournament. I have seen moments of how good they can play. We need to turn these moments into full matches and keep the consistency." This week, the girls will be in Atwood on Thursday to play Rawlins County. The game will start at 4 p.m., half an hour earlier than scheduled due to Atwood homecoming festivities.

Eighth graders lose two

The Oberlin eighth-grade girls volleyball team fell to St. Francis and Goodland in its first games of the season and to Plainville in its next outing. On Sept. 2, the young Lady Devils played host to St. Francis and Goodland. St. Francis won the first match 25-16, 25-16. "The girls had a hard time getting started, and we saw some things we need to work on," said Coach Melissa Dreher. Oberlin's serving efficiency was 78 percent with four perfect servers, Demi Murray, Winter Polivka, Daisy Rhein and Whitney Witt. The B team lost its set 15-12. Against Goodland, the Oberlin girls fell 25-15, 25-20. "The girls improved significantly," Coach Dreher said. "They were making better use of the ball. I was pleased with their improvement over the previous match." Serving efficiency dropped to 66 percent but there were two perfect

servers, Rhein and Witt. The B team fell 15-7. On Sept. 9, the Decatur Community Junior High girls were again at home, this time facing Plainville. Oberlin lost to Plainville in three sets, winning the first 25-18 but dropping the next two, 25-15, 15-9. "The girls played great volleyball and worked really hard," Coach Dreher said. "They had some real tough servers. I was proud of the girls in the fact that they played good volleyball. They set up and attacked the ball several times." Serving percentage was 77 percent with four perfect servers, Witt, Morgan Jansonius, Shawn Baker and McKenna O'Hare. Baker had three kills and Kariah Castle and Polivka each had one. Morgan and Molly Jansonius both had an assist. The B team lost in two sets, 25-18, 25-20. Rebecca Wentz had a kill for the B team.

Oberlin girls take fifth

The Decatur Community High C-team volleyball girls lost the first game but came back to win their next two and place fifth in their own tournament on Saturday. Oberlin fell 25-20, 25-20 to

Goodland in the first round. The Lady Red Devils came back to beat Atwood in three sets, 25-17, 18-25, 15-4. The Oberlin girls then downed St. Francis in two, 25-13, 25-21.



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