



HANDING OFF THE FOOTBALL to Nolan Peters (No. 20), Zach May (No. 7) was protected by the offensive line, including Kennedy Fortin (No. 44), Josh Ritter (No. 33) and Brent Juenemann (No. 23), during Friday's game against the Indians in St. Francis. The Oberlin Red Devils beat the Indians 22-14. — Herald photo by Lezlie McCormick

Red Devils stop Indian attack

Good defense stymies Sainty as Oberlin wins 22-14 contest

The Red Devil football team took its record to 2-3 with a 22-14 victory over the St. Francis Indians on Friday in St. Francis.

Both teams moved the ball well, but it was the Oberlin defense that saved the game for the Red Devils.

Oberlin received the kickoff but was not able to move the ball and St. Francis took over.

However, on the way to the goal, the Indians fumbled the ball on their own 23-yard line and it was recovered by Oberlin's Channing Fortin.

It only took two plays for Oberlin to score, as Nolan Peters ran 24 yards into the end zone. The conversion was good and Oberlin led 8-0.

The teams traded the ball back and forth for the rest of the quarter, but at the end, Oberlin led 8-0.

St. Francis had the ball and was able to take it as far as the Red Devils' 10. The Oberlin defense held, however, and the boys took over deep in their own territory.

An incomplete lateral pass caused Oberlin to fall back into the end zone, giving the Indians 2 points for a safety.

Oberlin punted and St. Francis returned

the ball to midfield. With 3:52 left in the second quarter, St. Francis crossed the goal line to even the score at 8-8. A two-point conversion failed.

Oberlin took the kick on its own 38-yard line and soon scored on a 62-yard pass from Zach May to Josh Ritter, who was able to catch the ball with one hand.

The two-point conversion was again successful for the Red Devils, and they led 16-8.

St. Francis was moving the ball well but a quarterback sack by Ritter and a holding penalty left the Indians with a fourth and 18 at the end of the first half.

Oberlin led 16-8.

The Indians took the kick as the second half started and moved the ball to within

five yards of the goal. St. Francis seemed to score but a holding penalty called back the touchdown.

After that, the Red Devils' defense pushed the Indians back to fourth and 11 and Oberlin again took over deep in its own territory.

Oberlin's drive was not productive, and St. Francis took over. This time, the Indians were successful on a fourth-down attempt just 31 yards from the goal and made a touchdown on the next play.

Again, St. Francis not able to score the two-point conversion and the score stood at 16-14 with 4:36 left in the quarter.

Oberlin was not able to score, however, and the third quarter ended.

St. Francis was not able to sustain a drive

and Oberlin took over on its own 29. A short time later, Dakota Soderlund hit Keithen Fortin with a 47-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion failed but Oberlin was ahead 22-14.

With the quarter half gone, St. Francis took control.

The Indians could not move the ball, and neither could Oberlin. On the last drive of the evening, St. Francis had the ball and with less than two minutes left. The Indians were able to move the ball to the three-yard line.

Again, Oberlin's defense denied the home team and the game ended with the score 22-14 in the Red Devils' favor.

May was the top Oberlin passer, throwing the ball nine times with three completions

for 75 yards and a touchdown. Soderlund threw twice with a single completion for 47 yards and a touchdown.

May carried the ball twice for 21 yards, followed by Peters, eight times for 24 yards; Fortin, twice for eight; and Soderlund, once for six.

On offense, Soderlund had 10 tackles and 15 assists, followed by Peters, seven tackles and 14 assists; Brent Juenemann, five tackles and 11 assists; Brady Fortin, four tackles and eight assists; Keithen Fortin, three tackles and 10 assists; Kennedy Fortin, three tackles and nine assists; Z. May, two tackles and six assists; C. Fortin, a tackle and 10 assists; Ritter, a tackle and eight assists; Dayton Dreher, a tackle and four assists; Garrett Berry, a tackle and three assists; Tyler Bruggeman, 10 assists; Ryan May, two assists; Jon Samson, an assist.

Grant Gilliam kicked off four times for 117 yards.

This is Homecoming week, and the Decatur Community High Red Devils will play the Rawlins County Buffaloes at Smick Field at 7 p.m. Friday, with festivities at half time.

Junior high boys win in overtimes

The Decatur Community Junior High football players took their record to 4-1 with a two-overtime win over Rawlins County in Atwood on Thursday.

Atwood took an 8-point lead in the first quarter on a touchdown and two-point conversion. When Oberlin was unable to move the ball, the home team lead 8-0 at the half.

In the third quarter, Kaine Fredrickson broke loose and scored on a 66-yard run behind some good blocking. A pass from Kelden Breth to Noah Nelson added a two-point conversion and the score was tied

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at 8. In the fourth quarter, Atwood scored first but could not complete the two-point conversion.

Oberlin again tied the game, this time with a 20-yard pass from Breth

to Nelson, but the two-point conversion failed. Regulation time ended with the score tied at 14.

In the first overtime, Rawlins County couldn't score but it looked like Oberlin had. However, the

touchdown was called back on a penalty.

In the second overtime, the Oberlin defense again played tough and kept the young Buffaloes from scoring.

The young Red Devils scored on a seven-yard pass play from Nelson to Troy Juenemann. The game ended with the score 20-14.

"It was a fun game," Coach Joe Dreher said. "The kids kept competing and showed a lot of heart."

Oberlin will play the Goodland Mustangs in a home game at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Eighth-grade girls win three, lose three

The Oberlin eighth graders beat St. Francis and Atwood and won one out of four matches at a tournament in Hoxie.

The Decatur Community Junior High team beat St. Francis in three sets, 24-26, 25-6, 15-13, on Sept. 23 in St. Francis.

"I was very proud of the girls," Coach Gina Witt said. "They never gave up and kept playing our type of volleyball. We attacked the ball more than 40 times and served very well at 85 percent."

The young Lady Red Devils did it again on Thursday, when the downed Rawlins County in three sets, 27-25, 22-25, 15-12, in Atwood.

"The girls came ready to play," Coach Witt said. "They did a good job of setting the ball up, with 33 out of 37 attacking for 89 percent."

Demi Murray was 11 for 12 with four kills and Molly Jansonius was six for seven with two kills. Shawn Baker had two kills and Kariah Castle and Morgan Jansonius each had one.

"We served 53 for 62, which is 85 percent efficiency," Coach Witt said.

Murray, Whitney Witt and McKenna O'Hare were perfect on serves.

In the Hoxie Round Robin Tournament on Sept. 25, Oberlin had less luck, beating Norton in the first round then losing to St. Francis, WaKeeney and Hoxie.

In round 1, Oberlin beat Norton 25-13, 25-19.

"The girls came out and showed a lot of heart and fire," Coach Witt said. "We served at 88 percent with 100 percent servers — Shawn Baker, Grace Randel and Whitney Witt."

In round 2, Oberlin lost to St. Francis, 25-19, 25-13.

"The girls couldn't get started playing their game," Coach Witt said. "We struggled at serving, serving at only 77 percent efficiency."

Baker and Randel, however, served at 100 percent.

In round three, Oberlin lost to WaKeeney in three, 18-25, 25-14, 15-8.

"We lost momentum and had trouble serving," Coach Witt said. "We were 29 of 42 serving for 69 percent efficiency. Missed serves in the second and third set really hurt, but we also had a hard time using the ball."

In the final round, Oberlin fell to Hoxie, 25-6, 25-13.

"We couldn't get into rhythm," Coach Witt said. "We served better

at 85 percent efficiency and I had three 100 percent servers, Molly Jansonius, Grace Randel and Whitney Witt."

The girls have this week off

Seventh graders beat Rawlins County

The Oberlin seventh-grade volleyball team beat the Rawlins County girls in three sets for the junior Lady Red Devils' second victory of the season.

The girls beat the young Buffaloes 20-25, 25-14, 15-11 on Thursday in Atwood.

"All the girls played well together as a team, said assistant coach Kerrie Wahlmeier.

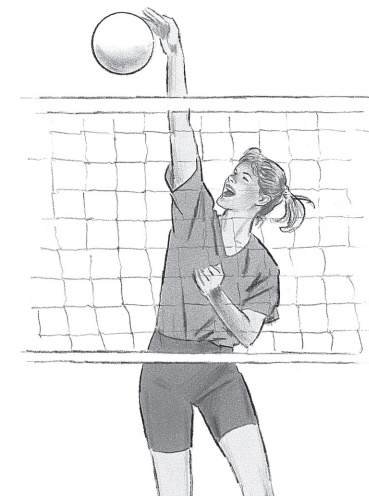
Sabryn O'Gara was the top server with 10 out of 10 for 100 percent. Caitlin Gault was the top passer with 10 out of 12 perfect passes. Kassidie Jensen also had great passing, said Coach Wahlmeier.

O'Gara was also the top setter with 11 out of 12 perfect. Ara Singleton-Marine was the top hitter with 10 good attacks and one kill.

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