

We're No. 1

Lady Red Devils lead state poll

The Decatur Community High volleyball team climbed to the No. 1 ranking in Class 2A from the Kansas Volleyball Association.

The Lady Red Devils started out the year ranked No. 2, then fell to No. 3 after a couple of losses.

Two weeks ago, the Oberlin girls were back up to No. 2, and last week they finally hit the top of the chart with a 16-2 record.

Oberlin's rise may have come mostly due to other

teams' losses, as the Lady Red Devils did not play during the fourth week of the season. The only volleyball matches that week were for the junior high and a C-team tournament.

Last week, the Lady Red Devils' record was 22-2 after victories over St. Francis and Cheylin/Brewster last Tuesday and four wins at the Oberlin Invitational Tournament on Saturday.

Oberlin volleyball girls win invitational tournament

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils won their own tournament on Saturday, taking their record to 22-2 with four straight wins in the annual Oberlin Invitational.

The Oberlin team, ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 2A before the tournament, showed its stuff with victories over Rawlins County, Norton, St. Francis and Hoxie.

In the first round, Oberlin defeated Rawlins County 25-17, 25-20.

The Lady Red Devils went on to down the Norton Bluejays 25-11, 25-20.

In the third round, Oberlin outplayed St. Francis 25-12, 25-18.

In the final round, the Oberlin girls beat the Hoxie Lady Indians 25-18, 25-11 for the championship.

All the other teams won two and lost two in the competition.

Hoxie beat Rawlins County 25-20, 25-23, and Norton 25-10, 25-12 and lost to Oberlin and to St. Francis, 25-17, 25-20.

St. Francis lost to Oberlin and Rawlins County, 25-21, 25-23, and beat Norton 25-11, 25-15, and Hoxie.

Rawlins County lost to Oberlin and Hoxie and beat Norton, 25-12, 25-20, and St. Francis.

"It was a good day for the Decatur Community High School volleyball teams," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "Both the junior varsity and varsity

teams took first place in their tournament. The junior varsity communicated and transitioned well on the court.

"The varsity played good defense and hit the ball well. We made some rotation line up changes that seemed to really work for us today."

"I was proud of all the girls; they kept their composure when they fell behind and were able to gain momentum back to their side."

"We all appreciate those who came out to cheer us on."

Top varsity players against St. Francis:

- Jordan Dreher, nine digs, 11 assists and 11 hits.

- Miki Dorshorst, an ace, four digs, 17 assists and three hits.

- Kiah Blau, an ace, four digs, six hits and two blocks.

- Rachelle Scott, eight digs, 10 hits and a block.

- Jori Diederich, 16 digs.

- Carissa Wentz, three digs, an assist and two blocks.

- Taylor Macfee, an ace and a hit.

- Keatra Fisher, a dig.

Against Norton:

- Dreher, five aces, nine digs, six assists and 11 hits.

- Dorshorst, three digs, 12 assists and two hits.

- Diederich, 14 digs.

- Wentz, four digs, a hit and a block.

- Scott, two digs and four hits.
- Blau, a dig and four hits.
- Macfee, a dig and a hit.
- Fisher, an ace.

Against Rawlins County:

- Dreher, an ace, 12 digs, eight assists and eight hits.

- Blau, an ace, seven digs, an assist, eight hits and a block.

- Dorshorst, an ace, five digs, 12 assists and two blocks.

- Scott, eight digs, four hits and two blocks.

- Wentz, two digs and four hits.

- Diederich, six digs and an assist.

- Macfee, a hit.

Against Hoxie:

- Dreher, five aces, 11 digs, five assists and nine hits.

- Blau, 10 digs, four hits and five blocks.

- Dorshorst, eight digs, 11 assists and a hit.

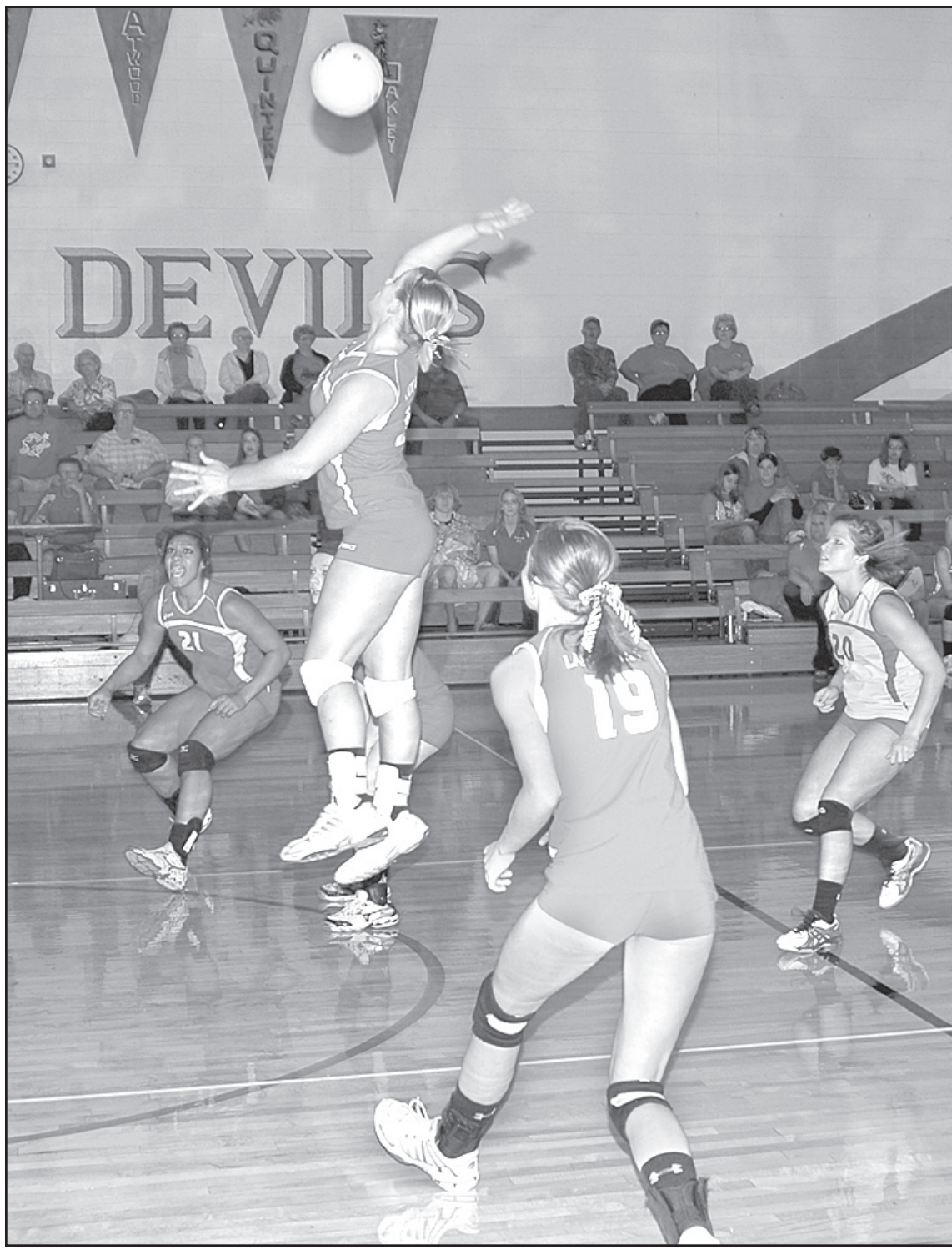
- Diederich, two aces and 11 digs.

- Scott, five digs, two hits and two blocks.

- Macfee, four digs, a hit and a block.

- Wentz, a dig, two hits and two blocks.

The junior varsity beat Hoxie in three 20-25, 25-14, 15-8; St. Francis 25-12, 25-23; Rawlins County 25-21, 25-18; and Norton 28-26, 25-11.



THE LADY RED DEVILS showed their No. 1 stuff on Saturday by winning the Oberlin Invitational. Working the ball were Kiah Blau (No. 21), Jordan Dreher (jumping), Carissa Wentz (No. 19) and Jori Diederich (No. 20). — Herald photo by Susan May

Lady Red Devils win against St. Francis, Cheylin-Brewster

The Decatur Community High girls downed Cheylin/Brewster and St. Francis in Bird City in a volleyball meet last Tuesday.

It only took the Oberlin girls two sets to defeat the combined team from Cheylin and Brewster. Oberlin won 25-8, 25-12.

However, it took three sets to beat the feisty St. Francis Lady Indians, 25-16, 17-25, 25-12.

"The girls had a pretty good night of volleyball," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "St. Francis blocked and hit well at the net. We made some adjustments to the net play. That allowed the girls to gain the momentum to win the match. It is always good to know that your

team can make adjustments during a match."

Top Oberlin players against Cheylin/Brewster:

- Rachelle Scott, an ace, two digs, four hits and two blocks.

- Kiah Blau, a dig, seven hits and a block.

- Jordan Dreher, an ace, four assists and five hits.

- Carissa Wentz, three hits and three blocks.

- Jori Diederich, five digs.

- Miki Dorshorst, 12 assists.

- Taylor Macfee, an ace and a hit.

Top players against St. Francis:

- Dreher, two digs, 10 assists and 16 hits.

- Blau, two digs, nine hits and two blocks.

- Dorshorst, 18 assists and three hits.

- Diederich, an ace, six digs and an assist.

- Scott, a dig and six hits.

- Macfee, an ace and two hits.

- Wentz, four hits.

The Oberlin junior varsity downed Cheylin/Brewster 25-9, 25-8, and St. Francis 25-17, 25-20.

On Tuesday, the girls were to play Goodland and Rawlins County at home. Next Tuesday, Oberlin will be in Colby to play the Lady Eagles and the Quinter Lady Bulldogs starting at 4:30 p.m.



RUNNING IN THE OBERLIN INVITATIONAL and Northwest Kansas League Meet last Tuesday in Oberlin, Dalton Jones covered the course in 17 minutes, 44 seconds and came in third in the league and seventh in the larger invitational. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

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Runners take first in league, second in invite

The Decatur Community High boys came in first in the Northwest Kansas League Meet and third in the annual Oberlin Invitational cross country meet last Tuesday in a dual competition.

Because there are only four cross country teams in the league now that Colby and Goodland have pulled out, the league meet was run in conjunction with the 43rd annual Oberlin Invitational.

The Lady Red Devils came in third in the league and sixth in the invitational.

Tyler Shields was Oberlin's top runner. He took second in the league meet and fourth in the invitational, running the five-kilometer course in 17 minutes, 14 seconds.

Dalton Jones also made the top 10, coming in third in the league and seventh in the invitational in 17:44.

Other Oberlin runners taking medals at the league meet were:

- Kolton Paul, 18:59, seventh.
- Nolan Henningson, 19:02, eighth.
- Matthew Helm, 19:02, 10th.

Getting medals in the league meet

for the girls were:

- Emma Borton, 18:09, fifth.
- Tiffany Anderson, 18:22, sixth.
- Kayla Jones, 18:23, seventh.

The Oberlin boys won the league meet with 14 points and Quinter came in second with 24. Hoxie and Oakley also had runners but not enough for team scores.

The Quinter girls won the league with 24 points, followed by Oakley, 26, and Oberlin, 29. Hoxie had runners but no team score.

In the Oberlin Invitational, Norton took first with 43 points followed by McCook, 59; Oberlin, 73; Colby 79; and Phillipsburg, 96.

The McCook girls won the invitational with 29 points followed by Norton, 62; Colby, 63; Quinter, 134; Oakley, 137; Oberlin, 151; and Southwest from Nebraska, 154.

There were also runners from Northern Valley, Brewster, Cambridge, Neb., Wheatland/Grinnell and Goodland.

This weekend, the Red Devils will run at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Phillipsburg.

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