

# Oberlin girls stay No. 1 in volleyball

The Decatur Community High volleyball girls held onto their No. 1 status last week by downing Goodland and Atwood in a triangular meet in Oberlin.

Oberlin is ranked No. 1 in Class 2A in the state by the Kansas Volleyball Association for the second week in a row. The girls started the year at No. 2, fell to No. 3, came back to No. 2 and now have topped the list for two weeks in a row.

Last Tuesday, Oberlin downed Atwood 25-18, 25-14, and Goodland 25-16, 25-13. This gives the Lady Red Devils a 24-2 record with their only losses to Southwest of Nebraska and Phillipsburg.

"The girls had a good night of volleyball for senior night," Coach Sherry Ruf said. "They played good defense and blocked well. We were able to keep the momentum on our side of the net for both matches."

Top players against Atwood:

- Kiah Blau, two aces, 11 digs, two hits and a block.
- Jordan Dreher, two aces, seven digs, four assists and six hits.
- Miki Dorshorst, two aces, three dig and 11 assists.
- Rachelle Scott, nine digs, seven hits and a block.

• Jori Diederich, an ace and 12 digs.

• Taylor Macfee, two aces, two digs and a block.

• Carissa Wentz, a dig and a block.

Top players against Goodland:

- Dorshorst, an ace, five digs, 17 assists and a hit.
- Dreher, nine digs, eight assists and 16 hits.
- Blau, seven digs, an assist, five hits and three blocks.
- Scott, 12 digs and four hits.
- Diederich, 13 digs.
- Wentz, a dig and three hits.
- Macfee, a dig and a block.

Goodland beat Atwood 25-21, 26-24.

The Oberlin junior varsity downed Atwood in three 13-25, 25-14, 15-11, and Goodland in two 25-17, 25-13.

The Lady Red Devils C-team beat Atwood in three 19-25, 25-18 and 15-6, but fell to Goodland in three 18-25, 25-18, 9-15.

On Tuesday, the Lady Red Devils were to play in Colby and Quinter at Colby.

On Saturday, the girls will be in Hoxie at 10 a.m. for the Northwest Kansas League Tournament.



**PREPARING TO THROW THE BALL**, quarterback Brent Juenemann (No. 23 above) was protected by his blockers as the Rawlins County Buffaloes tried to break the line. Before

the Homecoming game, the football team ran through a banner (below) set up by the cheerleaders and fans.

— Herald photos by Susan May

# Buffaloes trample Red Devils

The Rawlins County Buffaloes were out for revenge Friday, and they got it when they beat Oberlin 25-6 to ruin the Red Devils' homecoming hopes.

In a game that started off with a beautiful fall night, everything fell apart. The team Oberlin beat last year in Atwood to spoil the Buffaloes' homecoming was out to avenge that loss. Even Mother Nature was out to cause some trouble of her own.

The first half of the game was a defensive battle. Oberlin won the coin toss but deferred to the visitors. Neither team could gain much advantage until late in the first quarter, when the Buffaloes were able to cross the goal line for a touchdown and then added the extra point with a good kick.

In the second quarter, it was more of the same, but as half time approached, the Buffaloes took a chance and kicked a 25-yard field goal to put them up 10-0.

The weather stayed nice for the homecoming activities, but a storm was moving in. It passed over Goodland, delaying the start of the Colby-Goodland game by 2 1/2 hours. It ended up starting at 10:30 p.m. (Central Time).

Then it headed for Oberlin, where the second half was underway.

With 4:21 left in the third quarter, officials decided to halt the game for 15 minutes due to lightning.

When the game resumed, the score was still 10-0 in Atwood's favor. Then on a fourth-and-two play with three seconds left in the third, Rawlins County again took the ball into the end zone.

The frustrated Red Devils picked up an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the play. The 15 yards was assessed on the kickoff.

Oberlin got off one play in the third quarter and everyone moved to the other side of the field for the fourth. By this time, the wind had picked up and dust and debris were swirling around the field.

With 5:01 left in the fourth quarter, Oberlin was finally able to get on the board with a touchdown run by Keithen Fortin. A two-point conversion failed and the score was 17-6.

But the Buffaloes weren't done. The visitors ground the ball across the field and scored again with 3:34 left in the fourth. A two-point conversion attempt was successful and the score was 25-6.

At this point, administrators and coaches for both teams met with officials, and with the rain and wind making for miserable field and bleacher conditions, the game was called.

# Boy runners come in second

The Decatur Community High boys cross country team came in second at the Phillipsburg Invitational on Thursday and the girls came in fifth.

Tyler Shields took fourth place, running the course in 18 minutes, one second, and Dalton Jones came in eighth in 19:04. Both got medals.

The Norton boys won the meet with 39 points, followed by Oberlin, 75; Plainville, 88; Phillipsburg, 92; Hill City, 98; Stockton, 138; and Osborne, 162.

Norton also won the girls side of the race with 33 points, followed by Franklin, Neb., 58; Osborne, 65; Hill City, 90; and Oberlin, 108.

"Our runners competed better today," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Our guys showed some signs of improvement."

"Nolan Henningson's times are

better than last year. "We are starting to close down some of our gap times, therefore (we are getting a) more competitive team score."

Other Oberlin runners were:

- Kolton Paul, 20:29, 23rd.
- Henningson, 20:38, 25th.
- Jacob Helm, 21:26, 32nd.
- Matthew Helm, 21:28, 34th.
- Junior varsity:
- Caleb Koeperich, 23:32, 11th.
- Jude Walinder, 28:53, 21st.

Lady Red Devil runners:

- Kayla Jones, 20:00, 19th.
- Tiffany Anderson, 20:39, 24th.
- Kaylee May, 22:17, 31st.
- Bret Ashley, 22:41, 34th.
- Emma Borton, 22:58, 36th.
- Lara Zodrow, 23:47, 39th.

The next meet, which Coach Ahlberg says will be large and competitive, will begin at 4 p.m. Thursday in Downs.

# Junior high boys beat Goodland

The Red Devils junior high football team downed the Grant Junior High Mustangs from Goodland 22-6 on Thursday.

The Decatur Community Junior High boys started rolling in the first quarter, scoring twice.

The first touchdown came on a 3-yard run by Rex Diederich. The two-point conversion on a pass from Kelden Breth to Ganon Henningson put Oberlin up 8-0.

Later in the quarter, Diederich took the ball into the end zone again on an eight-yard run. Troy Juenemann ran in the successful two-point conversion to put the young Red Devils up 16-0 at the end of the first.

Neither team scored in the second quarter. In the third, the Mustangs

answered with a touchdown of their own but Oberlin prevented their two-point conversion attempt.

In the fourth quarter, Diederich broke loose for a 76-yard run with some nice blocks and fakes. The two-point conversion failed but the score was 22-6.

"This was a total team effort," said Coach Joe Dreher. "The line stepped up and blocked well all night and the backs ran hard. The defense had a great night, getting two interceptions and two fumble recoveries."

The win gave the junior high football team a 5-1 record.

The final game of the season will start at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Oakley.

# Junior varsity wins

Last Monday, Oberlin's junior varsity football team picked up its second win with a 24-8 victory over the Cambridge Trojans.

"The junior varsity team has been improving throughout the season," Coach Caleb Howland said.

The team has a 2-2 record after four weeks of play.

The Red Devils started their season on Sept. 13 with a 27-6 loss to the Goodland Cowboys in Oberlin.

On Sept. 20, the boys downed the Oakley Plainsmen 8-0 in Oberlin.

On Sept. 27, the Norton Bluejays downed the Red Devils 38-6 in Norton.

The team was on the road Monday to play Rawlins County in Atwood. Next Monday, the junior varsity will play Colby at home starting at 5:30 p.m.

Then on Oct. 25, the boys will play St. Francis at 4 p.m. in Oberlin.

## Public Notice Constitutional Amendments on the 2010 Ballot in Kansas

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 1 A PROPOSITION to amend section 4 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Kansas relating to the right to bear arms.

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 4 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:  
"§ 4. Individual right to bear arms: armies. The people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and shall not be tolerated, and the military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power."  
Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:  
"Explanatory statement. The purpose of this amendment is to preserve constitutionally the right of a person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for all other lawful purposes, including hunting and recreation."

"A vote for this amendment would constitutionally preserve the right of a person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose. A vote against this amendment would provide for no constitutional right of a person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose."

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 2 A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, relating to qualification of voters.

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 2 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 2. Disqualification to vote. The legislature may, by law, exclude persons from voting because of mental illness or commitment to a jail or penal institution. No person convicted of a felony under the laws of any state or of the United States, unless pardoned or restored to his civil rights, shall be qualified to vote."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would repeal the authority of the legislature to exclude persons with mental illness from voting."

"A vote for this amendment would ensure that the right to vote for persons with mental illness would not be taken away by the legislature. A vote against this amendment would continue the current authority of the legislature to take away the right to vote for persons with mental illness."

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