

Girls take third at tourney

The Oberlin Lady Red Devils took third place in the Gove County Classic in Quinter on Saturday as they extended their record to 9-3.

The Decatur Community High girls beat WaKeeney and Lakin in pool play, then beat Weskan in bracket play. However, the Lady Red Devils fell to Quinter in the semifinals. They beat Weskan again in the last round to take third place.

Wheatland/Grinnell won the tournament and Quinter came in second. Oberlin won the tournament in 2010 and 2009.

Other teams in the event were Wallace County, St. Francis, Northern Valley and Hoxie.

In the first match of pool play, Oberlin downed Trego Community High from WaKeeney in two sets, 25-10, 25-19.

"The girls stayed aggressive and played the net well in this match," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "Trego had several off-speed hits that our defense was able to dig up for an attack."

Top players were:

- Miki Dorshorst, an ace, six digs, 10 assists, two kills and a block.
- Kiah Blau, two aces, five digs, three kills and two blocks.
- Taylor Macfee, two aces, three digs, a kill and three blocks.
- Keatra Fisher, two aces, four kills and three blocks.
- Jamie Soderlund, a dig, two kills and two blocks.
- Darbi Rouse, an ace and 12 digs.
- Hannah May, four kills and a block.
- Cassidy Shields, seven assists.

The second match was harder, but Oberlin beat Lakin in three sets, 26-24, 19-25, 25-17.

"Lakin is a team that will mix it up," Coach Ruf said. "They will swing hard and then make you stay true to their tips. We blocked well in this match, then Lakin started tipping, and we were able to get the tips up for a kill."

Top players were:

- Dorshorst, two aces, two digs, 16 assists and two kills
- Blau, 12 kills and seven



SENDING THE BALL BACK over the net, Miki Dorshorst helped Oberlin beat the St. Francis Indians last Tuesday.

— Herald photo by Erin May

blocks.

- Macfee, an ace, four digs, two kills and two blocks.
- Fisher, an ace, four digs, four kills and six blocks.
- Rouse, two aces and 10 digs.
- Shields, a dig and three assists.
- May, two kills and four blocks.
- Soderlund, a dig and two blocks.

In the third round, Oberlin downed Weskan in two, 25-23, 25-20.

"The girls blocked really well against Weskan," Coach Ruf said.

"We are continually getting better with our transitions and communication on the court."

Top players were:

- Blau, an ace, four digs, seven kills and six blocks.
- Dorshorst, 14 digs, six assists and six kills.
- Fisher, an ace, three digs, two kills and five blocks.
- Shields, five digs and five assists.
- May, three digs, an assist and five blocks.

- Macfee, five digs and a kill.
- Soderlund, three digs and two blocks.

- Rouse, four digs.

In the fourth match, Oberlin lost to Quinter, a team they had beaten earlier in the season. Quinter won in three 25-23, 18-25 and 25-16.

"The girls didn't move their feet in this match," Coach Ruf said. "We watched too many balls hit the floor without anyone going to the ball. We had too many net violations and hitting errors to win this match."

Top players were:

- Dorshorst, an ace, 12 digs, 11 assists and 11 kills.
- Blau, eight digs, nine kills and four blocks.
- Macfee, eight digs, an assist and two kills.
- Fisher, an ace, three digs, two kills and three blocks.
- Shields, four digs and nine assists.
- May, a dig, three kills and a block.
- Rouse, an ace and 15 digs.
- Soderlund, two digs and a kill.

In the final match for third place, the girls took three sets to down Weskan again.

After dropping the first set 25-22, Oberlin came back to win the next pair 25-18, 25-23.

"We struggled at the net in this match," Coach Ruf said. "The girls were able to come out with a win by staying aggressive."

"We had a fair day at this tournament. I know the girls were disappointed with their one loss. They need to keep their heads up and focus in a match to win."

Top players were:

- Blau, two aces, seven digs, 13 kills and six blocks.
- Dorshorst, 13 digs, 10 assists and seven kills.
- Macfee, an ace, 12 digs, a kill and a block.
- Fisher, an ace, six digs, two kills and a block.
- Shields, an ace, four digs and nine assists.
- Rouse, an ace and 17 digs.
- May, four digs and two kills.
- Soderlund, two digs, two kills and three blocks.

Oberlin beats Sainty, falls to Colby

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils downed the St. Francis Indians but lost to the Colby Eagles in Oberlin last Tuesday.

After the matches, Oberlin's record was 5-2.

In the first match of the evening, Oberlin downed St. Francis 21-25, 25-12, 25-15.

"The first set, we just had too many hitting errors," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "The next two sets we were more consistent at passing and hitting."

Top players were:

downed St. Francis 25-14, 25-10.

In the last match, Colby (a Class 4A school) beat Oberlin in three hard-fought sets, 17-25, 25-23, 28-26.

"We missed too many serves in this match," said Coach Ruf. "We needed to stay focused and quit making mental mistakes."

Top players were:

- Blau, an ace, 10 digs, 10 kills and three blocks.
- Dorshorst, two aces, eight digs, six assists, nine kills and a block.
- Shields, an ace, two digs and

13 assists.

- Soderlund, a dig, two kills and a pair of blocks.
- Rouse, two aces and six digs.
- Fisher, two aces and two digs.
- McFee, three digs and a block.
- Brianna Klima, a block.

The junior varsity beat St. Francis in three, 17-25, 25-16 and 15-3, but lost to Colby 25-23, 25-16.

The Lady Red Devils were to play Oakley and Hill City in Oberlin on Tuesday.

On Saturday, Oberlin will be at the McCook Tournament starting at 11 a.m.

After that, the girls are scheduled to be off until the Oberlin C-Team tournament starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24. The varsity's next scheduled game will be at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, in St. Francis against the Indians and Cheylin.

Young football boys lose first game

The Decatur Community Junior High football team lost 22-0 to the Colby Eagles eighth-grade team in the boys' first game of the season.

The Oberlin boys played in St. Francis in a different sort of triangular on Sept. 1. Oberlin played the Colby eighth graders while St. Francis played the Eagles' seventh

grade. Oberlin and St. Francis did not play each other. They will meet in Oberlin on Thursday, Sept. 22.

"We looked a little flat the first game of the year," said Coach Joe Dreher. "We saw some good things and some things we need to work on."

Colby was able to score all its

22 points in the first half, Coach Dreher said. After that, however, the young Red Devils' defense stepped up and kept the Eagles out of the end zone.

The young Devils moved the ball but couldn't find the goal line, and the game ended with Colby leading 22-0.

Junior High A-team loses one

The Decatur Community Junior High volleyball A-team lost matches to St. Francis and Goodland in St. Francis.

The matches on Sept. 1 were the first of the season for the junior high.

The young Lady Red Devils fell 25-20, 25-19 to St. Francis in the first match of the triangular.

"We started strong but lost confi-

dence," said Coach Gina Witt. "We served 31 of 38 for an 82 percent. We set up the ball pretty good in the beginning of the first set, but couldn't keep it going. We stopped communicating, which hurt us."

In the second match, Goodland downed Oberlin in three sets, with Goodland winning the first 25-21 while Oberlin found it hard to win the second 29-27. Goodland took

the final set 15-10.

"We came out and played a lot better ball," Coach Witt said. "The girls were making better use of the ball - attacking it 36 times. We didn't serve quite as well, 48 of 59 for an 81 percent."

"Overall, we played a much better game than we played the first time. I was happy to see the improvement."

Girls lose to Plainville Cardinals

The Oberlin junior high volleyball teams had a bad day at Plainville on Thursday, as the Cardinals took all three matches.

The Cardinals downed the Decatur Community Junior High A-team in three sets, 25-18, 17-25, 15-7.

"The girls keep improving each week, and that's what we are looking for," said Coach Gina Witt. "Our serving improved greatly to 92 percent, serving 47 of 51 times. We have four 100 percent servers, Alex-

andra Waterman, Kassidie Jensen, Jakobi Blau and Jenna Long. Communication and confidence are our goals for this week."

The Oberlin B-team lost in two fairly close sets, which the Cardinals took 26-24, 25-20.

"We are improving each week," said assistant coach Kriker Ketterl. "Communication and moving are still our weakness, but we played much better this week."

The Oberlin C-team dropped its

first match of the season in two sets, 25-3, 25-8.

"We put in a good effort and the girls really stepped up," Coach Ketterl said.

This week, the girls will be in McCook at 4:30 p.m. Thursday to take on St. Patrick's.

Next week, Oberlin will play St. Francis at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at home.

the Lady Red Devils 25-20, 25-11.

"We played a little better this game, but we have to talk and move more and build our confidence in serving," Coach Ketterl said.

B-team falls to St. Francis, Goodland

The Decatur Community Junior High volleyball B-team girls lost their first games of the season to St. Francis and Goodland on Sept. 1.

The young St. Francis Indians downed Oberlin 25-17, 25-11 in the first match.

"This was the first game of the season for the B team and the nerves were high," said Coach Kriker Ketterl. "We played good but have work to do."

In the second game of the evening, the Goodland Mustangs beat

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