

QUARTERBACK ZACH MAY (No. 7) carried the ball McEvoy (No. 57) during Friday night's Homecoming game behind blocks from Chris Anderson (No.27) and Shane against the La Crosse Leopards. - Herald photo by Susan May

# **Red Devils fall to La Crosse boys**

Red Devil football team lost 43-0 to the La Crosse Leopards in the annual homecoming football game Friday.

The Leopards were ranked third in the state by the Kansas coaches in Class 2A, the same class Oberlin is in. After beating Oberlin, La Crosse has a 3-0 record. Oberlin is now 1-2.

After the game, Coach J.D. Johnson said that the score did not reflect how his players had performed.

"The score up there is 43 to 0 or whatever," he said, "but our guys played a lot better game than that."

The coach praised quarterback Zach May for his performance, especially in the Red Devils' one sustained drive.

"We've sure got some things to work on," Coach Johnson said."It's sure going to make us better come district time."

La Crosse won the coin toss and elected to kick. Oberlin was not able to move the ball and punted.

Despite a holding call on the Leopards, the visitors were in the end zone and on the board with 9:29 left in the first quarter.

The Leopards tried to kick the extra point but it went wrong and the quarterback desperately grabbed and threw the ball, finding a receiver for two points.

With the ball again, Oberlin could go nowhere and tried to punt. A roughing the kicker call gave the Red Devils a first down and an extra

the quarter.

Brett Juenemann returned the kickoff from the Oberlin 15 to the 25. However three plays later, a pass was intercepted by a La Crosse defender, who took it back for a third touchdown. The kick was again good and with 51 seconds left in the first quarter, La Crosse led 22-0.

Oberlin got the ball back but soon fumbled it away. However, a Leopards from going anywhere and they soon were on their fourth down with four yards to go. La Crosse faked a punt but fumbled the ball. It was recovered by Rex Diederich, who almost broke free.

Oberlin couldn't move the ball, however, and punted after three downs

La Crosse fumbled again. This one was recovered by May, who dropped it. It was recovered by the La Crosse quarterback, who also couldn't hang on, and finally grabbed by Oberlin's Tyler Bruggeman.

Again, however, the Red Devils will forced to punt after three tries at moving the ball.

La Crosse did a little better. pyomg the ball fpr several first downs, but a delay of game call on to try a pass, which was almost was the visitors' fifth turnover. intercepted by Oberlin.

Oberlin took over on its own 23yard line with 1:24 left in the half. The team was moving the ball well, including a 30-yard run from May, junior varsity football team lost its Devils could cross the goal line. The half ended with no one scoring and the Leopards ahead 22-0.

The Decatur Community High visitors lead 15-0 with 3:45 left in Red Devils took over on their own 25. Oberlin was not able to move the ball and punted.

On the Leopards' first set of downs, the visitors were fourth and inches when a pass was intercepted by Red Devil Garrett Berry.

Again however, Oberlin's offense was not able to move the ball and had to punt.

This time, La Crosse hung onto the ball and was able to score. The strong Red Devil defense kept the kick after was no good and the score was 28-0.

> The kickoff was returned to the Oberlin 40 by Kennedy Fortin.

With good field position, it looked like Oberlin was going all the way. The offense pushed and when the distance was inches, the boys were able to make the plays. Then a Juenemann pass to Dayton Dreher was intercepted. However, the Leopards were called for pass interference and the ball was only 10 yards from the goal.

With seconds left in the quarter, Oberlin tried desperately to score. Finally, on the fourth down with 13 yards to go, a pass from May was caught in the end zone by a La Crosse player, who ran it out past the 50-yard line.

As the fourth quarter got underway, the Leopards took the ball to a fourth down force the Leopards the Oberlin 30 and fumbled it. This

## **Cowboys down junior varsity**

The Decatur Community High continuous clock. Oberlin was able to score twice but the clock ran out before the Red first game 40-14 to Goodland on the in the second half. The first touchroad a week ago Monday. down was a breakaway run by Chris The Cowboys dominated first half Anderson. Troy Juenemann scored late in the fourth quarter. Monday, the junior varsity was to Goodland scored again early in play Oakley at Oakley. Next week, the boys will have a 5:30 p.m. kickoff against Norton in Oberlin.

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# **Sports**

## Girls beat Oakley, fall to Hill City

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils beat Oakley but Ringnecks downed Oberlin 25-22, fell to Hill City in matches last Tuesday in Oberlin, taking their season record to 10-4.

After losing the first match to Hill City, the girls downed the Oakley Lady Plainsmen in two sets, 25-18, 25-22.

"The girls played better when they communicated on the court." Coach Sherri Ruf said. "The Oakley match we communicated and transitioned better than in the Hill City match."

Top players against Oakley:

• Kiah Blau, an ace, three digs, seven kills and three blocks.

• Miki Dorshorst, three digs, 10

assists and seven kills. •Keatra Fisher, two acs, two digs,

two kills and a block.

• Cassidy Shields, an ace, a dig and 12 assists.

• Jamie Soderlund, nine digs, three kills and two blocks.

• Hannah May, a dig, two kills However, on the very first play after that, Oberlin returned the favor as and a block.

• Taylor Macfee, five digs and Berry plucked a Leopard pass out a kill. of the air. It was his second of the

• Hannah May, a dig , two kills

and a block.

• Darbi Rouse, an ace.

• Brianna Klima, a kill.

## Volleyball team wins one, loses pair

The Oberlin Lady Red Devils won one game against a Nebraska Coach Ruf said. "They move on the school but lost a pair at the Mc- court well and have several good Cook Volleyball Tournament on hitters. We struggled in this match Saturday.

Oberlin was able to down Southwest, one of only three teams to beat them last year, in three sets. four blocks. The Decatur Community High girls were unable to deal with teams from Minden or Alliance, Neb.

After the tournament, Oberlin's record stands at 11-6.

Against Southwest, Oberlin won the first set 25-21 but fell in the second 25-17. The Lady Red Devils then came back to win the final set 26-24.

"The girls played really well against Southwest," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "There were some really three sets as the Alliance team won long volleys, and both teams were 21-25, 25-14, 25-19. aggressive at the net.

Top players in that match: • Kiah Blau, five digs, an assist, just stopped moving our feet and six kills and seven blocks. • Mike Dorshorst, an ace five digs, 17 assists and five kills. • Taylor Macfee, nine digs, nine three blocks. kills and three blocks.

In the first match, the Hill City 25 - 20.

Top players were:

 Dorshorst, five digs, nine assists and five kills.

• Blau, nine kills and two blocks

 Fisher, an ace, a dig, two kills and a block.

 Shields, an ace, three digs and four assists.

• May, three digs, an assist and a kill.

Macfee, three digs and a block.

• Rouse, five digs.

• Soderlund, two blocks.

Hill City also beat Oakley, downing the Lady Plainswomen, 25-12, 25-18.

The Hill City junior varsity beat the young Lady Red Devils 25-10, 25-14. Oberlin's junior varsity downed the Oakley girls 25-17, 26-24.

The varsity does not play this week. The girls will resume play at 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday in St. Francis against the Lady Indians and the Chevlin Cougars.

There will be a "C" team tournament in Oberlin starting at 9 a.m. Saturday,

"Minden is a really good team," and couldn't get anything going."

Top players were: Blau, four digs, five kills and

 Dorshorst, four digs and six assists.

 Macfee, an ace, three digs and a block.

• Fisher, an ace and a kill.

- Rouse, four assists.
- Soderlund, three blocks.
- Shields, an ace.
  - May, a kill.
  - Brianna Klima, a block.

The Oberlin girls had a better game against Alliance, but lost in

"There were many lead changes in this match," Coach Ruf said."We

making good decisions at the net."

· Blau, nine digs, six kills and

Dorshorst, an ace, eight digs,

• Fisher, an ace, three digs, eight

Macfee, seven digs, three kills

• Shields, five digs and three

• Soderlund, four blocks.

• Brianna Klima, a kill.

Top players were:

• Rouse, 15 digs.

• May, a block.

assists.

15 yards of territory.

However, it wasn't enough and the Red Devils had to punt. May kicked it to the Leopards' 27 yard line.

It took La Crosse five first downs, two seconds and a third to bring the ball back 73 yards to the end

After the homecoming festivities, Oberlin kicked off to start the second half. La Crosse fumbled the ball zone. The kick was good and the after a good Oberlin tackle and the to 40-0, and the coaches agreed to a

### **Oberlin junior high A team** beats St. Pat's in McCook

The Decatur Community Junior High girls volleyball teams played St. Patrick's of McCook on Thursday, winning two of three contests.

The Oberlin A-team won its match in three sets, 25-19, 28-26, 15-12.

"The girls keep improving every week and work hard every day at practice," said Coach Gina Witt. "The pieces are finally starting to come together. I am very proud of the girls. They kept working hard until the last point served. We served 55 of 65 at 85 percent, with Alexandra Waterman and Jakobi Blau serving 100 percent each."

The B-team beat the McCook girls 25-18, 25-21, while the C-team lost the only set it played 25-10.

"The girls have made great improvement," said Assistant Coach Kricket Ketterl. "They have been working really hard. We will work hard this week to prepare for St. Francis again and then the Hoxie tournament on Saturday."

The young Lady Red Devils will be at home on Thursday for a 4:30 p.m. match against St. Francis. At 9 a.m. on Saturday, they will be in Hoxie for the tournament.

of the game, with the score sitting at 32-0 at the end of the first half.

the third quarter, making the score

#### Junior High falls to Plainville

football team downed the Plainville Cardinals 14-0 on the road.

The Decatur Community High seventh and eighth graders took their record to 1-1 with the road victory Thursday, Sept. 8. The score was 0-0 at half time, as both teams played good defense.

The young Devils struck in the fourth quarter when eighth grader Bryson Welsey broke loose on a 54-yard run. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

The Oberlin defense continued to play tough and kept the Cardinals out of the end zone.

Then behind some good blocks,

The junior high Red Devils Welsey scampered 43 yards for another touchdown. Seventh grader Tabor Erickson ran in the two-point conversion for the final score.

Three plays later, La Crosse

Oberlin had three plays but on the

This time, the Leopards were able

to score to take the tally to 34-0. A

two-point conversion took the score

to 36-0 with 4:38 left in the game.

At this point, the continuous

Oberlin took the kickoff, but at

four and nine yards to go, punted the

ball in a quick kick. It was grabbed

by a La Crosse player, who took

it into the end zone. The kick was

good and with 1:55 left, La Crosse

Oberlin's last drive was ended by

another interception but the clock

ran out before La Crosse could do

ton to take on the Class 3ABlue jays,

Johnson said. "Norton's a big 3A

school. But we'll get the offense

going. We saw glimpses of that

The kickoff will be at 7 p.m. on

who lost last week to Plainville.

This week, Oberlin will be in Nor-

"It's not going to be easy," Coach

third down with 12 yards to go, La

Crosse intercepted again.

clock rule went into effect.

intercepted another Oberlin pass.

night.

led 43-0.

tonight."

Friday in Norton.

any more damage.

While Oberlin won the game, the team took a hit as Quinton Cook suffered a broken bone in his leg and Noah Nelson received a concussion.

"Although we had some unfortunate injuries in this game, the kids kept playing hard the whole game," Coach Joe Dreher said. "We were more physical on both sides of the ball. We need to focus on getting better each day."

• Keatra Fisher, three digs, seven eight assists and a block. kills and a block.

• Cassidy Shields, two digs and kills and two blocks.. six assists

• Jamie Soderlund, three digs, six and block. kills and four blocks.

• Darbi Rouse, two aces and six digs.

• Hannah May, four kills and a block.

Oberlin did poorly against Minden, falling 25-11, 25-10 to the Nebraska girls.

Young girls play in tourney

The young Lady Red Devil vol- took three sets. leyball players won two matches and lost one at the Quinter Junior 23-25, 15-13. Oberlin then beat Varsity Volleyball Tournament.

Oberlin lost to WaKeeney but City 22-25, 25-15, 15-7. turned around and downed both Hoxie and Hill City at the tourna- will be in the Oberlin C-Team Tourment Sept. 10. All three matches nament starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

WaKeeney won the first ,25-13,

Hoxie, 12-25, 27-25, 16-14, and Hill

This week, the younger players



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