

Sports

Girls beat Oakley, fall to Hill City

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils beat Oakley but 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 aces, 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 and a block.
- Taylor Macfee, five digs and a kill.
- Hannah May, a dig, two kills and a block.
- Darbi Rouse, an ace.
- Brianna Klima, a kill.

In the first match, the Hill City Ringnecks downed Oberlin 25-22, 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 Cheylin Cougars.

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



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

Red Devils fall to La Crosse boys

The Decatur Community High 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 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 zone. The kick was good and the

visitors lead 15-0 with 3:45 left in 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 strong Red Devil defense kept the 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 be forced to punt after three tries at moving the ball.

La Crosse did a little better, punting the ball for several first downs, but a delay of game call on a fourth down forced the Leopards to try a pass, which was almost intercepted by Oberlin.

Oberlin took over on its own 23-yard line with 1:24 left in the half. The team was moving the ball well, including a 30-yard run from May, but the clock ran out before the Red Devils could cross the goal line.

The half ended with no one scoring and the Leopards ahead 22-0.

After the homecoming festivities, Oberlin kicked off to start the second half. La Crosse fumbled the ball after a good Oberlin tackle and the

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 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 the Oberlin 30 and fumbled it. This was the visitors' fifth turnover.

Cowboys down junior varsity

The Decatur Community High junior varsity football team lost its first game 40-14 to Goodland on the road a week ago Monday.

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

Goodland scored again early in the third quarter, making the score to 40-0, and the coaches agreed to a

continuous clock.

Oberlin was able to score twice in the second half. The first touchdown was a breakout run by Chris Anderson. Troy Juenemann scored late in the fourth quarter.

Monday, the junior varsity was to play Oakley at Oakley. Next week, the boys will have a 5:30 p.m. kickoff against Norton in Oberlin.

The kickoff will be at 7 p.m. on Friday in Norton.

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."

Then behind some good blocks,

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 Cricket 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.

Junior High falls to Plainville

The junior high Red Devils 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.

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

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