

Red Devils roll over Indians in district game

The Decatur Community High Red Devils won their first district football game Friday, beating the St. Francis Indians 27-6 in Oberlin.

The victory takes the team's record to 2-3 after victories over St. Francis and Syracuse and losses to Norton, La Crosse and Cambridge, Neb.

"Offensively things have started clicking better for us," said Coach J.D. Johnson. "Defensively, we have stayed strong. The defense has been the backbone for us all year. "It's good to have the offense successful now."

The coach said that it was also great to win the first game in district play. It's like starting the year over when you start playing within the district, he said.

On Friday, Oberlin won the coin toss and elected to receive.

Dayton Dreher grabbed the kickoff and ran it back to the Red Devils' 38-yard line. Zach May threw to Kennedy Fortin for another 16 yards and the game was in the Indians territory.

It didn't take long for the Red Devils to take the ball to a third and goal, with just three yards between them and their first score.

Brent Juenemann gave the ball off to May, who ran it into the end zone.

Dreher's kick was good, and with 9:59 left in the first quarter, Oberlin was up 7-0.

The Indians couldn't get the ball across midfield and turned it over after coming up short in a fourth down and one-yard situation. Then, with good field position, the Red Devils went nowhere in four tries and had to punt.

The punt went into the end zone, so St. Francis started at their own 20-yard line.

The Indians moved slowly to midfield. Then, with the ball on the Red Devil 49-yard line, St. Francis junior Michael Leibbrandt grabbed the ball and ran it all the way for the Indians first and only touchdown.

The visitors' two-point conversion try was unsuccessful and with 1:37 left in the first quarter, the score was 7-6 in favor of Oberlin.

Dreher again got the kickoff and this time ran it all the way back to the Indians 49.

It only took two more plays before Juenemann again gave the ball to May, who ran from the 42 into the end zone for Oberlin's second touchdown. A two-point conversion try failed and with 46 seconds left in the quarter, Oberlin led 13-6.

St. Francis took the kickoff for a long run and ended up in Red Devils territory. However, a false start and delay of game penalties caused the Indians to lose momentum, and they had to punt.

The Red Devils took the ball on their own 20 and moved it to within 10 yards of the goal, but could not make a first down in three plays, so had to give up the ball.

St. Francis took over on their own 10-yard line, but weren't able to move the ball and punted after four downs. The Indians' punt only went four yards, and Oberlin took over on the St. Francis 14 with 5:39 left in the first half.

However, on Oberlin's first play, the Red Devils fumbled and St. Francis recovered.

Again, the Indians started out deep in their own territory. They



BALL CARRIER BRENT JUENEMANN (20) found a hole in the St. Francis line as an Oberlin defensive lineman

blocked for him during Friday's game against the Indians. Oberlin won the game 27-6.

— Herald photo by Susan May

first and 10, however, Juenemann intercepted another pass and Oberlin had the ball back at midfield with 2:08 left.

Oberlin made use of its good field position to move the ball down field. At second and four, Dreher took the ball in for Oberlin's fourth touchdown on a quarterback keeper.

A two-point conversion pass from Juenemann to May was successful, and with 55 seconds left to play, Oberlin was ahead 27-6.

Both teams had one more chance, but the clock ran out on Oberlin's first first and 10.

Top passers for the Red Devils were Juenemann, nine for 20 for 142 yards, and May, two for two for 26 yards.

Top receivers were Dreher, four for 72 yards; May, three for 48; Juenemann, two for 31; and Kennedy Fortin, one for 17.

Top rushers were May, 23 for 122

yards; Juenemann, 13 for 56; Chris Anderson, five for 22; Fortin, two for 32; and Dreher, one for four.

Anderson had two interceptions.

Top defensive players were Rex Diederich, five tackles and nine assists; Juenemann, five tackles and eight assists; Channing Fortin, four tackles and two assists; Cody Wurm, three tackles and six assists; Tyler Bruggeman, two tackles and six assists; Matt Glading, two tackles and three assists; May, a tackle and six assists; Konner Fortin, a tackle and four assists; Regent Erickson, a tackle; Kennedy Fortin, seven assists; Dreher, four assists; and Anderson and Conner McHugh, an assist each.

The junior varsity team lost 22-20 to Norton last Monday.

The Red Devils varsity will be in Atwood at 7 p.m. Friday to play the Rawlins County Buffaloes.

Girls win fourth year in row

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils won the annual Oberlin Invitational Volleyball Tournament on Saturday for the fourth year in a row.

Hoxie came in second, winning two and losing two. Rawlins County was third with a 2-2 record, followed by Norton, fourth at 2-2, and St. Francis, fifth at 0-4.

The victories give the Lady Red Devils a 15-6 record.

"This was a good tournament for the Oberlin volleyball girls," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "The varsity girls are hitting and blocking more consistently. The girls are gaining confidence and staying more focused."

Oberlin downed Rawlins County 25-14, 25-18 in the first match of the day.

Top players were:

- Kiah Blau, an ace, two digs, 10 kills and four blocks.
- Miki Dorshorst, two aces, a dig, 11 assists and two kills.
- Keatra Fisher, three aces, four kills and a block.
- Darbi Rouse, two aces and five digs.
- Taylor Macfee, three digs and five kills.

- Cassidy Shields, an ace and five assists.
- Jamie Soderlund, an assist, two kills and three blocks.
- Hannah May, an assist and two kills.

Norton gave Oberlin only a little more trouble as the Lady Red Devils downed the Lady Bluejays in two sets, 25-20, 25-22.

Top players in that match:

- Blau, an ace, four digs, 14 kills and three blocks.
- Dorshorst, an ace, three digs, 12 assists, four kills and a block.
- Fisher, two aces, a dig and three kills.
- Rouse, two aces and eight digs.
- Shields, four digs and 10 assists.
- Macfee, six digs and a kill.
- May, two kills and two blocks.
- Soderlund, a kill and a two blocks.

The Lady Red Devils' third game of the afternoon was against St. Francis. Again the Oberlin team won in two sets, 25-19, 25-17.

Top players:

- Blau, an ace, three digs, 16 kills and five blocks.
- Dorshorst, a dig, 13 assists and three kills.
- Soderlund, two digs, an assist, a kill and two blocks.
- Shields, two digs and eight assists.
- Rouse, two aces and four digs.
- Macfee, two digs and three kills.
- Jamie Soderlund, a dig, a kill and three blocks.
- Hannah May, a kill and a block.

Top players against St. Francis:

- Blau, an ace, three digs, 12 kills and two blocks.
- Dorshorst, three digs, 13 assists and five kills.
- Fisher, an ace, a dig, three kills and a block.
- Taylor Mcfee, two digs and three kills.
- Darbi Rouse, two aces and five digs.
- Cassidy Shields, a dig and five assists.

- May, a dig and two kills.
- Fisher, a kill.

In the final match Oberlin downed Hoxie 25-23, 25-23.

Top players:

- Blau, an ace, three digs, seven kills and six blocks.
- Dorshorst, three digs, 14 assists and a kill.
- Fisher, nine kills and two blocks.
- Macfee, six digs and a kill.
- Rouse, nine digs.
- Shields, a dig and six assists.
- Soderlund, a kill and three blocks.
- May, a kill.
- Brianna Klima, a block.

While Oberlin downed all opponents, Hoxie beat Rawlins County and St. Francis and lost to Oberlin and Norton.

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- Shields, a dig and eight assists.
- Soderlund, three kills.
- Macfee, two kills.

The Lady Red Devils were to be in Goodland on Tuesday to play the Cowgirls and the Rawlins County Buffaloes.

At 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oberlin will be in Quinter to play the Lady Bulldogs and the Colby Eagles.

Seven schools join in run

The Annual Oberlin Invitational was run at the same time as the Northwest Kansas League meet on Thursday at the Oberlin Country Club, drawing runners from seven schools in two states.

Norton won the boys race with 30 points, followed by McCook 51, Decatur Community High 63 and Colby 82.

McCook won the girls division with 52 points, followed by Norton 59, Oakley 84, Wheatland-Grinnell 97, Decatur Community 118, Southwest of Nebraska 123 and Colby 141.

Tyler Shields, who won the league meet, came in third for the boys in a new school record of 16

minutes, 45 seconds.

Winter Polivka also set a new school record for an Oberlin student in the girls race, coming in fourth in both the league and invitational in 16:45.

Also running for the Oberlin boys in the invitational were:

- Dalton Jones, 18:22, 15th.
- Nolan Henningson, 18:38, 18th.
- Matthew Helm, 19:29, 25th
- Caleb Koerperich, 21:06, 33rd.
- Ganon Henningson, 21:16, 35th.

Also running for the girls in the invitational were:

- Caitie Shields, 17:39, 21st.
- Brittany Urban, 18:24, 25th.
- Emma Borton, 19:49, 39th.
- Kayla Jones, 19:57, 40th.

Running for the junior varsity were:

- Timothy Helm 25:45, 20th.
- Jude Walinder, 31:05, 23rd.

"The meet race really went well, thanks to our experienced staff of teachers, parents and friends," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "It takes about 20 individuals, all doing their job, to make this happen. We would like to thank all our workers."

This week, the runners will take off at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the golf course in Phillipsburg.

Oberlin runners win league meet

The Northwest Kansas League meet and the annual Oberlin Invitational were run at the same time again this year at the Oberlin Country Club.

This is the second year the two meets have been run together, as the league has only four schools with cross country teams.

The Oberlin boys won the league meet with 13 points, followed by Hoxie with 28. The Oakley girls won the women's division with 22 points, followed by Oberlin 38, Quinter 42 and Hoxie 43.

"We had some outstanding

individual efforts," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "Tyler Shields was the Northwest Kansas League individual champion and set a school record time of 16 minutes, 45 seconds."

"Quite a few runners had their personal records today. Winter Polivka also set a school record time of 16:45."

"Our league meet was small, but we won the boys race and were competitive in the girls race."

Running in the league meet for the Decatur Community High boys were:

- Shields, 16:45, first.
- Dalton Jones, 18:22, third.
- Nolan Henningson, 18:38, fourth.
- Matthew Helm, 19:29, sixth.
- Caleb Koerperich, 21:06, seventh.
- Ganon Henningson, 21:16, ninth.
- Polivka, 16:45, fourth.
- Caitie Shields, 17:39, eighth.
- Brittany Urban, 18:24, 10th.
- Emma Borton, 19:49, 16th.
- Kayla Jones, 19:57, 17th.

Indians fall before Oberlin girls

The Decatur Community High Lady Red Devils polished off the girls from Cheyenne County last Tuesday in St. Francis, as they traveled to St. Francis to take on the Lady Indians and the Cheylin Cougars.

The Oberlin girls downed the Cougars 25-8, 25-20 and the Indians 25-17, 25-20 to take their record to 11-6.

"The hitters are doing much better with their approaches," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "The girls are talking more and aren't so quick to hang their heads. We have some tough matches coming up and need to stay focused throughout the entire match."

The junior varsity downed the St. Francis girls 25-19, 25-19.

Top players against Cheylin were:

- Kiah Blau, five aces, seven kills and four blocks.
- Miki Dorshorst, one ace, three digs, 12 assists and four kills.
- Keatra Fisher, two aces, three kills and a block.
- Taylor Mcfee, two digs and three kills.
- Darbi Rouse, two aces and five digs.
- Cassidy Shields, a dig and five assists.
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- Taylor Mcfee, two digs and three kills.
- Darbi Rouse, two aces and five digs.
- Cassidy Shields, a dig and five assists.

B, C teams lose to Buffaloes

The Decatur Community Junior High volleyball girls B and C teams lost to Rawlins County on Thursday.

The B team fell 25-20, 25-11 and the C team lost 25-10, 25-18.

"The girls really enjoyed themselves and played much better," Coach Cricket Ketterl said. "Communication and moving was still our biggest weakness."

Sierra Henrickson and Jakobi

Blau both served 100 percent.

On Sept. 22, the B team lost to St. Francis 25-4, 25-22. The C team lost to the Indians 25-9.

In the Hoxie Tournament on Sept. 24, the B team fell 25-10, 25-5 to Hoxie; 25-17, 25-14 to WaKeeney; and 25-7, 25-9 to St. Francis.

"Our girls keep working hard," Coach Ketterl said. "We have to continue to work on moving and talking on the court."

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