



OBERLIN PLAYERS swarmed a Phillipsburg Panthers ball carrier (above) to stop a run by the visiting team on Friday. Protecting ball carrier Chris Anderson (No. 27 below), running back Zach May (No. 7) was eventually overwhelmed by Phillipsburg defenders.

— Herald photos by Sarah Fredrickson



Oberlin Red Devils fall to Phillipburg Panthers

Oberlin now has one win, one loss

The Phillipsburg Panthers were too much for Oberlin on Friday, as they downed the Red Devils football team 24-0.

The Panthers did most of their damage in the first quarter, when they racked up 17 points and sent Oberlin quarterback Dayton Dreher to the hospital with a minor concussion. The loss left the Decatur Community High team with a 1-1 record.

Phillipsburg won the coin toss and took the ball into the end zone in just a couple of plays. The point-after kick was good and just 45 seconds into the game, the visitors were up 7-0.

After the kickoff, Oberlin wasn't able to move the ball and punted it away.

The second time Phillipsburg had the ball, Oberlin's determination and the Panthers' own mistakes kept them from a touchdown, but they were able to score a 30-yard field goal.

During the drive, the Panthers committed five fouls. The errors were mostly offside, but a holding call negated a touchdown play for the visitors.

An unusually poor kickoff by the Panthers gave Oberlin good field position, but an Oberlin pass was intercepted on the second play and the boys from Phillipsburg had the football again.

Oberlin's Grant Gilliam had to leave the game temporarily (but was able to return later) and the Panthers had another holding call. However, that did not keep them from scoring with 4:18 minutes left in the first half.

Again the kick was good, and the visitors were up 17-0.

Taking over the ball was costly for Oberlin, however, as shortly after starting its drive quarterback Dreher went to the sidelines in obvious difficulty.

The emergency medical team was called in and he was taken to the hospital for examination, while his dad, Coach Joe Dreher, had to stay behind to direct the rest of the team.

Dayton was checked out and able to return to the stadium but will be out for at least one more game, Coach Dreher said.

"He'll be out for at least one game for sure," the coach said. "We'll just have to play it by ear."

Second string quarterback Noah Nelson took over, but was not able to get past a fourth down with four yards to go play and Phillipsburg again got the ball. During Oberlin's drive the quarter ended.

This time, Oberlin made sure that the Panthers weren't going anywhere. Rex Diederich sacked the quarterback and Chris Anderson stopped the Panthers on a third down with nine yards to go. With

more holding calls against them and Oberlin's determination, the Panthers punted.

Oberlin used up the rest of the second quarter trying to score. The Red Devils got into the Red Zone and were less than 20 yards from the end zone, but were not able to score before the half ended.

Oberlin took the ball at the beginning of the second half but wasn't able to score and punted it away with 5:55 left in the third quarter.

The Panthers lost no time in moving the ball from their own 20 to the 50. Tackles by Ryan May and Gilliam, who had returned to the game, saved an early touchdown but only delayed it.

With 2:20 left in the quarter, the Panthers scored again. The kick was good and the visitors were up 24-0.

The teams traded the ball back and forth for the rest of the third quarter and all of the fourth without any more scoring. As the fourth quarter began to wind down, both coaches sent in their less experienced players.

Rushing for Oberlin were Zach May, 85 yards on 17 carries; Anderson, 45 on 17; Kaine Fredrickson, 15 on two; Kennedy Fortin seven on two; Bryson Wesley and Nelson, six on two each; and Dreher, four on one.

Z. May, Anderson and Diederich each had a quarterback sack.

Tackling for Oberlin were Matt Glading, five; Adam Zillinger, four and two assists; Anderson and Diederich, four and an assist each; Z. May, three and three assists; Tyler Bruggeman, three and an assist; R. May, three; Bryson Wesley, two and two assists; Cody Wurm and Dreher, two each; Nelson and Kennedy Fortin, one each; and Ben Glading, one assist.

The Red Devils will be on the road this week as they take on Smith Center starting at 7 p.m. Friday. The once fearsome, and still tough, Red Men have lost their last two games, falling 34-13 to Norton and then 54-0 to the Beloit Trojans on Friday.

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Sports

Eighth-grade girls defeat Plainville

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth-grade volleyball girls downed Plainville on Thursday in three sets.

Oberlin won the first set 25-16 but was edged by Plainville 26-24 in the second before coming back to win the match 15-10.

"I am extremely proud of the girls," said Coach Gina Witt. "They played a very good game, serving 51 of 61 for 84 percent."

Jenna Long and Jakobi Blau both served perfectly, she said.

"We were 32 of 38 attacking the ball with four kills," Coach Witt added.

Jenna Long went nine of 10 with

a kill; Sierra Hendrickson was five of seven, Blau was seven for seven, Jillian Peters was five for five with two kills and McKenzie Chadwick was four for four with a kill.

The team also had seven blocks: Long, 4; Hendrickson, 2; and Blau, 1.

"The team did a much better job of communicating and playing together as a team," Coach Witt said. "Their passes greatly improved giving us the opportunity to hit more."

The girls will play their last home game on Thursday as Leoti comes to town for a 4 p.m. start.

Cross country girls win invitational

The Decatur Community High girls won the Quinter Invitational Cross Country meet on Thursday while the boys came in third.

Four Oberlin runners won medals.

"It was a fairly nice day to run," Coach Pat Dorshorst said. "The girls ran first, and it started to sprinkle right as the girls finished. It didn't seem to bother our girls at all."

"The girls ran very well. The team scores came down to the fourth runner between Oberlin and Oakley. Ashley held her position to keep the girls in first place.

"Darbi, Winter and Caitie con-

tinue to be at the front of the pack and are closing the gap. Ever girl, junior varsity and varsity, cut time off from last week — some of them up to five and six minutes. So, we are getting quite a bit stronger."

"Originally, I did not think we would get a team score for our girls when Brittany Urban went home ill. Generally, five runners are scored, but at Quinter they only score four.

Running for the girls were:
 • Winter Polivka, 16:35, fourth.
 • Darbi Rouse, 17, sixth.
 • Caitie Shields, 17:39, eighth.
 • Ashley Witt, 21:09.

"The boys race was delayed for

30 minutes as it started to down-pour and lightning as the last girl finished," Coach Dorshorst said. "The boys had to load up on the bus, then warm up a second time after the delay. All the younger runners cut quite a bit of time off and have started packing like we need them to. Now we need to start moving the pack into the top 15 positions."

"Matthew continues to run well. He was a little tight and was disappointed in his time."

Running for the boys were:
 • Matthew Helm 20:19, seventh.
 • Caleb Koerperich, 21:5.
 • Ganon Henningson, 23:09.

• Parker Smith, 23:5.
 • Justice Harris, 24:09.
 • Timothy Helm, 26:3.
 Junior varsity runners:
 • Emily Larson, 25:02.
 • Daniel Lerew, 27:37.
 • Jude Walinder, 30:23.

The top three girls teams were Oberlin 33, Oakley 35 and Hill City 36. The top three boys teams were Victoria 13, Hill City 33 and Oberlin, 45.

This week the runners will attend the tough McCook Invitational starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday on the up-and-down course at Heritage Hills Country Club.

Seventh graders lose two volleyball games

The seventh-grade Oberlin volleyball team lost a pair to Plainville on Thursday at home.

The young Lady Red Devils split into B and C teams.

The B-team fell 25-17, 25-10, and the C-team was downed 25-8, 25-13 by the visitors.

"The girls did well," said Coach Cricket Ketterl.

"We are still learning, but this

group of girls works really hard and puts in a great amount of effort."

Lilly Marine, Cassidy Gillespie and Celianna Shobe all served perfectly.

"We have our last home game this Thursday," Coach Ketterl said. "Come support us."

The girls will start play against Leoti at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym.

Thursday: Oberlin junior high volleyball vs. Leoti, 4 p.m., Oberlin junior high gym.

Golden Plains junior high volleyball vs Grinnell/Wheatland, 4 p.m. in Rexford.

Golden Plains junior high football vs Grinnell/Wheatland, 5:30 p.m. in Rexford.

Oberlin junior high football vs Leoti, 4 p.m., Smick Field.

Oberlin high school cross country, 5:30 p.m., McCook Invitational.

Friday: Oberlin high school football at Smith Center, 7 p.m.

Golden Plains high football vs Greeley County, 7 p.m. in Rexford. Homecoming.

Saturday: Oberlin high school volleyball, 11 a.m., McCook tournament.

Monday: Oberlin junior varsity

football vs Smith Center, 5:30 p.m., Smick Field.

Tuesday: Golden Plains high school volleyball vs Quinter, 4 p.m., in Quinter.

Thursday, Sept. 20: Golden Plains junior high volleyball vs Palco/Logan, 4 p.m. in Damar.

Oberlin high school cross country, 5 p.m., Hill City Invitational.

Golden Plains junior high football

vs Damar, 5:30 p.m. in Damar.

Friday, Sept. 21: Oberlin high school football homecoming game vs Norton, 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 24: Oberlin juniTo add items to the community sports schedule, call The Oberlin Herald at 475-2206 or e-mail oberlin.editor@nwkskans.com.

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