



THE OBERLIN eighth-grade football team (in white jerseys) played the Oakley boys Thursday in Oakley. — Herald photo by Brad Larson

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Sports

Volleyball team wins again as Red Devils take two more

The Lady Red Devils continued their winning ways last week, beating St. Francis and Colby before a home crowd in Oberlin last Tuesday.

This is the third week in a row that the Decatur Community High volleyball team has polished off both their opponents.

What was rare is it took three games to beat St. Francis. The other five schools Oberlin has faced this year have fallen in two.

St. Francis surprised the Devils 15-9 in the first game of the match. The Oberlin girls came back, winning the next pair 15-13, 15-6.

In the Colby match, Oberlin won 16-14, 15-12.

“What a wonderful team effort,” Coach Pat Dorshorst said. “We made several adjustments on the court when we needed to change the look of things, and everyone did an excellent job.”

“We have a strong team with a lot of depth. It was great to be able to give players rest and know that no matter who was going into the game,

Runners take eighth at Quinter

The Oberlin cross country team came in eighth in the Quinter Invitational on Thursday.

Top runners for Oberlin were Jess Elwood, 17th, 20 minutes, 15 seconds; Teryn Grafel, 26th, 20:41; Erik Ahlberg, 40th, 21:35; Scott Miller, 54th, 22:48; Dan Dempewolf, 55th, 22:53; and Brent Stallman, 67th, 25:36.

Running for the Oberlin girls were Keely Witt, 13th, 14:06; Molly Coleman, 19th, 14:30; Haley Leitner, 23rd, 14:53; and Krista Fowler, 24th, 14:53.

Junior varsity runners were Zeke Ruzicka, 31st, 25:51, and Kellen Doeden, 33rd, 27:02.

The Devil runners will be in McCook next week for a meet starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

“This is western Nebraska’s best cross country meet,” Coach Dick Ahlberg said.

Seventh-grade football team opens with victory against Oakley

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh graders won their first game of the year on Thursday with a 24-6 victory over Oakley.

The eighth-grade football team fell 30-14 to St. Francis in its first game of the season on Sept. 5 and lost 24-6 in the second contest against Oakley.

The seventh graders did not have a game on Sept. 5 and only got to play a fifth quarter.

On Thursday, however, they traveled to Oakley and got a chance to show their stuff.

Jeb Tally scored first on a 14-yard run. Ace Manning then ran in the two-point conversion.

The second touchdown was also scored by Tally on a 65-yard run. Gage Reichert then ran in the two-point conversion.

The last touchdown was scored

when Manning ran it in from 17 yards. Reichert took in his second two-point conversion.

Coach Joe Dreher said that the leading tacklers for the seventh grade were Tally, 7; David Urban, 6; and Reichert, 5.

A week ago, the eighth-grade Red Devils got off to a slow start and found themselves down 22-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, however, Oberlin controlled the ball most of the time and had a drive stall just seven yards short of the end zone. St. Francis was able to add eight points to its side of the score to take the tally to 30-0.

In the fourth quarter, the Red Devils held the Indians and were able to score twice.

The first touchdown was on a 16-

yard run by Jace Robinson. The two-point conversion was run in by Chet Ely.

Oberlin’s second touchdown was gained on a 24-yard run by Dustin Warta. A two-point conversion attempt failed.

On Thursday, the eighth-graders again had a tough night.

The Red Devils’ lone touchdown was scored by Warta, who ran from eight yards out. The conversion failed.

At halftime, Oakley led 8-6.

In the second half, the Devils couldn’t get the ball into the end zone while Oakley came up with two more touchdowns.

Leading tackles were Brock Euhus, 9, and Warta, 8.

The young Devils will be back home on Thursday as Quinter comes to town for a 4:30 p.m. kickoff.

Junior varsity wins three out of four

The younger Oberlin volleyball players traveled to Oakley on Saturday and won three out of four matches at the Oakley Junior Varsity Tournament.

In their first match, the girls beat Oakley, losing the first game 15-10 then coming back to win 15-2 and 15-13.

In the second match, the girls in red downed the girls from Trego Community High 15-6, 15-3.

In the third round, Quinter fell to the Devils 15-10, 15-0.

Hill City, however, proved too much for the Devils, as the Ring-necks won the match in two games 15-7, 15-9.

“The girls, overall, had a pretty good day,” Coach Sherri Ruf said. “We came out of our pool as the No. 1 seed for bracket play. When we

played Hill City, we just couldn’t seem to get anything going.

“Throughout the day, the girls had some great plays at the net and had good defensive play in the back row. We need to remain focused and communicate throughout each match.”

Top players against Oakley were: server — Kaitlyn Stapp, 16 for 19 with three aces; passer — Trina Shields, 19 for 20 with seven perfect; setter — Stapp, 42 for 44 with nine assists; hitter — Shields, 20 for 23 with 10 kills; and blockers — Rebekah Hasty and Shields, one each.

Top players against Trego Community were: server — Shields, 14 for 16 with one ace; passers — Kelly Olson, 17 for 20 with 10 perfect, and Nikki Lincoln, 10 for 11 with six perfect; setter — Shields, 23 for 26 with seven assists; hitter — Stapp, 12

for 13 with six kills; and blockers — Whitney Beinke, Danica May and Shields, one each.

Top players against Quinter were: servers — Olson, seven for seven with two aces, and Hasty, seven for seven with one ace; passers — Stapp, 10 for 11 with five perfect, and Bayley Bryan, seven for eight with three perfect; setter — Shields, 23 for 23 with six assists; and hitter — Stapp, 12 for 17 with three kills.

Top players against Hill City were: server — Stapp, six for six with two aces; passer — Olson, 15 for 22 with five perfect; setter — Stapp, 19 for 20 with five assists; hitter — Shields, 15 for 19 with seven kills; and blocker — May, one.

The girls will be in the Oberlin Freshman Tournament on Saturday. Play will start at 9 a.m. in the gym.

Jennings girls win one, drop two matches

The Jennings High volleyball girls won one and lost two matches in a quad meet at Weskan last Tuesday.

The Coyotes lost to Weskan in their first match 15-10, 15-8.

The second match with Brewster was brutal, as the Bulldogs downed the Coyotes 15-0, 15-1.

The third match was better, however, as the Coyotes downed the girls from Plainview, Colo., 15-9, 15-10.

“We did see a couple of talented teams at Weskan, especially Brewster,” Coach Cheri Brooks said. “We really struggled to get things go successfully. I am confident that the girls will regroup and be ready for the next challenge.”

Top players against Weskan were, servers — Nickie Rhodes, seven for eight, and Elsie Kinser, five for five; attacks — Rhodes, four for four with

one kill, and Adrienne Vacura, two for three with one kill; sets — Rhodes, six assists and Tiffany Wheeler, two assists; serve receives — Tara Lahr, six for eight, Peggy Foster, four for six, and Adrienne Vacura, five for eight; and dinks — Rhodes and Vacura, one tip for a kill each.

Top players against Brewster were: server — Sara Kier, two for three for the Coyotes’ only point; attacks — Jody Brooks, two for three and one kill, and Elise Kinser, one for one with a kill; sets — Rhodes, eight for eight, Kinser, six for seven and Wheeler three for three; and serve receives — Foster, nine for 11, and Vacura five for six.

Top players against Plainview were: servers — Rhodes, eight for nine and two aces, Foster, nine for 10 and two aces, Vacura seven for nine

and one ace, and Kinser and Brooks, seven for seven and one ace each; attacks — Foster, nine for 11 with two kills, Vacura, four for four with three kills, and Sara Kier, four for five with one kill; sets — Rhodes, 22 for 22 with 17 assists, Kinser, eight for nine with five assists; serve receives — Lahr, five for six; and blocks Foster, one stuff with seven successful attempts, and Kinser, 10 successful attempts.

The Coyotes were to be at Grinnell on Tuesday and will be in Palco this coming Tuesday to play Eastern Heights starting at 4 p.m.

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