

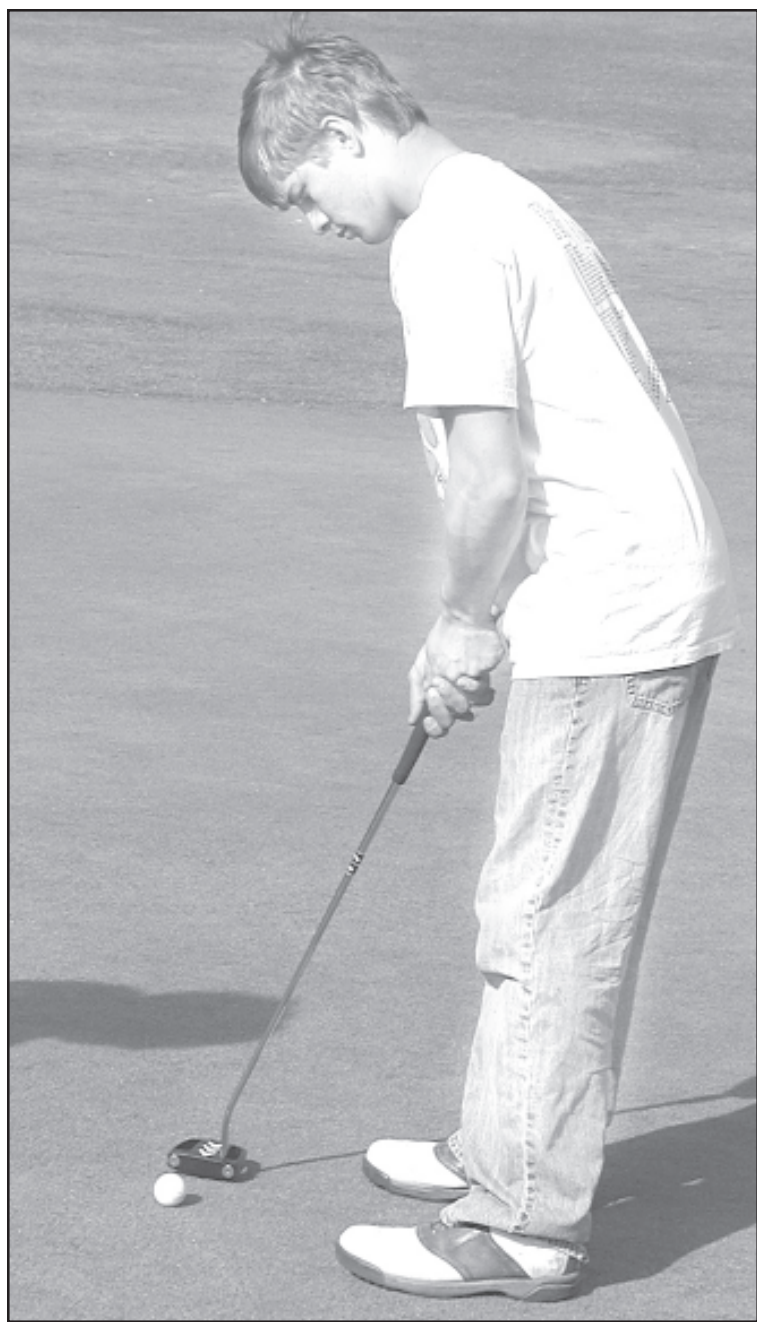


**JUNIOR BRECK SIMONSSON** (above) led the Decatur Community High golf team Saturday, taking first at the Oberlin Invitational. Senior Jonathon Richards (below), who took fourth on Saturday, practiced his short game last week. — Herald staff photos by Jim Merriott

# Golfer wins at home

## Oberlin team takes third in tournament

**By JIM MERRIOTT**  
Junior Breck Simonsson, who qualified for the state tournament last year, notched his first high school golf victory Saturday for the Decatur Community High Red Devils.  
Simonsson took home the first-place medal after eliminating Nathan Linin of Goodland and Jeff Jarvis of Phillipsburg in a one-hole sudden-death playoff. All three were tied with 39 strokes on the par-36, nine-hole Oberlin course.  
The tournament was moved from a 9 a.m. starting time to noon due to cold and frosty weather.  
"It feels great," said Simonsson. "This is my first-ever first-place finish. I was pretty nervous when I sank the winning put."  
All-State senior Jonathon Richards finished fourth with 41 strokes.  
"Breck and Jonathon were solid in their opening competition of the year," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "I also thought Andy Gilliam and Andrew Richards had good days."  
Trego Community High took first-place team honors with a score of 173, followed by Phillipsburg at 175, Oberlin Red squad with 178, Goodland 180, Colby 188, Atwood 204, Grinnell 207, Quinter 211,



Oberlin silver squad 236, and Brewster tenth with 267.  
"The tournament went smoothly considering the weather late in the week," Coach Ahlberg said. "A special thanks to Bill and Connie Reidel and the Oberlin Country Club for getting the course in such fine shape."  
Other Red Devils finishers were Andy Gilliam 46, Corey Cook 50, Jobey Black 52, Andrew Richards 59, Nathan Simonsson 63, Jordan Tally 64, and Chris Larson 67.  
The Red Devils linksters were to be in Goodland on Tuesday and in McCook Tuesday, April 18, starting at 9 a.m.

# Seventh-grade girls take second at Smith Center

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade girls finished second with 83 points at the Warrior Invitational track meet in Smith Center on Thursday, while the boys finished fourth.

Tiffany Anderson placed first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 30.94 while Dalton Paul was first in the 800-meter run at 2:41.07. Sara Kyte brought home a first place in the triple jump with a 24-3 effort.

Among the girls teams, Concordia won the seven-team invitational with 170 points, Oberlin was second with 83, Smith Center third at 57, Belleville fourth with 56, Russell fifth with 50, Beloit had 48, and Stockton none.

"My job is to get as many kids involved as possible so they are prepared for high school," said Coach Keith Grafel. "Considering we ran against bigger Class 3A schools, I think we did quite well. We will not run into competition like this again the rest of the season."

Oberlin girls finished:  
• Jordan Dreher, 100-meter dash, second, 13.85; shot put, third, 30 feet, 11.5 inches.

## Track meet rained out

The varsity track meet scheduled for Friday in Hoxie was canceled due to wet, windy weather. The dual meet, featuring Decatur Community High boys and girls and Hoxie High, will be re-scheduled, said Coach Joe Dreher.

- Anderson, 200-meter dash, third, 30.94; 400-meter dash, first, 1:09.98; and 800-meter run, first, 2:49.71.
- Sydney Grafel, 75-meter hurdles, sixth, 15.06.
- Kyte, triple jump, first, 24-3; and high jump, fifth, 4-2.
- Carissa Wentz, high jump, fourth, 4-2.
- Rachelle Scott, shot put, second, 31-4.
- 4x100-meter relay, second, 1:00.1 (Scott, Dreher, Kyte, and Rhiannon Davies).

• 4x200-meter relay, second, 2:08.6 (Scott, Dreher, Jori Diederich, and Carissa Wentz).

On the boys side, the Red Devils seventh grade had 70 points. Beloit won with 129, Concordia had 117, Smith Center 73, Oberlin 70, Stockton 53.5, Russell 49.5 and Belleville 3.

- For the Red Devils:
- Paul, 400-meter dash, second, 1:09.8; and 800-meter run, first, 2:41.07.
  - Keithen Fortin, 100-meter dash, sixth, 13.73; and 4x100 relay, second.
  - Josh Ritter, 75-meter hurdles, fourth, 14.94.
  - Dakota Soderlund, shot put, fifth, 28 feet, 3 inches.
  - 4x100-meter relay, second, 57.76 (Nolan Peters, Chad Williams, J. Ritter, and K. Fortin).
  - 4x200-meter relay, fifth, 2:16.5 (D. Paul, Killian Dellere, Jon Samson, and Jeb Fortin).
- The Oberlin seventh grade was in Oakley on Monday. They will travel to St. Francis on Tuesday for their next meet.

# Eighth-graders come in sixth, seventh at first meet of season

The Oberlin eighth-grade girls and boys track teams had a devil of a time in their first competition of the year at Smith Center on Thursday.

The girls finished sixth in the seven-team field while the boys anchored the Warrior Invitational.

Concordia won the girls meet with 142 points, Belleville and Beloit tied for second at 97, Smith Center was fourth at 67, Russell fifth at 39, Oberlin sixth at 36, and Stockton last with 15.

On the boys side, Beloit finished first with 130, Concordia second 107, Russell third 82, Belleville and Stockton fourth 67, Smith Center sixth 53, and Oberlin with 21.

"This was a tough meet," said Coach Keith Grafel. "Our eighth grade boys realize that it will be tough to score points as a team as

there are only seven boys out for track. What is good is the fact that we have seven strong boys who will score points individually and that's a good thing. I want all our kids to try something that they would like to do besides their regular events; they might surprise themselves."

- Girls results:
- Ashli Samson, 400-meter dash, fourth, 1:12.5.
  - Erin Russ, 800-meter run, fifth, 3:04.14.
  - Alex Ortiz, 3200-meter run, second, 17:29.82.
  - Adrienne Pauls, triple jump, second, 27-4.5; and high jump, second, 4-2.
  - Kortnie Fisher, shot put, sixth, 29-2; and discus, sixth, 62-8.
  - 4x100 relay, sixth, 1:02.29 (Ortiz, A. Samson, Pauls, and

Brandi Diederich).  
• 4x400 relay, fifth, 5:56 (Fisher, Stephanie Bruggeman, Jessica Weaverling, and Jessica Fredrickson).

- Boys results:
- Clay Andersen, 400-meter dash, fourth, 1:04.83.
  - Jaxen Alstrom, triple jump, sixth, 31-3.
  - Nolan Wasson, triple jump, sixth, 30-0.
  - 4x200-meter relay, third, 1:57.24 (Ray Zodrow, Andersen, Alstrom and Daniel Jordan).
  - 4x400-meter relay, fourth, 4:44.47 (Wasson, Andersen, Christian Rittman, and Alstrom).
- The Red Devils were in Oakley Monday, then travel to St. Francis on Tuesday.

## Oberlin students invited to meet

Oberlin Elementary School students can participate in the Junior Devil Track Meet at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at Smick Field.

All students in first through sixth grades are eligible. Entry forms, available at the grade school office,

must be filled out and returned by Tuesday, April 25. The cost is \$1 per student.

Ribbons will be given to the top six placers, said Coach Joe Dreher. The meet has been keeping current records for the past three years.

## Baseball forms now available

Forms to participate in the Oberlin summer baseball program may be picked up at the grade school or the county clerk's office.

A fee of \$10 per participant and registration must be turned in to the clerk's office by Wednesday, May 3. Anyone interested in sponsoring or coaching a team should contact Joe Dreher at (785) 475-2093.

The summer baseball program

- will include:
- T-Ball for boys and girls age 4 to kindergarten.
  - Little League (coach pitch) for girls and boys entering first through third grades.
  - Pony League (fast pitch) for boys fourth to sixth grade boys.
  - Bantam league (slow pitch) softball for girls in the fourth to eighth grades.

## Softball meeting set

A meeting for co-ed softball coaches is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, in the high school gym. A team representative needs to be present to help set the schedule. Call 475-2093 for information.

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