

THE OBERLIN HERALD —
Sports

Girls track takes first at annual invitational

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The Decatur Community High School girls track team took first on Tuesday at home in the annual Oberlin Invitational at Smick Field. Oberlin squeezed by the Norton Lady Blue Jays 106 to 100 followed by Rawlins County, 72; Oakley, 62; Smith Center, 61; St. Francis, 50; Phillipsburg, 43; Wheatland/Grinnell, 27; Hoxie, 24; and Goodland, 13.

Oberlin won six firsts, led by senior Sarah Murray who shattered the girls school record in the javelin with a 122-foot, 2-inch throw.

She broke a 2004 record of 122 feet set by Abby Ream.

Lauren Fortin also took home two firsts, running the 100-meter dash in 12.5 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 26.7. She also received a fifth in the javelin, 101-7.

Other placers were:

- Tricia Dorshorst, high jump, first, 5.

- Nikki Wessel, triple jump, first, 32-4, and long jump, fourth, 13-9 1/4.

- Emmie Pauls, triple jump, second, 31-3 3/4.

- Rory Wendelin, shot put, third, 34-9 1/4.

- Whitney Ashley, long jump, third, 14-5.

- Heather Glodt, 200-meter dash, third, 27.8, and 100-meter dash, fourth, 13.17.

- Brandi Diederich, pole vault, fourth, 8.

- Lacey Ream, 800-meter run, sixth, 2:40.11.

- Adrienne Pauls, 100-meter hurdles, sixth, 19.99.

- The 4x100-meter relay team of Glodt, Ream, Murray and Fortin, first, 54.85.

- 4x400-meter relay team of Glodt, Ream, Tamara Ketterl and Anna Larue, fifth, 4:30.7.

- 4x800-meter relay team of Ream, Ketterl, Murray and Diederich, sixth, 11:05.36.

The Lady Red Devils were to attend the Hill City Invitational on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

The Northwest Kansas League Meet will be in Goodland starting at 3 p.m. Friday.



SENIOR NOLAN MAY threw the discus at the Oberlin Invitational on Tuesday. May lettered in football, basketball, golf and track at Decatur Community High School during his athletic career.
—Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Athlete easy to spot on the field

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At 6 foot, 6 inches and 275 pounds, Oberlin senior Nolan May is easy to spot in the crowded halls of Decatur Community High School.

May has been active in sports and has lettered in football, basketball, golf and track. He has also been working to get into the University of Kansas, where he hopes to go into pre-medicine.

Nolan, president of the Decatur Community High school student council, enjoys the out of doors and likes to go hunting and fishing, do target practice and work on his car.

He enjoys heavy metal rock music and sports.

"My grandpa told me that great things come from great work," he

said. "I feel that getting started in sports helped me head in that direction."

May says that working in the weight room helps him build strength and improve in sports.

"To be competitive in high school, you have to lift to get bigger, stronger and faster to be successful.

"I would suggest that any young athlete interested in beginning sports should talk things over with their parents and any high school coach prior to starting competition," he said. "It helps give an athlete direction."

"My parents got me started in sports and my Uncle Roland (May) influenced me.

"I am not sure, at this time, if I will return to Oberlin after I graduate from college. It is a possibility. If Oberlin had a better attraction for

younger people, I believe more would return.

"I feel the Gateway Center should definitely be more inviting and accommodating to younger people. Hopefully in the next 50 years Oberlin will grow in size with new opportunities for all ages.

"I guess if I had any complaints, it would be that the town doesn't help young people improve their athletic ability. Our community has the worst team spirit and backing."

In his spare time, he enjoys movies and working with his hunting dog, Remi, a German short-haired pointer.

Nolan is the son of Dr. Richard and Delayne May. He has two older sisters, Briana, 23, and Danica, 19.



OBERLIN'S NOLAN PETERS won first place in the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs at the Oberlin Quadrangular on Thursday.
—Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Boys track finish in seventh place at Oberlin Invitational

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The Decatur Community High School boys track team finished seventh at its home meet Tuesday at the Oberlin Invitational at Smick Field.

The Norton Blue Jays won the meet, scoring 103 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 94; Rawlins County, 87; St. Francis, 55; Smith Center, 53; Hoxie, 52; Oberlin, 35; Goodland, 35; Oakley, 25; and Wheatland/Grinnell, 13.

The Red Devils were led by sophomore Jacob Fortin, who won the 400-meter dash in 51.94 seconds

and took second in the 100-meter dash, 11.12, and the 200-meter dash, 23.58.

Other placers were:

- Andrew Richards, 1,600-meter run, fourth, 5:19.2.

- Nolan May, shot put, fourth, 44 feet, 5 1/4 inches.

- Lucas Juenemann, high jump, sixth, 5-4.

Tuesday, the Red Devils were to compete at the Hill City Invitational at 4 p.m.

Friday, Oberlin will be in Goodland to compete in the Northwest League Track meet beginning at 3 p.m.

Man to play for Falcons

Kansas native Trey Lewis, a Washburn Rural High School and Washburn University senior football player was the 11th pick in the sixth round by the Atlanta Falcons in the National Football Draft.

Lewis, at 6 foot, 3 inches and 318 pounds, plays defensive end. He earned all American and all Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) first team hon-

ors in 2006 and was voted the association's most valuable defensive player.

Lewis, the son of Verna Chapman and Wynn Lewis of Topeka, majored in general studies with a minor in pre-engineering.

Eighth grade boys place second

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Decatur Community Junior High's Nolan Peters led the eighth-grade boys to a second-place team finish at the Oberlin Quadrangular on Thursday at Smick Field.

Peters dominated the distance races, taking first in the 1,600 meter in 5 minutes, 33 seconds and the 3,200 meter in 12:01, and took fourth in the 200-meter dash which he ran in 32 seconds.

Chad Williams and Dalton Dolan also brought home the gold with first-place finishes.

Class 4A Colby won the meet with 214 points followed by Oberlin, 104; Quinter, 52; Wheatland/Grinnell, 49; McCook-St. Patrick's, 20; and Oakley, 14.

Eighth grade results:

- Williams, 400-meter run, first, 1.

- Dolan, discus, first, 111 feet, and shot put, third, 35-7.

- Dalton Paul, 800-meter run, second, 2:30.

- Dakota Soderlund, shot put, second, 37-7, and 400-meter dash, fourth, 1:09.

- Josh Ritter, 400-meter dash, second, 1:05.

- Jacob Larue, discus, third, 94-5.

- Jacob Helm, 3,200-meter run, third, 13:40, and pole vault, fifth, 6-6.

- Jeb Fortin, pole vault, fourth, 7-6, and 100-meter dash, fifth, 13.

- The 4x200-meter relay team of Paul, Larue, Williams and Fortin, first, 1:50.

- The 4x100-meter relay team of Ritter, Larue, Fortin and Williams, second, 53.3.

- The 4x400-meter relay team of Tim Larson, Ritter, Williams and Paul, third, 4:37.

The seventh grade team finished sixth.

Colby took first with 116 points followed by Quinter, 90; Wheatland/Grinnell, 83; Oakley, 56; McCook-St. Patrick's, 39; and Oberlin, 37.

Seventh grade results were:

- Brent Juenemann, 100-meter hurdles, second, 18.2; 200-meter dash, second, 28.3; and 100-meter dash, third, 13.8.

- Tyler Shields, 1,600-meter run, third, 5:50.

- The 4x200-meter relay team of Shields, Nolan Henningson, Juenemann and Connor McHugh, second, 2:04.

"We competed pretty well today," said Coach Keith Grafel. "We will now work to get ready for the Northwest League Meet on Thursday in Quinter."

Muzzleloader shoot starts Saturday

The Beaver Creek Muzzleloaders will hold its annual Sappa Creek Muzzleloader Shoot on Saturday and Sunday at the black powder range in Sappa Park.

The shoot is open to all muzzleloaders from the tri-state area.

The range is on the first dirt road east of the Oberlin Country Club. Follow the signs. The range is about 1/2 mile off the blacktop.

Entry fee is \$2 per shooter and \$1 per target. Competitors may shoot

from one to 10 targets.

The gate opens at 8 a.m. both days and will remain open until all shooters have finished.

Allowed weapons are Civil War and earlier muzzleloaders up to .58 caliber. No in-line muzzleloaders or scopes will be allowed.

Target will range be 25, 50, 75, and 100 yards.

Shoot supervisors are Roy Jordan and Tom Ewing.

Shooters interested in joining the Beaver Creek Muzzleloaders may

join for an annual fee of \$20, which helps pay for range liability insurance.

For information contact Dave or Kala Bose at (785) 475-2394.

Golf team fourth in Colby

Oberlin's golf team finished fourth Thursday at the Colby Invitational.

Decatur Community High senior Jobey Black kept his hot streak going by leading the Red Devils. Black shot 46 on the front nine and 42 on the back nine for 88 and ninth place.

Corey Cook was hot on Black's trail, shooting 44-45 for 89.

Andy Gilliam improved his game shooting 49-42 for 92 and Kurt Olson broke the century mark shooting 48-50 for 98.

Jordan Tally posted 53-47 for 100 and Nathan Simonsson shot 52-49 for 101.

Goodland won the tournament with 332 followed by Hoxie, 348; Colby, 358; Oberlin, 366; Norton, 367; Atwood, 384; Brewster, 404; Garden City "C", 413; Oakley, 437; and Colby junior varsity, 460.

After Saturday's Oberlin Invitational, the Red Devil's varsity team was to play in the Phillipsburg Invitational and the junior varsity at Hoxie on Monday.

Phillipsburg's tee time was 1 p.m. and Hoxie's, 3 p.m.

The Red Devils' next rounds will be in the Northwest Kansas League Championship on Friday in Oakley. Tee time is to be announced.

Sprint season begins

The United Rebel Sprint Series kicked off its season Saturday night at the Oberlin Speedway, thrilling fans with racing light modifieds from Colorado, classic modifieds, mini-trucks and 305 sprint cars.

Light modifieds are much smaller than regular sprint cars, running with 1,200 cc motorcycle engines.

In a field of 20 sprint cars:

C.J. Johnson, Quinter, won the main feature, followed by Ray Seeman, Jetmore; Justin Schwein, Russell; Cody Salem, St. Joseph, Mo.; Randy Bantam, Norton; Greg Thyfault, Topeka; Mike Spear, Lincoln; Mark Bantam, Goodland; Reed Bernbeck, Ransom; Cody Keiswetter, Lenora; Bill Hays, Elwood; Tom Belsky, North Platte; Corey Lutter, Kansas City, Kan.; Travis Decker, WaKeeney; Smoke-Fairbank, Ransom; Tommy Williams Jr., North Platte; Doug Roth, Axtell, Neb.; Todd Johnson, Norcat; and Tom Perkins, Parker, Colo. Patrick Thyfault, Topeka, did not qualify.

In the mini-truck division: Dale Heyen, Oberlin, took the checkered flag first followed by Alex Silos, Norcat; Royal Fisher, Oberlin; Dalton Dolan, Oberlin; and Curtis Richards, Oberlin.

In classic modifieds:

Max Pollmann, Trenton, Neb., took first followed by Jeb Tally, Oberlin; Mike Brenning, Culbertson, Neb.; Duke Ebert, Culbertson; Karl Wickizer, Culbertson; Larry Ayers, Oberlin; and Loren Pollmann, Trenton, Neb.

Tom Webb, Oberlin, owner of one of the 180-horse-power, 10,000 rpm motorcycle engine cars (modified lights) won the main feature with Travis Bayne driving.

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