



SENIOR LAUREN FORTIN will end her high school track career this weekend at Cessna Field in Wichita at the state meet. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Girls team takes fourth

The Decatur Community High girls track team finished fourth at the Class 3A Regional Meet at Holcomb on Friday.

The Lady Red Devils qualified seven girls for this weekend's Class 3A State Meet at Cessna Field on the Wichita State University campus.

Lauren Fortin, Sarah Murray, Tricia Dorshorst, Heather Glodt, Lacey Ream, Brandi Diederich, Anna Larue and Tamara Ketterl will represent the Oberlin girls.

Norton and Beloit tied for first at regional scoring 91 points each, followed by Medicine Lodge, 70.5; Oberlin, 58; Holcomb, 45; Hoisington, 44; Phillipsburg, 43; Scott City, 37; Kismet-Southwestern Heights, 29; Ellinwood, 22; Hutchinson-Trinity, 21; Lakin, 11; Ellsworth, 10; and Lyons, 1.

Murray and Fortin won first places.

Fortin won the 100-meter dash in 12.29 seconds and the 200-meter dash, 26.28.

Murray, javelin, first, 115 feet, 3 inches, and discus, third, 104-7.

Dorshorst, high jump, third, 5.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Ream, Diederich, Larue, Ketterl, fourth, 10:46.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Glodt, Ream, Murray, Fortin, third, 52.2.

"We need to focus on fine tuning our team this week," said Coach Joe Dreher.

Oberlin regional competitors were:

- Rory Wendelin, shot put, fifth, 33-06.5
- Diederich, pole vault, seventh, 7-06, and 300-meter hurdles, 13th, 56.97.
- Kim Wessel, pole vault, ninth, 7.
- Nikki Wessel, long jump, 12th, 15-1.75, and triple jump, 10th, 31-3.25
- Emmie Pauls, triple jump, eighth, 31-7.5, and javelin, eighth, 99-10.
- LeAnna Sheaffer, shot put, eighth, 30-6.5.
- Dorshorst, discus, eighth, 90-03.
- Glodt, 100-meter dash, eighth, 13.34.
- Larue, 400-meter dash, 10th, 1:09.28.
- The 4x400-meter relay team of Glodt, Ketterl, Larue and Ream, sixth, 4:31.48.

At the state meet:

- Murray will compete at 8 a.m. Friday in the javelin competition and at 1:15 p.m. in the discus.
- The 4x100-meter relay preliminaries start at 10:05 a.m. Friday and the finals will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.
- Fortin will compete in the 200-meter dash preliminaries at 12:25 p.m. Friday. The finals are at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. She will be in the 100-meter dash preliminaries at 9 a.m. Saturday. Finals are at 1:15 p.m.
- The 4x800-meter relay race is at 11 a.m. Saturday.
- Dorshorst will compete in the high jump at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Golfer hits 82 at state

Oberlin senior Breck Simonsson took 18th place at the Class 3A Kansas State Golf Tournament on Monday at Cherry Oaks Golf Club in Cheney.

Simonsson placed well ahead of most of the 107 golfers as he shot a 40 on the front nine and a 42 on the back for 82 on the par-72 course.

"Breck did a fine job, but didn't have a great day," said Coach Dick Ahlberg.

"He has a lot of talent and could earn a scholarship playing for an area junior college, but he wants to attend Kansas State University. He has the ability to walk-on and could do quite well in a couple of years for the Wildcats if that is what he wants. Kansas State usually ends up in about eighth or ninth place in the Big 12 Conference. Breck could help the Wildcats."

Wichita Collegiate won the team state championship shooting 318.

Wichita-Trinity's Michael Allen won individual honors shooting a par 72.

"I wasn't near as nervous as I was last week trying to qualify at the regional," said Simonsson. "I feel I played pretty good, but would like to have been able to redo a few holes. All-in-all I feel I ended my high school career pretty well."

Simonsson, 17, will compete in four Kansas Junior Golf Association tournaments this summer before his 18th birthday on July 18.

He will also compete in between four and six Northwest Kansas Junior League tournaments.

Jr. high comes in fourth

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade girls track team finished fourth and the boys eighth in the Northwest Kansas League meet in Quinter on May 10.

The young Lady Devils were led by Kiah Blau, who brought home three first-place medals.

Blau won the 100-meter dash in 13.5 seconds; 200-meter dash, 28.1; and the shot put, 32 feet, 8 inches; and took second in the 100-meter hurdles, 17.6.

Other Oberlin placers were:

- Serena Stacy, discus, second, 75-9, and shot put, fifth, 28-3.
- Megan Huntley, triple jump, third, 26-4.
- Samantha Anderson, discus, sixth, 63-4.

Colby won the meet with 165 points followed by Oakley, 64; Quinter, 63; Oberlin, 55; St. Francis, 39; Hoxie, 32; Goodland, 27; and Rawlins County, 19.

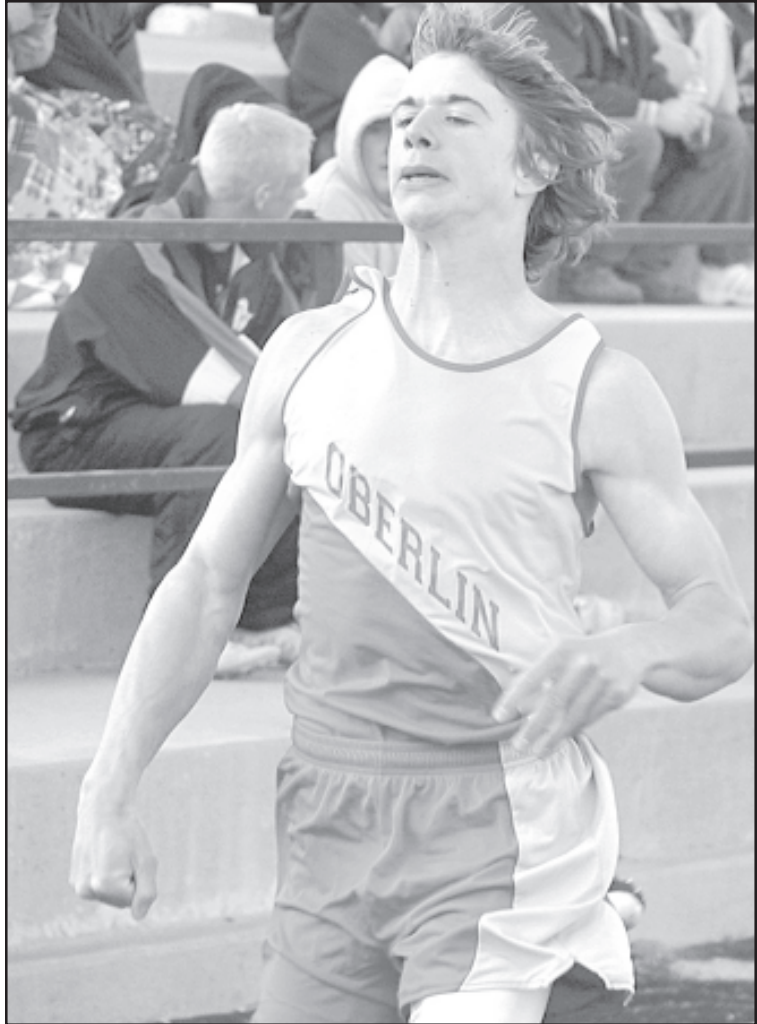
The boys team was led by Brent Juenemann who finished third in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.4 seconds; 100-meter dash, fourth, 13.7; and 200-meter dash, fifth, 28.3.

Other placers were:

- Tyler Shields, 1,600-meter run, fourth, 5:51, and long jump, sixth, 12 feet, 8 inches.
- Matthew Wittman, long jump, fourth, 12-10.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Shields, Nolan Henningson, Juenemann and Shields, fifth, 2:09.

Goodland won the meet with 114 points, followed by Colby, 90; Quinter, 55; Rawlins County, 54; Oakley, 53; St. Francis, 41; Hoxie, 33; and Oberlin, 23.



OBERLIN SOPHOMORE JACOB FORTIN was the only Red Devil boy qualifier for the Class 3A Kansas state track meet this weekend. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Sophomore boy heads for state meet

Sophomore Jacob Fortin will represent the Oberlin boys track team Saturday at the Class 3A Kansas State Meet in Wichita.

Fortin placed third in the 400-meter dash recording a time of 52.33 seconds at the Class 3A Regional Meet on Friday in Holcomb.

The state meet will be at Cessna Field on the Wichita State University campus.

Fortin will compete Friday in the 400-meter dash preliminaries starting at 11:05 a.m.; finals will be Saturday at 4:45 p.m.

Decatur Community High finished 14th in regionals.

Holcomb won the regional scoring 98 points, followed by Hoisington, 80; Norton, 70.5; Phillipsburg, 57; Scott City, 47.5; Beloit, 41; Medicine Lodge, 34; Anthony-

Harper/Chaparral, 27; Ellsworth, 25; Lyons, 25; Lakin, 23; Ellinwood, 16; Hutchinson-Trinity, 8; and Oberlin, 6.

Regional results:

- Fortin, 400-meter dash, second, and 200-meter dash, seventh, 23.71.
- Nolan May, shot put, eighth, 45 feet, 4.5 inches, and discus, 16th, 108-06.
- Logan Fortin, pole vault, ninth, 11-06, and javelin, 10th, 137-03.
- Sam Stapp, shot put, 11th, 40-10.5.
- Riley Cochran, discus, 15th, 117-04.

"It was a very competitive meet," said Coach Joe Dreher. "I want to thank everyone who helped out this season."

Girls run fifth at home

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade girls finished fifth at the Oberlin quadrangular meet (which actually ended up with six teams) on May 3 at Smick Field.

The young Lady Devils were led by Kiah Blau, who took home three firsts and a second.

Blau won the 100-meter dash in 13.57 seconds; the 200-meter dash, 28.5; the shot put, 34 feet, 9 inches;

and took second in the 100-meter hurdles, 18.1.

Serena Stacy was the only other Oberlin girl to place. She won the discus with a toss of 74-4 and took fifth in the shot put, 28.5.

Colby won the meet, which included St. Patrick's of McCook, Oakley, Quinter and Wheatland/Grinnell.

Wildcat ready for K-State

By JIM MERRIOTT

Kurt Olson has always been curious about how things work. That's why he's planning to attend Kansas State University and study mechanical engineering.

Olson will be a third-generation Wildcat at Manhattan this fall.

"Kurt has always been an inquisitive kid, ever since he was a young boy, he always wanted to know how things were put together and how they ran," said his mother Barbara.

Olson has lettered in football, basketball and golf at Decatur Community High School and carried a 3.8-plus grade point average.

He enjoys alternative rock music and James Bond movies; installs stereo equipment in cars for friends, hunts deer and birds and works on cars and computers. He enjoys Mexican food.

"My grandparents have always been a big inspiration to me," he said. "They have supported me along with my parents."

Olson suffered a broken arm his junior year during the football season and has a titanium rod in his arm.

After his surgery and recovery, he returned to winter basketball his junior year. He participated in football this senior year, but just prior to basketball season he began having trouble with his shoulder and had minor surgery to remove stabilization screws in the bone.

After recovery, he returned to finish the basketball season.

"Kurt was always involved in



KURT OLSON lettered in football, basketball and golf in high school. He plans on attending Kansas State University in the fall. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

sports even as a kid," his mother said. "We were always involved in community events as a family."

Kurt's older sister Sarah, 22, just graduated from K-State with a degree in accounting. His younger sister Mary Rachel, 15, is a freshman

and plays volleyball and basketball and is on the track squad.

He is the only son of Dr. Mark and Barbara Olson, both K-State alumni. His grandfathers, Keith Olson and Wesley Benda, also attended the university.

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