

Runners come in 13th in Nebraska

The Decatur Community High cross country team came in 13th out of 14 teams at the McCook Invitational on Thursday.

The Red Devils were the only Kansas team competing in the meet, which traditionally brings out some of the best teams in western Nebraska.

"This was a big, tough meet," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "McCook has a challenging course with its up and down hills. Some of the finest cross country teams from the state of Nebraska compete there every year."

Nolan Wasson led the boys team, finishing 56th in 21 minutes and 21 seconds on the 5,000-meter course.

Tamara Ketterl finished 37th in 18:20 in the girls 4,000-meter run.

Other Oberlin boys were Cole May, 70th, 22:38; Jacob Helm, 73rd, 22:58; Christian Rittman, 84th, 23:52; and Tim Larson, 86th, 24:05.

On the girls side Kayla Zdrov finished 44th, 18:42; Becky Helm, 61st, 19:47; Bret Ashley, 77th, 22:04; and Rory Wendelin, 83rd, 23:20.

The Ogallala boys took first with

19 points, followed by Perkins County, 56; Dundly County, 56; North Platte, 68; Gothenburg, 96; Holdrege, 102; Cambridge, 105; Chase County, 116; McCook, 176; Cozad, 184; St. Patrick's-McCook, 207; Sutherland, 249; Oberlin, 259; and Maxwell, 276.

The North Platte girls took first with 40 points, followed by Gothenburg, 54; Holdrege, 82; Dundly County, 90; Chase County, 96; McCook, 98; St. Patrick's-McCook, 112; Eustis-Farnam, 120; Ogallala, 130; Southwest, 140; Alma, 165; Arapahoe, 168; Oberlin, 186; and Sutherland, 223.

Freshman Dalton Paul led the Oberlin junior varsity in 23:35 followed by Gatlin Reichert, 24; Gage Reichert, 24:23; Andy Dempewolf, 24:41; Chenaniah Langness, 24:51; Jeffery Isbell, 25:09; Jay Wessel, 26:44; Ray Zdrov, 26:44; and Cody Haas, 28:41.

"Cole May had a nice race," said Ahlberg. "Freshmen Bret Ashley and Dalton Paul did a good job in their first meet of the year."

The Red Devils' next race will start at 5 p.m. Thursday in Hill City.



SENIOR HEATHER GLODT prepared for a serve against Chase County during the McCook Invitational volleyball tournament Saturday. Oberlin lost straight sets 25-6 and 25-13, losing the match.

— Staff photo by Jim Merriott

Dreher was top server going 9 for 9 with an ace. Ream was top passer going 12 for 12 with 12 perfect.

Jessica Fredrickson was top setter going 25 for 25 with 11 perfect. Pauls was top hitter going 17 for 18 with six kills. Sheaffer was top blocker with five point blocks.

"In the third match, we struggled with serve receiving during the

match," Ruf said. "The girls need to move and go for the ball better."

Sheaffer was top server going 10 for 10 with an ace. Ream was top passer going 8 for 10 with three perfect. Dreher was top setter going 18 for 19 with seven perfect. Pauls was top hitter with 12 for 13 and five kills and tied for Ploussard for top blocker with one point block each.

The Lady Red Devils are off for 10 days due to homecoming and the Oberlin "C" team Invitational on Tuesday. Oberlin's next action will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, against St. Francis and Cheylin in Bird City.

Girls lose three

Oberlin falls to Gothenburg, Imperial, Sidney

By JIM MERRIOTT
jmerriott@nwkans.com

The Decatur Community High volleyball squad had a tough weekend at the McCook Invitational tournament, losing to Chase County, Gothenburg and Sidney, Neb.

The Lady Red Devils lost in straight sets to Chase County of Imperial, Neb., 25-6 and 25-13 in the first match.

In the second match against Gothenburg, Oberlin rebounded to win the first set 25-13, but let the match slip away losing the two final games 25-23 and 25-18.

In match three, Oberlin lost to Sidney in straight sets 25-19 and 25-20.

"In the match against Chase County, the girls came out really flat," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "We just couldn't get anything going."

Lacey Ream was top server going 6 for 6. Heather Ploussard was top passer with 7 of 7 and four perfect. Jordan Dreher was top setter going 19 for 20 with 4 perfect. Adrienne Pauls was the top hitter going 8 for 10 with two kills. LeAnna Sheaffer was top blocker with two points stopped.

"In the second match against Gothenburg, the girls stayed aggressive and played at the net well," Coach Ruf said.

"We had too many missed serves that cost us this match. The girls did stay aggressive and communicated better with each other."

Hill City, Oakley win pair

The Decatur Community High volleyball team lost matches to Oakley and Hill City last Tuesday in Oakley.

The Lady Red Devils lost to the Lady Pheasants winning the first game 27-25, then dropping two, 25-21 and 25-22.

The Lady Plainsmen beat Oberlin 25-22 and 25-17.

"At times during the Hill City match, we were moving and communicating on the court," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "Then we started to sit back and quit moving to the ball. We had some mental mistakes that took the momentum of the game away from us. Staying focused is something we need to work on."

Against Hill City, Lacey Ream was the top server going 11 for 11 with two aces and the top passer going 14 for 17 with 8 perfect. Jordan Dreher was top setter with 16 for 16 with 7 perfect. Top hitters were LeAnna Sheaffer 12 for 13 with three kills and Adrienne Pauls 11 for 13 with four kills. Pauls was also top blocker with six point blocks.

"Against Oakley, we would start the game upbeat and then sit back and start watching the game instead of moving our feet," Coach Ruf said. "We did play the net well and need to work on staying focused throughout the entire match."

Against Oakley, Ream was again the top server going 14 for 14 with two aces and top passer going 19 for 23 with 18 digs. Dreher was the top setter with 16 of 16 and seven perfect. Sheaffer was the top hitter with 34 of 42 and 13 kills and the top blocker with five points stopped.

The junior varsity won one set and lost two in their match with the young Lady Plainsmen. Oberlin lost the first set 25-19, won the second 25-19, then lost the final set 15-8.

The Oberlin "C" team lost to the Oakley "C" team, 25-21 and 25-17.

ATTENTION: Hunters!

& ADVERTISERS

2007 Fall Hunting Guide

will be published in October.

Call Dave Bergling at 785-475-2206 for a great advertising opportunity.

You won't want to miss this one!

Headed back to school? Take us with you and get all the news from HOME.



Subscribe today!

Subscribers whose mailing address is in Decatur, Norton, Rawlins, Sheridan, Thomas and Red Willow counties \$33

Elsewhere in Kansas \$38

Elsewhere in the United States \$42

Students in Kansas \$27 • Students out of state \$30

To order your subscription, fill out the coupon below and send it with payment to:

THE OBERLIN HERALD

170 S. Penn Ave. Oberlin, Kan. 67749

Name

Address

City..... State..... Zip.....