



TROY JUENEMANN (above) ran the ball as he escaped the hands of a Chief opponent who tried to tackle him. **Kaine Fredrickson** (below) put one hand out to stop anyone running at him while he tucked the ball with his other hand as he ran down the field.



Junior Red Devils learn the basics to play football

Dressed in red shirts, white helmets, white pants and pads, the boys take the field excited to meet their opponents face to face.

The members of the Junior Red Devils football teams started practicing and learning the game in the middle of August. Some were returnees to the tackle squad and some were first timers.

Coach Adam Kadavy, an announcer for KFNH Radio, said the team works under the guidance of the four volunteer coaches, including teachers Shane Bird, Tim Breth and Joe Dreher.

The players learn fundamentals, the game, plays and what they are supposed to do in each position, he said.

Although the team isn't affiliated with the Oberlin School District, they go by the name Junior Red Devils and wear the same colors as the high school and junior high teams.

The kids are split by age into two teams. One is made up of the third and fourth graders, including players Justice Harris, Tabor Erickson, Jeff Juenemann, Max Diederich, Quenton Cook, Gatlin Hissong, Kade Grafel, Andrew Wade, Dayton Kempt, Mason Ahlberg, Keegan Blau, Nolan Pierce, Cade Wurm, Noah Nelson, Kelly Brown, Konner Witt and Myles Sheaffer.

The other team comprises fifth and sixth graders, including Dayton Dreher, Grant Gilliam, Keldon Breth, Kyle Breth, Regent Erickson, Troy Juenemann, Kolton Paul, Gabe Anderson, Kennedy Fortin, Kaleb Teddie, Chris Anderson, Baron Green, Ben Glading, Kaine Frederickson, Austin Kyte, Rex Diederich, Konner Fortin, Ganon Henningson, Wesley Geishler and Daniel Skibbe.

Managers are Justin Gee and Jude Walinder.

Mr. Kadavy said the boys began play Aug. 20 and each have two home games left. One will be Saturday against Atwood. The third and fourth graders start at 11 a.m. and the fifth and sixth graders at 12:30 p.m. at Smick Field, behind the high school.

The last games for the Junior Red Devils will be a home match against Ness City on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Admission to the games is free for fans, the coach said.



MASON AHLBERG (above) stood on the sidelines with his helmet in his hand before he went back into the game for a play. The junior Red Devils (left) lined up for a play.



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