

Girls win one, lose one

The Decatur Community High volleyball team split matches in a dual meet last Tuesday as they traveled to Colby to face the Quinter Lady Bulldogs and the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Red Devils defeated Quinter in straight sets 25-17 and 26-24 to take the match against the Lady Bulldogs.

Oberlin lost the first set to Colby 25-11, then rebounded to take set two 25-21, but lost the last one 25-16.

Against Quinter, Jordan Dreher was the top server going 11 for 11.

Heather Glodt was top passer going 11 for 11 with seven perfect.

Dreher was the top setter going 31 for 31 with 12 perfect.

LeAnna Sheaffer was top hitter going 22 for 22 with 14 kills.

Adrienne Pauls was top blocker with four point blocks.

"The girls did not play well in this match," said Coach Sherri Ruf. "They made some mental mistakes and quit moving to the ball. Quinter did well in this match and they have greatly improved."

Against Colby, Lacey Ream was top server going 13 for 13 with two aces.

Glodt was top passer going 20 for 21 with 11 perfect.

Jessica Fredrickson was top setter going 26 for 26 with seven perfect.

Sheaffer was top hitter going 25 for 30 with 10 kills.

Pauls was top blocker with six point blocks.

"The girls played the first match intimidated," Ruf said. "We could



OBERLIN'S ADRIENNE PAULS delivered a power serve during a match against Colby. Pauls was the top passer, hitter and blocker during the game, but the Eagles took the match in three games.

—Herald photo by Karen Krien

not get anything going. The second game the girls played very well, they could see that they could win the match. The third game started well then th

e girls started to let up. Colby is a team that you have to play well consistently."

In junior varsity action, Oberlin downed Quinter 25-17 and 25-21.

Against Colby, the young Lady Red Devils won the first set 26-24, then lost the final two 25-21 and 15-13.

The "C" team defeated the young Lady Bulldogs 25-17 and 26-24.

Against Colby, the "C" team lost the first set 25-11, came back to win the second 25-21, then lost the final set 25-16.

Lady Red Devils go 1-2

The Decatur Community High volleyball team finished 1-2 at the Northwest League championship on Saturday in St. Francis.

The Lady Red Devils dropped their first match to the Oakley Lady Plainsmen in straight sets 25-23 and 25-16.

Lacey Ream was top server going 11 for 11 with one ace.

She also was top passer going 13 for 15 with seven perfect.

Adrienne Pauls was top setter going 29 for 29 with six perfect. She was also top blocker with six point blocks.

LeAnna Sheaffer was top hitter going 18 for 20 with seven kills.

"This was our first match of the day," said Coach Sheri Ruf. "We came out playing a little flat. In the first set, we stayed aggressive. In the second set, we quit moving and made too many mental mistakes. We did not play intense at all in this match."

Oberlin then defeated Goodland 25-17 and 25-12.

Sheaffer was top server going 9 for 9 with one ace. She also was top

passer with 8 for 8 and four perfect, and top hitter going 17 for 19 with eight kills.

Pauls was top blocker with four point blocks.

"The girls played better this match," Ruf said. "Transitions were good and we stayed aggressive."

Against Colby, the Lady Red Devils won the first set 25-21, then lost the last two 28-26 and 26-24.

Sheaffer and Ream were the top servers.

Sheaffer went 17 for 17 with two aces and Ream went 16 for 16 with two aces.

Pauls was top passer, top hitter, and top blocker.

She was 15 for 15 with 10 perfect passing; 35 for 38 hitting with 13 kills; and finished with 13 point blocks.

Jordan Dreher was 41 for 43 setting with 13 perfect.

"The girls played very well in this match," Said Ruf. "It was a very good match of volleyball from both teams. We played aggressive and blocked very well. This was a hard fought match by two really

good teams."

Colby won the league championship defeating Oakley in three sets.

In Pool "A," Colby defeated Goodland 25-18 and 25-11; Oakley defeated Oberlin 25-23 and 25-16; Colby defeated Oakley in three sets 22-25, 26-24 and 25-15; Oberlin defeated Goodland 25-17 and 25-12; and Oakley defeated Goodland 25-13 and 25-17.

In Pool "B," Atwood defeated Quinter 25-15 and 25-20; Hoxie defeated St. Francis 26-24 and 25-13; Atwood defeated St. Francis 25-14 and 25-22; Hoxie defeated Quinter in three sets 25-23, 10-25, and 25-17; Atwood defeated Hoxie 28-26 and 25-17; and Quinter defeated St. Francis in three sets 18-25, 25-12, and 25-21.

Colby finished first with 26-5 followed by Rawlins County, 15-7; Hoxie, 19-9; Oberlin, 14-15; Oakley, 11-17; Sainty, 7-22; Quinter 5-21; and Goodland 4-24.

Oberlin will play host for the Class 2A Substate volleyball tournament starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Seventh-grade downs Colby girls

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade "A" and "B" squads defeated Colby in straight volleyball sets to win both ends of their matches.

The "A" squad beat the young Lady Eagles 25-5 and 25-8. The "B" squad won 25-12 and 25-11.

"We were able to dominate the game," said Coach Lindsay Fortin. "We had very few service errors. The girls played really well as a team. It was a great confidence booster for the upcoming league tournament. We are looking forward to working hard this week in practice to prepare for the league tournament."

The eighth-grade "A" team wasn't so lucky, losing both sets 25-16 and 27-25.

The "B" squad, however, defeated Colby 25-14 and 25-19 in straight sets to take their match.

"The 'A' team girls worked hard, but couldn't grab a win," said Coach Gina Witt. "They served for 85 percent and set the ball 35 times out of 50. We had three 100-percent servers ... Megan Wentz, Serena Stacy and Brooklyn O'Hare.

"We look forward to the North-

west Kansas League tournament this week."

Oberlin's eighth grade opens the tournament against Atwood starting

at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Quinter Junior High gym.

The seventh-grade girls will play in Oakley.



OBERLIN RUNNERS (from left above) Nolan Wasson, Cole May and Dalton Paul took off during the Northwest Kansas League meet on Saturday. Andrew Richards (below) finished second for the Red Devils.

— Herald photos by Patti Richards and Jim Merriott

Oberlin runners take third place at league meet

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The Oberlin Red Devils boys and girls finished third at the Northwest Kansas League championship Saturday in Oberlin. They will travel to Hill City on Saturday to run in the Class 2A Regional meet at 1 p.m.

The Colby Eagles won the league championship.

The Eagle boys won with a team score of 30 followed by Quinter, 45; Oberlin, 68; and Goodland, 72.

The Colby girls won with 21 points followed by Hoxie, 40; Oberlin, 81; and Oakley, 86.

Andrew Richards finished in second place for the boys in 17 minutes, 35 seconds to win a medal and all-league honors.

He was followed by Chris Larson, 12th, 18:59; Dalton Paul, 18th, 19:36; Nolan Wasson, 20th, 19:48; Jacob Helm, 26th, 20:28; Cole May, 27th, 20:32; and Jeffrey Isbell, 34th, 22:30.

"Andrew ran a good strategic race," said Coach Dick Ahlberg. "Chris, Dalton, and Nolan all improved their personal best times. We are continuing to improve as a team."

On the girls side, Tamara Ketterl led the girls winning a medal and finishing 10th in 16:57 for all-league honors.

She was followed by Kayla Zodrow, 12th, 17:34; Becky Helm, 13th, 17:50; Bret Ashley, 23rd, 19:36; and Rory Wendelin, 28th, 22:15.

"Our girls are bring their times down, and being more competitive," Ahlberg said.

The top three teams out of the 13 schools that run in Hill City on Saturday will qualify for the state meet on Saturday, Oct. 27.



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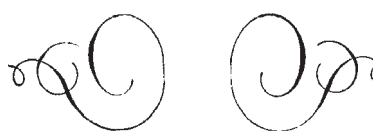
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