

Girls win one, lose one

The Decatur Community High girls beat St. Francis but fell to Colby last Tuesday in their first home volleyball match.

The Lady Red Devils took their record to 4-3.

The Oberlin girls took on the St. Francis Indians first, winning 25-11, 25-14.

"The girls played well in this match," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "They stayed aggressive at the net. St. Francis gets to a lot of balls, but we were able to dominate the net and match."

Leading players were:

- Server — Elisha Jones, 15 of 15 with 10 aces.

- Passer — Adrienne Pauls, seven for 10 with three perfect.

- Setter — Jordan Dreher, 18 of 18 with eight perfect.

- Hitter — Pauls, 12 of 16 with a dozen kills.

- Blocker — Pauls, three points stopped.

Colby then took on St. Francis and won in three games 25-19, 15-25, 25-19.

In the final match, Oberlin and Colby took three sets to determine the winner. The Red Devils took the first 25-23 and Colby the second two, 25-8 and 25-16.

"The first set, the girls hit the ball well," Coach Ruf said. "We were



SENDING THE BALL back over the net, Jordan Dreher was in the air while teammates (from left) Heather Ploussard, Kiah Blau and Jessica Fredrickson prepared to help. Despite their efforts, the Lady Red Devils fell to Colby last Tuesday. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia

able to get a couple of blocks in as well. The next two sets, we couldn't get a hit down. Colby was able to dig many hits up. We did not block well in the last two sets of this match, so that was disappointment because we have several good blockers."

Top players were:

- Server — Brandi Diederich, 10 for 10.

- Passer — Pauls, 22 of 27 with four perfect.

- Setter — Dreher, 55 of 56 with

a dozen perfect.

- Hitter — Pauls, 38 of 44 with eight kills.

- Blocker — Pauls, two.

The junior varsity girls beat St. Francis 25-16, 23-25, 15-12 but lost their first match of the season to Colby 25-11, 22-25, 10-15.

The C team beat Colby 25-16, 17-25, 15-13, but lost to Oberlin in two sets 25-16, 26-24.

The varsity and junior varsity both played in tournaments on

Saturday, and on Monday the junior varsity was to be in Norton. The varsity girls were to play host to Hill City and Oakley on Tuesday.

On Saturday, the varsity girls will attend the McCook Invitational Tournament starting at 11 a.m. and the C-team girls will play in a tournament in Phillipsburg at 8 a.m.

Next week, the girls will be off until the Oberlin Invitational C-team Tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

7th graders lose, split

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh graders lost their A match with Oakley on Thursday but came back to split the B match with the young Lady Plainsmen.

Oberlin's young Lady Red Devils fell 25-1, 25-17 in the first set but came back for a 25-17 victory then a 16-14 loss in the second.

"The seventh grade had a rough start against Oakley during the A game," Coach Lindsay Fortin said. "The girls had some difficulty communicating during the first set. They started talking and working together during the second set and played much better.

"The B game was a very nice effort. The girls relaxed and had fun. The girls served well again this week with 90 percent efficiency.

"Our passes looked better and we were able to set the ball up a few times for a hit. We hope to continue improving over this week in practice to prepare for St. Pat's on Thursday.

The Thursday game will be at 4 p.m. in McCook.

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Junior varsity girls win three

The Decatur Community High junior varsity volleyball girls took three out of four matches in tournament play on Saturday in Quinter.

The Oberlin girls won their pool with victories of Wheatland, 25-16,

25-15; Trego Community, 15-25, 25-20, 15-10; and Quinter, 25-13, 25-14.

However, they were not able to down Hill City, which advanced to the finals with a 21-25, 25-18,

15-11 victory over the young Lady Red Devils.

Statistics were not kept on the games, Coach Melissa Dreher said.

Football boys beat Oakley 12-6

The Decatur Community High junior varsity football team downed the Oakley Plainsmen 12-6 a week ago Monday at home.

Cody Kane had a 65-yard touchdown and Keithen Fortin a 24-yard

touchdown run for the Oberlin scores. The point-after tries were unsuccessful.

The young Red Devils were scheduled to play Norton on Monday but the game was cancelled due

to injuries.

On Monday, the junior varsity team will play at 5:30 p.m. in Hoxie.



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