

Football team finishes year 3-6

The Decatur Community High Red Devils football boys had some fan-pleasing runs and several exciting passes to bring the Oberlin crowd to its feet despite a 3-6 record for the season.

Keithen Fortin took the football 40 yards in one carry for the longest play rushing, while Zach May threw an 87-yard pass play to Fortin for the most exciting and longest aerial adventure this year.

Top rushers for the Red Devils were:

- Nolan Peters, 236 yards on 65 carries and four touchdowns.
- Keithen Fortin, 218 yards on 47 carries and a touchdown.
- Zach May, 180 yards on 25 carries.
- Josh Ritter, 133 yards on 26 carries and four touchdowns.
- Chris Anderson, 83 yards on 10 carries and a touchdown.
- Dakota Soderlund, 50 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown.
- Kennedy Fortin, 25 yards on five carries and a touchdown.
- Ryan May, 11 yards on two carries.
- Brent Juenemann, seven yards on eight carries.

Top passers were:

- Z. May, 62 completions on 154 attempts for 260 yards and two touchdowns. The longest was 87 yards.

Brent Juenemann, 26 completions on 69 attempts for 342 yards and three touchdowns.

Soderlund, 17 completions on 17 attempts for 304 yards and three touchdowns. The longest was 68 yards.

Peters, one for one for 50 yards and a touchdown.

Keithen Fortin, one completion out of two attempts for five yards.

Top receivers were:

- Keithen Fortin, 524 yards from 26 catches and eight touchdowns.
- Peters, 145 yards from 14 catches

and a touchdown.

Ritter, 138 yards from 10 catches and two touchdowns.

Z. May, 24 yards from three catches.

Connor McHugh, three yards on one catch.

On the defense, top tacklers were:

- Soderlund, 61 tackles and 78 assists.
- Peters, 42 tackles and 53 assists.
- Keithen Fortin, 36 tackles and 36 assists.
- Ritter, 28 tackles and 41 assists.
- Dayton Dreher, 16 tackles and 15 assists.
- Kennedy Fortin, 14 tackles and 34 assists.
- Z. May, 13 tackles and 26 assists.
- Juenemann, 13 tackles and 22 assists.
- Channing Fortin, nine tackles and 31 assists.
- Brady Fortin, nine tackles and 22 assists.
- Tyler Bruggeman, five tackles and 23 assists.
- Jacob Larue, five tackles and 19 assists.
- McHugh and Garrett Berry, three tackles and seven assists each.
- Matt Glading, a tackle and three assists.
- Anderson, a tackle and an assist.
- Konner Fortin, a tackle.
- R. May, two assists.
- Grant Gilliam and Jon Samson, an assist each.

Four players made interceptions for Oberlin: Z. May, one for 35 yards; Berry, one for 24 yards; Juenemann, one for seven yards; and Ritter, one for three yards.

Ritter sacked the opposing quarterback four times; Peters, three; and Z. May once.



PREPARING FOR A FREE THROW, Oberlin eighth grader Kelden Breth helped the young Red Devils beat the Quinter Bulldogs last Tuesday. Other Oberlin players

preparing for the rebound were Troy Juenemann (No. 21) and Kaine Fredrickson (No. 15).

— Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Junior high teams win three each

The Decatur Community Junior High boys basketball teams remained undefeated after three victories each last week for both the seventh- and eighth-grade teams.

Last Monday, the young Red Devils downed St. Patrick's of McCook in Oberlin. Then last Tuesday, they defeated the Indians in Quinter and on Thursday, they came back home to beat the Rawlins County Buffaloes.

"This is the first time that I can think of that both seventh- and eighth-grade teams have started with a 4-0 record," said Coach Tim Breth.

The seventh graders showed their stuff to the home crowd by downing St. Patrick's 35-16.

"We moved the ball extremely well and played some of our best team ball," Coach Breth said.

Oberlin outscored the Nebraska team in every quarter but the second, where the teams tied with 7 points each. In the first quarter, Oberlin outplayed St. Patrick's 16-6, and in both the third and fourth, Oberlin outscored the visitors 6-2.

Scoring were Noah Nelson, 12 points and 10 steals; Keagen Blau, 10 points and nine rebounds; Andrew Wade, 4 points; Justice Harris, 3 points; and Kade Grafel and Austin Kyte, 2 points each.

The eighth graders downed St. Patrick's 36-22, outscoring the visitors 13-4 in the first quarter, 7-4 in the second and 6-4 in the third. Each team scored 10 points in the fourth quarter.

"We jumped out early and were able to substitute freely," Coach Breth said. "It was just the start of a busy week."

Scoring were Ganon Henningson, 10 points and seven rebounds; Kaine Fredrickson, 8 points; Kelden Breth, 7 points and eight steals; Regent Erickson, 6 points and five rebounds; Troy Juenemann and Rex Diederich, 2 points each; and Gabe Anderson, 1 point.

The seventh graders had no trouble defeating Quinter the next night, as they smashed the Indians 43-11. They outscored the home team in every quarter, 17-4, 9-0, 14-5 and 3-2.

"We continue to play good team ball," Coach Breth said. "Defense seems to be a strength. I'm proud and looking forward to the rest of the season."

Scoring were Harris, 12 points; Blau, 11; Nelson, 10; Wade, 8; and Konner Witt, 2.

The eighth grade had a tougher game, but still took an early lead to beat Quinter, 53-45.

Oberlin outscored Quinter 21-11 in the first quarter. Quinter edged the Red Devils 9-8 in the second and 13-11 in the third quarter. Oberlin still lead, though, and came back to add a little in the fourth by outscoring Quinter 13-12.

"We shot a tremendous percentage," Coach Breth said. "It was one whale of a ball game (with) two good teams going at it."

Scoring were Breth, 12 points; Henningson and Erickson, 10 each; Juenemann, 8; Fredrickson, 7; and Diederich, 6.

Back home last Wednesday, the seventh grade made steaks of the Atwood Buffaloes, beating them 41-9.

Oberlin took a 15-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back as each team scored a pair in the second quarter and then Oberlin outscored Atwood 12-5 in the third and 12-2 in the fourth.

"We substituted freely and played really well," Coach Breth said. "I hope it continues. Team play and solid defense is our strength."

Scoring were Blau, 14 points; Nelson, 13; Harris, 6; and Wade, Witt, Kyte and Fernando Sanchez, 2 each.

The eighth graders downed Rawlins County 39-21, outscoring the visitors in each quarter, 7-2, 10-2, 13-11 and 9-6.

"We were a little flat from a busy week," Coach Breth said.

Scoring were Breth, 17 points; Juenemann, 10; Henningson and Erickson, 4 each; and Diederich and Anderson, 2 each.

After a short breather this week, the Oberlin boys will play host to Oakley at 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Then on Monday, the junior high will be in Hoxie at 4:30 p.m. for the last games before the Thanksgiving break.

Basketball scrimmage on Tuesday

It's almost time basketball and wrestling, and the Oberlin teams will be giving fans a little taste of the season with some preview events.

First off, the Decatur Community High wrestling squad will be holding a father-son dual at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school gym.

This is a chance to cheer for the Oberlin boys and/or their dads, and see if the old man still knows his moves.

Then at 6 p.m. Tuesday, the high school basketball teams will show off their stuff in the annual Food Scrimmage.

First the girls, then the boys teams will divide up and play against each other for a little preseason fun and rivalry.

Admission to the scrimmage is a nonperishable can or box of food, which will be given to the Decatur County Food Pantry.

THE OBERLIN HERALD — Sports

Volleyball girls have good year

The Oberlin Lady Red Devils volleyball team had a successful year, winning 35 games and losing six. The varsity girls capped off the season with a second-place finish in the state Class 2A tournament.

The Decatur Community High varsity won the Oberlin Invitational, the Gove County Classic, the Northwest Kansas League tournament and the substate tournaments.

The junior varsity finished its year with a 21-6 record. The younger girls took first in the Oberlin Invitational and second in the Quinter Tournament.

Oberlin's C-team finished with a 5-4 record and fifth in the Oberlin C-team tournament.

Varsity players Jordan Dreher, Rachele Scott, Kiah Blau and Miki Dorshorst were selected to the

all-league team and Jori Diederich received honorable mention.

Dreher, Blau and Dorshorst were selected for the all-state-tournament team, Dreher for the third time.

The top players for the Lady Red Devils were:

- Dreher, 67 aces, 93 percent serving, 215 digs, 316 assists, 19 blocks and 392 kills.
- Scott, nine aces, 88 percent serving, 165 digs, nine assists, 55 blocks and 182 kills.
- Blau, 16 aces, 88 percent serving, 139 digs, six assists, 100 blocks and 199 kills.
- Dorshorst, 23 aces, 97 percent

serving, 155 digs, 509 assists, eight blocks and 75 kills.

Diederich, 39 aces, 91 percent serving, 326 digs and five assists.

Taylor Macfee, 20 aces, 92 percent serving, 50 digs, 12 assists, 25 blocks and 22 kills.

Carissa Wentz, eight assists, 44 blocks and 70 kills.

Keatra Fisher, an ace, 88 percent serving, four blocks and four kills.

In all, the Lady Red Devils had 945 kills, 865 assists for a 95 percent efficiency rating, 175 aces, 1,094 good passes and 2,545 pass points, 1,102 digs, 103 solo blocked points and 153 assisted blocked points.

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