

Dreher is best in state

Volleyball star makes top list

Jordan Dreher has been named Player of the Year for Class 2A by the Kansas Volleyball Association.

The high school coaches who make up the association chose Dreher, a senior at Decatur Community High, to the first team in all-state rankings.

Dreher, who helped the Lady Red Devils take second in the Class 2A state tournament this year, and who has been on the all-state tournament team for three years in a row, is the daughter of Joe and Melissa Dreher. Her father is the activities director and wrestling coach and her mother is the assistant volleyball coach at Decatur Community High.

Dreher has signed a letter of intent to attend North Platte Community College to play volleyball next year.

Oberlin junior Kiah Blau was named to the all-state second team. Her parents are David Blau, an engineer for Miller and Associates, and Stephanie Blau, who works at



JORDAN DREHER (jumping) helped the Lady Red Devils win the annual Oberlin Invitational Volleyball Tournament this fall.

— Herald photo by Susan May

the courthouse.

Sophomore Miki Dorshorst received honorable mention. Her parents are Oberlin superintendent Duane Dorshorst and Pat Dorshorst, a mathematics teacher and former Oberlin volleyball coach.

Both Blau and Dorshorst were

named to the state all-tournament team.

Other area players named to the all-state teams or making honorable mention were first team, Raegan Vanderplas, Phillipsburg, Class 3A; Megan Heier, Grainfield, Class 1A Division II; second team, Haley

Thompson, Phillipsburg, Brooke Ostmeier and Taylor Rathgeber, Grainfield; Hillary McKinney and Jorey Mote, Weskan, Class 1A Division II; honorable mention, Ashley Archer, Goodland, Class 3A, and Haley Kuhlman, Wallace County, Class 1A Division II.

Football player makes all-state team

A Decatur Community High senior football player has been named to the all-state team by Kansas high school coaches.

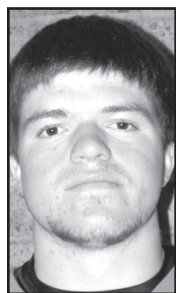
Dakota Soderlund, a 6-foot, 220-pound senior, made the Class 2-1A All-State team as a linebacker.

Soderlund was also among four Oberlin football players to be named for football honors by the District 7 coaches.

He was nominated for district honors for his work as a linebacker and offensive lineman. He was named the defensive Most Valuable Player of the year for the district.

Senior Keithen Fortin, at 6-foot, 160-pounds, was named by the district coaches as a receiver and as a kick-return specialist.

Senior Nolan Peters, at 6-foot,



D. Soderlund



K. Fortin



Nolan Peters



Josh Ritter

155-pounds, was nominated as a defensive back and senior Josh Ritter, at 6-foot, 1-inch, 185 pounds, was picked as a defensive end.

"As you can see, we were well represented by our student athletes," Coach J.D. Johnson said. "Good job. They deserve it for all the hard work they have committed into our program."

Other Northwest Kansas League athletes on the district honors lists were running backs Levi Hefner, Oakley, and Kyle Zeigler, Atwood; offensive linemen Tyler Martin and Damian Kogl, Atwood, and Adam Guthmiller and Brooks Hobrock, St. Francis; tight end Nate Cox, Oakley; defensive lineman Jeff Albers, Oakley; end Nate Cox,

Oakley; linebackers Martin and Guthmiller; defensive back Blake Bergling, Atwood, and Hefner; kickers Marcus Portschy, Atwood; punter Garrott Figgins, St. Francis; and kick returner Zeigler.

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