

# Sports

# Junior high team dominates Leoti in home game



**RUNNING WITH THE FOOTBALL**, Oberlin junior Chris Anderson helped the Red Devils to tie the Smith Center

Red Men in regulation time during the game last Friday. — Herald photo by Sarah Fredrickson

The Decatur Community Junior High football team stomped the Leoti Indians 42-12 on Thursday at home.

The game was played nine men on a side since both teams only have 13 players.

Oberlin won the coin toss and elected to receive. On the second play, running back Jeff Juenemann sped 62 yards for a touchdown, then Cade Wurm took in the two-point conversion for an early 8-0 lead for Oberlin.

The Red Devils stopped Leoti on its first drive and forced the Indians to punt the ball away.

Oberlin took over and marched down the field for a second touchdown. Wurm ran 12 yards to score in the early part of the second quarter and Quinton Cook made the two point conversion to take the score to 16-0.

The Indians answered by taking the kickoff all the way back across the field for their first touchdown. The extra point was no good and the score stood at 16-6.

The Red Devils next touchdown was by Tabor Erickson on a quarterback sneak. This time, the extra point was no good, but Oberlin now led 22 to 6.

The Indians couldn't move the ball and Oberlin regained possession. After a few plays, Cade Wurm scored from 28 yards out to take the

score to 28-6. Again the Red Devils could not make the extra points.

With just a few minutes left to go in the half, Leoti scored on a 45-yard run. Their extra point was also no good, so at the half, the score was 28-12 in favor of Oberlin.

The Red Devils dominated the second half, shutting out Leoti.

Juenemann scored in the third quarter on a 15-yard run. Again the extra point was no good. Then Cook scored from 12 yards out and Juenemann ran in the two-point conversion.

At the end of the third quarter, the score was Oberlin 34, Leoti 12.

Erickson ran in a seven-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter with Juenemann again scoring the two-point conversion to take the final score to 42-12.

Top rushers for Oberlin were Juenemann, 134 yards on nine carries; Wurm, 103 on 13; Cook, 94 on 16; and Erickson, 55 on seven.

Erickson had 15 yards passing. In all, the Red Devils had 401 yards on offense.

Top tacklers were Tabor Erickson, 10; Max Diederich, 8; Quinton Cook, 7; Kel Grafel and Evan Shobe, 3; and Jeff Juenemann, Dayton Kempt and Cade Wurm, 2.

This week, the young Red Devils will be in St. Francis to play the Indians with a 5:30 p.m. kickoff on Thursday.

# Red Devils edged out by Smith Center in overtime

The Decatur Community High football team came close, oh so close, to taking down old rival and one-time powerhouse Smith Center on Friday. In the end, missed opportunities by the Red Devils gave an overtime victory to the Red Men in Smith Center.

It's been a long time since Oberlin has beaten Smith Center, which had a 79-game winning streak into 2009. But, on Friday, the Red Devils took the lead for part of the third and most of the fourth quarter, and it looked like they might be able to take the Red Men down.

However, a trick play by Smith Center tied the game and Oberlin's last play in overtime was intercepted by the opposition, who went on to score and win the contest 20-14.

The game started off with both teams going nowhere, each fumbling the ball away.

With 3 minutes, 4 seconds left in the first quarter, Smith Center took over but the quarter ended with no score.

In the second period, Smith Center continued its drive and was on about the one-yard line, ready to score when Zach May intercepted a pass and gave Oberlin another chance.

Three first and 10s later, Oberlin was on its own 39, out of downs and had to punt.

The Red Men started to have foul trouble, as a block in the back and a personal foul pushed them back to their own 7, and they ended up punting.

Oberlin took over at midfield, but was unable to go much of anywhere. The Red Devils tried to move the ball on fourth and one, but failed, so with 4:36 to go in the half, Smith Center took over on their own 35.

It took three plays for the Red Men to break free and make a 56-yard run for the end zone. The point after was good, but a holding call put the kicker back to the 25-yard line and his next attempt fell short.

With 2:52 left in the half, the Red Men led 6-0.

Oberlin was not able to move the ball and Smith Center had one more shot before halftime. The Red Men moved the ball to the Oberlin 10, but with no more time, attempted a field goal, which also fell short.

Oberlin took the ball at the beginning of the second quarter and again, Oberlin went for it on fourth down and one yard to go. This time, although officials had to bring in the chains to check, Oberlin made it. However, a false start and a missed pass brought up fourth down and 10 yards to go and the Devils punted again.

This time, it was Smith Center that miscued, as the ball was touched but went through the hands of a Red Man and was grabbed by Ryan May for Oberlin.

The Red Devils started out on the Smith Center 15. On fourth down with three yards to go, Oberlin went for the score and Z. May ran the ball into the end zone to tie the score.

Oberlin tried for a two-point conversion but was stopped by

Smith Center, which was flagged for a personal foul. Oberlin tried again and made the points, taking an 8-6 lead with 4:43 left in the third quarter.

A bad kick gave the Red Men excellent field position on their 35. But after a holding call and a quarterback sack by Tyler Bruggeman, the Red Men were forced to punt.

An error by Oberlin gave them back the ball, and as the quarter ended, Smith Center had fourth down and three to go, deep in Oberlin territory.

A false start sent the Red Men back to fourth and nine and their kicker tried an unsuccessful field goal from the 20.

Oberlin took over and fumbled but recovered the ball. With the play at third and 13, quarterback Noah Nelson threw a 49-yard bomb to Z. May. However, Oberlin couldn't move the ball and ended up punting again.

Smith Center had a terrible time on its possession, as a chop block pushed the Red Men back to their own 9, then a delay of game put

them at third and 28 on their own four, and they had to punt.

Oberlin took the ball on the Smith Center 29 and took two sets of downs before Nelson ran it into the end zone for Oberlin's second touchdown. The point after was no good but with only 4:36 left in the game, Oberlin led 14-6.

However, Smith Center was able to fake out all the Oberlin players and took the kick for an 85-yard touchdown. The home team went for two and tied the game at 14 with 4:23 left in the game.

Neither team scored and regulation time ran out.

In overtime, each team got four downs to take the ball from the 10-yard line into the end zone.

On second down and eight to go, Smith Center intercepted an Oberlin pass in the end zone and then it was their turn.

The Red Men scored on their first try, winning the game 20-14.

Top Oberlin rushers were Chris Anderson, 103 yards on 25 yards; Z. May, 51 on 16; Nelson, 14 on three;

and Kennedy Fortin, 16 on six.

Nelson had three pass completions for 61 yards. Z. May caught one pass for 49 yards and Konnor Fortin, one for 12 yards.

Anderson and Matt Glading each had a quarterback sack. Z. May had one interception for 23 yards.

Top tacklers were Kennedy Fortin and Rex Diederich, seven tackles and one assist each; R. May, five tackles and two assists; Z. May, five tackles and one assist; Anderson, four tackles and three assists; Channing Fortin, four tackles and two assists; Glading, three tackles and three assists; Adam Zillinger, three tackles and one assist; Bruggeman, two tackles and three assists; Cody Wurm, two tackles and one assist; Konnor Fortin, a tackle and six assists; Grant Gilliam, a tackle and an assist; and Regent Erickson, a tackle.

Oberlin's record is now 1-2. The Red Devils will be at home this week as the Norton Bluejays, 2-1, will come to Smick Field for a 7 p.m. kickoff for the annual Homecoming game.

# Oberlin shut out by Panthers

The Phillipsburg Panthers downed the Oberlin boys 26-0 in the first junior varsity football game of the season.

The boys played in Phillipsburg on Sept. 10.

"The young Devils struggled against the Phillipsburg passing attack," said Coach Caleb Howland. "We put together some good drives, but couldn't get it in the end zone."

This week, the Decatur Community High junior varsity was to play in Oberlin against Smith Center on Monday. Next Monday, the young Red Devils will play at Norton.

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