

Red Devils burn Indians

Oberlin beats St. Francis 33-8 in league contest

The Oberlin Red Devils had a good time in St. Francis on Friday night, routing the Indians 33-8 and scoring in every quarter.

The victory gave the Red Devils a 1-0 record in both the Northwest Kansas League and district play, and 2-3 overall.

It only took the Decatur Community High boys one minute, 16 seconds to score their first touchdown. St. Francis kicked off and Oberlin started the drive on its own 28. Two plays later, quarterback Dayton Dreher threw a pass to Zach May, who ran it into the end zone.

Dreher kicked the point after and Oberlin was ahead 7-0 with 10:44 left in the first quarter.

St. Francis was not able to move the ball and ended up deep in its own territory before punting to the 50, where Oberlin took over.

Oberlin fumbled the ball on the second play and the Indians got it back but turned around and fumbled it right back to the Red Devils just inside Oberlin territory.

The Red Devils took the ball down to the 11, but were unable to punch it into the end zone and turned it over after four tries.

The Indians started their next drive on their own 13 but had to punt after four plays.

Starting on the Oberlin 48, the Red Devils lost yardage due to a block-in-the-back foul and then fumbled the ball on fourth down.

The quarter ended with Oberlin ahead 7-0.

The teams traded the ball back and forth in the top of the second quarter with neither able to score.

Then with 5:15 left in the half, Oberlin drove into Indian territory and took the ball to the St. Francis 16. Dreher threw a pass to Grant Gilliam for another touchdown.

The kick was good, and with a little less than three minutes left in the first half, Oberlin was ahead 14-0.

St. Francis moved the ball forward, aided by a pass interference call against the Red Devils, but on fourth down and eight, the Indians got a false start penalty and decided to punt.

Oberlin's Bryson Wesley blocked the punt, and the Red Devils had the ball on the St. Francis 32 with 33 seconds left in the half.

The Red Devils took three plays, including a recovered fumble and a missed pass. With 12 seconds left in the half, however, Dreher again gave the ball to May, who scored

his second and the team's third touchdown. This time the kick after was no good.

After the kickoff, St. Francis tried a long pass play with six seconds left, but May intercepted the ball and the half ended with Oberlin ahead 20-0.

It was St. Francis' turn to get the kickoff in the second half, but again the Indians couldn't move the pigskin and Oberlin took over on downs at midfield.

Although a St. Francis player intercepted an Oberlin pass, he came down out of bounds. Then an Indian had to be helped off the field. The Indians seemed to be temporarily stunned, and Dreher took the opportunity to throw the ball to Anderson, who scampered 40 yards for the Red Devils' fourth touchdown.

The kick again was no good but, the Red Devils led 26-0.

The teams traded the ball back and forth for the rest of the quarter, but neither was able to score or even make a concerted drive.

As the fourth quarter began, Oberlin Coach Joe Dreher started to put in some of his junior varsity players.

The boys in red were able to score one more time, as Oberlin took over on the St. Francis 42 and moved the ball to the 2. Then Anderson ran it in for his third touchdown. The kick was good and Oberlin led 33-0 with 9:02 left in the game.

St. Francis was not able to move the ball and Wesley blocked a second punt. Oberlin had trouble moving the ball and turned it over to the Indians on downs on the St. Francis 20.

This time, the Indians took the ball 80 yards down the field into the end zone and then scored a two-point conversion to make the score 33-8 with just 1:35 left in the game.

Oberlin had a few more plays but was unable to score again.

The victory gave the Red Devils a 2-3 record with victories over St. Francis and Cambridge, Neb., and losses to Norton, Phillipsburg and Smith Center (in overtime).

St. Francis also has a 2-3 record, with wins over Dundy County, Neb., and Holyoke, Colo. and losses to Oberlin, Stanton County and Wray, Colo.

At 7 p.m. Friday, Oberlin will play host to the boys from Perkins County (Grant), Neb. The Plainsmen have a perfect 5-0 record, having beaten Dundy County, Hershey,



HANGING ON TO THE BALL against a St. Francis defender, Chris Anderson (No. 27 above) made two touchdowns for the Red Devils on Friday night. On defense

(below), Oberlin players Channing Fortin (No. 75), Kennedy Fortin (No. 44) and Rex Diederich (No. 50) refused to let the ball carrier through. — Herald photos by Sarah Fredrickson

Cambridge and Kimball, Neb., and Holyoke, Colo. Oberlin beat Cambridge 26-0 on Aug. 31.

Friday, May and Anderson both ran for two touchdowns and Gilliam caught one. Dreher was five for 10 in passing for 59 yards. May caught three passes for 36 yards, Gilliam one for 16 and Anderson one for seven.

Top rushers were May, 129 yards on 11 carries, Anderson 83 on 14, Dreher 44 on six, Bryson Wesley 29 on two, Kennedy Fortin 18 on five, Noah Nelson eight on one and Kaine Fredrickson two on one.

Top tacklers were Channing Fortin, 10 with three assists; Ryan May, seven with an assist; Konner Fortin, six with two assists; Anderson, five and two assists; Dreher, three with six assists; Cody Wurm, three with three assists; Matt Glading, three with two assists; Z. May and Rex Diederich, three and one assist each; Kennedy Fortin, two with seven assists; Tyler Bruggeman and Adam Zillinger, two and two assists each; Gilliam, Troy Juenemann and Regent Erickson, one each; and Kyle Breth, one assist.

Z. May had an interception, C. Fortin recovered a fumble and Wesley blocked two punts to help with the win.



Junior high boys down baby Buffaloes

The Decatur Community Junior High football team stomped the young Rawlins County Buffaloes 44-6 in their own paddock in a 9-man game on Thursday.

Oberlin kicked off, but the Red Devils' defense stopped Atwood fourth down and short, giving Oberlin the ball near midfield.

On Oberlin's first drive, the Devils appeared to be stalled at fourth down and six yards to go. Then quarterback Tabor Erickson ran 27 yards for a touchdown. Erickson then ran in the two-point conversion making the score 8-0.

The Red Devils scored again

in the second quarter, a 45-yard touchdown by running back Jeff Juenemann. Erickson again made the two-point conversion to make the score 16-0.

The Red Devils weren't finished scoring, however. Fullback Quinton Cook ran in a 42-yard touchdown on an option play and made the two-point conversion to hike the score to 24-0 at the half.

Oberlin took the kickoff to start the second half and scored on the third play as Cook took the ball into the end zone on a 35-yard run. The conversion failed but the score stood at 30-0.

Atwood answered with the Buffaloes' one touchdown on a 25-yard run. The conversion failed and the score was 30-6 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, wingback Cade Wurm ran the ball 30 yards for a touchdown. An attempted kick after touchdown was broken up, but Erickson picked up the missed snap and threw to Cook for two points.

The Red Devils' final score came on a quarterback read call for a 40-yard touchdown run. The point-after attempt failed and the score stood at 44-6.

Erickson had three yards passing

to receiver Cook.

Top rushers were Erickson, 109 yards on nine carries; Cook, 92 on seven; Juenemann, 70 on five; and Dayton Kempt, 12 on one.

Oberlin had 375 yards total offense.

Top tacklers were Erickson, eight; Kempt, seven; Juenemann, Wurm, Evan Shobe, Kel Grafel and Cook, four each; and Zeke Jimenez and Kole Breth, two each.

The junior high Red Devils will face the Goodland Mustangs with a 5:30 p.m. kickoff Thursday at Smick Field.

Young volleyball girls lose to Rawlins County

The Decatur Community High seventh-grade teams lost two matches to the Rawlins County girls in Atwood on Thursday.

The C- team fell in three sets, 9-25, 25-21, 11-15. Tristen Davis and Amaya Tegel both had 100 percent on serves.

The B-team lost in two 25-18, 15-11. Aspen Gallentine served 100 percent.

"The girls are still making great improvements, but we

came out very quiet and did not communicate well," said Coach Cricket Ketterl. "It was a very loud gym and hard to hear, so the girls had to be extra loud and we were not.

"We have the week off, so we will work hard and be ready to head to Dundy County on Thursday, Oct. 11, and the Northwest Kansas League tournament in Sharon Springs on Tuesday, Oct. 16."

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