



GOING UP FOR THE BALL, Jamie Soderlund (No. 16 above) and Morgan Jansonius (No. 6) helped the Lady Red Devils win three out of four at the Oberlin Invitational on Saturday. Alexis Hissong (in white, above right) had the ball but Soderlund and Keatra Fisher (No. 15) were prepared to help her.
—Herald photos by Abby Hissong



Girls take second in tournament

The Decatur Community High volleyball girls took their record to 16-7 on Saturday as they took second place in their own invitational, winning three matches and losing one.

The Lady Red Devils beat Rawlins County, Norton and St. Francis but lost to Hoxie in the pool-play tournament.

Hoxie won the tournament going 4-0, followed by Oberlin 3-1, Rawlins County 2-2, Norton 1-3 and St. Francis 0-4.

In the first match, Oberlin downed the Rawlins County girls 25-20, 25-12.

Top players for Oberlin were:
 • Cassidy Shields, three aces, a dig and six assists.
 • Miki Dorshorst, three aces, three assists and five kills.
 • Keatra Fisher, two digs, two kills and a block.
 • Jamie Soderlund, an ace and

three kills.
 • Taylor Macfee, three kills.
 • Hannah May, two kills.
 • Molly Jansonius, a kill.

In the second match, the Decatur Community High girls beat Norton 25-15, 25-22.

Top players were:
 • Fisher, three aces, two digs, a kill and three blocks.
 • Dorshorst, six digs, nine assists and six kills.

• Shields, one dig and nine assists.
 • Demi Murray, two aces and two digs.
 • Soderlund, three digs and two kills.

• Macfee, a dig and three kills.
 • May and Molly Jansonius, four kills each.
 Oberlin continued its winning ways in the third match, downing the Lady Indians of St. Francis 25-20, 25-18.

Top players were:
 • Dorshorst, two digs, 13 assists and eight kills.
 • Shields, an ace, a dig and four assists.

• Soderlund, a dig and five kills.
 • Fisher, two digs and three kills.
 • May, a dig, an assist, two kills and a block.

• Macfee, an ace, three digs and a kill.
 • Murray, three aces.
 • Molly Jansonius, a dig and three kills.

• Morgan Jansonius, a dig and a kill.
 • Alexis Hissong, a dig.

In the final match, Hoxie took out the Lady Red Devils in two sets, 25-12, 25-19.

Top players were:
 • Dorshorst, six digs, five assists and two kills.
 • Shields, an ace, a dig and three assist.

• Macfee, three dig and four kills.
 • Fisher, a dig and a kill.
 • Hissong, three digs.
 • Soderlund, two kills.
 • Molly Jansonius and Murray, two digs each.

Oberlin's junior varsity also came in second with a 3-1 record. Rawlins County won the junior varsity division with a 4-4 record, followed by Oberlin, Hoxie 2-2, Norton 1-3 and St. Francis 0-4.

The junior varsity downed St. Francis 25-16, 25-14; Norton 25-22, 25-21; and Hoxie 25-10, 25-20, but lost to Rawlins County 25-15, 25-20.

The Lady Red Devils were to play Rawlins County in Atwood on Tuesday and will be back at home next Tuesday as they take on Colby and Quinter starting at 4:30 p.m.

Lady Red Devils defeat St. Francis

It only took two sets each for the Oberlin Lady Red Devils volleyball team to down both St. Francis and Cheylin last Tuesday, but the St. Francis girls didn't go easy.

In the first match in St. Francis, Oberlin was able to beat the Indians but it took more than the usual 25 points to down them in the second set. Oberlin won 25-16, 28-26.

"The girls did a good job at communicating and staying aggressive," Coach Sherri Ruf said. "We had a couple of players get injured early in the St. Francis match. The girls off the bench did a tremendous job stepping into those positions. All the girls adjusted well to a new lineup and did an excellent job at helping each other on the court."

Top players were:
 • Miki Dorshorst, five digs, nine assists and eight kills.
 • Demi Murray, three aces, a dig and four kills.
 • Jamie Soderlund, a dig, five kills and a block.
 • Cassidy Shields, two digs and eight assists.

• Taylor Macfee, one assist and two kills.
 • Morgan Jansonius, one assist and one kill.
 • Molly Jansonius and Alexis Hissong, one dig each.

• Hannah May, one kill
 • Keatra Fisher, one block.
 The Decatur Community High girls beat Cheylin 25-11, 25-15.

Top players were:
 • Dorshorst, three aces, three digs, eight assists and six kills.
 • Soderlund, four aces, an assist, a kill and two blocks.

• May, an ace, a dig and four kills.
 • Murray, two aces and three kills.
 • Shields, an ace and 13 assists.

• Molly Jansonius, two digs and six kills.
 • Morgan Jansonius, two kills,
 The Oberlin junior varsity girls also won both games, downing St. Francis 25-7, 25-16, and Cheylin, 25-20, 25-21.

The girls had a 13-6 record at the end of the matches.

Junior high volleyball girls win pair

The Decatur Community High eighth-grade volleyball team beat both Leoti and St. Francis in two sets but lost three matches in a round-robin tournament in Hoxie. The girls also lost to Rawlins County last month.

On Sept. 13, the girls beat Leoti in Oberlin 25-18, 26-24.

"The girls improve each week," said Coach Gina Witt. "They are making better decisions with the ball. They are communicating and playing better together. I am proud of each of them."

Jenna Long and Sierra Hendrickson served eight out of eight and Tristen Davis served three out of three for 100 percent. The girls had six kills and hit 72 percent. Long and Hendrickson also had a block each in the match.

On Sept. 20, the Lady Red Devils beat St. Francis 25-20, 25-15 in St. Francis.

"The girls did an excellent job serving, 44 for 46 for 96 percent," Coach Witt said. "The girls did a good job of using the ball and playing together. I am very proud of relentless effort."

On Sept. 22, the girls fell in all three rounds of the Hoxie Round Robin Tournament, dropping a pair to Hoxie 25-10, 25-10; two to WaKeeney, 25-11, 25-16; and two out of three to St. Francis, 25-20, 20-25, 7-15.

"The girls had a difficult time getting fired up," Witt said. "We also struggled with communication." McKenzie Chadwick, Madison Macfee, Jakobi Blau and Long were 100 percent accurate on the serves against Hoxie.

Hendrickson and Davis served 100 percent against WaKeeney and Davis was 100 percent against St. Francis.

On Thursday, the girls lost to

Rawlins County in Atwood 25-13, 25-15.

"The girls are struggling with communication, but have improved over the Hoxie Round Robin," Witt said.

The girls served 24 out of 29 for 83 percent, she said, with Kelsey May and Hendrickson serving 100

percent.. Long was four out of five, attacking the ball with two kills and a block. Blau had a 75 percent attack rate and two blocks.

The girls are off this week and will be in Nebraska to play Dundys County at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11.

Sports Schedule

Thursday: Oberlin junior high football, 4 p.m., at St. Francis.

Golden Plains junior high volleyball, 4 p.m. at Bird City Cheylin.

Golden Plains junior high football, 5:30 p.m., at Bird City Cheylin.

Friday: Oberlin high school football, 7 p.m., at home with Perkins County from Grant, Neb. Tailgate dinner, 5 p.m., sponsored by Oberlin Business Alliance. Creative Movements Gymnastics will perform at half-time.

Golden Plains high school football, 7 p.m., at Brewster/Tri-Plains.

Saturday: Golden Plains high school volleyball, 8:30 a.m. at Hill City tournament.

Monday: Oberlin Little Girls Cheerleading Camp, 7-2:30 with show for parents and friends at 2 p.m. at the park and football field.

Colby and Quinter.
 Golden Plains high school volleyball, 4:30 p.m., in WaKeeney.

Wednesday: Golden Plains junior high volleyball, 4:30 p.m., at home with Northern Valley.
 Golden Plains junior high football, 5:30 p.m., at home with Northern Valley.

Thursday, Oct. 11: Oberlin high school cross country, 4 p.m. at Downs-Lakeside.

Oberlin junior high volleyball, 4 p.m. at Dundys County.
 Oberlin junior high football, 4 p.m. with Dundys County.

Friday, Oct. 12: Oberlin high school football, 7 p.m. at home with Oakley.

Saturday, Oct. 13: Northwest Kansas League Volleyball Tournament, 9 a.m., Oakley.

To add items to the community sports schedule, call The Oberlin Herald at 475-2206 or e-mail oberlin.editor@nwkansas.com.

Junior varsity loses close game to Norton

The Decatur Community High junior varsity football team lost a close game against the young Bluejays last Monday in Norton.

The home team won 16-14.

Grant Gilliam and Troy Juennemann both scored touchdowns on passes from quarterback Noah Nelson. Kaine Fredrickson scored Oberlin's only two-point conversion.

"The team needs to continue to

improve each week on every aspect of the game," said Coach Caleb Howland. "Overall, the young defense did a good job of stopping the Bluejays, but offensively, we need to work on maintaining blocks and limiting our turnovers."

The junior varsity was to play Cambridge, Neb., on Monday and will play the Plainsmen in Oakley at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15.

Cheerleading camp set

Oberlin's future cheerleaders will get a chance to learn some cool moves at a camp Monday, Oct. 8, at Smick Field and the City Park.

The Little Girls Cheerleading Camp, for kids from kindergarten to eighth grade, will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., said Decatur Community High School cheerleading sponsor Sheri Jacobs.
 The \$25 cost includes a T-shirt, snack and hair bow.

The Decatur Community High cheerleaders will lead the camp and teach the girls a dance, cheers and some games.

After learning their routine, the girls will perform for parents and friends at 2 p.m. the day of the camp then at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the football game against Oakley.
 Participants should have already signed up, but for information, call Jacobs at 475-2481 or 475-8258.

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