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Oldham County senior Ashley Ohlin hits over a kill in a 3-0 loss to North Oldham.

WIN

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Rye threw down a kill to cut the Lady Colonel deficit to 13-10.

Oldham County fell out of a rhythm offensively halfway through the first set. Two errors by the Lady Colonels started an 11-1 run for North Oldham. North senior Annalise Austin threw down a kill, and sophomore Stella Popham answered with the only point during the run for Oldham County.

North followed with a tipped-in kill by Baxter, an Oldham County error and a block by Austin. Austin and junior Madelyn Marrs blocked in a point, and junior Kayla Dickhaut followed with a kill to extend the North lead.

Baxter scored on an ace before Dickhaut threw down another kill. Oldham County ended the run with a block by senior Ashley Ohlin. After a North error, an Oldham County serve out of bounds gave North Oldham a 25-13 first set win.

The Lady Colonels found a groove early in the second set. Senior Ella Daniels opened the scoring with an ace. Ohlin knocked over a kill, and after a serving error by the Lady Colonels, DaSilva threw down consecutive spikes to give Oldham County an early 4-1 lead to begin the second set.

“Having a sense of calmness in these atmospheres is huge,” Warner said. “When you just keep your composure and not really try to force anything, it changes the game. I think there were moments where we kept our composure, made sure we just played solid, and then, there were other times that we kind of scrambled. They found some holes and kudos to them, kudos to North. They're always going to be tough, so we hope to see them again in districts.”

After a Lady Colonel serving error, Dropelman dropped in an ace, but Knight answered with a kill, and DaSilva followed with an ace. However, the Lady Mustangs bounced back with a 10-1 run after a kill by Austin.

After a Lady Colonel error, Baxter gave the Lady Mustangs a 7-6 lead with back-to-back aces. A few points later, blocks by Marrs and Dickhaut extended the North lead. Two Oldham County errors and an ace by Becker helped give North a 13-7

lead.

“Especially those top swing serves, [Oldham County] was very impressive, and it was trying to get underneath the ball,” Baxter said. “Putting the pressure on yourself to not have it be a three-pass every time. A ball in the air when we can stay consistent and put the pressure on their side because they're making so many errors, we're able to stay consistent and put the ball in play.”

DaSilva ended the run with a spike. Marrs and Rye swapped kills before sophomore Delaney Matthews hit over an ace for the Lady Colonels. North responded with a 7-1 run. Droppelman started the run with a kill, and Baxter tossed over a kill.

Droppelman threw down two more kills while sophomore Brooklyn Totten hit an ace. Droppelman scored her fourth kill of the run, and Baxter tapped in two more kills over her own. The run ended with a serve out of bounds, and DaSilva followed with an ace. Austin tipped in a kill to give North Oldham a 25-14 second set win and a 2-0 match lead.

“I thought they did a really good job, especially Maddy,” Thompson said. “I thought she stepped up in a really big way since our other middle, Annalise, had to play outside because of some injuries. I thought Maddy really stepped up and played confidently out there and the same with some of the other girls we had to pull up from JV.”

The Lady Mustangs continued their hot hand to begin the third set. Dropelman began the set with a kill while Dickhaut scored on two consecutive aces. The Lady Colonel's first point came on a North error before a kill by junior Isabella Poff and Droppelman gave the Lady Mustangs a 6-1 lead.

A kill by Rye ended the run. DaSilva scored on two aces to cut the Lady Colonel deficit to two, but the Lady Mustangs answered with four consecutive points on a kill by Baxter, a block and a kill by Marrs and an error.

“We changed [DaSilva's] serve up actually just this week,” Warner said. “It seemed to be really good for her, but I'm proud that she kept her head in it. She had a lot of great touches. She had a lot of good swings. She kept the pace that we would like. I just expect big things for her and her future. I know that it's a lot for some of my sophomores to take on, but I truly expect them to con-

tinue to be impactful on the court.”

Both teams swapped serving errors before Baxter hit over an ace. After a hit out of bounds by Oldham County, Dickhaut put down a kill to give North a 14-5 lead. A point later, Rye knocked in an ace for the Lady Colonels to cut their deficit. Austin hit over a kill before Dickhaut and DaSilva traded kills a few points later. Poff hit over a kill, and Dickhaut followed with two aces to extend the North lead to 20-9.

Baxter hit over a kill for North Oldham. DaSilva knocked over an ace while Logsdon and Popham touched over kills for the final points of the match for Oldham County. Baxter helped close out the match with a kill and an ace to give North Oldham a 25-14 third set win and a 3-0 match win.

“It's also our first loud game, intense game, and it was focusing on doing our thing and not listening to the crowd and just having good energy and being able to finish,” Thompson said. “I thought we finished really well.”

North Oldham will travel to play the Manual Lady Crimsoms (8-3) on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. before hosting the South Oldham Lady Dragons (7-1) at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

“We have led the charge a little bit in our district for the past couple years, and I think it's also important to kind of humble ourselves in that though and remember all these teams want it just as bad as we do so making sure that we are playing and focusing on our side,” Baxter said. “We can't control the other side of the court, but being able to know what we're doing and put the pressure and have the energy to compare ourselves with them and then exceed them, it's really important.”

Oldham County will host the Christian Academy-Louisville Lady Centurions (8-1) at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8 before traveling to play South Oldham at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15.

“It's always a winner mentality for me,” Warner said. “We didn't come in and perform how we wanted to or how we talked about as a team. I think accountability is going to be huge moving forward and how resilient they can be. I expect them to take the weekend and come back Monday, be ready to practice and then be ready to roll in our matches next week.”

GOAL

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that protection that we needed back there...I'm really proud of the way that back line is just bending but not breaking, communicating, winning 50/50 balls and possessing it.”

The Colonels drew an offsides call and a few minutes later before Stucker made another outstanding save. Rennirt created an opening and put a perfect pass on Johnson's foot. Stucker made a point blank save to keep the game tied with 10 minutes left in regulation. Owen's rebound shot hit the side net to force a goal kick.

North Oldham forced three corners in succession. Oldham County senior Rose Gosnell cleared the first before Westbrook's shot went just over the crossbar for a goal kick. After another save by Stucker, Oldham County forced a goal kick on the third corner in three minutes.

Reeder deflected shots from Johnson and Shanor within 30 seconds of each other before Oldham County created an opportunity with two minutes left in regulation. After a tackle by senior Aaralyn Long, the Lady Colonels created a run, leading to a shot by Reeder that went out for a goal kick.

In the final seconds of regulation, Rennirt used her speed to move around the Colonel back line. She took a shot, but Stucker, once again, made the stop with three seconds remaining. The game went to overtime tied 0-0.

In overtime, North Oldham continued to push for a goal. The Mustangs created a few opportunities in the first few minutes of the game before Rennirt tracked down a pass to put a cross into the box. Johnson barely beat Stucker to the ball, tapping in the



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Oldham County senior Melia Aldridge passes the ball in a 1-0 overtime loss to North Oldham.

game-winning goal in overtime to give North Oldham a 1-0 win.

“Leah went in, and she had a really good cross,” Johnson said. “I was thinking about going to the goal, and I thought the goalie was going to [get there before me].”

Hayes feels like the win will help carry momentum over the next few weeks.

“It started off as a rough, difficult game. I don't think we came in with the right mindset for this game,” Hayes said. “When we started playing, we couldn't get shots off, and that brought us down. Kadie getting that amazing shot in overtime, I think it got our entire team really hyped up, and I think that it'll carry over well.”

North Oldham will have a week off before traveling to play the South Oldham Lady Dragons (5-1) on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

“We've been dealing with a lot of injuries,” Harris said. “Having this week between this game and the South game, I think is going to do us good to just reset, recover, kind of get that mental shift of, ‘okay, everything's behind us.’ We had a couple big games this week, and now, we can look forward, look ahead to the one that matters, which is the next game and that next game happens to be South. I think having that confidence and seeing the ability to play the way we've been playing the last three games, we haven't come out

with a win the last couple games, but we've done the things that we've needed to do offensively. The perseverance, pushing through it, I think the girls are going to come out with confidence, and that sometimes hasn't been there. I'm very excited to see how they perform.”

Oldham County will have a week off as well before traveling to play the Male Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. before hosting South Oldham on Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Gosnell believes in his team a lot. He felt like they played a phenomenal game against North Oldham and can continue to build off this loss and the wins earlier in the season.

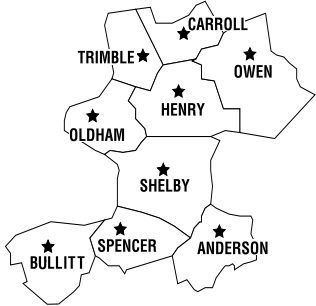
“North is a team that took the number one team in the state to the very end, and if they can play like they did against North, they can play against anyone,” Gosnell said. “It's kind of locking in, fixing, tweaking a few things and having that confidence going forward that you can play with anyone...We have a couple games before [the South game] to kind of fix some things and hopefully get our mentality right to where we go into that game and not be as tight as we were in this game and come out from the start loose, ready to play and play our game. I think they can do it. Even though we had a loss here, I think they will grow from this experience and have that confidence that they need to do relevant stuff. I look forward to it.”

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All persons residing within the boundaries of the South Oldham Fire Protection District are hereby notified that there will be held at the firehouse of the South Oldham Fire Department, 6310 Old LaGrange Road, Creswood, Kentucky, on September 28, 2026, a public hearing immediately after the regular meetinf of the Board of Directors of the South Oldham Fire Department Inc., which meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide information regarding the tax rate for the South Oldham Fire Protection District for the 2026 calendar year.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of KRS 132.023, the following information is provided for those interested parties of the South Oldham Fire Protection District:

1. The tax rate for the 2025 year was .10 cents for each \$100.00 valuation. Revenue produced by the tax rate for the 2025 taxable year was \$2,627,212,000.
2. The tax rate proposed for the taxable year 2026 is .10 cents for each \$100.00 valuation. Revenue expected to be produced from that tax rate is \$2,837,713,530.
3. The compensating rate is .98 cents for each \$100.00 valuation and revenue expected to be produced by that rate is \$2,728,184,438.
4. Revenue expected from new property is \$34,835,242. Revenue expected from personal property is \$74,693,850.
5. Revenue in excess of the revenue produced during the 2026 taxable year will be used for capital expenditures, including facilities upgrades, funding for a new ladder truck, additional trainings and benefits for fire fighters, and to provide services to accommodate community growth.

This notification is required pursuant to provisions of KRS 132.023.

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