

At the Game

Indians play on the road

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St. Francis competed with Golden Plains on Tuesday and Hoxie on Friday with both games being on the road. The Sainty Indians played two close games but unfortunately they ended up in the loss column. Golden Plains won by eight points (54-46) and Hoxie by five (50-45).

**Golden Plains 54,
St. Francis 46**

Three Indians scored in double figures Tuesday, Jan. 6, against Golden Plains but the team was outscored by the Bulldogs 54-46. Matt Raile collected 15 points for the Indians with Trent Raile having 14 and Trent Kinen 11.

Both teams were in the contest until the very end with the Bulldogs hitting for 13 points while Sainty had six in the final frame. Going into the fourth quarter there was only one point separating the two teams with Golden Plains having a 41-40 advantage.

"Against Golden Plains we started to do a lot of the little things we've been harping on all season," Coach Jeff Beims said.

"We rebounded much better, giving up only seven second-chance points. We cut down our turnovers some, although we can still do better in that area.

"The bright spot for me is the way we defended. Our guys are really starting to understand the concepts of our defense. Now we need to start creating some turnovers with pressure, but they have really bought into the system, and that's a testament to them."

Defensively, M. Raile had 10 rebounds with six of them defensive. Kinen collected five assists and M. Raile helped the team with two blocked shots. The team have five steals for the night, but gave up 19 turnovers.

"It was a tough loss, as losses always are, and sometimes you have to look beyond the stats," Coach Beims said.

"We shot 35 percent from the field, but could only muster six points in the fourth quarter, when the game was on the line. We were only one-of-five from the line, while Golden Plains was 10-of-15. When you consider we lost by eight, that's a telling statistic.

"It's also revealing to note that we missed 16 shots inside the lane, six of those in the fourth quarter. Good teams make 60 percent of those shots. When you add those numbers up, we should have won by 20, but then maybe Lincoln



PROTECTING THE BALL – Sam Sowers is carefully finding an opening to work the ball in to a teammate.

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should have skipped the play, and just went to dinner."

SF	11	8	21	6	46
GP	10	11	20	13	54

Scoring: M. Raile 15, T. Raile 14, Kinen 11, Sam Sowers 4, Drew Zwegyardt 2.

Rebounding: M. Raile 10, Kinen 7, T. Raile 7, D. Zwegyardt 3, Alex Long 3, Ethan Zwegyardt 1, Sowers 1.

Hoxie 50, St. Francis 45

St. Francis was a little slow starting up on Friday night but kept working and ended up being competitive.

It was in the third quarter, that St. Francis could hit the basket more often than Hoxie. They not only caught up on the scoreboard but pulled ahead by the score of 32-29.

Hoxie answered the challenge and posted 21 points in the final frame compared to 13 for Sainty.

"We played pretty well against Hoxie, but again were unable to come away with a win," Coach Beims said. "It's getting old talking about tough losses. One of these days we're going to have to get a tough win."

"Our problem continues to be scoring. It seems like an oversimplification, but when your opponent hits shots they are supposed to make, and you don't, the game rarely ends well for you.

"Against Hoxie though, it was more a matter of being cold. Sometimes you can get good looks at the basket and take good shots, but they just won't fall. That hap-

pened to us in the first half.

"We started by spotting them eight points right out of the gate, then spent the rest of the night trying to catch them. We did and were up by three at the end of the third quarter, but then lost our composure a bit coming down the stretch.

Kinen (16), M. Raile (10) and T. Raile (10) again paced the Indians in the scoring department.

The team came away with three outside shots, two by Kinen and one by M. Raile along with 16 successful two-point shots. The percentage was 31 percent overall with 16-of-52.

Defensively, M. Raile had two blocked shots, 13 rebounds, nine of them defensive, to add to his two steals for the night. Kinen and T. Raile each had seven boards with Kinen having four steals and Raile three.

"The turnover bug bit us again. Although we have been better about taking care of the ball, sometimes it's not how many turnovers you have but when you commit them. We had some key turnovers late, and it hurt us," Coach Beims said.

Sainty accounted for 18 turnovers.

SF	6	10	16	13	45
H	12	11	6	21	50

Scoring: Kinen 16, M. Raile 10, T. Raile 10, D. Zwegyardt 6, Ethan Zwegyardt 3.

Rebounding: M. Raile 13, T. Raile 7, Kinen 7, D. Zwegyardt 4, E. Zwegyardt 1.

Ladies are victorious

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The Lady Indians opened the January basketball schedule by posting their first win of the season. The game was played in Rexford with Golden Plains and the final score was St. Francis 43, Golden Plains 41. As the score indicates this was a very close game with the outcome not decided until the final buzzer.

Friday night was a different story. The Hoxie Lady Indians demonstrated why they are undefeated this season as they handed the Sainty Ladies a 70-27 loss. Hoxie is strong on both offense and defense.

Sainty 43, Golden Plains 41

The Lady Indians were able to score in double figures in three out of the four quarters Tuesday night while Golden Plains only reached double figures in the second and fourth quarters.

After leading early in the game, St. Francis had trouble pushing the basket through the hoop in the second period, allowing Golden Plains to not only catch up but pass them on the scoreboard.

An exciting fourth quarter saw St. Francis tie the score (36-36) with a little over 3 minutes remaining. The lead changed hands in the final minutes but Sainty came through with the win. Five of the seven final points the Lady Indians scored were from the free-throw line, showing they could connect under pressure.

Sophomore Jodie Hilt paced the team with 13 points while Elizabeth Gienger led in rebounds with nine and steals with 10.

"We finally got a hard-earned victory, as this was a see-saw game for four quarters," Coach Larry Flemming said.

"We (the coaches) are so proud of the girls for keeping their composure and working hard!!!"

It was a team victory with J. Hilt being strong at the free-throw line where she scored on 9-of-10 attempts. This was a big part of her 13 points for the evening.

Gienger's steals were important for stymying the Golden Plains offense and they helped the Lady Indians have 26 steals compared to 16 turnovers.

Helping to keep the turnovers low was the fact that Andrea Holzwarth, Gienger and Sarah Trembly did not account for a turnover the entire game.

"We are adjusting well to the fact of how important it is for each girl to be a role player, as we once again played 10 girls through out the contest."

SF	10	6	13	14	43
GP	5	13	8	15	41



FREE-THROW ATTEMPT-Sidnee Crabtree is at the line attempting a free throw while Joni Pevler (12) and Jami Pevler (10) await the results.

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Scoring: J. Hilt 13, Sidnee Crabtree 9, Gienger 8, Trembly 5, Holzwarth 4, Christina Hilt 4.

Rebounding: Gienger 9, Holzwarth 4, Joni Pevler 2, Trembly 2, C. Hilt 2, Jami Pevler 1, J. Hilt 1, Crabtree 1, Shayla Hilt 1.

Hoxie 70, St. Francis 27

Hoxie dominated this contest from the opening whistle. In just the first quarter alone they went on a scoring spree which left Sainty hunting for some points before the quarter ended. Hoxie led 30-4 after the opening period.

Sainty scored nearly half of their points in the second quarter when they managed 15. The remainder of the game they had trouble hitting the open hoop.

Seven Sainty Ladies ended up in the scoring column with Holzwarth having nine.

It wasn't as if Sainty didn't have a number of field goal attempts as they had 44, it was that only 10 of them hit their mark. Trembly hit the only three pointer on her one attempt and she was also 2-of-4

from the field for 50 percent. Jami Pevler also equaled this same 50 percent with 1-of-2.

Leading the rebounding was Joni Pevler with five. Six steals were collected with Jami Pevler having three, J. Hilt two and Aly Marin one. Turnovers were a problem with the team having 32.

"Hoxie has one of the best programs in developing basketball skills at an early age and the results of that program was seen by all St. Francis players and fans tonight!!!" Coach Flemming said. "Our hats go off to the people involved in their youth program!!

"We will use this as a learning experience and continue to improve our skills."

SF	4	15	4	4	27
H	30	18	15	7	70

Scoring: Holzwarth 9, Trembly 5, Crabtree 5, Jami Pevler 2, Gienger 2, S. Hilt 2, Marin 2.

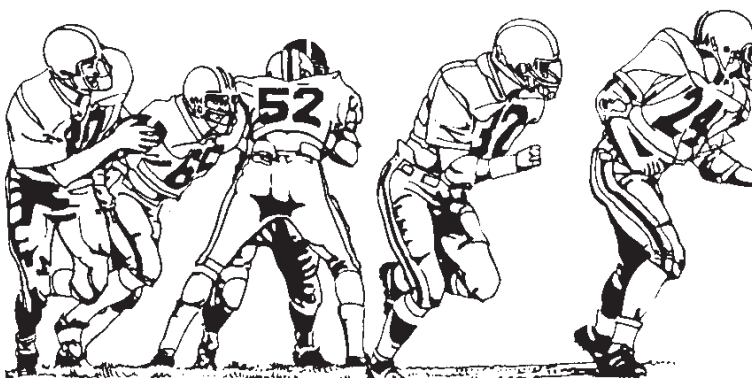
Rebounding: Joni Pevler 5, Jami Pevler 3, Crabtree 2, C. Hilt 2, Holzwarth 1, J. Hilt 1, Gienger 1, Trembly 1, S. Hilt 1, Marin 1.

Indian football player goes to Kansas Shrine Bowl game

St. Francis senior Ethan Zwegyardt, a four year member of the Indian football team, has been invited to participate in the Kansas Shrine Bowl as a member of the West team.



Zwegyardt



and the sectional championship two years.

Zwegyardt has been named to the All Northwest Kansas League team the last two years. His junior year, he was first team offense and second team defense and his senior year, he was named to the first team both offensively and defensively.

"He was physically very imposing, also very, very tough and very aggressive," Coach Lambert said.

"He learned how to practice - not just to go through the motions but how to get better and this played out on Friday nights."

Selection to play in the Shrine Bowl has become one of the most sought after and presti-

gious honors a Kansas High School football player can be awarded. Only 68 young men are invited to play in this game each year from the entire state of Kansas.

Zwegyardt is the only Northwest Kansas League player to be honored with an invitation this year.

His selection came by a mail ballot of over 30 sports media professionals and selection of the 2009 Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching staff.

The charity all-star football game is scheduled for July 25, in Wichita at Cessna Stadium, Wichita State University.

The Shrine Bowl donates all net profits to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Junior Varsity

Wrestling

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Five St. Francis junior varsity wrestlers participated in the Dundy County wrestling tournament on Saturday. They not only competed against other junior varsity wrestlers but varsity wrestlers from a number of schools.

Attending from St. Francis were Logan Whitmore, David Leibbrandt, Ross Nicklos, Brandon McGuinis and Nathan Lamb.

In weights with three wrestlers or less the tournament was run in a round-robin style. If they were four wrestlers they competed in pool play.

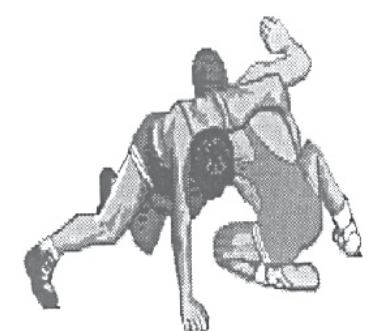
"We just took our junior varsity," Coach Mike Frewen said. "Most of the school had varsity and junior varsity."

"All of our wrestlers are getting better. They are learning not to get on their back so easily."

Logan (Whitmore) and David (Leibbrandt) are showing improvement. Ross Nicklos placed third by defeating a guy who had pinned him earlier. Nathan Lamb wrestled against a wrestler who had placed first in the Wray tournament. Ross Nicklos was ahead 12-2 but got caught and pinned."

Leibbrandt finished the day in second place while Whitmore, Nicklos, McGuinis and Lamb placed third.

Results include: 112: Whitmore lost by a fall to Leibbrandt, St. Francis; lost to Ramirez, Hitchcock County/Wauneta/Palisade; lost by a fall to Leibbrandt won by a fall over Whitmore, St. Francis; won by a fall over Evanson, Wray; lost by a fall to Ramirez, Hitchcock County/Wauneta/Palisade; won by a fall over Whitmore, St. Francis; lost by a fall to Ramirez, Hitchcock County/Wauneta/Palisade; 130: Nicklos



lost by a fall to Bundy, Dundy County; lost by a fall to Rundel, Hitchcock County/Wauneta/Palisade; lost by a fall to Breazier, Dundy County; lost by a fall to Rundell, Hitchcock County/Wauneta/Palisade; won by a 15-7 decision over Breazier, Dundy County; 125: McGuinis lost by a fall to Livingston, Stratton, Colo.; lost by a fall to Fox, Dundy County; 285: Lamb lost by a fall to Polan, Hitchcock County/Wauneta/Palisade; lost by a fall to Hornung, Stratton, Colo.

Basketball

Sainty having a slight advantage but the Bulldogs dominated the scoring in the second period.

"Once again, unforced turnovers cost us this game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "Our mental lapses are like an avalanche... might start out really small, but boy, at the end, it really reeks havoc on things!"

"We are putting up a lot of shots...unfortunately, the majority of our shots aren't going

in. Hopefully, more repetition will make us more confident shooters.

"On the plus side, we are improving on our rebounding. Now - if we can get those rebounds converted to points and not to turnovers, we will be one heckuva good team!!!"

Scoring: Sarah Trembly 5, Christina Hilt 5, Ashlynn Lambert 3, Jodie Hilt 2.