

At the Game

Lady Indians collect four wins recently

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The varsity volleyball team moved their season record to 7-12 by the time they finished action with Wray on Thursday night, Oct. 1. In the time period including Chase County and Dundu County on Sept. 24, Decatur Community and Cheylin on Sept. 29 and Idalia and Wray on Oct. 1, the Ladies had three losses and three wins. The three wins were the final three games against Cheylin, Idalia and Wray.

The Chase County and Dundu County matches were played in St. Francis during Homecoming Week. It was also Volleyball Appreciation Day and the two senior players, Kaycee Williams and Dale Northrup, were recognized during the evening.

The team has been busy with the contests in St. Francis, Oberlin and Wray being reviewed below. On Saturday they played in the Oberlin Tournament with an overview next week. St. Francis went 1-3 for the day at Oberlin, losing to Hoxie, Decatur Community and Rawlins County and defeating Norton. Details in next week's Herald.

vs Chase County
22-25, 25-17, 13-25

"This was an awesome match... certainly one to remember for this season," Coach Talley Morrow said. "We played so hard and it shows in our scores and our stats.

"It was great to come so close to beating a team whose players are known to play year-round volleyball. They have a great and respectable program and it's so awesome to hold our own against them.

"The Lady Indians fought hard and never gave up."

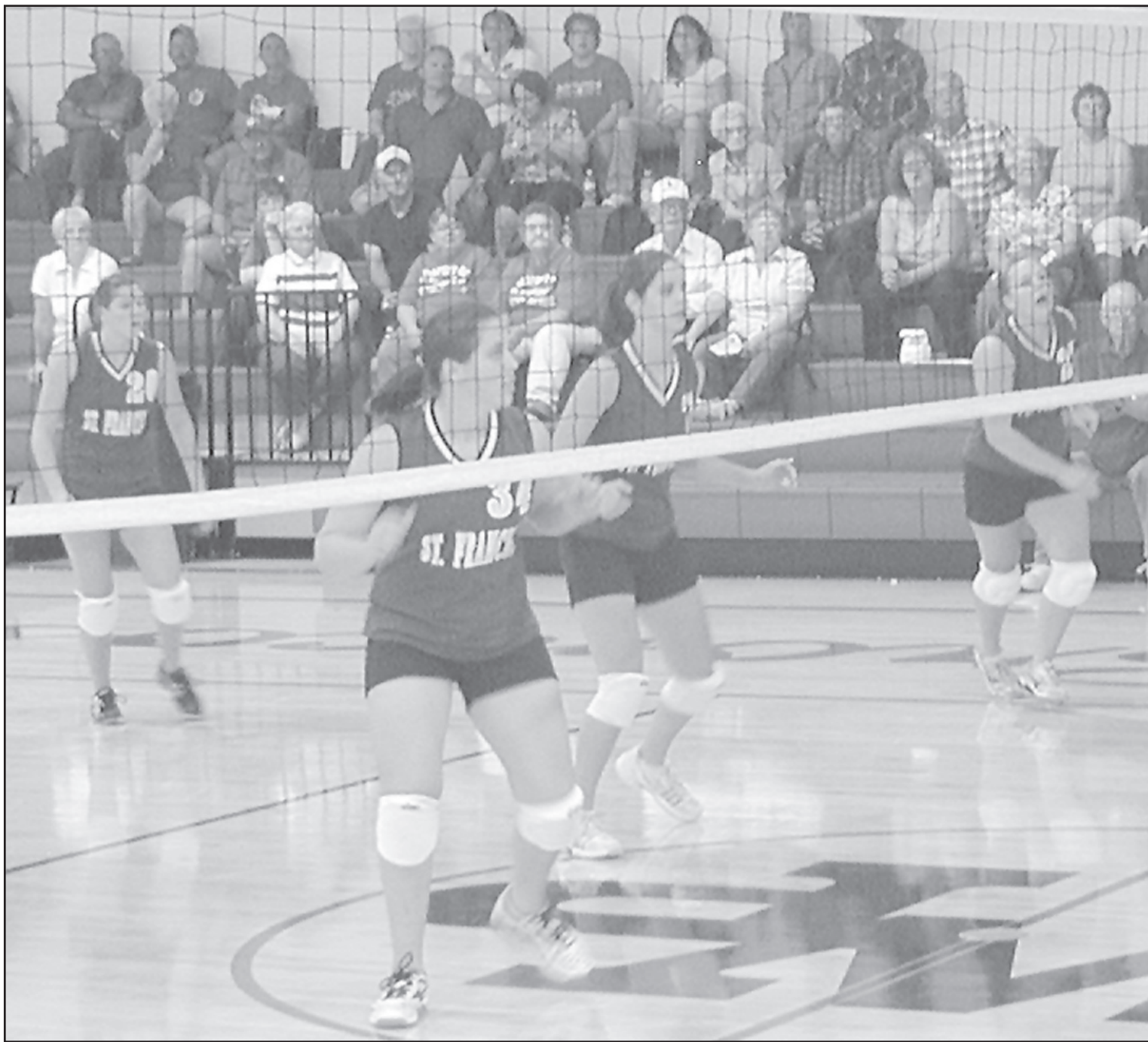
Leaders for the Lady Indians included Shayla Hilt with three aces. The leading passers were Jodie Hilt with a 2.44 and Sarah Trembly with a 2.2 out of 3.0. Coach Morrow uses a rating for passing with 3.0 being the best pass to the setter. Other match leaders include Mikaela Grace, Christina Hilt and Aly Marin with four kills each and Marin with three stuffs.

The team had 89 percent passing with S. Hilt, 13-of-13 and Williams, 12-of-12 with the most successful attempts. There were eight blocks and 18 dig/saves in this contest.

vs Dundu County
25-23, 14-25, 13-25

Leaders in this contest were C. Hilt with three aces, Grace with five kills and J. Hilt with 16 digs/saves and C. Hilt and Marin with 13 each.

"I think we might have been "all



LADY INDIANS (1 to r) Christina Hilt, Sarah Trembly, Kaycee Williams and Aly Marin are ready to serve receive the volleyball.

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played out" for this match," Coach Morrow said. "We gave Chase County everything we had and didn't play well in the second and third sets here.

"After winning the first set by two points, things just fell apart. All our best weapons broke down and we couldn't fix it. Thankfully this doesn't happen very often or we'd be having a long season. Ha!"

The team had one of their lowest serving percentages with 81 percent which was a ways below their goal of 90 percent. The only player being 100 percent was Northrup with 5-of-5.

Fourteen kills were recorded. Along with the five by Grace, there were four by Marin, three by Kaitlin

Figgins and one each by Williams and C. Hilt.

vs Decatur Community
13-25, 9-25

"Oberlin is a state tournament-bound team," Coach Morrow said. "They are big, tough, and have earned their swagger. Unfortunately, that swagger still intimidates us and on this night, things didn't go well for the Lady Indians.

"We didn't receive their libero's serves well, as she rattled off 13 serves in a row to win the match.

"It was heartbreaking to watch and very frustrating for the girls. But we know what to expect out of Oberlin's offense, so we will work hard to be better prepared for them

next time, as always."

This was a two-set match for the Lady Indians with Aubree Schleppe having the only ace, Grace having three kills, the team having no stuffs again as was recorded against Dundu County and Marin having 14 digs/saves.

The serving percentage was back up to 91 percent with five players being 100 percent including Schleppe (5/5), Marin (4/4), Grace (3/3), Williams (1/1) and Northrup (1/1).

The assist percent was 93 (goal is 90) and the attack percentage was 81 (goal is 90).

vs Cheylin
25-17, 25-14

"The Lady Indians came out of their funk for this match and played

much better," Coach Morrow said. "It was great to see them smiling again.

"We didn't miss any serves in the second set and that is a confidence builder in and of itself.

"I'm very proud of them for putting another digit in their win-column."

The team had one of their better serving percentages in this game, a good 96 percent. They were successful on 47-of-49 attempts. C. Hilt had seven aces and the coach said this was a "wow" effort. Schleppe was a 12-of-12 attempts to be the player with the most successful serves.

The team had a good percentage of assists at 98 percent and collected three blocks (Schleppe 2, Williams 1)

and 14 kills. Besides Figgins seven kills, Grace had three, C. Hilt 2 and S. Hilt and Marin, one each.

vs Idalia
15-25, 25-10, 25-21

Idalia won the first set in this match, forcing the Lady Indians to win the next two to have a match win and they did just that.

This was not their best serving percentage with an 82 percent, eight points below their goal of 90 percent. They were successful 53 times out of 65 attempts.

One aspect of this game which pleased Coach Morrow was the fact there was no serve-received ball hit the floor or was unplayable.

Having good attack numbers were Figgins with 12-of-12, Marin with 12-of-13 and Grace with 19-of-20.

Other team leaders were Grace with three aces and six kills and Figgins and Schleppe with 12 stuffs each.

The Ladies had a total of 17 kills. Grace led with her six and she was followed by Figgins with five, Marin with three, C. Hilt with two and Schleppe with one.

Five blocks were recorded with Schleppe and Figgins having two each and Grace one.

"This was a great night for the Lady Indians," Coach Morrow said. "We played two tough matches and came out with two well-deserved wins!! After a 10-point loss to the Wolves, we came back and fought hard for two wins to take the match.

"We played excellent defense and ran a consistent offense to beat the Wolves handily."

vs Wray
25-16, 20-25, 25-18

"We started this match off with a winning set, then lost the second by only 5 points," Coach Morrow said. "Again, we ran a tough defense and kept pushing the ball to the setter for a big hit.

"It is so awesome to witness the power of the Lady Indians in action. If you haven't come out to see them play, then you are missing out.

The coach said "Dig pink!" as every players had a dig and kept the leather off the floor. The team total was 130.

The serving percentage was 91 percent with Grace being 12-of-12 and Williams 11-of-11. Schleppe had three aces, Figgins had seven kills and three stuffs to be team leaders.

Twenty-one kills were made during the match with Grace with five following the seven that Figgins had. Others making kills were Schleppe 4, C. Hilt 3, and S. Hilt and Marin, one each.

Strong Norton team wins Friday

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The St. Francis Indians gained 264 yards on the ground against Norton Friday night but could not manage the last 10-yards to the end zone on any of their drives.

As a result, they were shut out by the BlueJays by the score of 36-0.

Trent Raile, Cody Sherlock and Drew Zwegardt would break their way through the line on occasion for a nice run, but even when it appeared they were free, a fast Norton defenseman caught them.

Norton's speed proved to be a factor in the game's outcome, along with their strong lines, both offensive and defensive. Besides that they had both rushing and passing ability on offense.

"We knew Norton was good, Coach Nathan Smith said. "They played mistake-free football (Friday night).

"Norton has some quality line-backers and their defense had good angles for getting tackles in the open field - they made sure tackles."

The game opened with Norton kicking to St. Francis. The Indians were on the move earning three first downs in the first 4 minutes of play, but, on their 10th play of the game they were faced with a fourth-and-19 after a penalty. During this time, Sherlock carried the ball a number of times and earned part of his 98 yards for the evening.

"We used Sherlock a lot early in the game," Coach Smith said. One of his early runs earned the Indians 26-yards for one of the first downs.

Norton began using the pass early in their first possession. They began their series on their own 27 yard line and ended in the St. Francis end zone for six points. They had two first downs on pass plays and the final touchdown play was a pass completion. For the evening they had 195 yards passing.

Norton had a kicker which they used for the extra-point attempts and in this instance it was a good kick giving the Bluejays a 7-0 advantage.

St. Francis again began their series deep in their own territory. The first series began on the 6-yard line and this one on the 10-yard line.

Coach Smith said the special team would be working on executing better and giving the Indians better field advantage.

Again the Indians made a first down during this drive but it stalled shortly thereafter.

After the Indian punt, the Bluejays began play at midfield and this time, two incomplete passes forced a punt to St. Francis.

St. Francis made one first down before the buzzer sounded to end the first quarter.

The Indians kept the ball for additional plays in the second quarter but a third-and-12 passing attempt was unsuccessful so Sainty was forced to punt.

The two teams traded offensive attempts until Norton received the ball at the 34-yard line and with one completed pass they were in the end zone for their second score and good kick giving them 14 points.

"We are getting some good ex-

perience against good competition which will help us in the long run - a number of our players entered the season with little experience at the varsity level."

Following the Norton touchdown, Raile had a good run back of about 50 yards. Unfortunately the Indian drive stalled when a fourth-and-five attempt ended the series near the 16 yard line.

"We just couldn't finish a drive," Coach Smith said.

Again Norton made fast work of scoring another touchdown. They did this with less than a minute on the clock before halftime.

A successful pass resulted in the touchdown and with a good kick the score as Norton 21, St. Francis 0.

"Defending against the pass or pass reception is another area we will be working on this week," Coach Smith said.

On the Norton kickoff, which had St. Francis very deep in their own territory, the Bluejays earned a two-point safety when St. Francis had a bad snap, giving Norton a 23-0 advantage.

After halftime the Indians held the Bluejays after the kick off, forcing them to punt.

The Indians had a successful fourth-and-six play but the second fourth down attempt four plays later was not successful. The Bluejays kept the Indians from being successful on a number of their fourth-down attempts.

The third period was nearly over when Norton scored a touchdown and had a good kick to move the score to 30-0.

The final Norton score came early in the fourth quarter on a punt return of about 60 yards. In this instance, Terrence Lamb blocked the kick.

Zwegardt had a successful run on a play in the fourth quarter and put the Indians on the 11 -ard line. Again the final yardage eluded St. Francis and they failed on a fourth-down play.

"We did some good things," Coach Smith said. "We are gaining experience with each game."

The Indians will travel to Hoxie for a Northwest Kansas League contest on Friday.

"Hoxie is down in numbers, also have less size and experience but they work hard," Coach Smith said.

The Hoxie game will be the final game before the team moves into district play. The St. Francis opponents in district play will be Syracuse, Wichita County and Rawlins County. The only one of these games to be played in St. Francis is the one with Syracuse on Oct. 16.

Sainty had a total of 264 yards on the ground against the Bluejays with Sherlock having 22 carries for 98 yards, T. Raile 17 carried for 96 yards, Zwegardt 17 carries for 60 yards and Matt Raile, quarterback, seven carries for 10 yards.

"Zwegardt had a good second half," Coach Smith said.

Defensively Lamb blocked a kick and M. Raile and Alex Long knocked down a pass.

Defensive points earned are as follows: T. Raile, seven solo tackles, seven assists, 21 points; Garrett Figgins, five solos, two



TONY MEYER (79) protects Cody Sherlock who is carrying the ball for the Indians.

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assists, 12 points; Lamb, two solos, three assists and 4 points for his blocked kick, 11 points; M. Raile, 2 solos, 2 assists and 2 points for his knocked-down pass, 8 points; Adam Guthmiller, 2 solos, 2 assists, 6 points; Long, two solos and a knocked-down pass, 6 points; Zwegardt, one solo, three assists, 5 points; Lauer, one solo,

two assists, 4 points; Sherlock, one solo, two assists, 4 points; Brooks Hobrock, three assists, 3 points; Zach Gienger, one solo, 2 points; Braden Schmid, two assists, 2 points; Darris Keller, one assists, 1 point, Cody Killingsworth, one assists, 1 point, Grady Brunk one assist, 1 point.