



At the Game

District play begins Friday

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The first six football games of the season were completed on Friday night when St. Francis outscored Hoxie 51-13. During the early part of the season, the Indians defeated Colby, Goodland and Hoxie and were defeated by Phillipsburg, Norton and Oakley giving the Indians a 3-3 record. Colby, Goodland, Hoxie and Oakley are members of the Northwest Kansas League with Phillipsburg and Norton belonging to the Mid Continent League.

District games begin this Friday when St. Francis meets Syracuse at Greene Field for the first of three games which will decide which two squads will represent the district in post-season play. So far this season, Syracuse has played 3-3 ball.

"Syracuse has some athletic skill players," Coach Nathan Smith said. "They are good up front and have a number of seniors. They are doing more running than in the past."

The four teams in District 15 are Rawlins County/Atwood, St. Francis, Syracuse and Wichita County/Leoti. St. Francis will play Wichita County on Friday, Oct. 23, in Leoti and Rawlins County on Thursday, Oct. 29 in Atwood.

When district play is completed, the two teams with the best district record will qualify for bi-district play.

"Each team in the state begins district play with a 0-0 record," Coach Smith said. "The first six games are in preparation for this (district play)."

Friday night is also senior night when 10 football players will be recognized. Players include Grady Brunk, Darris Keller, Terrence Lamb, Alex Long, Jeff Meyer, Ben Neitzel, Freddy Pacheco, Matt Raile, Trent Raile and Drew Zwegardt.

Against Hoxie on Friday night, St. Francis proved to be much stronger than a young, inexperienced Hoxie Indian team which is

playing with a limited number of athletes this season. Hoxie is one of the schools in the league whose enrollment has decreased.

St. Francis controlled the ball throughout the first half when they scored three touchdowns in the first quarter and three in the second quarter. St. Francis went into half time with a 44-7 advantage. Hoxie scored once in the first half when they took a kickoff return down the field for a touchdown. Their conversion attempts were successful and they had put 7 points on the scoreboard.

St. Francis began their scoring with a 16-yard run by T. Raile with 7:30 remaining on the clock. Zwegardt had a successful conversion run putting St. Francis ahead 8-0.

On Saintry's next possession Zwegardt took the ball into the end zone with 3:12 remaining in the first quarter. On this occasion, the point-after attempt failed but St. Francis had a 14-0 advantage.

It was following this touchdown that Hoxie took the kickoff and raced down the field for their first 7 points, closing the scoring gap to 14-7.

With less than a minute on the clock, Zwegardt had the ball and went the 9-yards needed into the end zone for the final St. Francis score of the quarter. T. Raile added the two conversion points. The score now stood at 22-7.

Lamb stepped up to begin the second quarter and intercepted a Hoxie pass. He took off with the ball and made it to the 1-yard line. From there Cody Sherlock successfully scored and also had an after-touchdown two-point conversion. Less than a minute of the second quarter had passed and St. Francis was now ahead 30-7.

Two other touchdowns were scored in this quarter with Zwegardt having a 15-yard run and Lamb a 2-yard plunge into the end zone.

Saintry began using Long, an after-touchdown kicker, and he put the ball through the uprights on



DREW ZWEGARDT (5) scored three times for the St. Francis Indians on Friday night in Hoxie.

Herald staff photo by Leslie McCormick

both occasions. Saintry took their 44-7 advantage into the locker room at half time.

"Alex did a good job," Coach Smith said. "He has been doing a good job in practice and wanted to kick so he was given an opportunity and he did well."

T. Raile opened the second half with a 85-yard kickoff return for the final Indian score of the evening. Long again had a successful kick.

St. Francis had the opportunity to give the younger Indians playing time in the second half and during this time period a running clock was also being used.

"Everybody that was there played," Coach Smith said. "There were lots of guys involved. Lots of guys had carries and lots of guys had tackles."

"The younger guys played well. It was good for them to be

involved in some varsity experience. They played against some juniors and seniors."

Hoxie scored once against the young Indians, with Brett Lampe as quarterback. The score came on a 1-yard run with 5:38 left in the third.

No scoring took place in the fourth quarter leaving the final for the game St. Francis 51, Hoxie 13.

Offensively, St. Francis had 356 yards rushing. Scoring for the Indians were Zwegardt with three touchdowns, T. Raile, one touchdown and one kickoff return for a touchdown; Lamb, one touchdown and Sherlock, one touchdown.

Successful after-touchdown attempts saw Long with three good kicks out of three attempts, and T. Raile, Sherlock and Zwegardt each with a 2-point conversion run.

Rushing yards include: T. Raile, seven carries for 96 yards; Zwegardt, nine carries for 86 yards; Lamb, seven carries for 45 yards; Sherlock, eight carries for 39 yards; M. Raile, 2 carries for 33 yards; Keller, three carries for 21 yards; Dylan Wolaver, two carries for 21 yards; Braden Schmid, three carries for 10 yards; Lampe, three carries for 4 yards; Thomas Douthit, two carries for 1 yard and Mikey Leibbrandt, one carry for 0 yards.

Defensively, T. Raile had a kickoff return, Long had three point-after touchdown kicks; Foster Grant and Lamb had interceptions which stopped drives.

Defensive points earned are as follows: Sherlock, four solo tackles, three assists, one tackle behind the 30-yard line, 14 points; Lamb, one solo, one interception, one knocked down pass, 9 points;

T. Raile, two solos, three assists, 7 points; Grant, one solo, one interception, 7 points; Adam Guthmiller, three assists, one caused fumble, 6 points; Martin Hnizdil, two solos, one assist, 5 points; Long, one tackle behind the 30, one assist, 4 points; Garrett Figgins, one solo, two assists, 4 points; Cody Killingsworth, two solos, 4 points; Brooks Hobrock, three assists, 3 points; Braden Schmid, three assists, 3 points; Lampe, one solo, one assist, 3 points; Zwegardt, one solo, 2 points; Tyler Lauer, two assists, 2 points; Alex Draper, two assists, 2 points; Zach Gienger, two assists, 2 points; Douthit, two assists, 2 points; Leibbrandt, 2 assists, 2 points; Joey McCormick, one solo, 2 points; Meyer, one assist, 1 point; Sam Reed, one assist, 1 point; Wolaver, one assist, 1 point; David Palencia, one assist, 1 point.

Team adds another game to the win column

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The Lady Indians have been attending the Oberlin Volleyball Tournament for a number of years and each year the event is competitive. Teams in attendance this year included St. Francis, Decatur Community, Rawlins County, Hoxie and Norton. Winning the tournament this year was Decatur Community with a 4-0 record.

St. Francis defeated Norton and ended the day with a 1-3 record losing to Decatur Community, Rawlins County and Hoxie. Following the Oct. 3 tournament the Saintry Ladies had an 8-15 record.
vs Hoxie 18-25, 23-25

Saintry's first match was against Hoxie with final scored of 18-25, 23-25.

Leaders in this match were Aubree Schlepp and Kaitlin Figgins. Schlepp had the most aces (2), led the serving with 11-of-11, had the most kills (4) and had the best attack percentage with 8-of-8 for 100 percent. Figgins led in stuffs with two and was 8-of-9 in attacking for 89 percent

"Here was another chance to prove ourselves over Hoxie," Coach Talley Morrow said. "After we beat them the first match of the season, it's been challenging to overcome them again. The scores were good, but until we convince ourselves that we can beat any team, we won't do it."

The team's serving percentage was right at 90 percent, which is their goal for each game. Besides Schlepp being 100 percent, Kaycee Williams and Aly Marin were each 4-of-4 for 100 percent.

The team was 92 percent in assists and 86 percent in attacks.

Others having kills besides Schlepp were Christina Hilt and

Figgins with three each, Mikaela Grace with two and Williams and Marin with one each.

"Our serving seems to be coming out of its 'slump,'" but we still missed three in this match," Coach Morrow said. "The first set went by with no missed serves, which is awesome and the way it should be."

"I still believe these girls are great servers and I think they are working so hard to be aggressive servers that sometimes we try too hard and miss. We just have to do it and get the ball into play. Next year, we are going to get Hoxie."
vs Norton 25-19, 25-14

St. Francis defeated Norton 25-19, 25-14.

"Norton is usually really tough, so we went into the match ready to play," Coach Morrow said. "We missed some crucial serves in this match, including the very first one, but the girls helped each other out and made up for those misses in some great plays. We were very happy to get another W in our win column."

Team leaders included Schlepp, Figgins and C. Hilt with two aces each; Grace with four kills; and Schlepp and Figgins with three stuffs each. Grace was 12-of-12 from the service line for 100 percent and she was also 9-of-9 on the attack for 100 percent.

Coach Morrow said that Grace had a great match.

The teams serving percentage slipped a little bit as they recorded 85 percent but they were 93 percent on assists.

Schlepp and Figgins each had three blocks while Williams and C. Hilt each had one.
vs Decatur Community 16-25, 12-25.

The final scores in this match

loss to Decatur Community were 16-25, 12-25.

"We made some rotation adjustments for this match so that our big girls would be matched up with their big girls," Coach Morrow said. "They didn't beat us as badly as the Tuesday before, but they still 'got our goat'. Like I've said before, Oberlin is a very good team, but we can play better against them. We just have to be better at the net and play better defense against their big hitters."

vs Rawlins County 26-24, 23-25, 22-25

This was the only Lady Indian match that went to three sets and the score of all three sets were very close. The final scores were 26-24, 23-25 and 22-25 for the match loss.

The team had 90 percent at the service line with Figgins 8-of-8, Marin 6-of-6 and Shayla Hilt 2-of-2 for 100 percent. The players had 63 successful serves out of 70.

"Everybody did a great job," Coach Morrow said.

Williams was the only other player besides Grace (2) having a stuff and she had one.

Schlepp led in aces with four. C. Hilt added three and Williams and Grace had one apiece.

Jodie Hilt earned 44 points on serve receive. This is on a 3, 2 1 system with 3 points for a reception being the best.

Marin was 16-of-16 on the attack for 100 percent. Other players with 100 percent were Schlepp with 15-of-15, Williams with 10-of-10, S. Hilt with 4-of-4 and Dale Northrup with 1-of-1.

Grace had eight kills which had the coach saying "wow."

"It was another close one with the Buffaloes," Coach Morrow said. "We beat them fair and



LADY INDIAN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS Christina Hilt (above) and Mikaela Grace (right) are serving the ball to begin the action.

Photos courtesy of Robert Grace

square in the first set, but let them slip past us in the second half of the second set. In the middle of the second set, the score was 18-9. We made some unfortunate errors after that point and lost the set by 2 points. That was really tough.

"Looking ahead to next year, we will be working on what it takes to

beat Atwood every time we meet them."

St. Francis round robin
St. Francis, Hayes Center, Hitchcock County, Cheylin and St. Francis met in the St. Francis round robin tournament on Saturday. Look for details next week.

