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At the Game

New 2-1A football districts announced

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Although the current Indian football season has not been completed, many fans have heard that a number of changes have been made before the next football season begins.

The Kansas State High School Activities Association, being aware that several 2-1A schools will make the move to eight-man

football next year, has made the necessary adjustments.

Due to the change in the number of teams playing 11-man ball, they have decided to change the number of districts involved in 2-1A 11-man football and also change the number of teams in a district.

At this time, St. Francis is involved in District 15 play, with three other teams, Rawlins

County, Syracuse and Wichita County. District games are always the final games played in a season.

Next year the number of districts will have decreased from 16 to eight and instead of three or four teams in a district there will be five or six.

St. Francis has been included in District 7, along with teams from Rawlins County/Atwood,

Ellis, Wichita County/Leoti, Oakley and Oberlin/Decatur Community. This six-team district means that the final five games next year will see the Indians playing the other five teams in their district.

There are also changes in the Northwest Kansas League next year. Two teams, Colby and Goodland, will be leaving the league, resulting in a six-

team league. Of these six teams, Quinter and Hoxie, will be playing eight-man ball.

The remaining four league teams, Rawlins County/Atwood, Oakley, Oberlin/Decatur Community and St. Francis will meet each other in district competition.

Two teams from each of the eight districts will advance to post-season play.

To fill out the nine-game St. Francis schedule next year, the Indians will be playing Colby, Norton, Wray, Colo., and Dundy County, Neb., (not necessarily in this order) along with the five teams in District 7. Teams are always scheduled for two years, with each team having a home game and an away game during this time.



LUCKY SIXTH GRADERS Travis Rogers (left) and Jason Owens won the right to lead the Indian football team onto the field Friday night. Their names were drawn as part of the elementary school's celebration of National Reading Day. Seniors Matt Raile (14) and Travis Raile (36) look ready to play football. Two sixth grade girls, Kattie Jenik and McKenzie Taylor helped the Sainty cheerleaders. Their names were also picked at the school's reading day.

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Indians earn first District 15 victory

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St. Francis defeated Syracuse 46-8 in district football play on Friday night on Greene Field. The Indians now own a 1-0 record in District 15 competition. The other game winner in the district was Rawlins County/Atwood who defeated Wichita County/Leoti 51-0. Thus the district stands with St. Francis and Rawlins County being 1-0 and Syracuse and Wichita County being 0-1.

On Friday night, the Indians will meet Wichita County at Leoti and the Rawlins County Buffaloes will take on Syracuse. The battle between the Sainty Indians and the Buffaloes will be played on Thursday night, Oct. 29, in Atwood.

St. Francis, Syracuse, Wichita County and Rawlins County make up the teams in District 15. Two of these teams will advance to post-season play when district action is completed.

The first post-season play-off activity will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in bi-district action. The District 15 winner will entertain the second place finisher in District 16 and the winner of District 16 will host the second place finisher in District 15.

Teams in District 16 are Oakley, Oberlin/Decatur Community and Hoxie. Oberlin defeated Hoxie 44-0 on Friday night. Oakley was not involved in district play Friday night with District 16 having only three teams.

St. Francis 48, Syracuse 8

St. Francis scored a decisive 48-8 victory over the Bulldogs, although it took them until the second quarter to earn their first touchdown.

During the first period, the Indians appeared to be familiarizing themselves with the Syracuse style of play while the Bulldogs had a couple of their best defensive stands during this time.

By the time the game was over, the St. Francis offense had collected 346 yards rushing and 8 yards in the air. Syracuse had a total of 130 yards of offense with

100 of the yards collected in the second half when many younger Indians were on the field.

"The offensive line is starting to get better up front and this is making the backs better," Coach Nathan Smith said. "Drew Zwegardt was running well and will be missed in the backfield (he received an injury).

"We also found out that we can throw if we need to, which is nice."

Defensively, the Indians also had positive stats for their efforts. There were two caused fumbles (Travis Raile, Alex Long), three fumble recoveries (Adam Guthmiller, Matt Raile and Grady Brunk), and 19 players collected defensive points.

"Defensively, we played well," Coach Smith said. "We are running to the ball better, forcing fumbles and interceptions.

"The younger players were very good. They play against the older players in practice and that is helping them. A number of the younger kids are stepping up at an early age."

Penalties again played a part in this game, as the Indians had six penalties for a total of 45 yards. The penalties interrupted the smooth motion of the offense by increasing the number of yards necessary for a first down from 10, to possibly 15, 20 or 25 yards.

Action in the first quarter consisted of a Alex Long kickoff to Syracuse. The Bulldogs worked offensively for over 2 minutes having enough yards for a first down and completing one pass. The drive finished when they were in a third-and-9 position and were forced to punt.

St. Francis' first possession lasted longer but the result was the same. After three first downs they lost the ball on a fourth-and-8 play. This was followed by a three-and-out series by Syracuse.

The Indians kept the ball most of the remainder of the quarter and moved consistently for a couple of first downs. They lost the ball on the 21-yard line after

an unsuccessful fourth-down attempt.

The second quarter was more productive for St. Francis. An Bulldog fumble returned the ball to the Indians and this time they made good use of the Syracuse mistake. They went from the St. Francis 34-yard line to the end zone in just a little over 3 minutes. Cody Sherlock, Terrence Lamb, Travis Raile and D. Zwegardt were running the ball with Raile entering the end zone with 8:46 on the clock. This happened when the Indians were attempting a fourth-down play. It was a 6-yard run. Raile also went in for the two-conversion points.

Again Syracuse had a short series, and the reason was the same — a fumble. The Bulldogs had a total of 30-yards rushing in the first half.

St. Francis had two more touchdowns in the second quarter. Lamb recorded one on a 3-yard run with 5:39 on the clock. This series also began as a result of the Syracuse fumble.

The final score in the first half was a Sherlock touchdown with 45 seconds remaining on the clock. Matt Raile moved the ball just short of the goal line to set up the six points. Lamb scored the two after-touchdown points.

The Indians had a 22-0 score going into the locker room.

The second half started off with a bang. M. Raile took the opening Syracuse kickoff 85 yards to the end zone. This was followed by a two-point conversion by Sherlock and the Indians had a 30-0 advantage.

Many substitutions took place in the second half of play. Midway through the third, M. Raile threw a pass to Darris Keller in the end zone for another Indian score. Lamb provided the extra two points, moving the score to 38-0.

A Syracuse fumble provided the final St. Francis points of the game. M. Raile scooped up the ball and made his way the end zone. The clock said 4:06 in the third quarter. A M. Raile to Gar-

rett Figgins pass accounted for two points, making the Indians total 44 point.

Syracuse collected one touchdown later in the game and also had a successful conversion attempt.

Offensively for St. Francis 10 Indians had rushing attempts for the total of 346 yards. Leading the way was T. Raile with 17 carries for 136 yards. Others include: Sherlock, 17 carries for 70 yards; Lamb, 11 carries for 48 yards; D. Zwegardt, 9 carries for 44 yards; Ty Zwegardt, four carries for 26 yards; Cody Killingworth, two carries for 6 yards; Braden Schmid, three carries for 5 yards; M. Raile two carries for 4 yards, Figgins, 1 carry for 4 yards and Brett Lampe ,two carries for 3 yards.

M. Raile had two touchdowns, T. Raile, Lamb and Sherlock each had one and a M. Raile to Keller pass scored the remaining run. Lamb had two conversions points, T. Raile and Sherlock each had one and a T. Raile to Figgins pass scored the remaining two points.

The following players earned defensive points: T. Raile, two solo tackles, three assists and a caused fumble, 10 points; T. Zwegardt, four solos, two assists, 10 points; Lamb, two solos, five assists, 9 points; Brooks Hobbrock, three solos, two assists, 8 points; Sherlock, two solos, three assists, 7 points; Guthmiller, one solo, one assists, one recovered fumble, 7 points; M. Raile, one solo, one assist, one recovered fumble, 7 points; Schmid, two solos, two assists, 6 points; Zach Gienger, two solos, one assists, 5 points; Tyler Lauer, two solos, one assists, 5 points; Brunk, one assist, one recovered fumble, 5 points; Keller, one solo, two assists, 4 points; Figgins, two solos, 4 points; Thomas Douthit, two solos, 4 points; Long, one caused fumble, 3 points; David Palencia, one solo, one assists, 3 points; Killingsworth, two assists, 2 points; Dylan Wolaver, one assist, 1 point; Lampe, one assist, 1 point.

Team finishes '09 undefeated with 6-0 record

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"The kids just get better each week!" Coach Hoagie Carmichael said.

And Monday night, the junior varsity football team proved they were having a great season when they defeated Rawlins County 44-8.

This was win number six with no losses. As the season progressed, they defeated Colby 16-14 in overtime, Dundy County 36-0, Goodland 44-34, Oakley 16-14 in overtime, Norton 28-8 in a shortened game due to lightning and then on Monday the 44-8 win over Rawlins County. The scheduled game with Hoxie did not take place as Hoxie was short of players.

Winning two overtime games show the team held on and played strong until the final buzzer sounded.

"Coach Dinkel and I are so proud of the kids. With weights, in the future this could be an excellent bunch of kids," Coach Carmichael said.

Against Rawlins County, Sainty scored in every quarter and had collected 30 points by halftime.

Scoring in the first quarter was Ty Zwegardt on a 20-yard run and a 70-yard run. Cody Killingsworth collected the conversion points after each touchdown.

Zwegardt again scored in the second quarter, this time it was on an 80-yard run. Quarterback Brett Lampe passed to Zach Gienger for the after-touchdown points. Also scoring in the second quarter was Lampe on a 50-yard run. No conversion points were scored.

Gavin Cooper caught a Lampe pass for a 34-yard touchdown in the third quarter. Two points were added by Killingsworth.

The final touchdown came in the fourth quarter when Dylan Wolaver had a 62-yard run to the end zone. This gave the Indians 44 points, as the conversion attempt failed.

"Atwood was a very good team," Coach Carmichael said. "We just play to our potential."

Team wins final outing Thursday

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The junior high football team finished the season with a win over Colby. The final score was 22-6. This was a good way to end the year and the win moved the team's record to 1-6.

"It has been a frustrating season for all of us, but it is amazing what a win can do for the kids (and coaches)," Coach Jeff Beims said. "These boys needed a little success if for no other reason than to get a taste for winning, and convince themselves they could do it."

"If there was a lesson learned from this season, it might be that nothing comes easy."

All of the St. Francis scoring

took place in the first half of the game. It began in the first quarter when Derek Queen had a successful 65-yard run. Wyatt Landenberger scored the after-touchdown points.

In the second quarter a Mason Schiltz to Landenberger pass resulted in a touchdown. Landenberger ran in the extra points.

Queen finished the scoring with a 78-yard kick return also in the second quarter.

"I'm not going to say that these kids will be hoisting the state trophy in four or five years, but they certainly have the potential if they're willing to work hard and sacrifice to get there," Coach Beims said.

Players compete with Colby Junior High

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Junior high volleyball teams from St. Francis and Colby met in Colby on Monday night, Oct. 12. This was the final matches before league play on Oct. 22.

The A-team match went to three games with St. Francis winning the second set but unfortunately could not come up with a third set win for a match victory. Final scores were 16-25, 25-11 and 11-15.

"The girls started out slow with the first set and then came out strong in the second set taking us into the third set," Coach Tina Elliott said. "They were ahead and we thought we were going to get the win but Colby had some good serves that we had a hard time returning and we lost the final set."

Having good serves were Justice Wiley, 9, Kyla Bandel, 8, Rande Grover, 7, Bailey Merklin, 6; Aly

Schlepp 3, and Dallas Reed 1.

"Overall the girls did a good job and I'm proud of how far they have come in the season," Coach Elliott said.

B-team

The St. Francis B-team scored a match win in the competition with Colby. The final scores were 25-17, 25-12.

"We did very well against Colby and we had some awesome serves during this match," Coach Elliott said. "The girls moved well on the court and were ready for the ball when it came back across the net. "We won in two sets and this was an exciting win for the girls and for the coach as well."

Seven players collected good serves during the two sets with Bandel leading the way with 18. Also having good serves were Merklin 6, Reed 4, Ashlee Orth 4, McKayla Taylor 2, Valerie Wurm 2, Brianna Cooks 1.