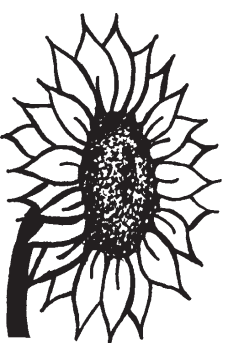


At the Game



HOLLY KELLER attempts to keep a Lady Buff from having either a good shot or a good pass in Saturday night's game.

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Ladies return to the court following Christmas break

By Betty Jean Winston

The high school basketball schedule had the Lady Indians playing both Rawlins County and Hoxie the week the players returned from Christmas break. The team was prepared to move rapidly into the second part of the season, but as happened before the Christmas break, weather played a factor. The Friday evening game in Hoxie was postponed. The Rawlins County contest, which was a make-up game from Tuesday, Jan. 2, did take place on Saturday evening in Atwood.

Rawlins County outscored the Lady Indians to the tune of 62-39. The final game before the Christmas break was also with Rawlins County, so the Lady Buffs have handed St. Francis two losses.

"We started out slow and Atwood came out and shot very well early on, shooting 75 percent for the first half," Coach Ted Busse said.

"We will work on defense to hopefully prevent this from happening again."

Rawlins County posted a field-goal shooting percentage of 52.1 making 25-of-48 attempts on Saturday night. The Lady Buffs put 20 points through the hoop in the first period of play.

For the evening, St. Francis was 11-of-31 from two-point range and 0-6 from three-point range for 29.7 percent from the field. The difference in field-goal shooting told a large part of the story.

Megan Rice was the only Sainty Lady scoring in double figures. She had 10 from two field goals (2/5) and six successful attempts from the free-throw line. Rice was 75 percent from the line (6/8).

Others shooting 40 percent or better from the field were Danielle Flemming 1-of-1 for 100 percent and Holly Keller 2-of-5 for 40 per-

cent. Alecia Zimbelman was 83.3 percent from the line with 5-of-6.

Sainty collected 24 rebounds which was close to the 27 boards by Rawlins County. Zimbelman had a total of six with five of them defensive ones.

The Lady Indian turnovers outnumbered the steals by 20-8 with Zimbelman having three of the steals.

A Northwest Kansas League game with Oakley is scheduled for Friday on the St. Francis court.

SF	07	11	08	13	39
RC	20	17	14	11	62

Scoring: Rice 10, Zimbelman 7, Danielle Flemming 6, Holly Keller 5, Sidnee Crabtree 4, Jamie Pevler 2, Lauren Ross 2, Andrea Holzwarth 2, Joni Pevler 1.

Rebounding: Zimbelman 6, Ross 5, Rice 3, Jami Pevler 3, Crabtree 2, Joni Pevler 2, Keller 1, Elizabeth Gienger 1, Holzwarth 1.

Indians defeat Buffs

By Betty Jean Winston

The boys varsity basketball team collected another win when they met Rawlins County Saturday evening. The final score of the game, which was played in Atwood, was St. Francis 47, Rawlins County 38. This moves the Indian record to 7-1 going into league action with Oakley on Friday.

Sainty had a low-scoring first quarter with only five points. The offense was slow getting started but the defense held Rawlins County, keeping the Indians in the game.

"We didn't get much going in the first half," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "AJ (McAtee) got his third foul with a little over 3 minutes gone in the first quarter. Levi (Weeden) did a good job the rest of the first half taking over at point but they packed in their defense and we couldn't buy an outside shot. We were 0-14 from the three-point line and they were all good looks. We have been nailing them in practice so hopefully we will get them going in a game."

The third quarter belonged to St. Francis. The Indians caught up with and passed the Buffs. This quarter made the difference as both teams scored comparably (14-12) in the final frame.

"The second half we held them to two points in the third quarter," Coach Cassidy said. "We played good defense all night and held Atwood to their season low in points."

"All eight guys that played made both good and bad plays. The important thing was they kept grinding and won a game we could have lost."

Sainty had a 51.3 shooting percentage from two-point range and 43.8 from the line. Keaton Frewen led the free-throw percentage with 100-percent (2/2).

Three players scored in double figures with Weeden and AJ McAtee having 11 each and Joel McAtee coming in with 10.

Leading rebounder, Ted Crabtree with nine boards, was followed closely by Weeden with eight. Crabtree also had nine deflections.

Sainty outrebounded Rawlins County 34-24.

SF	05	13	14	15	47
RC	08	16	02	12	38



LEVI WEEDEN scored 11 points for the Indians in their victory over Rawlins County.

Photo courtesy of Doug Ross

Scoring: Weeden 11, AJ McAtee 11, J. McAtee 10, Crabtree 5, Adam Peter 4, Mac Frewen 2, Nathan Ketzner 2, K. Frewen 2.

Rebounding: Crabtree 9, Weeden 8, J. McAtee 7, AJ McAtee 4, Peter 3, M. Frewen 2, K. Frewen 1.

Northwest Kansas League

League records (listed first) and overall records (second number) as of Tuesday include: St. Francis, 2-0, 7-1; Colby 1-0, 3-4; Rawlins County 2-1, 3-4; Hoxie 1-1, 5-1; Oakley 1-1, 3-3; Goodland 0-0, 4-1; Quinter 0-1, 3-2; Oberlin 0-3, 1-6.

Junior High Wrestling

By Betty Jean Winston

Twenty-two junior high wrestlers will begin competition at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, when they travel to Hoxie to meet teams from Oberlin and Hoxie.

Eight of these young men are seventh graders and will be representing St. Francis in junior high wrestling for the first time. Practice sessions began following the Christmas break.

Head coach Steve Jenkins will have a new assistant this year, Bruce Swihart. The squad will also have three student coaches, Jordan Gienger, Brennan Wilger and Brady Frewen.

Wrestlers from Rawlins County will meet the young Indians in St. Francis on Feb. 1 for the first home action.

The St. Francis roster includes the following seventh and eighth graders:

Eighth grade: Brandon Keeker, Brett Lampe, Alex Draper, Tye Gilliland, Cody Killingsworth, Michael Adams, Cody Sherlock, Brendan Finley, Trevor Reed, Tyler Lauer, Garrett Figgins, Adam Guthmiller, Brooks Hobrock, Thomas McCurry.

Seventh grade: Jonathan Hilty, Isaac Schiltz, Logan Whitmore, Lucas Raile, Ty Zwegardt, Ross

Nickols, Demetrius Tomlin, Nathan Lamb.

Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 18: Oberlin, Hoxie, St. Francis at Hoxie, 5:30.

Saturday, Jan. 20: Goodland Tournament.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Oberlin, Oakley, St. Francis at Oberlin, 6.

Thursday, Feb. 1: Rawlins County, here, 5:30.

Thursday, Feb. 8: St. Francis, Quinter, Goodland

Monday, Feb. 15: St. Francis, Colby, Oakley at St. Francis, 5:30.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, Oakley, 2p.m.

St. Francis over Rawlins County in junior varsity girls competition

By Betty Jean Winston

Christmas break is over and the roads were clear for the St. Francis high school junior varsity girls basketball team to play Rawlins County on Saturday night. The contest was held in Atwood. This game had been postponed from Tuesday, Jan. 2, due to weather conditions.

Two quarters of basketball were played with St. Francis scoring a 21-18 win. Both teams scored six points in the first quarter but Sainty pulled ahead in the second. The

team has a 3-2 record.

Seven Lady Indians contributed to the final score with Sidnee Crabtree having six points.

"The girls took the court tonight with the attitude that they were going to compete and that they did! Coach Larry Flemming said. "It was another great team effort."

Sainty was 27 percent from the free-throw line making 3-of-11. Rawlins County had 50 percent, making 6-of-12.

Crabtree, Elizabeth Gienger and Andrea Holzwarth contributed three rebounds with the team having an equal number of rebounds (12) to turnovers (12).

On the plus side Sainty had 11 steals and four assist. Holzwarth led in steals with six.

SF	06	15	21
RC	06	12	18

Scoring: Crabtree 6, Kaycee Williams 4, Gienger 3, Jamie Pevler 2, Joni Pevler 2, Holzwarth 2, Kattie Ford 2.

Junior High Basketball

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior high girls will be suiting up for their first basketball action today (Thursday) with the games being played in Sainty. Starting time is 4 p.m. Having the season opener at home makes it nice for both the athletes and the Sainty fans.

The Lady Indians will play at home two more times, on Jan. 25 with Rawlins County and on Feb. 1 with Oakley.

David Morrow will again be head coach with Tim Lambert continuing the assistant coaching position he began last year.

The St. Francis roster includes

the following seventh and eighth graders:

Eighth grade: Alyssa Lee, Mikeala Grace, Sarah Trembly, Jodi Hilt, Christina Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Ally Marin, Aubree Schlepp, Lexee Reichert.

Seventh grade: Ashlynn Lambert, Caitlin Northrup, Jeanna Hill, Trista Orth, Lexi Hilt, Chauntel Peter, Hailey Brown, Christina Schoenrogge, Kaitlin Figgins.

Manager: Allison Grace

Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 11: Colby, here, 4.

Thursday, Jan. 18: Hoxie, there, 4.

Monday, Jan. 22: Goodland, there, 4:30.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Rawlins County, here, 4:30.

Thursday, Feb. 1: Oakley, here, 4:30.

Thursday, Feb. 8: Quinter, there, 4.

Thursday, Feb. 15: Oberlin, there, 4:30.

Monday, Feb. 19: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, round one

Thursday, Feb. 22: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, round two, B-team at Oberlin; A-team at Hoxie.

School Schedule

Thursday: junior high basketball, St. Francis at Colby.

Friday: high school basketball, Oakley at St. Francis; high school wrestling, St. Francis at Oakley

Saturday: high school wrestling, Sterling Invitational

Tuesday: high school basket-

ball, Oberlin Invitational

Thursday, Jan. 18: junior high wrestling, Oberlin, St. Francis, Hoxie, at Hoxie; junior high basketball, St. Francis at Hoxie.

Rescheduled Events

St. Francis/Hoxie basketball games postponed Jan. 5, have been rescheduled for Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

at Hoxie

St. Francis/Hoxie wrestling match postponed Jan. 5 has been rescheduled for Friday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m. in St. Francis.

Colby basketball games postponed Dec. 21 have been rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m. in St. Francis

Junior Varsity boys

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis junior varsity boys basketball team recorded their fourth win of the season when they defeated Rawlins County 56-45 on Saturday in Atwood. This gives them a record of 4-1.

"After losing our first game, we

have won four in a row," Coach Brett Petersen said.

St. Francis consistently scored in double figures with the highest output being 24 in the third quarter. The Buffs also had their best scoring in the third with 20.

Matt Raile pushed 23 points through the hoop with Trent Raile

adding 16 for the Indians. Four other players also contributed to the final 56 points.

SF	10	15	24	17	56
RC	12	14	20	11	45

Scoring: M. Raile 23, T. Raile 16, BJ Killingsworth 9, Trent Kinen 3, Alex Long 3, Ethan