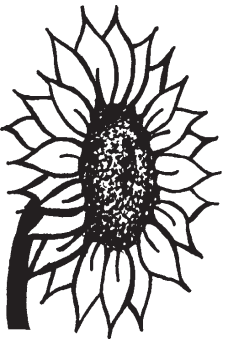


At the Game



CAMBRIDGE COULD NOT KEEP the Indians out as Joel McAtee goes in for two. St. Francis won their first two games and will play for the championship on Monday, Feb. 5. Levi Weeden (32) helped make the opening for the offensive play. Herald photo by Doug Ross.

Indians succeed, prepare for championship game

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indian basketball team earned two wins in the Oberlin Invitational Tournament last week by defeating Cambridge and Quinter. They were ready to play in the championship game with Hoxie on Saturday when 'old man winter' forced a postponement. Snow has caused havoc with school activities this season beginning with the Colby/St. Francis match up the Thursday before Christmas vacation.

"We sure hated to not get to play Saturday night but Mr. Werner (superintendent) made a very good decision," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "There is no sporting event worth getting in trouble over and we really didn't want to spend the night in Oberlin. I have done that twice (in the past) at this tournament and it is no fun."

The championship game has been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 5, in Oberlin. The time will be announced. Call Indian News closer to the date game will be played.

St. Francis Indian Levi Weeden won the boys free-throw contest. He made 21-of-25 in the finals against Drew Basgill of Atwood. In the preliminary round he made 24-of-25 to move into the finals.



Weeden

"I don't know yet about the all-tournament team, but I am sure we have several players who will earn that recognition," Coach Cassidy said. "In fact, we have six players who played pretty darn good."

"On Tuesday we will get to play Brewster to attempt to avenge our only loss so far. They like to think they bring enough people, when they travel, they can make it a home game for their team. I bet we have a great crowd as well."

Semi-finals

St. Francis 62, Quinter 58

St. Francis managed to build a nice 31-21 advantage at halftime against Quinter and it was important they did as the Bulldogs outscored the Indians 37-31 in the second half. Twenty-three of those points came in the final

quarter. Foul trouble plagued the Indians later in the game.

Sainty scored the 62-58 win to move into the championship game.

Three Sainty players scored in double figures with Joel McAtee having 13 and Adam Peter and Ted Crabtree each having 12.

The home team was 46.3 percent from the field compared to 39.6 for Quinter. At the free-throw line, Sainty was 11-of-17 for 64.7 percent and Quinter 10-16 for 62.5 percent.

"Quinter presses the entire game and we had only two turnovers against the press," Coach Cassidy said. "Levi Weeden did an exceptional job in bringing the ball in under pressure. Quinter is a great shooting team and we held them to 6-of-20 from the three-point line by AJ (McAtee) Mac (Frewen) and Ted really covering. Levi and Joel did another good job defending the inside and rebounding. Adam Peter had a great game, scoring 12 points and getting six rebounds. Keaton Frewen made a big scoring play at the end of the first half. Mac Frewen scored eight points and made some crucial free throws at the end."

"Seven of our nine remaining games will probably be decided one way or the other by a few points so this was a real good experience for us playing under pressure."

Leading the rebounding was Weeden with eight followed by Crabtree with seven. Crabtree contributed five deflections, AJ McAtee, four steals and Weeden, seven assists.

Sainty outrebounded Quinter 33-26.

SF 19 12 16 15 62
Q 11 10 14 23 58

Scoring: J. McAtee 13, Peter 12, Crabtree 12, AJ McAtee 8, M. Frewen 8, Weeden 7, K. Frewen 2.

Rebounding: Weeden 8, Crabtree 7, Peter 6, J. McAtee 5, AJ McAtee 5, M. Frewen 2

Opening round

St. Francis 75, Cambridge 40

The Indians began their road to the championship game with a 75-40 victory over Cambridge on Tuesday night. Sainty had Cam-

bridge down 37-15 at halftime and moved on to the win to position them on the championship side of the bracket.

Besides outscoring Cambridge, the Indians completely dominated the rebounding with a total of 39 to five for Cambridge.

"We got off to a great start in this game," Coach Cassidy said. "We were ahead 15-0 at the end of the first quarter. Cambridge won the tournament last year but they graduated three of their top players so they were not nearly as good."

"The fun part was we played really good. We had more patience on offense and that resulted in some great looks and some easy baskets."

"Defensively we are playing very solid which we will have to continue as the really tough part of our schedule is coming up."

Scoring a total of 75 points meant that a number of Indians were in double figures. J. McAtee led the way with 20 points, followed by Crabtree with 15, and Weeden and AJ McAtee with 13 each.

J. McAtee was 1-of-1 from the outer range, 7-of-9 on two-point shots and 3-of-4 from the line.

AJ McAtee was one of three players to be 100 percent from the line. He was 3-of-3 while Crabtree and Kinen were 1-of-1.

The team was 5-of-19 from three-point range, 21-of-42 from the two-point area and 18-of-27 from the line.

Of the five successful threes, Weeden and AJ McAtee each had two and J. McAtee, one.

The rebounding was led by J. McAtee with seven, while Weeden made four deflections, had four steals and was one of three players to have four assists. The other two with four assists were AJ McAtee and Peter.

SF 15 22 24 14 75
H 00 15 07 18 40

Scoring: J. McAtee 20, Crabtree 15, Weeden 13, AJ McAtee 13, Peter 5, M. Frewen 4, Trent Kinen 3, K. Frewen 2.

Rebounding: J. McAtee 7, Crabtree 6, Weeden 5, Peter 5, M. Frewen 5, Nathan Ketzner 4, AJ McAtee 3, K. Frewen 3, Kinen 1.

Seven wrestlers named champions at Goodland

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior high wrestlers opened their season at the Mustang Invitational on Saturday in Goodland. Seven Sainty wrestlers, Isaac Schiltz, Cody Sherlock, Brendan Finley, Trevor Reed, Garrett Figgins, Adam Guthmiller and Brooks Hobrock, won championships in their weight class.

Sixteen teams were involved in the competition, but with snow developing as the day progressed and road conditions becoming a problem, some teams left before the con-

clusion of the meet.

Initially the first outing for St. Francis was to be a triangular in Hoxie with Hoxie and Oberlin on Thursday, Jan. 18, but weather forced a postponement. The rescheduled junior high dual with Hoxie will take place beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday in St. Francis prior to the high school dual with Hoxie.

Mustang Invitational

The following are the results from Saturday's Mustang Invitational at Goodland:

Champions: Schiltz, Sherlock, Finley, Reed, Figgins, Guthmiller, Hobrock

Placing second: Tye Gilliland, Michael Adams.

Placing third: Ty Zwegardt, Lucas Raile, Cody Killingsworth, Brett Lampe, Nathan Lamb.

Placing fourth: Ross Nicklos, Alex Draper, Tyler Lauer.

"I was very pleased with our kids and the way they wrestled," Coach Steve Jenkins said. "We are young but the younger kids really shined."

Ladies win one

By Betty Jean Winston

The Lady Indians added a game over Jefferson Academy in the win column as they placed seventh at the Oberlin Invitational over the weekend.

In the opening round on Tuesday night, they were defeated by Cambridge 61-40 thus moving to the consolation bracket. In the second round of the tournament the Ladies fell to Quinter 57-33 but came back on Saturday and outscored Jefferson Academy to place seventh.

The final standings after the championship game on Saturday night saw Oakley, first; Rawlins County, second; Cambridge, third; Oberlin, fourth; Quinter, fifth; Hoxie, sixth; St. Francis, seventh; Jefferson Academy, eighth.

Holly Keller represented St. Francis in the free-throw contest. She made 19-of-25 shots in the beginning round but did not qualify for the finals on Saturday.

Brewster is the next opponent on the Ladies' schedule with the game played in St. Francis on Tuesday night.

Finals St. Francis 63, Jefferson Academy 32

The final round of the tournament for the Sainty Ladies was played on Saturday afternoon and they scored their first January win to add to the three victories earned in December.

"We played hard in this game and the girls earned a victory," Coach Ted Busse said. "We shot the ball with confidence."

Sidnee Crabtree was successful on three of her six attempts from beyond the arc to account for nine of her 17 points for the afternoon. She also was 4-of-8 from the two-point area, giving her 50 percent from the field.

Three other players accounted for 10 points each. Holly Keller had a consistent night with 4-of-7 from the field and a perfect 2-of-2 from the line while Alecia Zimbelman collected her 10 points from the field and Megan Rice had three successful shots from the field and four from the free-throw line.

"We had a field goal percentage of 40.7 in this game," Coach Busse said. Eight players added points to the final total of 63.

The Lady Indians had one of their largest scoring periods this year with 20 points in the second quarter.

Sainty pulled down twice as many rebounds as Jefferson having 32 to their 16. Rice led the team with eight, with six of them being offensive boards. Keller and Elizabeth Gienger each had five.

In other areas of the game, Lauren Ross and Gienger each had three steals and Crabtree led in assists with five followed by Rice with four.

SF 12 20 18 13 63
JA 10 07 10 05 32



HOLLY KELLER fights for the ball as the Lady Indians matchup with Rawlins in the first round. Herald photo by Doug Ross

Scoring: Crabtree 17, Rice 10, Zimbelman 10, Keller 10, Ross 6, Gienger 5, Jami Pevler 3, Joni Pevler 2.

Rebounding: Rice 8, Keller 5, Gienger 5, Crabtree 4, Zimbelman 3, Joni Pevler 3, Jami Pevler 2, Ross 1, Kattie Ford 1.

Semi-finals

Quinter 57, St. Francis 33

The scoring was balanced in this game with no player moving into double figures but eight players making at least one basket from the field.

The team as a whole had a low percentage from the field, 17.4 percent. They attempted 10 threes but the only success was one by Crabtree and they finished 8-of-46 from two-point range.

Coach Busse felt a free-throw percentage of 80 was one of the better areas in this game. They made 16-of-20 attempts with four players putting each attempt through the hoop. Keller contributed four while Ross, Crabtree and Joni Pevler each were 2-of-2.

Zimbelman scored the most points with seven from three field goals and one free-throw.

In three of the four quarters, Sainty scored in single digits.

Sainty was behind Quinter in rebounds as the Lady Indians had 25 to 37 for the Lady Bulldogs. There was no strong leader in this area either with 10 Ladies having one or more and Rice, Crabtree and Gienger leading with four each.

Sainty did have less turnovers than Quinter but they still collected 19.

SF 07 11 07 08 33

Q 13 12 18 14 57
Scoring: Zimbelman 7, Crabtree 5, Ross 4, Keller 4, Joni Pevler 4, Gienger 4, Rice 3, Ford 2.

Rebounding: Rice 4, Crabtree 4, Gienger 4, Ross 3, Zimbelman 3, Keller 3, Danielle Flemming 1, Ford 1, Jami Pevler 1, Joni Pevler 1.

Opening round Rawlins County 61, St. Francis 40

The St. Francis scoring picked up in the second half but Rawlins County held on to their lead and put the 61-40 win in their scorebook. Sainty made 12 points in the first half to fall behind 28-12 going into the second half.

Rice led the team with 13 points. She had one three-pointers and five other field goals to her credit. The team was 37.5 from beyond the arc, 27.1 from two-point range and 41.7 from the line. This is a lower free throw percentage than managed in many games.

Keller had the best field goal percentage with 50 percent (3/6) while Ross, Zimbelman and Gienger were 50 percent from the line.

Under the basket the team had 18 rebounds with Gienger leading with four.

Leading in steals was Rice with four.

SF 04 08 14 14 40
RC 20 08 16 17 61

Scoring: Rice 13, Ross 7, Keller 6, Crabtree 6, Zimbelman 3, Ford 2, Kami Pevler 2, Gienger 1

Rebounding: Gienger 4, Rice 3, Zimbelman 3, Ross 2, Jami Pevler 2, Keller 1, Ford 1, Crabtree 1, Joni Pevler 1.

Wrestling in St. Francis

Rescheduled to Friday night
Junior High 5:30; High School following about 6:30