

# At the Game

## Indians advance

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indians did it! They won the first game of the Hill City 2A Substate basketball tournament on Monday night at the St. Francis high school. The 76-62 victory over Oakley qualifies them for the semi-final Substate game to be played at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in Hill City against the Ringnecks.

In order to compete in the 2A State Tournament, a team must emerge as the champions in the finals to be played on Saturday, also in Hill City. Saintry will have to defeat Hill City in the semi's to be eligible to play in the championship game.

"Playing Hill City at Hill City on Thursday is going to be a challenge but I have been telling the guys all year that when we play as a team we are pretty darn good," said Coach Ward Cassidy.

### St. Francis 76, Oakley 62

St. Francis entertained Oakley on Monday night on the home court as a result of the Indians having a winning season and compiling one of the top records of teams in the Hill City Substate.

"I was really glad to see the seniors play well in their last home game," Coach Cassidy said.

When St. Francis took to the floor on Monday it appeared evident they wanted the win, as they began outscoring Oakley during the opening minutes. By halftime Saintry had nearly doubled Oakley's score for a 35-16 advantage.

Levi Weeden led the scoring for Saintry with 18 points followed by AJ McAtee and Ted Crabtree with 14 each. Adam Peter had 11 and Joel McAtee and Mac Frewen were close behind with nine each.



ADAM PETER scores two points for the Indians against Oakley.

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"We had six players score from nine to 18 points," Coach Cassidy said. "We moved the ball and we played hard."

J. McAtee with 18 rebounds, a one-game high for the season, also led in deflections and tied with Weeden for assists. Weeden paced

the team in steals.

SF	17	18	16	25	76
O	04	12	18	28	62

Scoring: Weeden 18, AJ McAtee 14, Crabtree 14, Peter 11, J. McAtee 9, M. Frewen 9, Trent Raile 1.

Rebounding: J. McAtee 18, Weeden 8, Crabtree 7, Peter 5, AJ McAtee 2.

### Team potluck

"We had a potluck dinner last night and it really helped the guys feel good about what they have accomplished," Coach Cassidy said.

"The coaches and players really appreciate the support of the parents."



LADY INDIANS Elizabeth Gienger (33) and Jamie Pevler (10) play defense for Saintry.

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## Ladies play two contests

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The Lady Indians turned their thought to the Substate playoff games after the regular season ended on Thursday, Feb. 22. St. Francis traveled to Ellis for round one of the Hill City Substate (details next week). Winning teams move on to the semi-finals and finals in Hill City Friday and Saturday.

The regular season ended on Thursday night after two make-up games were played during the week, one on Tuesday with Hoxie and the other one on Thursday with Colby. Hoxie defeated the Lady Indians 69-38 and Colby won 65-39.

### Hoxie 69, St. Francis 38

Hoxie came on strong and scored 24 points in the first quarter to out-distance St. Francis 24-10. Hoxie outscored St. Francis in every quarter but the final one, to take the 69-38 victory.

The Saintry Ladies were 32.3 from two-point range for 32.3 percent compared to 66.7 percent for Hoxie (30/45). Twelve of the St. Francis points were scored from the free-throw line where they were 12-of-26 for 46.2 percent. Lauren Ross was 66.7 percent from the line with 6-of-9.

Ross was the top scorer for the evening with 14 points. Besides the six from the line she added four baskets for eight points from the field.

Hoxie also did a good job rebounding as they pulled down 30 compared to 16 for the Lady Indians. Alecia Zimbelman had the

most for the home team with five.

"We gave them too many easy baskets because we didn't run back on defense and we didn't stop the ball," said Coach Ted Busse.

SF	10	07	12	09	38
H	24	17	20	08	69

Scoring: Ross 14, Sidnee Crabtree 7, Zimbelman 6, Elizabeth Gienger 4, Danielle Flemming 3, Megan Rice 2, Holly Keller 1, Andrea Holzwarth 1.

Rebounding: Zimbelman 5, Rice 3, Keller 3, Joni Pevler 3, Ross 1, Crabtree 1.

### Colby 65, St. Francis 39

Colby, a 4A team, had the Lady Indians down 39-14 at halftime to go into the second half with a major advantage. Saintry's scoring was better in the second half but they could not close the gap.

"We played a good basketball team that is very talented and skilled," Coach Busse said. "The second half we played good basketball and went even with them and we got better."

The Lady Indians hit 32.6 percent from two-point range for a total of 15 baskets from the field for the evening.

Rice led with total points, 10 for the game.

"We had a good 69.2 percent from the free-throw line," Coach Busse said. The Ladies were 9-of-13.

Two players, Rice and Crabtree, were each 2-of-2 from the line while Keller was 3-of-4 for 75 percent. "Colby had 19 offensive re-

bounds," Coach Busse said.

The Lady Eagles totaled 43 boards for the evening compared to 30 for the home team. Keller led for the Lady Indians with six.

Both teams had a number of turnover with Saintry having 20 and Colby 16.

SF	08	06	15	10	39
C	20	19	10	16	65

Scoring: Rice 10, Kattie Ford 7, Flemming 4, Zimbelman 4, Crabtree 4, Ross 3, Keller 3, Jami Pevler 2, Gienger 2.

Rebounding: Keller 6, Ross 5, Zimbelman 5, Crabtree 4, Rice 3, Gienger 3, Jami Pevler 2, Flemming 1, Joni Pevler 1.

## Bowling News

### Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 2-21

Team standings: Windmill Restaurant 20.5-7.5, Sunshine Girls 19-9, Kale's Girls 18.5-9.5, Lodge Sleepers 11.5-16.5, Kathy's Cater Cats 10.5-17.5

High game (scratch): Kim Ritter 192, Marlys Poulignot 165, Shirley Adkinson 162; (handicap): Ritter 245, Linda Yonkey 211, Poulignot 210

High series: Scratch: Ritter 465, Adkinson 438, Poulignot 436; (handicap): Ritter 624, Janice Krien 572, Poulignot 571

### Wednesday Night Bowling 2-21

Team standings: Haigler Two 17-7, Krien Steel Buildings 16-

12, Grace Flying Service 16-8, 2001 Electronics 15-13, Neitzel Insurance 14-14, Haigler One 11-17, Fearless 4 Some 9-15, First National Bank 6-18

High game (scratch): Ted Mosier 230, Kale Zimbelman 216, Spencer Schleppe 201; (handicap): Sally Baird 241, Dot Hankins 221, Janice Krien 221

High series (scratch): Zimbelman 588, Mosier 561, Alan Rose 552; (handicap): Krien 603, Hankins 598, Erica Harlan 583

## Junior High Girls

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"These ladies, both seventh and eighth graders, have been good to work with," said Coach David Morrow. "Coach Lambert and I have to commend them for their efforts to become better players throughout the season. The true test of their commitment to the game and their futures as basketball players will be how diligently they apply themselves to the task of honing the all-important basketball skills like shooting and ball-handling. Folks who understand basketball will concede that it is easy to win with players who have basketball skills when they come to the first day of practice. It's decidedly more difficult, however, when those skills are lacking on the eve of the basketball season."

"All of these ladies on both junior high teams have the potential to become good basketball players and have certainly shown themselves capable of doing many things in the game well (defense, hustle, etc.). If they will apply themselves to learning how to shoot better and handle the ball more efficiently over the summer, they are going to be fun to watch in the future."

### Northwest Kansas League Tournament Round two Eighth grade

The eighth grade girls played Rawlins County first on Thursday and defeated them 20-12. The second game was a 38-22 loss to Goodland.

### St. Francis 20, Rawlins County 12

"This was a rough game from the very beginning," Coach Morrow said. "In fact, the amount of contact allowed transformed the game into something other than basketball. The silver lining to that cloud, however, was that none of our players got into foul trouble, giving us a full compliment of eight players to utilize throughout the contest."

"This was a fairly typical basketball game for us in terms of scoring and defense. We played good defense from the beginning, but started very slowly in the scoring category. In fact, we did not score a basket in the first quarter, allowing Rawlins County to open up a six-point in that time span. By halftime we had found the basket and led the game by two points. The second half was more productive for us on

the offensive end. We scored 12 more points and kept the clamps on the Buffaloes.

"Sarah Trembly scored 11 points throughout the contest, three of those coming from a well-executed play on which she was fouled. She made the basket and the ensuing free-throw. Aly Marin scored 4 points, Mikaela Grace and Christian Hilt both scored 2, and Jodie Hilt contributed 1.

### Goodland 38, St. Francis 24

In our swan song for junior high basketball, we played a skilled Goodland team which we were surprised to see in the consolation bracket. This game really typified the season for this 8th grade team. We worked hard, played good defense, and generally did a number of things very well, only to find ourselves each quarter farther behind a better shooting team. Goodland had a couple of good shooters who together made several three-point baskets.

"Again, we were scoreless in the first quarter and allowed Goodland to open up a sizable lead by halftime. In the second half we were able to gain some ground on the Cowgirls, but simply missed too many shots to draw the game any closer.

Trembly and Lexee Reichert led in team scoring with 6 apiece, followed by Christina Hilt and Aly Marin who both scored 3, and Jodie Hilt, Shayla Hilt, and Aubree Schleppe, all of whom scored a basket.

### Seventh grade

The seventh grade girls beat Hoxie on Thursday by the score of 17-11 in their first game and then lost to Quinter 27-22 in the final game.

"We improved drastically through the year and I thought the girls developed some toughness and became more competitive," said Coach Tim Lambert.

"It is always fun as a coach to see improvement and these girls really improved."

In the 17-11 win over Hoxie, Jenna Hill scored six points, Kaitlyn Figgins 5, Ashlynn Lambert 4, and Lexi Hilt 2.

Hill led the scoring with 11 points in the 27-22 loss to Quinter. Lambert and Hilt each added 4 points and Figgins had 3.



TRENT KINEN (10) and his opponent both go for the ball in Hoxie game.

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make up the deficit.

Levi Weeden and Joel McAtee led the scoring for St. Francis with 12 and 11 points respectively. In the field Saintry managed 42.9 percent of their shots being successful while they were 50 percent from the line. Hoxie was 54.3 from the field and 66.7 from the line. Hoxie earned 16 of their points at the free throw line.

Saintry had 11 offensive rebounds and 10 defensive one for a total of 21. Hoxie had mainly defensive rebounds out of their total of 27.

SF	09	13	09	16	47
H	19	13	17	09	58

Scoring: Weeden 12, J. McAtee 11, Ted Crabtree 9, AJ McAtee 7, Mac Frewen 6, Trent Kinen 2.

Rebounding: J. McAtee 5, Weeden 5, Crabtree 4, AJ McAtee 2, Adam Peter 2, M. Frewen 1, Keaton Frewen 1, Kinen 1.

### Colby 52, St. Francis 33

The Indians couldn't get their offense to click early in the game against Colby on Thursday night and by halftime they were down

30-12. They continued to fight but the Eagles took the 19-point victory, 52-33.

Eight Indians scored two points or more but no one stepped up to score in double figures.

"Colby played a tight zone and we got off to a horrendous start," Coach Cassidy said. "We made our first three and then had eight missed shots and three turnovers on the next 11 possessions to go down 18-3 at the end of the quarter."

Even at the free-throw line, Saintry had an unusually low percentage making 4-of-9 for 44.4 percent.

Saintry recorded 12 rebounds, had five deflections, three steals, 12 turnover and four assists during the evening.

SF	03	09	10	11	33
C	18	10	11	13	52

Scoring: Weeden 8, Crabtree 8, AJ McAtee 5, M. Frewen 3, Kinen 3, J. McAtee 2, K. Frewen 2, Matt Raile 2.

Rebounds: J. McAtee 6, Peter 3, M. Frewen 2, Trent Raile 1.