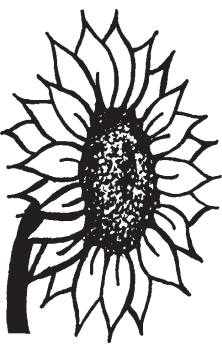


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## At the Game



THE 4X400-METER relay team placed third at the State meet. Megan Rice (front) takes the baton from Lauren Ross (back) and is on her way.

Herald photos by Doug Ross

## Lady Indian sets record

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Lady Indian Lauren Ross set a new school record as she paced the St. Francis squad at the 2A State Track meet.

At the competition, held in Wichita, Ross recorded her new pole vault jump of 9-6, a measurable improvement over her previous school record of 9-0. The 9-6 was good for a second place finish.

Ross finished fourth in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:01.56 to add to her weekend's accomplishments.

"Lauren had a great day," Coach Tim Lambert said. "She has been as consistent a track athlete as we have had. She did a super job."

Coach Lambert said that besides the four medals that Ross brought home from State this year she had earned two her freshmen

year, four her sophomore year and two her junior year for a total of 12 State medals her high school career.

Also scoring for the Lady Indians was Sidnee Crabtree with a sixth place finish in the shot put. She recorded a 33-8.

Adding points toward the Ladies eighth place finish were two relay teams, the 4x800 and the 4x400. The 4x400 placed third with a time of 4:11.5. Members of the team were Melissa Burton, Megan Rice, Elizabeth Gienger and Ross. Katie Marin was the alternate.

The 4x800 team placed sixth with a time of 10:08.0. This team was composed of Burton, Jami Pevler, Gienger and Ross. The alternate was Dara Loyd.

Rice, a senior, represented St. Francis in the 300-meter hurdles and has been a main stay on relay teams.

"The girls did a good job,"

Coach Lambert said. "They ran well. They competed."

Taking the first three places for the Ladies at State were Osborne, Plainville and St. Mary's.

Levi Weeden was the lone Indian to score at State this year. He placed sixth in the javelin. His mark was at 164-7.

Weeden also competed in the discus while Ted Crabtree and AJ McAtee were involved in the pole vault competition and Joel McAtee in the long jump.

"We didn't do as well as we had hoped," Coach Lambert said.

The coach reported that the weather was as good as it has ever been. It was not too hot with just a period of rain on Saturday.

Minneapolis, Ellis and Berean Academy led the boys competition.



LEVI WEEDEN throws the discus during the State competition held over the weekend.

## Softball B- and C- teams open new season with Benkelman

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The girls softball season got off to a fast start with games being played on Tuesday, May 22, at Benkelman and Thursday, May 24, at St. Francis.

The out-of-town game with Wauneta on Tuesday night was postponed due to weather.

The St. Francis C-team, with Jenice Hartman as coach, won their opening game of the season by defeating Benkelman 6-0 and but suffered a 5-0 shutout by Atwood on Thursday.

The B-team, coached by Matt Brown and Trevor Richard, were defeated by Benkelman by one run on Tuesday and lost to Atwood on Thursday.

## C-team

## St. Francis 6, Benkelman 2

Kaitlin Figgins was the winning pitcher when the St. Francis C-team defeated Benkelman on May 22.

The 6-2 win saw a number of girls recording hits including Justice Wiley, a single; Lexi Hilt, a single and a double; Trista Orth, a single, a double and a home run; Figgins, a single and a double; Hayley Brown, a double; Makayla Taylor, a single; and Dallas Reed, a single. Also playing for St. Francis were Ashley Orth, Kylee Samuelson and Lauren Samuelson.

"I think the game went really well considering some of the girls had

never played, and had only one practice to figure things out," Coach Jenice Hartman said. "We have a lot of potential and I am very proud of the girls!"

## Atwood 5, St. Francis 0

The hits were hard to come by against Atwood on Thursday night. Only four singles were recorded by the St. Francis team. Trista Orth had two singles, and Christina Schoenrogge and Dallas Reed each had one.

Pitcher Trista Orth held Atwood to only five runs during the evening.

"This was a tough team, we were not sure what to expect," Coach Hartman said. "It was a different team from last season and they had an outstanding fast pitcher.

"The girls weren't exactly ready for that, but I think they handled it very well and did the very best they could. "I was proud of them overall."

## B-team

## Benkelman 8, St. Francis 7

Benkelman came on strong in the fifth inning and broke a 4-4 tie to take the 8-7 win. St. Francis was behind 8-4 going into the final inning and made a strong bid for a comeback. Saintry had led earlier in the game before Benkelman tied the score in the fourth.

"I think we played very well for our first game," Coach Matt Brown said. "The effort was there, but we came up just short of winning."

Playing for St. Francis were Shayla Hilt, Lexi Hilt, Christina Hilt, Sarah Trembly, Jodie Hilt, Aly Marin, Jenice Hartman, Trista Orth, Hayley Brown, Taylor Spike and Kaitlin Figgins.

Trembly pitched the first four inning for St. Francis with Hartman coming on in the fifth.

One of the highlights of the game was a home run by Trembly.

## Atwood 18, St. Francis 7

St. Francis again scored seven points, this time against Atwood, but found themselves on the short end of an 18-7 final.

Atwood went out in front in the first inning and scored in each of the following innings. They came up with their final five points in the fifth.

St. Francis scored three runs in the first, three in the second and one in the fourth.

On the mound for St. Francis were Shayla Hilt (two innings) and Sarah Trembly (three innings).

Players on Thursday night were the same as played against Benkelman except for the addition of Christina Schoenrogge to the roster.

"Even though the score may not show it, these girls played their hearts out," Coach Brown said. "No one can fault their efforts for this game.

"There are a few things we need to work on, but that will come with time."

## Academic Team

The North-west Kansas League is honoring the following players named to the All-League Track Academic Teams.

In boys track, St. Francis had a team grade point average of 3.382 with the following players named to the All-League Boys Track Academic Team: Ted Crabtree, Gavin Smull, Sam Sowers and Trent Raile.

In girls' track, St. Francis had a team grade point average of 3.731 with the following players named to the All-League Girls Track Academic Team: Elizabeth Gienger, Melissa Burton, Megan Rice, Addie Swihart, Holly Keller, Dara Loyd and Katlin Marin

Seniors being honored include Burton, Rice and Swihart. Crabtree, Smull, Keller, Loyd and Marin are juniors while Sowers and Gienger are sophomores and Raile is a freshman.



HAYLEY BROWN had to base. Herald staff photo by L. McCormick