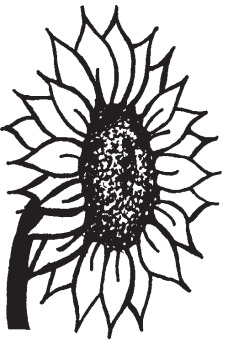


At the Game



MATT RAILE (14) looks for a teammate to throw the ball to. Number 55 is Talen Jones. The Indians will open the season at home with Oberlin on Greene Field on Friday evening.
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Players are excited to begin the new season

By Betty Jean Winston
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The Indian football team is busy preparing for the new campaign which begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Greene Field with the Oberlin Red Devils.

Athletes began practice sessions on Monday, Aug. 13, with a volleyball/football open house being held at the high school Friday evening. This is a new year and several Indians are stepping up to fill positions vacated by graduation.

Indian football is not only on the minds of the players and coaches but also Saintry fans, who will be filling the seats at home games and also traveling with the team when they are on the road.

"We are making pretty good progress," said Tim Lambert, head coach. "The kids are excited to have the opportunity to play. I feel good about where we are at."

Over the summer the athletes made a big commitment to the weight room and this is always a plus when the season begins.

"A key to the season will be injuries," Coach Lambert said. "This is important in schools the size of 2A.

"Success also depends on the learning curve in an inexperienced team; how quickly they learn the plays so they can feel comfortable playing.

"One of our strong points is our work ethic. We have kids who are



COACH TIM LAMBERT spends time discussing strategy with his players.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

hungry as they have waited to play. I am excited about that."

Each year Coach Lambert emphasizes how important the assistant coaches are to the St. Francis football program.

"Consistency is the key," he said.

Steve Jenkins, Scott

Carmichael and Ted Busse have all worked with Coach Lambert for a number of years.

Coach Devin Dinkel is new to the staff replacing Brett Petersen, who is no longer with the school system. Coach Dinkel will be helping Coach Jenkins developed

the linebackers, working with the

running backs and calling the defense for the junior varsity games.

"I am excited for the first football game, excited to see how we perform under pressure," Coach Lambert said.

"We need to keep making improvements."

Four returning players received

Northwest Kansas League recognition following last season. Quarterback Ted Crabtree was named to the second team defense and received honorable mention as quarterback on the offensive team; David Guthmiller received honorable mention as a running back on the offensive team; and Justin Sherlock received honorable mention on the defensive team as an end. These players are all seniors this year. Junior Shawn Warren received honorable mention as an offensive guard.

"Oberlin lost 18 seniors last year," Coach Lambert said. "There numbers are down but they have a good coach who uses the personnel to the best of their ability."

The Indians finished last season against Smith Center in a very close Sub-State football game. Smith Center used their 6-2 victory over the Indians to move into, and later, win the 2A State championship game. St. Francis finished the season with an 11-2 record.

Other scheduled games on Greene Field include the Homecoming game with Colby on Sept. 14, a game with Quinter on Oct. 5 and a District contest with Syracuse on Oct. 12.

St. Francis will be playing the same teams in District play as last year, Rawlins County/Atwood, Syracuse and Wichita County/Leoti. The top two teams move on

to Bi-District play.

Returning letter winners besides Crabtree, D. Guthmiller, J. Sherlock and Warren include RL Walz, Chance Hobrock and Josh Carpenter, all seniors; Ethan Zwegardt, Trevor Hilt, Sam Sowers, Trent Kinen and Jesse Pacheco, juniors and Trent Raile, sophomore.

Roster

Seniors: Crabtree, Carpenter, D. Guthmiller, Keaton Frewen, Walz, J. Sherlock, Hobrock.

Juniors: Kinen, J. Pacheco, Hilt, Talon Jones, Tyler Larson, Scott Ford, E. Zwegardt, Lance Owens, Warren, Sowers.

Sophomore: Darris Keller, Matt Raile, Alex Long, Freddy Pacheco, Terrence Lamb, T. Raile, Drew Zwegardt, Grady Brunk, Ben Neitzel, Jeff Meyer.

Freshman: Brett Lampe, Joe Trujillo, Cody Sherlock, Garrett Figgins, Adam Guthmiller, Tyler Lauer, Zach Zwegardt, Alex Draper, Trevor Reed, Brooks Hobrock, Robbie Herman, Ryan Owens, Thomas McCurry, Cody Killingsworth, Tye Gilliland, Braden Schmid.

Managers: Gavin Smull, Brandon Keeker.

No junior varsity game Monday

The Monday night junior varsity football game to be played in Oberlin has been cancelled due to the fact that Oberlin has a limited roster

Junior high football/volleyball season opens Thursday with home contests scheduled

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The season opens at home today (Thursday) for the junior high volleyball and football squads. The volleyball will begin first, at 4:30 in the gym. Football is scheduled to begin at 5:30 on the football field.

Jeff Beims will again be leading the football squad with David Morrow as assistant. Seven games are on the schedule, one with each of the other Northwest Kansas League teams.

Terri Orth is again heading the volleyball squad and this year she will be assisted by Tina Elliott. The season has six duals on the schedule and two tournament dates, one in Hoxie and the other the Northwest Kansas League Tournaments with the A-team at Oakley and the B-team at Quinter.

Following are the rosters and schedules for this season's activities.

Volleyball

Eighth grade: Caitlin Northrup, Tilyn Bell, Hayley Brown, Kaitlin Figgins, Allison Grice, Lexi Hilt, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Trista Orth, Ashlynn Lambert, Chauntell Peter, Christina Schoenrogge.

Seventh grade: Allyson Northrup, Sarah Whitmore, Katherine Lambert, Aubrey Mills, Clarice Neitzel, Christina Harris, Nariah Hamilton, Chloe Miller, Laura Brunk, Jandy Dunn, Taylor Archibald.

Volleyball

Thursday, Aug. 30: Oberlin, here, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 6: Quinter, here, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13: Oakley, there, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 20: Rawlins County/Atwood, there, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 22: Hoxie Tournament, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27, Hoxie, here, 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 8: Colby, there, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 18: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, A-team at Oakley, B-team at Quinter, 2 p.m.

Football

Eighth grade: Brock Zwegardt, Logan Whitmore, Lucy Zwegardt, Isaac Schiltz, Tyas Raile, Sam Reed, Martin Hnizdil, Ross Nicklos, Nathan Lamb, Matt Tygart, Jonathan Butler, Gavin Cooper.

Seventh grade: Dalton Davenport, Keegan Sherlock, Foster Grant, Joey McCormick, Dylan Wolaver, Casey Keller, Michael

Leibbrandt, Lucas Carmichael, Josh Teeters, Thomas Douthit, Dillion Straub, Jordan Easter, Billy Lee, Zach Gienger, Gus Jardine, Dylan Peter.

Football

Thursday, Aug. 30: Oberlin, here, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 6: Quinter, here, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13: Oakley, there, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20: Rawlins County/Atwood, there, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27: Hoxie, here, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 4: Goodland, here, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 8: Colby, there, 4 p.m.

School Schedule

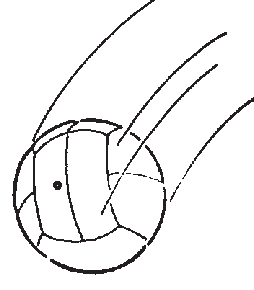
Thursday, Aug. 30: Junior high volleyball, Oberlin at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.; junior high football, Oberlin at St. Francis, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 31: High school football, Oberlin at St. Francis, 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 3: The junior varsity football game with Oberlin has been canceled. No school, Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 4: High school volleyball, St. Francis, Colby and Oberlin at St. Francis, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 6: High school volleyball, St. Francis at Wauneta-Palissade; junior high football, Quinter at St. Francis, 4 p.m.; junior high volleyball, Quinter at St. Francis, 4 p.m.



Go Indians