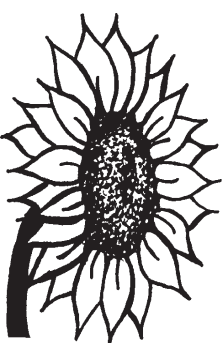


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At the Game



Ladies compete in Gove Invitational on Saturday

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The Lady Indian varsity volleyball team compete in six matches at the Gove County Tournament held Saturday in Grinnell/Grainfield. The Ladies finished the day with a 1-5 record which moved their season standings to 2-9.

"Six matches is a lot of volleyball in one day," Coach Kent Kechter said. "The girls did a good job of competing through all of the games. We will be better because of our efforts."

"We played well throughout the week, just not quite good enough to get as many wins as we would have liked."

After losing to Wheatland/Grinnell and Decatur County to open the day the Ladies defeated Quinter in a three-game match. Following the win, the Saintly Ladies were defeated by Weskan and Western Plains twice.

"Dara (Loyd) set well throughout the day," Coach Kechter said.

"Our hitting was on at times and off at times. Some of the attack woes can be attributed to our passing, but our hitters also need to attack with more confidence. We made some positive strides in our hitting this week."

"We'll keep getting better! Come watch the girls compete."

vs Wheatland/Grinnell
11-25, 13-25

"We did not play real well against Wheatland/Grinnell, but I thought they (the opponents) played extremely well," Coach Kechter said. "They really gave us difficulty with their superior offensive attack. It just seemed like they could place the ball (hard) wherever we weren't."

"They have an excellent team. I would expect them to "make some noise" late in the season."

St. Francis was 88 percent on their serves, 79.6 percent on attack, and 97.6 percent on setting for this contest.

Jami Pevler (5/5), Loyd (4/4) and Katie Marin (4/4) were 100 percent on their serves.

Service points: Elizabeth Gienger 3, Pevler 2, Marin 1.

Pevler had the most attempts on the attack with 16, being successful 13 times. Having the best percentage was Sara Miller with 5-of-5.

Loyd had 39 setting attempts and was on target 36 times and playable three times.

The team had 75 passing attempts with 33 on target and an additional 25 playable. Gienger had the most



ELIZABETH GIENGER attacks the ball with the intent to find a hole in the opponents defense. The Saintly Ladies played Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for a busy week.

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attempts with 24. Pevler had the best percentage (five or more attempts) with 10-of-13.

Kattie Ford and Holly Keller each had a block.

vs Decatur
10-25, 16-25

"We passed poorly against

Decatur County, and this made it difficult to get a strong attack game going," Coach Kechter said. "We've got some work to do in that area. It seemed like we were just "sluggish" the first two matches of the day."

The team was 84.6 percent on

their serving in this match. Loyd had 100 percent (five or more attempts) serving 8-of-8.

Service points: Loyd 4, Gienger 3, Keller 1, Marin 1.

Keller had 15 attempts attacking with 11 of them successful. Nine players contributed in this area in-

cluding Dankenbring, Ford, Keller, Loyd, Marin, Miller, Gienger, Pevler and Sidnee Crabtree.

Loyd again handled the majority of the setting, having 46 attempts with 40 on target and five more playable.

Marin led the passing in attempts with 31 while Gienger had 23. Each of these two had 20 either on target or playable.

Having blocks were Ford, Keller and Miller. Keller had a stuff and Marin led in dig/saves with five.

vs Quinter
25-19, 17-25, 25-11

The Lady Indian victory came against the Lady Bulldogs from Quinter. It took Saintly three games to seal the win.

"We played much better against a much improved Quinter team," Coach Kechter said. "We still didn't pass real well or serve well, but our hitters put the ball on the floor much better. We hit with a lot more confidence."

The Saintly serving for this match stood at 89.9 percent. Loyd was 17-of-19, Miller 12-of-14, Marin was 100 percent with 10-of-10, Keller was 8-of-9, Gienger was 7-of-9, Pevler was 100 percent with 7-of-7 and Dankenbring was also 100-percent with 1-of-1.

Having aces were Keller with four, Miller with three and Marin with one.

Service points: Loyd 13, Miller 9, Marin 6, Gienger 6, Keller 4, Pevler 3.

Keller had 27 attempts passing with 24 being successful. Miller was perfect with 9-of-9.

Having kills were Keller 6, Pevler 5, Gienger 4, Ford 3, Loyd and Miller, one each.

Loyd was 48 of 50 on her setting in this game for 97.96 percent.

Gienger had 28 passes while Marin had 20. Gienger had 15 on target and seven more playable while Marin had 10 on target and five more playable. Pevler was 17-of-18 for a good percentage.

Leading in digs/saves were Loyd, Gienger and Pevler with two each.

vs Western Plains
25-27, 23-25

"The match against Western Plains was a very well played match in many areas of the game," Coach Kechter said. "Again, we attacked the ball well. We lost by two points. We missed 13 serves in the match. I guess that explains why we came up a little short in this one."

Leading the team in serving was Marin with 10-of-10 while Ford had

four aces.

Service points: Marin 8, Ford 6, Loyd 4, Keller 2, Miller 1, Gienger 1.

The team was 82.6 percent on the attack with Miller having 100 percent with six attempts. Ford had the most attempts, 23, with 18 successful. Again Loyd had a good game setting with 42-of-43 on target and the other one playable.

Gienger and Pevler each had 19 passing attempts with Pevler having the best percentage on the team.

Vs. Weskan
22-25, 7-25

"Against Weskan, we had our poorest passing performance of the day," Coach Kechter said. "We served well, but passed poorly."

Six players were perfect in their serving in this game. That included Loyd (6/6), Pevler (5/5), Miller (4/4), Gienger (3/3), Holzwarth (3/3) and Dankenbring (1/1). The team was 93.3 percent with Keller and Pevler each having an ace.

Service points: Pevler 2, Ford, Keller, Loyd, Miller and Holzwarth, 1 each.

Loyd had the best percentage on the attack with 7-of-8 for 87.5 percent.

The team had 70 passing attempts with 50 of them being on target or playable. Gienger was 9-of-10.

Having blocks were Ford with two and Keller and Loyd with one apiece.

vs Western Plains
(second match)
25-14, 16-25, 19-25

In the second match with Western Plains, Saintly won the first game handily but Western Plains came back and took the match by winning the next two.

"We played pretty well against Western Plains in the second match up," Coach Kechter said. "Our two teams are pretty evenly matched."

Saintly was 93.5 on serving in this match. Pevler was a good 16-of-16 while Keller was 10-of-10, Gienger 6-of-6, Ford 4-of-4 and Crabtree 3-of-3. Loyd had the lone ace.

Service points: Pevler 11, Keller 5, Loyd 5, Gienger 3, Holzwarth 2, Crabtree 2, Dankenbring 1, Ford 1, Miller 1.

Loyd had 52 sets with all of them being on target or playable while Pevler handled 31 passes. She was successful 22 times. The team had 84 on target or playable passes out of a total of 111.

Keller contributed three blocks with Ford having two.

In digs/saves, Pevler had six and Loyd four to lead the team.

Volleyball team travels to Wauneta for Thursday game

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St. Francis added a dual with Wauneta-Palisade to their schedule this year and the match was played in Wauneta, Neb., on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Using Nebraska rules, the match was the winner of three-of-five games. The match went to four games before Wauneta/Palisade emerged the winner. The scores were 21-25, 25-22, 15-25, 17-25. "Wauneta/Palisade was a good match for us," Coach Kent Kechter said. "Both teams played well and the match was close throughout. I thought we showed improvements in several of the areas we had worked on—communication, coverage, blocking angles, etc."

"This was our first time for our schools to play. I think both teams felt good about the competition and hopefully we can compete again in the future."

Seven players recorded serving attempts with Dara Loyd having 20, 18 of them successful. No player with over five attempts served 100 percent but Cassie Dankenbring was in on her one attempt. Others serving were Jami Pevler (13/15), Sara Miller (11/13), Holly Keller (10/11), Elizabeth Gienger (9/11),

Katie Marin (8/9). Keller had the best percentage (90.9) of those with five or more attempts. The team was 87.5 percent.

On the attack, Kattie Ford had the most attempts with 41. She was successful 32 times. Being 100 percent with 10 attempts or more were Loyd with 16-of-16 and Miller with 11-of-11. The team was 81.9 percent. Also having attempts were Dankenbring, Keller, Marin, Gienger, Andrea Holzwarth and Pevler.

Having kills were Ford 5, Keller 4, Miller 3, Gienger 3, Pevler 2.

Loyd handled 97 sets with 95 on target or playable for nearly 98 percent.

Handling the most passes were Marin with 42, with 30 on target or playable and Gienger with 33 and 30 on target or playable.

Ford led the blocks with three and the stuffs with two. Keller and Marin led in digs/saves with five apiece. Loyd added four while Ford, Miller and Pevler had three apiece and Gienger had two.



Junior varsity team earns championship at tourney

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Saturday was a good day for the Lady Indian junior varsity as they earned the championship at the Wichita County/Leoti High School junior varsity tournament. In order to do this, they had to move out of their pool play to meet the winners of the other pool.

"This was the first year for the six-team tournament with two pools," Saintly Coach Jeff Olofson said. "During pool play the three teams in our pool ended in a three way tie. St. Francis won the pool based on head-to-head and games won."

"In the first match we played well," Coach Olofson said. "We were down eight in the second game and came back to almost win. With rally score it is very hard to come back from a large deficit."

"I was proud of the young ladies because they played immediately after losing and they played a great match against Garden City. They kept their focus and did not allow the first match to impact their play."

"In the first round of bracket we played the host team. When we lost the first game of the match, I was nervous that the home team now had a big ad-

vantage. The young ladies came out and did what they had to do. When we played the third game we simply out served and out played them from the start."

The championship game was with Garden City. This match was close throughout. Even in the last game Garden City had their chances to win. The young ladies played extremely hard to get this victory. I am very proud of the effort given by every one of the eight athletes that participated in this tournament and they deserved the championship."

Scores at Leoti are as follows: vs Sublette 25-21, 30-32, 8-15; vs Garden City 24-13 and 25-23; vs Wichita County 23-25, 25-23 and 15-3.

Saintly's won the championship by defeating Garden City 25-27, 25-20 and 15-7.

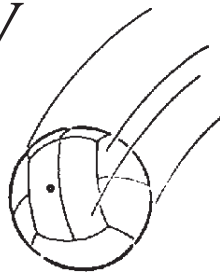
vs Wauneta - Palisade

The Thursday evening meeting with Wauneta-Palisade on the road saw the Saintly Ladies fall 25-23, 23-25 and 5-15.

"This was our first meeting with Wauneta-Palisade," Coach Olofson said. "As is often the case with junior varsity, we played like we were on a roller coaster. Several plays would be great, several not so good."

"In the end Wauneta Palisade played better when it mattered."

The young ladies all played hard and this is important because there will be nights when how hard they play will control who wins the match."



vs Oberlin
vs Colby

St. Francis lost to Oberlin 21-25, 25-18 and 8-15 and defeated Colby 15-25, 25-23 and 17-15 on Tuesday.

"This was a typical home opener for the young Lady Indians," Coach Olofson said. "The young ladies started off the first match with so little enthusiasm that I thought they were asleep. When they finally started playing with some fire the match became a good match."

"The Colby match was a great match. Both teams played well at times and both teams had opportunities to win. St. Francis won because we had a stretch of good serving."

"There is still ample room for improvement as we missed too many serves, the setting was ragged at times and we continue to struggle with communication on the court."

C-team working on skills

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The Lady Indian volleyball C-team has had four outings this season so far. They met Hoxie at Golden Plains on Aug. 28, Oberlin and Colby at the home opener on Sept. 4, Wauneta-Palisade on Sept. 6, and on Saturday they played Dundy County and Wallace County at the St. Francis C- triangular.

"Overall, this team has the mental toughness to win any match," Coach Talley Morrow said.

"There is always room for improvement in anyone's volleyball skills, but this is a team who can overcome the scoreboard and get to 25 first no matter what the score might be for the first half of the game."

St. Francis has posted match wins over Golden Plains 25-18, 25-23; Colby 22-25, 25-14 and 15-11; Wauneta-Palisade 25-14 and 25-24, Dundy County 20-25, 25-11 and 25-20 and Wallace County 22-25, 25-15, 25-18.

The lone match loss of the season was in competition with Oberlin. The final scores in that match were 25-16, 23-25 and 9-15.

The team stands 5-1 for the year which is an indication of the team's willingness to work at their skills.