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At the Game

St. Francis Indians win Regionals

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St. Francis defeated Meade 36-14 on Saturday in Meade. The two teams met as a result of each having won their Bi-District title on Tuesday night. The Indians defeated Hoxie and the Buffaloes won in a double overtime over Sublette.

"We played a pretty good game (against Meade)," Coach Tim Lambert said.

"Meade is a good team and they made some plays against us but we hung in there. We controlled the game.

"I feel like we are going to be ready for Saturday."

The 2A field is now down to eight football teams and St. Francis is one of them. Each of these teams won a Regional title in action over the weekend and will be playing for the Sectional title.

The remaining teams include Smith Center, Oakley, Minneapolis and St. Francis in the lower half of the bracket. Smith Center and Oakley will meet this weekend as will St. Francis and Minneapolis. In the upper part of the bracket, Lyndon will play Pittsburg Colgan this weekend and St. Marys will play Humboldt.

Following the regular season where the St. Francis team earned the District 14 Championship, the Indians moved into post-season play. The road to the State Championship game moves from Bi-District (Sainty defeated Hoxie on Oct. 30), to Regionals (Sainty defeated Meade on Nov. 3), to Sectionals (Sainty plays Minneapolis at 3 p.m. on Saturday), to Substate (Nov. 17 or 18), and then the State Championship game (Nov. 25).

With the single-elimination games which are taking place, the field will be reduced until there are only two teams for the Championship game and only one eventual State 2A Champion.

The many Sainty fans who traveled to Meade, came home happy with the outcome. Not only did the Indians win the Regional title, the team will be playing the Sectional game in St. Francis.

Offensively the Indians rushed for 418 yards. The St. Francis offensive line, composed of starters Keaton Frewen, Chance Hobrock, Jesse Pacheco, Justin Sherlock, Sam Sowers, Shawn Warren and Ethan Zwegardt, did their job well opening holes for the runners.

"These guys have really played

well the last few weeks," Coach Lambert said.

Sainty had three players who rushed for over 100 yards with Ted Crabtree and Trevor Hilt at 125 yards each and David Guthmiller at 109 yards.

Play began with Sainty kicking off to Meade but the Buffaloes only controlled the ball a short time before they were forced to punt on fourth down.

At this point, the Indians began their pattern of moving the ball down field on the ground. They used the first half of the quarter with runs by Trent Raile, D. Guthmiller, Hilt and Crabtree. They collected two first downs on several short runs until Raile put them on the 9-yard line with a longer rushing attempt. Two plays later, one by Guthmiller and one by Raile, and the Indians were on the 1-yard line. Crabtree took the ball in for the score. Raile added the conversion points to make it 8-0.

Sainty stopped the Buffaloes on their offensive drive, although Meade did collect their two first downs of the game. They punted to Sainty when the Indians put a stop to their motion.

Unfortunately, Sainty only had the ball for a minute as the first of their fumbles took place. When the Indians lose the ball it appears that the defense handles the situation calmly by forcing the opponent to punt on their next fourth down, and that happened this time.

Sainty was working on another drive when the quarter ended with the 8-0 score.

They continued the drive with Crabtree moving them inside the 10-yard line. Guthmiller had one short run to the 6-yard line before Hilt hit the end zone.

Less than 2 minutes of the quarter were gone when Raile added the two conversion points and the Indians were ahead 16-0. This drive began on to Indians 27-yard line and continued 73 yards for the score.

Five minutes later, after stopping Meade, the Indians were again in the end zone. This time the drive was helped when Crabtree had a long call on fourth down and the Buffaloes moved offside. Guthmiller scored the touchdown on a 10-yard run, making it 22-0.

Sainty had two more fumbles before halftime but no scoring damage took place.

Sainty added two touchdowns



INDIAN DAVID GUTHMILLER rushed for 109 yards in the St. Francis victory over Meade on Saturday. Guthmiller, a senior has been a mainstay in the backfield, having col-

lected numerous first downs when called upon for short yardage runs.

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in the third quarter. The first one came early in the period on a 1-yard run by Guthmiller, making the score 28-0.

Meade answered this touchdown by scoring on a 12-yard pass play with 4:15 on the clock. The kick was good and they had seven points.

The Indians had one of their fast offensive drives after Meade scored. It took just three plays. Crabtree had a run for a first down to begin the action on the first play.

Two plays later he sent a pass to Keaton Frewen who earned a touchdown, on a 3-yard play. The score was now 36-7.

Meade collected seven more points in the fourth quarter for a final of 36-14 and a Sainty win.

Stats

Scoring: Hilt 12, Guthmiller 12, Crabtree 8, T. Raile 2, Frewen 2.

Rushing: Crabtree, 125 yards on 18 carries; Hilt, 125 yards on 21 carries; D. Guthmiller, 109 yards on 24 carries; T. Raile 59 yards on

12 carries.

Passing: Crabtree passed for 36 yards, being successful on one of three attempts. Trent Raile was the recipient of the 36-yard pass.

Tackles: 13 players had either unassisted or assisted passes for the game. They were led by T. Raile with 10. Others contributing were Crabtree, Josh Carpenter, Trent Kinen, D. Guthmiller, Sowers, Pacheco, Warren, Alex Long, M. Raile, Hilt, Sherlock, Scott Ford and E. Zwegardt.

Kickoffs: Matt Raile had four kickoff attempts for a total of 130 yards.

Kickoff returns: T. Raile had two kickoff returns for total of 16 yards.

Conversion runs: Crabtree and T. Raile each had one successful run.

Sacks: Sowers had one sack. Interceptions: Kinen had two and Crabtree had one interception.

Pass defense: M. Raile, Carpen-

Win over Hoxie leaves Indians in 2A playoff

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St. Francis and Hoxie met for the title of Bi-District Champions on Tuesday night, Oct. 30, at Greene Field. St. Francis had won the District 14 championship on Thursday night, Oct. 25, therefore they played the second place winner of District 13 which was Hoxie, for the Bi-District title.

The contest ended with St. Francis defeating Hoxie 44-8.

Because of the win, St. Francis advanced to playing a Regional contest in Meade on Saturday. Details are elsewhere in this issue.

"We played well against Hoxie," Coach Tim Lambert said. "We continue to get better.

"It will be exciting to be in the second round of the playoffs."

St. Francis posted six touchdowns against Hoxie. Three of the five were recorded in the second quarter, with one score in each of the other three quarters.

The total yards of rushing by Sainty just lacked 6 of being 400 for the night, with five players running the ball. To gain this amount of yardage, which averaged out to 7.86 yards per carry, meant the team was busy opening holes for the different runners and protecting them during their efforts.

The first Sainty score went on the board after four minutes of

play. Trent Raile was called upon to carry the ball in from 3-yards out to end the Sainty drive. Quarterback Ted Crabtree added the two conversion points on a quarterback keeper.

No more scoring took place in the first quarter so Sainty moved into the second quarter with an 8-0 advantage.

This was a busy quarter with St. Francis controlling the ball and the action.

The second quarter had not been underway long when Crabtree eluded his defenders for a 35-yard touchdown run, making the score 14-0. Two more points were added when T. Raile had a successful conversion run to make it 16-0.

The score moved to 24-0 shortly thereafter, when Crabtree had his second scoring run and Hilt added the conversion points. This time Crabtree's run was from 19-yards out. Crabtree had a total of 133-yard rushing for the night.

The team went into the locker

room at halftime with Sainty up 32-0.

Early in the second half, Sainty earned their next score. It was accomplished by Trevor Hilt having a successful run to the 2-yard line and then being called upon to take the ball in for the score on the next play. Hilt had a total of 85 yard rushing against Hoxie.

Each team scored once in the final quarter with Adam Guthmiller, a freshman, having a 60-yard run for St. Francis. Many younger Indians contributed to the win.

Hoxie scored with 13 second remaining in the contest on a 4-yard run and had a successful conversion attempt, making the final score 44-8.

Stats

Scoring: Crabtree 14, Hilt 8, T. Raile 8, A. Guthmiller 6, Frewen 6, D. Guthmiller 2.

Rushing: Crabtree, 133 yards on seven carries; D. Guthmiller, 87 yards on 18 carries; Hilt, 85 yards on 15 carries; A. Guthmiller, 64 yards on two carries; T. Raile, 24 yards on eight carries.

Passing: Crabtree passed for 17 yards, being successful on his only attempt. Frewen was the recipient of the 17-yard touchdown pass.

Tackles: 21 players had either unassisted or assisted passes for the game. They were led by Crabtree and Trent Kinen with 12



Lady Indian receives league recognition

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Holly Keller has been chosen to receive Northwest Kansas League honors following the 2007 season. She was among those receiving honorable mention.

League volleyball coaches have awarded league honors to 16 seniors, two juniors, one sophomore and one freshman following the 2007 season.

Twelve ladies make up the first team and the others received honorable mention.

"Holly was a steady player for us this season" Coach Kent Kechter said. "Throughout the season she showed continual improvement in all skill areas. In the latter half of the season she certainly was a "go to" hitter for us. She also played very well in the back row. In several matches, she led our team in passing percentage.

"Holly's greatest strengths are her leadership (both verbally and by action) and her mental toughness to "shake off" an error and attack the next play. Holly is a wonderful young lady and was a pleasure to have on our team.

"It is very difficult to be named to the Northwest Kansas League All-League Volleyball team. As you can see, there are only a few players who are recognized from the many young ladies participating in the sport throughout the conference. Players are selected by a vote of league coaches. Coaches can not



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vote for their own players.

Named to the first team were Lissa Manzanec, Colby senior; Sydney Carlson, Rawlins County senior; Tasha Wagoner, Colby senior; Brea Teeter, Oakley senior; Leanna Sheaffer, Decatur County senior; Corinna Hoyt, Hoxie senior; Megan Ochs, Hoxie senior; Adrienne Pauls, Decatur County sophomore; Kendra Spresser, Hoxie junior; Kimber Weiser, Oakley senior; Megan Baalman, Oakley senior; and Sara Miller, Rawlins County, senior.

Receiving honorable mention besides Keller were Macy Michelbrink, Rawlins County senior; Leah Cox, Colby senior; Chandra Spillman, Hoxie senior; Jordan Dreher, Decatur County freshman; Ashley Christians, Goodland senior; Alecia Cooksey, Oakley senior and Deresa Stover, Quinter junior.