

The Saint Francis Herald

At the Game

Indians play hard, lose to Redmen

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The St. Francis Indian football team had an exciting year but the dream of playing in the 2A state championship game the next weekend was once again dashed by the Smith Center Redmen. The two teams played in the Substate game on Friday night in Smith Center with the Redmen posting a 44-6 win.

This is the second year in a row that Smith Center outscored the Indians in a Substate contest. Both years the St. Francis players had remarkable regular seasons, a District title, a Bi-District title, a Regional title and a Sectional title before their

loss to Smith Center.

In 2004 and 2005, Smith Center defeated St. Francis in Sectional action after the Indians had moved into post-season play, earning District championships, Bi-District championships and Regional championships.

So the Friday night game in Smith Center again pitted two very good teams.

"We had a great year," Coach Tim Lambert said. "We got beat by a very good football team."

"I am proud of how we fought, we hung in there."

"We really made progress this year. It was a great experience, a

great year to see how these guys come up and improved like they did throughout the season.

"It was a privilege to coach these young men."

The Indians' play speaks a lot about the efforts of the athletes on the football field. The past four seasons, or the entire time the seniors have been playing on the high school squad, the Indians have been one of the top eight or top four 2A teams in the state when the season was over.

Sainty did score against Smith Center in the Substate game this year which is something no other team had been able to do all season long.

There was standing room only as both the St. Francis and Smith Center fans filled the stands to watch the hard-hitting game.

Smith Center will be playing Pittsburg Colgan in the championship game with the hopes of a fourth consecutive state title. They are on a 53 game winning streak as they enter the Saturday game.

The Indians rushed for 234 yards during the Substate contest with Ted Crabtree having 104 yards on 18 attempts. This included one long 64-yard breakaway.

Seventy-four tackles were record, either assisted or unassisted, with Trent Raile having 15 and Crabtree 14.

On Friday night, Smith Center scored on their first possession of the game although Raile let them know the Indian's defensive team was on the field by sacking the Red-

men's quarterback on the first play of the game.

The Redmen ended up in the end zone when the clock said 5:07, showing the Indians had forced them to earn the score.

About 2 minutes later, the Indians were on the scoreboard. David Guthmiller took the ball in after a run by Raile to the 26-yard line and a successful first down using runs by Guthmiller and Ted Crabtree, quarterback. The conversion attempt failed.

The St. Francis kickoff to Smith Center put them on the 32-yard line. A 63-yard run by the Redmen's Rippe was the main play in this possession as it moved the Smith Center score to 12 and then 14 after the successful after-touchdown play.

The next St. Francis possession was stopped by a fumble, recovered by Smith Center. The Redmen took advantage of the opportunity by scoring their third touchdown of the game. Their try for the extra points failed and the score stood at 20-6.

The second quarter was noted for defense as each team had their drives stopped before reaching the end zone. The Sainty offense was steadily moving the ball.

Crabtree took the ball to the Smith Center 40-yard line following the after-touchdown kickoff.

The team was moving forward until a clipping penalty backed them up. They were able to keep their offense drive going after that by earning first downs with runs

by Raile, Guthmiller, Crabtree and Trevor Hilt.

At this point the two teams traded fumbles. St. Francis was first to cough up the ball but the Redmen did the same thing on their first play from scrimmage. This time the Indians recovered.

The Indians progressed into Redmen territory and were helped by a roughing-the-passer penalty on an unsuccessful attempt by Crabtree to Raile.

After using most of the second period on offense, the Indians were on the Smith Center 10-yard line. A Sainty fumble on fourth down with less than a minute remaining in the period was recovered by Smith Center.

Trent Kinen made a successful tackle on the Redmen's first play and a call of holding against Smith Center moved the team back to the 40-yard line. This was how the first half ended, with the 20-6 score.

The kick went to St. Francis to begin the second half. The offense received a first down with the help of a penalty called on Smith Center. They had two runs and an attempted pass in the next series but could not get the yardage needed for a first down. Sainty punted the ball with the clock showing 8:09.

Smith Center began a successful touchdown drive at this time. It culminated with a 12-play touchdown series and a good conversion attempt, making the score Redmen 28, St. Francis 6.

Again the Indians were able to move the ball. It was keeping possession long enough to score that was the problem.

A Smith Center interception of an attempted pass to Raile caused the turnover this time.

The Sainty defense held for over 4 minutes but the final outcome was a Smith Center touchdown and successful conversion attempt making the score 36-6.

The final Smith Center score came following another St. Francis fumble, this one taking place in the final minutes of the game. The final score was Smith Center 44, St. Francis 6.

Stats

Scoring: Guthmiller 6.

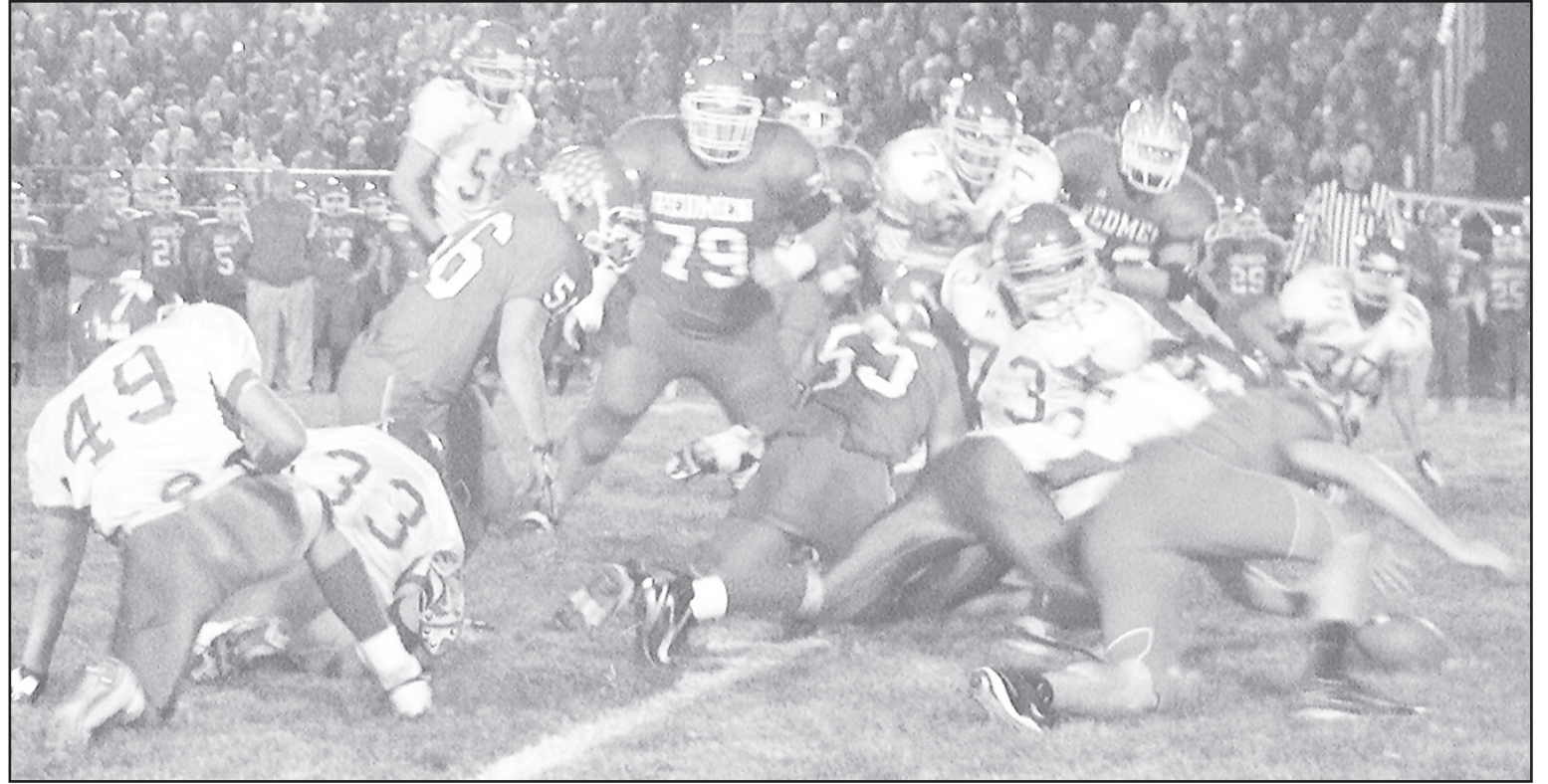
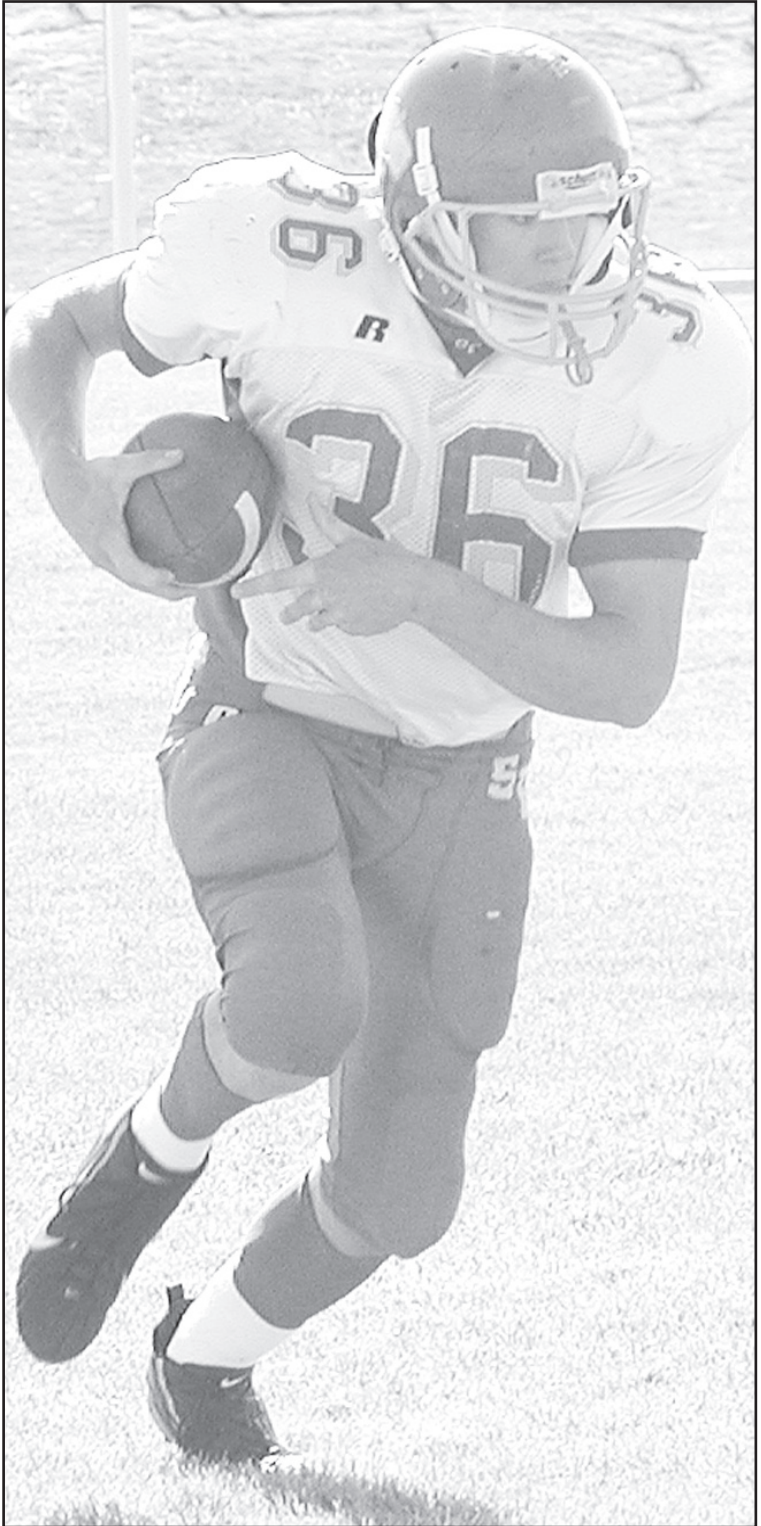
Rushing: Crabtree, 104 yards on 18 carries; Guthmiller, 57 yards on 17 carries; Raile 51 yards on 15 carries; Hilt, 22-yards on eight carries.

Passing: Crabtree attempted four passes, one pass was intercepted.

Tackles: 12 players had either unassisted or assisted tackles for the game. They were led by T. Raile with 15. Others contributing were Crabtree, Guthmiller, Ethan Zweygardt, Scott Ford, Shawn Warren, Sam Sowers, Josh Carpenter, Justin Sherlock, Jesse Pacheco, Terrence Lamb and Kinen.

Kickoffs: Matt Raile had two kickoff attempts for a total of 75 yards.

Punts: T. Raile had one for 30 yards.



TRENT RAILE (pictured on the left) scrambled with the ball in a game earlier this year. Above the Indians recovered a Smith

Center fumble in the Substate game Friday.

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Junior high basketball teams compete at Sainty for first time this season

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The junior high boys basketball teams played their home opener with Rawlins County on Thursday, Nov. 15. The teams had two out-of-town contests before fans had the opportunity to view the action on the home court.

Rawlins County scored wins in both contests. They defeated the Sainty eighth graders 52-30 and the seventh graders 40-15.

Eighth grade Rawlins County 52, St. Francis 30

"Our team effort was outstanding, but we played a team that was more skilled," Coach Larry Flemming said.

Sainty had six players contribute to the team score with Sam Reed collecting 11 of the 30 points. He was also the leading rebounder with nine.

Ty Zweygardt had five steals to pace the team.

The eighth grade has a 4-0 record following the Rawlins County game.

A total of 34 rebounds, and 10 steals
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Scoring: Reed 11, Brock Zweygardt 6, Isaac Schiltz 5, Gavin Cooper 3, Matt Tygardt 3, Martin Hnizdil 2.

Leading rebounders: Reed 9, Schiltz 8, T. Zweygardt 7.

Seventh grade Rawlins County 40, St. Francis 15

The seventh grade basketball team suffered a 40-15 loss to Rawlins County on Thursday.

"Again, we did a number of things better," said Kent Kechter, coach. "We executed better offensively and hustled hard defensively."

"We must work hard each day to improve our skills."

"Rawlins County had a couple of pretty good players."

Rawlins County took control of the scoring in the first quarter by putting 15 points through the hoop.

Keegan Sherlock led the scoring for St. Francis with 10 points.
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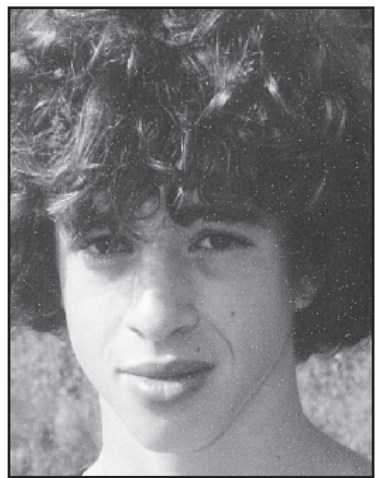
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Scoring: Sherlock 10, Casey Keller 3, Dillion Straub 2.

Quinter 34, St. Francis 12

Zach Gienger and Dylan Peter each scored six points when the seventh graders played Quinter on Nov. 6 in Quinter.

"We did a lot of things better this week," Coach Kechter said. "Quinter has just more experience with basketball at this point."

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Miles Legere

Runner at State meet

The Blue Valley West boys cross country team qualified for state with a 3rd place finish at Regionals in Shawnee Mission. The team finished 12th at the state meet at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence Oct. 27. Miles Legere, a freshman, was a member of the 10-person varsity team representing Blue Valley West.

At the cross country awards banquet, Miles was presented with a trophy for 2007 Blue Valley West Newcomer of the Year. He also earned a varsity letter in the sport.

Miles is the son of Shawn and Leigh Legere, Overland Park, and the grandson of Betty Jean Winston, St. Francis, and Scotty and Libby Legere, Hays.

School Menu

Monday 26

Breakfast: pancake and sausage bites, maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: chicken patty on a bun, French fries, dill pickle spears, peaches, milk.

Tuesday 27

Breakfast: Belgian waffles, strawberries, whipped topping, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: pigs in a blanket or burrito, hominy, fruit cocktail, brownie ice cream sundae, milk.

Wednesday 28

Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: barbecued beef sandwich,

tator tots, corn nuggets, sliced pears, milk.

Thursday 29

Breakfast: blueberry scones, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, cherry cheese cake, milk.

Friday 30

Breakfast: biscuits with sausage gravy, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: chicken and cheese quesadilla, tossed salad, dirt pudding, mandarin oranges, milk.

•Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school

Bowling News

Ladies Nite Out 11-8

Team standings: Stockman's Strikers 27-13, Dundy Ag 22-18, Bankwest Alley Kats 22-18, Wright Carpet 21-19, Western State Bank 19.5-20.5, Mel's Gals 19-21, Jersey Maids 18.5-21.5, Wray Meat Packing 11-29

High game (scratch) Terry Yost 196, Jeanne Dunn 195, Kim Ritter and Kathy Blecha 192 (handicap) Nancy Vernon 246, Ritter 242, Mary Bier 234, Tammy Drommond 234

High series (scratch) Yost 528, Drommond 504, Bier 501; (handicap) Vernon 656, Ritter 642, Drommond 639

Wednesday Night Mens 11-7

Team standing: Bonny Solu-

tions 19-13, Wright and Wrong 19-13, Wray Lumber 19-14, Haigler Two 18-10, Krien Steel Buildings 17-11, Haigler One 16-16, Cheyenne Bowl 9-15

High game (scratch) Ted Mosier 217, Kale Zimbelman 213, Matt Pelkey 194

High series (scratch) Zimbelman 602, Mosier 543, Bob Lip-pert 518

