



At the Game

Season begins tonight Dundy County plays here

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Fall, winter and then spring sporting seasons are enjoyed as the school year progresses. At the end of November, many Sainty students, both boys and girls, can be found in the gym with basketball on their minds.

The season opens at 6:30 tonight (Thursday) at the high school when St. Francis meets Dundy County. The varsity ladies begin play at 6:30 p.m. and the men about 8 p.m. Varsity games are played at the high school and the junior varsity games at the elementary school.

The St. Francis/Dundy County matchups will be the only games on the home court before January. Tonight is the perfect opportunity to view the newly formed squads.

After the November opener, the December schedule involves six outings on the road making a total of seven hoop nights before the Christmas break.

The week of Dec. 3, the varsity teams are involved in the eight-team Sagebrush Classic at Brewster. The initial contests are played on Tuesday with the semi finals on Friday and the finals on Saturday. The teams will also travel to Oberlin to play Decatur Community, to Atwood to play Rawlins County and to Colby on Dec. 20.

Lady Indians

The Lady Indians have been working hard since the opening day of practice.

"I feel these girls want to compete, they want to work hard," Ted Busse, head coach, said.

December is a busy month and practice time is limited once the competition begins, so it is important to make good use of the pre-season time. The first practice session was on Monday, Nov. 12.

"The girls have been doing what we have been asking them to do," Coach Busse said.

What is unusual this year is that there are no seniors on the squad.

"We do have five returning letter winners but none of them were starters," he said.

Those having earned letters are all juniors, Sidnee Crabtree, Elizabeth Gienger, Andrea Holzwarth, Jami Pevler and Joni Pevler.

These girls plus sophomore Kaycee Williams gained a lot of experience at the junior varsity level in the past.

"With no returning starters we will need to have some players step up into leadership roles," the coach said.

Leading by example is one im-



SHAYLA HILT, one of the new members of the Lady Indian squad, is learning additional basketball skills during pre-season practice sessions. Herald staff photos by Betty Jean Winston

portant way.

"We are working hard to do the things we need to do, such as practicing fundamentals.

"I like the girls' efforts," he said. "We have seven freshmen out and that is encouraging."

Joining the more experienced players are Mikaela Grace, Christina Hilt, Jodie Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Aly Marin, Aubree Schlepp and Sarah Trembley.

All 13 squad members will be working hard to earn floor time on the varsity.

Coach Busse and assistant coach Larry Flemming will be guiding the teams again this year.

"Larry Flemming does a great job, I appreciate his help," Coach Busse said.

"Our goals for this year include to be competitive in every game and playing to win.

"We look forward to the start of the season.

"As we have no seniors, we will not lose anyone due to graduation this spring and next year we will have more experience."

Indians

Twenty-two players have reported to practice for the Indian basketball team. The team lost seven seniors off of last year's squad through graduation. The Indians finished the season with a 14-8 record.

"The returning players, including the letter winners, have not had a lot of varsity experience but helped contributed on the court last year. They gained some varsity experience, especially Keaton Frewen," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "Many of them helped the junior varsity have a successful season.

Returning letter winners include Ted Crabtree, Frewen, Trent Kinen, Matt Raile and Trent Raile. Crabtree and Frewen are seniors, Kinen is a junior and the M. Raile and T. Raile are sophomores.

Other members of the squad who will be called upon early in the season are seniors Chance Hobrock and Ethan Zwegardt and juniors Sam Sowers and Jacob Riedel. Sophomore players are Marvin Miller, Drew Zwegardt, Alex Long and Benjamin Neitzel.



MATT RAILE, who is being guard well, looks for an open man to set up a good offensive play.

The squad is rounded out with freshmen Braden Schmid, Brendan Finley, Zach Zwegardt, Brett Lampe, Brandon Keeker, Ryan Owens, Tyler Lauer, Garrett Figgins and Brooks Hobrock.

Many members of the basketball team were part of the excellent post-season run by the football squad which ended on Nov. 16. Some catching up may have to take place for the basketball players due to the late start.

"With the successful extended football season we will have had only five practices before the first game - it is a concern to have these guys get used to playing together," Coach Cassidy said.

"The kids are fun to be with and hopefully they are ready to begin

focusing on basketball.

"They are a great bunch of kids that like to play basketball. They are coming in in the mornings to shoot baskets and are spending extra time on the court.

"The December schedule is not in our favor (with so many games on the road)."

When St. Francis meets Dundy County tonight they will be competing with a team with a lot more experience.

"Benkelman is a good team and they have everyone coming back," the coach said. "They have at least one very strong player who is hard to stop."

Devin Dinkel will be taking over the post held by Brett Petersen last year.

Coach Dinkel, who worked with the Lady Indians in the past, will be working as the assistant boys' position.

"He is a really good assistant," Coach Cassidy said. "He knows a lot about basketball and was a good high school player.

"We expect to be a better shooting team this year

"We have some height and we have some quality kids who will be good players."

Coach Cassidy noted that the squad also has good parental and fan support.

"It is a fun group to work with and we are going to be fun to watch."

Remember basketball action begins at the high school and elementary school at 6:30 this evening.

Indians finish good 11-2 year

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The 2007 Indian football team tied last year's record with 11 wins and two losses. Again they were defeated by the Smith Center Redmen in Substate play, this time in Smith Center. Sainty was the 2A District 14 Champions, the Bi-District Champions, the Regional Champions and the Sectional Champions before falling to undefeated Smith Center in the Substate contest.

Seven seniors completed their high school football career after as many as four years on the squad. They include Josh Carpenter, Ted Crabtree, Keaton Frewen, David Guthmiller, Chance Hobrock, Justin Sherlock and RL Walz.

Sainty defeated six out of seven Northwest Kansas League opponents and then added District wins over Syracuse and Wichita County/Leoti on their way to the District title. League wins came over Oberlin, Colby, Goodland, Quinter, Hoxie and Rawlins County (this was also a District win) while the lone loss was to Oakley. After winning the District title, the Indians defeated Hoxie in Bi-District play, Meade in Regional play and Minneapolis in Sectional play.

This is the fourth year that Smith Center has upset the Indians' drive to the State tournament. On Saturday, the Redmen claimed their fourth consecutive 2A championship by defeating Pittsburg Colgan.

"We just had a great season," Coach Tim

Lambert said.

"We felt we found our personality, our own identity.

"I am so pleased at the progress the young men made, especially since we had a lot of new starters when the season began."

Other members of the Indians squad include Scott Ford, Trevor Hilt, Talon Jones, Trent Kinen, Tyler Larson, Lance Owens, Jesse Pacheco, Sam Sowers, Scott Warren and Ethan Zwegardt, all juniors; Grady Brunk, Darris Keller, Terrence Lamb, Alex Long, Jeff Meyer, Ben Neitzel, Freddy Pacheco, Matt Raile, Trent Raile and Drew Zwegardt, all sophomores and Michael Adams, Alex Draper, Garrett Figgins, Iye Gilliland, Adam Guthmiller, Robbie Herman, Brooks Hobrock, Cody Killingsworth, Brett Lampe, Tyler Lauer, Thomas McCurry, Ryan Owens, Trevor Reed, Cody Sherlock, Braden Schmid, Joe Trujillo and Zach Zwegardt, freshmen. Gavin Smull and Brandon Keeker were the managers.

The Indians are coached by Mr. Lambert, assisted by Steve Jenkins, Ted Busse, Devin Dinkel and Scott Carmichael.

Sainty scored a total of 495 points compared to 190 by their opponents.

St. Francis fans will be looking forward to football again next August when the players report to practice.

Team stats

First downs: St. Francis earned 206 first downs during the season..

Rushing: The Indians gained 5,375 yards rushing on 769 attempts.

Penalties: St. Francis had 56 penalties for a total of 447 yards.

Individual stats

Points scored: Crabtree, 23 touchdowns, nine conversion runs, 156 total points, averaged 12.0 points per game; T. Raile, 22 touchdowns, five conversion runs, 142 total points, averaged 10.9 points per game; Hilt, six touchdowns, nine after-touchdown kicks, nine conversion runs, 63 total points; averaged 4.8 points per game; D. Guthmiller, nine touchdowns, two conversion runs, 58 total points, averaged 4.5 points per game; Frewen, four touchdown pass receptions, four conversion receptions, 32 total points, averaged 3.2 points per game; A. Guthmiller, three touchdowns, 18 total points, averaged 2.0 points per game; J. Pacheco, one touchdown reception, one conversion reception, 8 total points, averaged .6 points per game; Lampe, one touchdown, one conversion run, 8 total points, averaged .7 points per game; D. Zwegardt, one touchdown, one conversion reception, 8 total points, .9 points per game; M. Raile, one conversion run, 2 total points, .2 points per game.

Rushing: Crabtree, 1,776-net yards on 165 attempts, averaged 10.76 yards per attempt; T. Raile, 1,398-net yards on 144 attempts, averaged 9.71 yards per attempt, averaged 9.71 yards per attempt; D. Guth-

millier, 1,110-net yards on 234 attempts, averaged 4.74 yards per attempt; Hilt, 615-net yards on 134 attempts, averaged 4.59 yards per attempt; A. Guthmiller, 171-net yards on 22 attempts, averaged 7.77 yards per attempt; Lamb, 154-net yards on 27 attempts, averaged 5.70 yards per attempt; D. Zwegardt, 108-net yards on 27 attempts, averaged 4 yards per attempt; M. Raile, 24-yards on 11 attempts, averaged 2.18 yards per attempt, Figgins, 19-net yards on five attempts; averaged 3.80 yards per attempt.

Passing: Crabtree, 262 yards, 45 attempts, 16 completions, passing percentage, .356, five touchdown passes, three interceptions, longest completion 37 yards.

Pass receivers: Frewen, nine for 102 yards; T. Raile, three for 92 yards; Pacheco, three for 32 yards, Carpenter, one for 15 yards; Hilt, one for 8 yards.

Pass interceptions: Crabtree 12, T. Raile 6, Carpenter 2, Kinen 2.

Kickoffs: Hilt, 58 for 2,281 yards; M. Raile 21 for 560 yards; Long, one for 25 yards.

Kickoff return: T. Raile, nine for 97 yards; Crabtree, six for 136 yards; Kinen, one for 5 yards.

Punts: T. Raile, 14 for a 487 yards; Crabtree, one for 29 yards.

Punt returns: T. Raile, eight for 124 yards; Crabtree, three for 25 yards; Lamb, one for 7 yards.

Fumbles recovered: Ford 2, Sowers 2, Long 1, F. Pacheco 1, Figgins 1.

Tackles (unassisted): Crabtree 44, T. Raile 39, Kinen 25, Sowers 24, Carpenter 23, J. Pacheco 16, D. Guthmiller 15, Ford 13, Lamb 8, Long 7, Hilt 6, M. Raile 6, D. Zwegardt 4, E. Zwegardt 4, Warren 4, A. Guthmiller 3, J. Sherlock 3, Figgins 2, Frewen 2, Keller 1, Jones 1, Brunk 1, B. Hobrock 1.

Tackles (assisted): Crabtree 97, D. Guthmiller 82, J. Pacheco 68, Sowers 67, T. Raile 60, Kinen 56, Warren 53, Ford 52, Carpenter 46, J. Sherlock 40, E. Zwegardt 37, Hilt 30, M. Raile 25, D. Zwegardt 25, A. Guthmiller 17, Frewen 16, Lamb 14, Walz 8, Brunk 7, Figgins 5, Jones 5, B. Hobrock 4, Tyler Larson 3, C. Hobrock 2, C. Sherlock 1, F. Pacheco 1, Lauer 1, Meyer 1, Killingsworth 1, Gilliland 1.

Sacks: Sowers 5, J. Pacheco 2, Ford 1, Warren 1

Letter winners announced

The following Indians received football letters following the completion of the season: Chance Hobrock, Ethan Zwegardt, Shawn Warren, Keaton Frewen, Sam Sowers, Justin Sherlock, Josh Carpenter, Trent Kinen, Ted Crabtree, David Guthmiller, Trent Raile, Trevor Hilt, Jesse Pacheco, RL Walz, Matt Raile, Terrence Lamb, Tyler Larson, Scott Ford, Drew Zwegardt, Talon Jones, Adam Guthmiller, Alex Long.



Crabtree



Guthmiller



Walz



Carpenter



Hobrock



Frewen



Sherlock