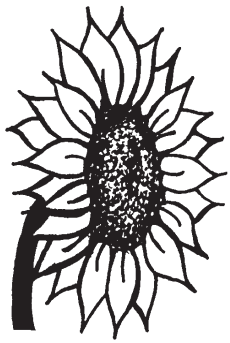


At the Game



Indians play strong teams before holiday

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St. Francis met two strong basketball teams the week of Dec. 18, just prior to Christmas break.

On Tuesday night the Indians traveled to Atwood to meet the Rawlins County Buffs, the team which won the Sagebrush Shoot-out. Saintry fell to Rawlins County 56-48.

Thursday the Colby Eagles handed the Indians a 76-50 loss in Colby.

The next competition will take place Friday, Jan. 4, in St. Francis with the Hoxie Indians.

Rawlins County 56
St. Francis 48

Rawlins County/Atwood continued their December winning streak, defeating the Indians 56-48 in Atwood.

Ted Crabtree paced the Saintry with 14 points and had 11 rebounds, 10 of them defensive.

"Atwood was undefeated and beat Brewster by 20 points last Saturday," Coach Ward Cassidy said.

"We had a chance at the end to get them. We just kept working and got them down to a four-point lead with two minutes left and then we just didn't execute.

"Atwood has two good guards and they made 10 three-point shots despite our efforts to get out on them."

Rawlins County was particularly hot early in the game with 22 points in the first quarter.

Saintry was 4-of-15 from three point range but had a better shooting percentage from the two-point

area. There they were 50 percent making 14-of-28 attempts. At the line they were 8-of-15 for 53.3 percent. Hitting the four three's were Matt Raile with two and Crabtree and Keaton Frewen with one each.

Of the players with more than three attempts from the two-point area, Trent Kinen had the best percentage with 4-of-6 for 66.7 percent.

The team had five blocked shots with Crabtree having three. He also led in assists with four.

"We are still learning to play together but I am very proud of the effort given by all the guys," Coach Cassidy said.

SF	14	11	13	10	48
RC	22	12	15	07	56

Scoring: Crabtree 14, Kinen 9, M. Raile 9, Trent Kinen 7, Frewen 5, Sam Sowers 4.

Rebounding: Crabtree 11, T. Raile 8, Sowers 4, Frewen 3, Kinen 2, M. Raile 2.

Colby 76, St. Francis 50

Crabtree scored 18 points in this contest followed by M. Raile with 10. Crabtree also led the Indians in rebounds with 10.

"Colby again has an excellent team with lots of depth and talent," Coach Cassidy said. "We played hard throughout the game and all the guys showed improvement.

"We will improve over break and we are all looking forward to getting better."

The shooting percentage from three-point range was better in this game as they hit 3-of-7 for about 43 percent. M. Raile hit two of his four attempts.



INDIANS Matt Raile (21) and Sam Sowers (54) are trying to prevent the Colby Eagle player from returning the ball to the

court. Trent Raile (23) is available if snatch the ball if it comes in.

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It was during the second period that Colby pulled away, making 27 points compared to 10 for St. Francis.

The team had six offensive

rebounds and 17 defensive ones. The leader, Crabtree, had three offensive and seven defensive.

Kinen and Crabtree each had three assists and Crabtree had three

steals and two blocked shots.

SF	16	10	14	10	50
C	18	27	19	12	76

Scoring: Crabtree 18, M. Raile 10, Kinen 8, T. Raile 8, Frewen 4,

Ethan Zwegardt 2.

Rebounding: Crabtree 10, T. Raile 4, M. Raile 3, Kinen 2, Sowers 2, Frewen 1, Zwegardt 1.

Ladies play tough



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The Lady Indians lost to Rawlins County and Colby the week of Dec. 17. The team has had a busy December but will be ready to come back and compete after the Christmas break.

Rawlins County defeated St. Francis 66-46 on Tuesday night. The Colby game will be reviewed next week.

Saintry will have a home game on Friday, Jan. 4 after having the last six games on the road.

Rawlins County 66
St. Francis 46

The first quarter was Saintry's downfall on Tuesday night in Atwood. The Lady Buffs of Rawlins County scored 22 points in the first frame. Even though the two teams played the final three quarters with comparable points scored, Saintry could not overcome the lead Rawlins County built up in the first period.

"We played much better the last three quarters than we did in the first quarter!" Coach Ted Busse said.

"The stat that really hurt was one defensive rebound."

"Rawlins County out rebounded Saintry 35 to 12 and Rawlins County had 14 offensive rebounds. The majority of the time they were able to score by having a second shooting opportunity.

Elizabeth Gienger found the basket for 17 points. She was 6-of-10 from two points range, had one three pointer and was 2-of-4 from the free-throw line.

Saintry's best percentage was from the charity strip as they made 16-of-23 for about 70 percent.

Kaycee Williams took advantage of the free-throw line, hitting 100 percent (4/4). Andrea Holzwarth also was 100 percent with 2-of-2. Three other players were above 50



ELIZABETH GIENGER (23) uses her best defensive moves against the Lady Buffs in Atwood on Dec. 18. She was the top scoring Lady Indian during the Rawlins County game, tied for the most steals and led the team in rebounds.

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percent at the line, Sarah Trembly, Jami Pevler and Gienger.

The 12 rebounds were collected by nine players with Gienger having three.

The amount of steals captured by the Lady Indians amounted to

23. Coach Busse noted that Sidnee Crabtree and Gienger each had six and Joni Pevler five.

SF	07	12	16	11	46
RC	22	15	14	15	66

Scoring: Gienger 17, Crabtree 8, Holzwarth 5, Jami Pevler 4, Wil-

liams 4, Trembly 3, Shayla Hilt 3, Aly Marin 2.

Rebounding: Gienger 3, Holzwarth 2, Jami Pevler, Williams, Crabtree, Trembly, S. Hilt, Christina Hilt and Aubree Schleppe each had one.

3-2-1A Rankings

The Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association has released the 3-2-1A wrestling rankings by weight in order of first through sixth:

103: Francisco Antillion, Scott City; Michael Provencher, Rossville; Andrew Meihner, Herrington; Jeremiah Breen, Wellsville; Troy Bainter, Norton; Jordan Wender, Caney Valley.

112: Carlos Galloway, Stockton; Jordan Bauer, Alma-Wabaunsee; Zachary Hoehn, Wellsville; Alex Jost, Hillsboro; Darris Keller, St. Francis; Andrew Petterson, Oakley.

119: Aaron Patton, Wellsville; Colin Hase, Silver Lake; Dan Weigel, Plainville; Jace Campbell, Oakley; Aaron Geist, Osborne; Zane Perez, Norton.

125: Colt Rogers, Smith Center; Brendan Harsham, Cottonwood Falls; Brad Augustine, Beloit; Danny Floyd, Osborne, Thaine Brobst, Eureka; Cody Merriman, Onaga.

130: Dustin Zaharsky, Phillipsburg; Cole Zogelman, Garden Plain; Cade Hewitt, Beloit; Dillon Stucky, Scott City; Tyler White, Silver Lake; Trevor Oliver, Osborne.

135: Zach Bainter, Norton; Gavin Smull, St. Francis; Morgan Numerich, Scott City; Kyle Wichman, Silver Lake; Nicholas Mueller, Hillsboro; Chase McDaniel, Scott City.

140: Trevor Rempe, Smith Center;

Tommy Knapp, Lincoln; Todd Bolt, Norton; Cas Spangler, Beloit; John Lynch, Lakin; Joey Boaldin, Silver Lake.

145: Gage Reichert, Oberlin; Cody Eaton, Bennington; Darrell Melcher, Herrington; Jordan Noll, Atchison County; Tyler Jones, Hillsboro; Marshall McCall, Smith Center.

152: Jordan Meyer, Sabetha; Travis Rempe, Smith Center; Jeff Sonderlund, Norton; Aaron Dinkel, Plainville; Zach Beach, Oskaloosa; Casey Bratton, Horton.

160: Kelly Younkin, Oakley; Grady Godsey, Smith Center; Jake Price, Caney; Nick Whetzell, Pittsburg-Colgan; Dillion Kinderknecht, Ellis; Chaston Hoeme, Scott City.

171: Ryan Patterson, Garden Plain; Cody Hanel, Beloit; Ryan Swartzell, Phillipsburg; Colin Loomis, Beloit; Miller, Stockton; Clint Taylor, Hays-Thomas More Prep.

189: Matt Engstrom, Hosington; Jacob Yoder, Hillsboro; Matt Meinert, Pleasant Ridge; Gabe Wickham, Phillipsburg; Andrew Wahlmeier, Rock Creek; Logan Numerich.

215: Aaron Racette, Oakley; Kirk Palmer, Smith Center; Josh Stilwell, Eureka; Brandon Craft, Caney Valley; Alan Crawford, Plainville; Matt Bosworth, Sabetha.

275: Duane Zlatnick, Wellsville; Alex Thomas, Norton; Zack Puetz, Garden Plain; Tyler Jamis, Beloit; Dakota Zeit, Doniphan West; Jordan Nolan, Whitewater-Remington.

Team loses to Buffs

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The Rawlins County junior varsity boys outdistanced St. Francis 63-35 Dec. 18 in Atwood.

The game was close the first half with the half-time score tied at 16 all. It was during the second half that the Indians turned cold and only scored a total of 9 points in the second half to 37 for the Buffs.

Garrett Figgins and Alex Long scored 13 and 11 respectively and they also were the leading rebounders with eight apiece.

Seven players contributed to the

scoring and eight players had at least one rebound.

Saintry had almost a double amount of turnovers compared to Rawlins County.

SF	12	14	05	04	35
RC	13	13	14	23	63

Scoring: Figgins 13, Long 11, Drew Zwegardt 6, Brendan Finley 2, Marvin Miller 1, Jacob Riedel 1, Tyler Lauer 1.

Rebounding: Long 8, Figgins 8, Riedel 5, Zwegardt 5, Lauer 4, Cody Killingsworth 3, Ben Neitzel 2, Brooks Hobrock 1.