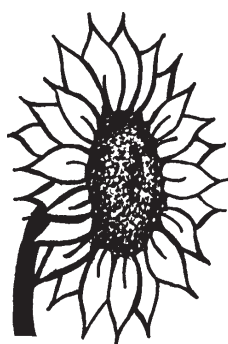


At the Game



Indians defeat Hoxie

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The St. Francis Indians evened their record at 4-4 when they defeated Hoxie 54-33 in varsity basketball action on Friday night.

Sainty was playing their second home game of the season after being on the road since the Nov. 29 game with Dundy County. It was a good way to open 2008.

The team will be back traveling on Friday with a road trip to Oakley.

Three players, Ted Crabtree with 14 points and Trent Kinen and Matt Raile with 13 each, paced the Indian scoring.

"We played our best defense of the year," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "Ted Crabtree had a great game with 15 rebounds, five blocks, seven deflections and 14 points."

"I told the guys before the game that it was the first time that I thought our top six players really knew what they were supposed to be doing."

"We had our four best practices of the year prior to the Hoxie game and we are indebted to our alumni for helping us out."

"We are getting better and if we keep playing hard we will be fun to watch."

Sainty was 7-of-20 from three-point range with Kinen picking up 12 of his 13 points from this area and M. Raile nine of his 13. The team was 14-of-25 from the closer field area with Trent Raile hitting four of his five attempts for 80 percent.

Keaton Frewen was consistent from the free-throw line with 2-of-2.

"We had seven three pointers - four from Trent (Kinen) and three from Matt (Raile)," Coach Cassidy said. "All five of our starters can shoot the three very well."



SAM SOWERS goes in for a layup in the basketball game with Hoxie on Friday evening. The Indians won the game 54-33.

Herald staff photo by Lauren Ross

"Trent (Raile) continues to be our second leading rebounder and Keaton (Frewen) continued his all-around sound play."

"Our surprise player is Sam Sowers. He is getting better with every practice and will start seeing more time each week."

Sainty had 38 rebounds compared to Hoxie's 18 which contributed to the win.

SF	11	15	13	15	54
C	22	23	24	06	75

Scoring: Crabtree 14, Kinen 13, M. Raile 13, T. Raile 8, Frewen 4, Sowers 2.

Rebounding: Crabtree 15, T. Raile 7, Frewen 5, Kinen 4, M. Raile 4, Sowers 2, Garrett Figgins 1.

Varsity Ladies have scoring problems with Hoxie Ladies

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The Lady Indians ended their December competition with a 1-6 record, finishing off 2007 with a 75-23 defeat by Colby on Dec. 20.

The new year began with a 83-30 loss to Hoxie on Friday night.

Both Colby and Hoxie have strong Northwest Kansas League teams this season. Hoxie was undefeated when the Lady Indians played them and Colby went to State in 4A last year and has a number of returning players.

Friday night the Lady Indians will travel to Oakley to play the Lady Plainsmen. Oakley has only two losses (Colby and Hoxie) and has been ranked in 2A this season.

Colby 75, St. Francis 23

Offensively the Lady Indians are struggling in scoring from the field. In this contest they were 1-of-3 from beyond the arc and 6-of-27 from two-point range. The Lady Eagles were not giving St. Francis easy scoring opportunities.

"We played a team with great basketball skills and a great understanding of the game," Coach Ted Busse said. "We did, however, shoot 73 percent at the free-throw line and that is something we strive to do."

Both Sidnee Crabtree (3/3) and Andrea Holzwarth (2/2) were perfect at the line while Jami Pevler, Elizabeth Gienger and Christina Hilt were each 50 percent (1/2).

Rebounding was another problem for St. Francis. Offensively

Colby had 21 offensive boards to only three for St. Francis and defensively Colby had 39 and Sainty had eight which made the total 39 boards for Colby and 11 for the home team.

Colby also forced St. Francis into collecting a number of turnovers to hinder their offensive play.

Crabtree scored nine of the total 23 points for St. Francis. In no quarter did St. Francis score in double figures.

SF	08	05	03	07	23
C	22	23	24	06	75

Scoring: Crabtree 9, Holzwarth 4, C. Hilt 4, Jami Pevler 3, Jodie Hilt 2, Gienger 1.

Rebounding: Jami Pevler 3, Crabtree 2, Gienger 2, Kaycee Williams 1, Holzwarth 1, Sarah Trembly 1, C. Hilt 1.

Hoxie 83, St. Francis 30

Hoxie had St. Francis down by 10 points (22/12) at the end of the first quarter and pulled away for the win by scoring another 24 points in the next frame to have a 46-20 half-time advantage.

"Hoxie is a good basketball team," Coach Busse said.

Crabtree scored in double-figures in this game by putting 12 points through the hoop. She connected on 2-of-3 three pointers and 2-of-4 other field goals plus 2-of-4 from the free-throw line. This gave her a shooting percentage of 50 percent or more from every area of the court.

Gienger was 40 percent from two-point range (2/5) and had three steals while Williams hit both of her free throw attempts.

The team had close to a 27-percent shooting percentage



WORKING AROUND THE DEFENSE - The Hoxie defense is not stopping Jodie Hilt from moving down the court.

Herald staff photo by Lauren Ross

from the field and was 43 percent from the line.

Joni Pevler had six of the 25 rebounds with four of them being

offensive boards.

Turnovers caused a problem as the team collected 31.

SF	12	08	05	05	30
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Bowling News

Wednesday Afternoon 1-2

Team standings: Kale's Girls 4-0, Dairy King 2-2, Lodge Sleepers 2-2, Windmill Restaurant and Cater Cats pending make-up

High game (scratch): Marlys Poulignot 214, Virginia Lengel 173, Carol Peterson 146; (handicap): Poulignot 255, Lengel 231, Peterson 214

High series (scratch): Poulignot 520, Lengel 423, Janice Krien 398; (handicap): Poulignot 643, Lengel 597, Peterson 595

Wednesday Night Mens 1-2

Team standings: Haigler Two 6-2, Bonny Solutions 5-3, Krien Steel Buildings 5-3, Wray Lumber 4-4, Haigler One 4-0, Cheyenne Bowl 2-6, Wright and Wrong 1-3

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbleman 207, Ted Mosier 206, Mike Blecha 204

High series (scratch): Zimbleman 579, Blecha 571, Mosier 556

Ladies Nite Out 1-3

Team standings: Stockman's Strikers 41-23, Mel's Gals 35-29, Bankwest Alley Kats 35-29, Jersey Maids 34.5-29.5, Dundy Ag 33-31, Wright Carpet 27-37, Western State Bank 26.5-37.5, Wray Meat Packing 24-40

High game (scratch): Jeanne Dunn 200, Vickie Schliep 196, Marsha Kechter 193; (handicap): Schliep 246, Stephane Workman 236, Mary Bier 234

High series (scratch): Dunn 520, Schliep 516, Bier 512; (handicap): Schliep 666, Bier 647, Ilene O'Leary 634

Wednesday Night Mens 12-26

Team standings: Krien Steel Buildings 4-0, Haigler Two 3-1, Bonny Solutions 2-2, Wray Lumber 2-2, Wright and Wrong and Haigler One pending make-up game, Cheyenne Bowl 0-4

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbleman 217, Jim Wheaton 194, Eddie Zuege 193

High series: (scratch): Zimbleman 601, Bob Lippert 533, Bill Carpenter 502

Monday Night Mixed 12-17

Team standings: Majestic 37-15, Ringneck Country 35-17, Monday Night Hustlers 31-21, P and L Meat Market 27-29, Earl's Gals 26-26, Neitzel Insurance 23-29.

High game (scratch): Bud Erskin 190, Kale Zimbleman 190, Kary Jo Meyer 189, Sally Baird 177, Janice Krien 176, Troy Meyer 175; (handicap): K. Meyer 238, Erskin 230, Baird 229, Vanessa Wieck 223, Richard Richardson 219, T. Meyer 214.

High series (scratch): Zimbleman 546, Krien 492, Erskin 469, K. Meyer 447, Baird 432, Richardson 424; (handicap): Wieck 663, Krien 624, Richardson 619, Ryan Murray 597, K. Meyer 594, Erskin 589.

Wednesday Afternoon 12-19

Team standings: Windmill Restaurant 39-17, Lodge Sleepers 35-21, Kathy's Cater Cats 31-21, Dairy King 30-26, Kale's Girls 22-30.

High game (scratch): Linda Query 173, Janice Krien 168, Marlys Poulignot 156; (handicap): Carol Peterson 220, Query 220, Krien 217.

High series (scratch): Krien 441, Poulignot 433, Kathy Lemons 433; (handicap): Lemons 622, Krien 588, Peterson 579.

Ladies Nite Out 12-20

Team standings: Stockman's Strikers 38-22, Bankwest Alley Kats 34-26, Dundy Ag 33-27, Mel's Gals 31-29, Jersey Maids 30.5-29.5, Wright Carpet 27-33, Western State Bank 25.5-34.5, Wray Meat Packing 21-39.

High game (scratch): Rhonda Olson 194, Laura Robbins 189, Tammy Zimbleman 187; (handicap): Olson 240, Robbins 234, Vicky Harford 226.

High series (scratch): Zimbleman 559, Robbins 489, Kim Ritter 478; (handicap): Zimbleman 673, Ritter 625, Robbins 623.

Wednesday Night Mens 12-19

Team standings: Krien Steel Buildings 39-17, Wray Lumber 34-22, Bonny Solutions 33-23, Haigler One 33-23, Wright and Wrong 30-26, Haigler Two 29-27, Cheyenne Bowl 21-35.

High game (scratch): Bob Lippert 226, Wayne Mahon 214, Eddie Zuege 206.

High series (scratch): Lippert 625, Shaun Henry 537, Spencer Schlepp 534.

Action begins today

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The junior high girls basketball teams will begin their 2008 action in Colby today (Thursday). The starting time is going to be 4:30 rather than 4 p.m. as stated on the school calendar.

The first games on the home court will be on Thursday, Jan. 17, when the two teams meet players from Hoxie. Game time is 4 p.m.

The Lady Indians will play at home four more times including: Jan. 22 with Goodland, Feb. 7 with Quinter, Feb. 14 with Oberlin and on Feb. 21, host the A-team division of the Northwest Kansas League tournament.

The scheduled games take place mainly on Thursdays with the exception of the Monday game here with Goodland and the first round of the league tournament which also takes place on a Monday. Game time is either 4 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. depending on the home team. Check the school calendar for specific times.

David Morrow will again be head coach with Tim Lambert assisting.

The St. Francis roster includes the following seventh and eighth graders:

Eighth grade: Tilyn Bell, Hayley Brown, Kaitlin Figgins, Jenna Hill, Lexi Hilt, Tiana Hunter, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Ashlynn Lambert, Caitlin Northrup, Trista Orth, Chauntell Peter, Christina Schoenroge.

Seventh grade: Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk, Jandy Dunn, Crissy Harris, Katie Lambert, Aubrey Mills, Clarice Neitzel, Ally Northrup.

Allison Grice is the manager.