



The Saint Francis Herald

At the Game

Let's play ball!

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Football season is here again and many St. Francis players and fans are looking forward to Friday night. The Indians will open the season by playing the Colby Eagles at Greene Field.

Following a successful 11-2 campaign in 2007, the Indians will return with seven players who earned Northwest Kansas League honors plus five other 2007 letter winners.

Receiving league honors were seniors Shawn Warren, first team offense, first team defense (honored for the second year), Ethan Zwegardt, first team offense, second team defense; Sam Sowers, second team defense; Trevor Hilt, honorable mention, offense; Jesse Pacheco, honorable mention, defense and Trent Kinen, honorable mention, defense. Junior Trent Raile was named to the first team offense.

"I expect at least a repeat performance from these guys with the potential for improvement," Coach Tim Lambert said.

Other returning letter winners include senior Scott Ford, juniors, Matt Raile, Alex Long and Terrence Lamb and sophomore, Adam Guthmiller.

"The lines, both offensive and defensive, are one of our strong points," Coach Lambert said. "We have four returning starters on each side."

Returning from last year's starting offensive line are J. Pacheco, Warren, E. Zwegardt and Sowers and from the defensive line, Hilt, Warren, E. Zwegardt and Sowers.

Coach Lambert said he has some kids who are going to step up and fill the holes caused by graduation.

M. Raile is going to be filling the position of quarterback, last held by graduate Ted Crabtree.

It will be normal St. Francis football, taking advantage of the



SPORTS OPEN HOUSE – A scrimmage was held on Friday evening on Greene Field. The 2008 edition of the Indians were on display for fans to preview the skills reinforced since practice sessions began.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

the running game, the coach said.

Running backs returning are T. Raile and Hilt. Others with some experience are Guthmiller and junior, Drew Zwegardt.

"We had a real good summer in the weight room but we still need some conditioning to get better," Coach Lambert said.

He feels the team needs to improve throughout the season and not to get complacent.

"It is important to take one game at a time and prepare for each game."

"We have had 11-12 practices (as of Aug. 29) and only one of them has been bad. They're are doing a good job. We are having fun so far and looking forward to a good year. We have high expectations."

As for leadership, the coach said each year it takes some time to develop but he expects some kids will be stepping into the role.

Passing will also take a place in the game plan for the Indians this year as the coach said they have some potential for a decent

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The team has added Phillipsburg and Norton to the new schedule.

It is getting harder in northwest Kansas for teams playing 11-man football to fill their schedule as additional schools are playing 8-man ball, Coach Lambert said.

As a result, the Mid-Continent League and the Northwest Kansas League came to an agreement to help each other out in football scheduling so each team can complete their nine-game schedule. Both Phillipsburg and Norton belong to the Mid-Continent League.

"I don't know if we would have been able to fill our nine-game schedule if the two leagues

weren't working together," he said.

Home games on the schedule besides Colby include Goodland, Hoxie, Wichita County and Rawlins County.

In the past, St. Francis has played league opponent Quinter, which is one of the teams playing 8-man ball this year. Oberlin is not on the Indian's schedule as a result of the two leagues working together.

"We have some potential and expectations are high for another winning season," Coach Lambert said. "There are still a lot of unknowns that need to be sorted out."

Last year Sainty defeated league teams, Oberlin, Colby, Goodland, Quinter, Hoxie and

Rawlins County (this was also a district win). They defeated two other district teams, Syracuse and Wichita County/Leoti.

After winning the district title, the Indians defeated Hoxie in bi-district play, Meade in regional play and Minneapolis in sectional play. For the fourth year, Smith Center upset the Indians' drive to the state tournament. Sainty's only other loss came at the hands of Oakley in regular season play.

This is a new year. The season is going to depend on the players' expectations, dedication, conditioning and will. According to Coach Lambert, these are strong points toward a successful season.

The coaching staff will again include Coach Lambert, coaches Steve Jenkins, Scott Carmichael, Ted Busse and Devin Dinkel. This is Coach Lambert's 16th year as head coach with one year prior of being a St. Francis assistant coach. Most of the coaches have worked together for a number of years.

The St. Francis players will

be recognized when *The Saint Francis Herald* features them in the Fall Sports Special Section, sponsored by local businesses and fans.

Roster

Seniors: Scott Ford, Trevor Hilt, Casey House, Trent Kinen, Tyler Larson, Lance Owens, Jesse Pacheco, Sam Sowers, Shawn Warren, and Ethan Zwegardt.

Juniors: Grady Brunk, Darris Keller, Terrence Lamb, Alex Long, Jeff Meyer, Ben Neitzel, Freddy Pacheco, Matt Raile, Trent Raile, and Drew Zwegardt.

Sophomores: Alex Draper, Garret Figgins, Ty Gilliland, Adam Guthmiller, Robert Herman, Brooks Hobrock, Cody Killingsworth, Brett Lampe, Tyler Lauer, Thomas McCurry, Ryan Owens, Trevor Reed, Braden Schmid, Cody Sherlock, Nick Smith.

Freshmen: Jonathan Butler, Gavin Cooper, Aaron Nichols, Nathan Lamb, Issac Schiltz, Brock Zwegardt, Ty Zwegardt.

Junior High Sports

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The junior high fall sports season opens today (Thursday) in Oberlin with the volleyball girls playing at 4 p.m. and the football boys at 5:30.

Jeff Beims and David Morrow will be leading the football squad and Tina Elliott and Leigh Ann Faulkender the volleyball squad. Mrs. Elliott was an assistant last year and Ms. Faulkender is new to the squad, although she was a former Lady Indian.

The volleyball team has five duals on the calendar and three tournaments including the league tournament. The squad will again be playing A-team and B-team ball. This year the seventh grade has a very small class of girls with four of them on the squad.

The teams play Northwest Kansas League teams, Oberlin, Oakley, Rawlins County, Hoxie and Colby. They do not meet Quinter and Goodland. End-of-the-season tourneys take place for the A-team in Oakley and the B-team in Hoxie.

The football team has seven games on the schedule. There has been an addition/cancellation to the school calendar with the team playing Dundy County on Thursday, Sept. 11, and not playing Oberlin on Monday, Sept. 15. They play league opponents, Oberlin, Oakley, Rawlins County, Hoxie, Goodland and Colby but do not play Quinter. Dundy County has been added.

Football roster

Eighth grade: Taylor O'Leary, Keegan Sherlock, Foster Grant, Joey McCormick, Dylan Wolaver, Casey Keller, Michael Leibbrandt, Zach Gienger, Thomas Douthit, Dillion Straub, Jordan Easter, Gus Jardine, Dylan Peter.

Seventh grade: Jacob Butler, Mason Schiltz, Wyatt Landenberger, Logan Lampe, J.T. Woodcox, Lane Hoffman,

Austin White, Derek Queen, Tyler Lee, Erik Hart, Lennin Olivares, Joseph Fletcher, Jacob Baxter, Scott Warren, Gaten Cooper.

Football schedule

Thursday, Sept. 4: Decatur County/Oberlin, there, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11: Dundy County, here, 4 p.m. (this game is not listed on the school calendar.

The Monday, Sept. 15 game on the school calendar has been deleted.

Thursday, Sept. 18: Oakley, here 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Rawlins County/Atwood, here, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2: Hoxie, away, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9: Goodland, away, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: Colby, here, 4:30

Volleyball roster

Eighth grade: Ally Northrup, Sarah Whitmore, Katie Lambert, Aubrey Mills, Clarice Neitzel, Krissy Harris, Nariah Hamilton, Laura Brunk, Jandy Dunn, Taylor Archibald.

Seventh grade: Aly Schlepp, Randee Grover, Jacy Hilt, Bailey Merklin.

Volleyball schedule

Thursday, Sept. 4: Decatur County/Oberlin, there, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18: Oakley, here 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20: Oakley Round Robin Tournament, Oakley, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Rawlins County/Atwood, here, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27: Hoxie Tournament, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2: Hoxie, away, 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: Colby, here, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, A-team at Hoxie, 2 p.m.; B-team at Oberlin



THE LADY INDIANS not only were on display Friday at the open house but have already participated in a tri-angular in Hoxie. Results will be printed next week.

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Bowling News

Ladies Nite Out 8-28

Team standings: Jersey Maids 4-0, Wray Meat Packing 3-1, Dundy Ag 3-1, Strikers 2-2, Mel's Gals 2-2, Wright Carpet 1-3, Bankwest Alley Kats 1-3

High game (scratch): Tammy Drommond 185, Linda Mahon 176, Terry Yost 170; (handicap): Erica Harlan 227, Drommond 223, Tammy Overlease

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High series (scratch): Mahon 469, Yost 444, Drommond 441; (handicap): Mahon 559, Nancy Vernon 557, Marsha Kechter 557



Sports Schedule

Friday: varsity football, Colby, here.

Monday: junior varsity football, 5:30 p.m. at Colby

Tuesday: high school volleyball, Oberlin, Colby and St. Francis at Oberlin, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11: high school volleyball, Wauneta/Palisade, here, 5 p.m.; junior high football, Dundy County, here, 4 p.m.