

At the Game

Team competes in tournament

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St. Francis participated in the Gove County volleyball tournament on Saturday, Sept. 13. They defeated Western Plains but were defeated by Wheatland/Grinnell, Weskan and Quinter in pool play and lost to Wallace County and Quinter in bracket play. The team finished eighth out of 10 teams.

The season record stood at 2 wins, 9 losses, following the tournament.

vs Wheatland/Grinnell
23-25, 12-25

"We played well in the first match against Wheatland/Grinnell, but not as well in the second match," Coach Kent Kechter said. "Wheatland has a good team with some good hitters. Their consistent attack took its toll in the second match."

Serving percentage, team: 87 percent.

Leader, serving percentage (five or more attempts): Elizabeth Gienger (6/6); Jami Pevler (5/5); Joni Pevler (5/5). Aces: Aly Marin 3, Jami Pevler 1. Service points: Marin 7, Jami Pevler 2, Joni Pevler 2, Gienger 1, Kaycee Williams 1, Aubree Schlepp 1. Kills, leader: Jami Pevler 3, Kaitlin Figgins 3. Setter, most attempts: Marin 31. Passing, most attempts: Gienger, 28.

vs Weskan
11-25, 14-25

"We were completely outclassed in this match," Coach Kechter said. "In my opinion, Weskan

has the potential to win the state championship if they play well. They hit it hard and consistent. They tipped us to death when we had good blocking position.

"We passed very poorly in this match, but much of it was due to the excellent Weskan attack."

Serving percentage, team: 88 percent.

Leader, serving percentage (five or more attempts): Gienger (6/6) 100 percent. Aces: Joni Pevler 1; Marin 1. Service points: Marin 3, Gienger 2, Joni Pevler 1, Jami Pevler 1. Attack, most attempts: Figgins 11. Kills, leader: Figgins 3; Setter, most attempts, Marin 28. Passes, most attempts: Jodie Hilt 24.

vs Quinter
15-25, 25-19, 21-25

In the Quinter match, St. Francis won the second game, forcing the match to a deciding third game.

"We played well enough to win this match throughout most of the match," Coach Kechter said. "We just made a few too many errors at critical times."

"We must learn to execute better at all times, but especially when the match is on the line. Beth (Gienger) played a great match getting six kills serving 100 percent and passing 73 percent. Kaitlin (Figgins) also had six kills. Jami (Pevler) was 20 of 21 serving for 16 points and also passed well."

Serving percentage, team: 95 percent.

Leader, serving percentage (five or more attempts): Joni Pevler (9/9)



LADY INDIANS Kaycee Williams, Elizabeth Gienger and Jami Pevler await the servc.

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100 percent. Aces: Jami Pevler 4, Joni Pevler 3, Marin 1, Schlepp 1. Service points: Jami Pevler 16, Marin 8, Joni Pevler 4, Schlepp 2, Gienger 1, Williams 1. Attack, most attempts: Figgins 25/19, Jami Pevler 25/18; Kills, leader: Gienger 6, Figgins 6. Setter, most attempts: Marin 49. Passes, most attempts: J. Hilt 41.

Western Plains
25-14, 25-20

The Lady Indians put their second win in the record book when they defeated Western Plains in pool play.

"It was nice to record a win against Western Plains," Coach Kechter said. "Our setting was much improved in this match, which allowed us to hit a high percentage."

"Kaitlin (Figgins) had five kills and the team was good on 93 percent of their attacks. Beth (Gienger) and Jodi (Hilt) passed very well."

Serving percentage, team: 89 percent.

Leader, serving percentage (five or more attempts): Joni Pevler (9/9), 100 percent. Aces: Joni Pevler 4, Sarah Trembly 3, Gienger 1, Jami Pevler 1. Service points: Jami

Pevler 10, Joni Pevler 8, Gienger 5, Trembly 5, Schlepp 3, Marin 2, Williams 1. Attack, most attempts: Jami Pevler 13, she was 100 percent. Kills, leader: Figgins 5. Setter, most attempts: Joni Pevler with 19/19 was 100 percent, Marin also had 19 attempts. Passes, most attempts: J. Hilt 19.

vs Wallace County
15-25; 25-27

"We did not serve well in this match, missing six serves," Coach Kechter said. "We only recorded eight kills in the match, partially due to Wallace County's scrambling defense."

"As a team we blocked very well, recording 11 blocks and five stuffs."

"Wallace County hurt us with tips after we began blocking effectively. We will work to improve our coverage, but our game intensity and focus must also improve."

Serving percentage, team: 86 percent.

Leader, serving percentage (five or more attempts): Joni Pevler (7/7) 100 percent.

Aces: Gienger, Marin, Trembly, one each. Service points: Gienger 7, Marin 6, Joni Pevler 3, Jami

Pevler 1, Williams 1, Trembly 1. Attack, most attempts: Jami Pevler 17. Kills, leader: Jami Pevler 4. Setter, most attempts: Marin 28. Passes, most attempts: Gienger 27.

vs Quinter
16-25, 24-26

St. Francis played Quinter for the second time in the tournament in the bracket game for seventh place.

"We played pretty well in most areas of the game again," Coach Kechter said. "We just did not make plays when needed to seal the win."

"Beth (Gienger) and Jami (Pevler) passed extremely well

in this match and our attack percentage (89 percent) was good also.

"We will continue to work hard to improve."

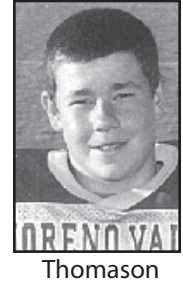
Serving percentage, team: 93 percent.

Leader, serving percentage (five or more attempts): Joni Pevler (8/8) and Marin (8/8) were both 100 percent. Aces: Gienger and Jami Pevler, one each.

Service points: Gienger 6, Joni Pevler 4, Marin 3, Schlepp 2, Cara Hunt 1, Jami Pevler 1. Attack, most attempts: Jami Pevler 29. Kills, leader: Jami Pevler 7. Setter, most attempts: Marin 36. Passes, most attempts: Gienger 37.

Player receives honor

Jared Thomason, grandson of Harvey and Marilyn Holzwarth, was chosen to attend the annual "Salute to Troy" reunion on Aug. 22, held at the University of Southern California to honor past and present football stars.



Thomason

honor of meeting and getting autographs of former players, including Anthony Davis, Junior Seau and Charles White, also present players including Mark Sanchez, Ray Mauluga and of course head coach, Pete Carroll, who encouraged the young men to continue training hard and doing well in school.

Meeting and talking to the players was an honor for the young men but the highlight was spending time with the cheerleaders who were happy to escort the Falcon team members throughout the evening.

Thomason, number 52, is playing his fifth year of contact football and will be attending Rancho Verde High School next year.

Indians posts first win

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St. Francis scored a 14-0 shutout victory over Oakley in junior high football on Thursday night at Greene Field. This was the first win of the season for St. Francis giving them a 1-2 record after three games.

"What a difference a week makes," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We had a good week of practice, and learned some important lessons about the game of football."

"Coach (David) Morrow's defense hasn't been scored on in the last six quarters, and in fact we have only been outscored by 6

points total all year.

"We just have to continue to improve on offense, and we are making strides."

In the second period, Dylan Wolaver blocked a punt and the Indian's recorded a two-point safety.

Two touchdowns in the third quarter added 12 points to the Saintry score. Wolaver scored one of the touchdowns on a 72-yard run and Taylor O'Leary scored on a 37-yard run.

Saintry will meet Rawlins County/Atwood in St. Francis today (Thursday).

Team wins one match

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The junior high volleyball teams had the week of Sept. 8 off but things changed last week when they were busy both Thursday and Saturday.

In eighth grade action on Thursday night the A-team was defeated by Oakley 8-25, 11-25.

"We had the first home game of the season and we really wanted to do well at home but I think the nerves just really got to us," Coach Tina Elliott said. "We had pretty good serves just not enough of them because we weren't ready for the returns."

"Oakley was a tough team but I know we can play better then we performed. We will just keep working and be positive and it will hopefully come together."

Having good serves were Laura Brunk 8, Ally Northrup 3, Katie Lambert 2, Krissy Harris 2, Clarice Neitzel.

Oakley Quad
vs Rawlins County/Atwood
13-25, 25-20, 15-9.

Teams from Rawlins County, Quinter, Oakley and St. Francis met in a Round Robin Tournament in Oakley on Saturday. St. Francis defeated Rawlins County/Atwood in the first match of the day. The match went to three games with scores of 13-25, 25-20 and 15-9.

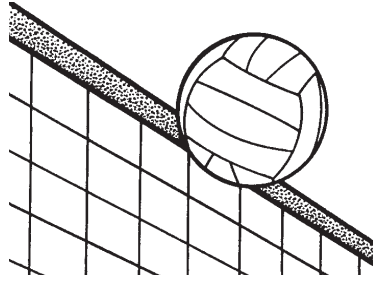
"After our frightening home game Thursday night with Oakley we came out strong and ready to prove ourselves in the Atwood game and we did just that," Coach Elliott said. We played very well together and our main focus was to make our serves and just get the ball on the other side of the net and let them make the mistakes.

"I was very proud of our team. They worked hard, talking, moving and going after the ball every time. Now they know that it is possible to be down in points and come back for a win."

Having good serves were Brunk 12, Harris 11, Taylor Archibald 6, Northrup 4, Neitzel 4, Jandy Dunn 3, Lambert 1.

vs Quinter
16-25, 17-25

"Our second match was with Quinter and we lost in two sets but



we still did a good job and kept up with them," Coach Elliott said.

Having good serves in this match were Neitzel 7, Northrup 5, Archibald 5, Harris 3, Dunn 3, Brunk 2.

vs Oakley
14-25, 25-22, 8-15

"Our last match we played Oakley again and even though we didn't win the match we were able to take them into 3 sets," Coach Elliott said. "Now we just need to continue to improve and win more games as the season goes on."

Having good serves were: Northrup 9, Brunk 9, Neitzel 8, Harris 7, Archibald 5, Aubrey Mills 3, Dunn 2.

Junior Varsity Football

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The junior varsity football team met teams from Phillipsburg on Sept. 15 and from Goodland on Monday, Sept. 22.

"We didn't play with very much enthusiasm and it is tough to play the game of football without enthusiasm," Coach Ted Busse said. "Phillipsburg has a good football team."

Against the Panthers, Saintry was defeated 38-6 in a game played in Oberlin. Drew Zwegardt scored the only Indian touchdown on a 61-yard run.

"We have to come out of the gates with more fire or we will struggle," Coach Devin Dinkel said.

Goodland took a 14-8 win over St. Francis on Monday night.

"We stalled out on three or four drives to the end zone, one which was on the 3-yard line late in the fourth quarter," Coach Busse said. "When you make mental mistakes in a tight game such as this game, they often are hard to overcome. We have many things to work on and we must continue to work hard at becoming better."

Again Zwegardt was the runner who scored for St. Francis. This time it was on a 51-yard run. "Defensively, we made some big plays and had some godos tops and hopefully we can continue to improve upon that," Coach Dinkel said.

Volleyball

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Junior varsity teams from Rawlins County and Wallace County joined the St. Francis team in a triangular on Tuesday, Sept. 16. The action took place in St. Francis.

The Lady Indians scored a win over Rawlins County by scores of 25-4 and 25-21. It took three games but Saintry also won the Wallace County game. The final scores were 25-14, 18-25, 15-10.

"The first game against Rawlins County was one of the strangest matches I have witnessed," Coach Jeff Olofson said.

"Everything went right for the young Lady Indians and nothing

went right for the Buffalos. When we got ready to play the second game of the match I warned the team that Rawlins County might wake up and they did.

"The second game we still played fairly well but we made a few mistakes and this kept the Buffalos in the game. This is one of the things we are working on is to not let a team into a match once we have the lead."

"The Wallace County match was a very good junior varsity match. Both teams played hard and made great plays and also made many mistakes."

"In the end we missed fewer serves and made fewer mistakes."

Volleyball results released

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On Tuesday night, the St. Francis B- and C-junior high volleyball teams competed with Oakley in St. Francis. The B-team lost by the scores of 4-25 and 14-25.

"Our match against Oakley had many ups and downs," Coach Leigh Ann Faulkender said. "In the first set, Oakley had a player with extremely hard serves that our girls were not ready for."

"We are concentrating on passing balls without swinging so hard. If we can get some consistency in our passing and our serves, we will be better able to compete against teams like Oakley."

"I was proud of the girls for coming back in the second set and giving it their all."

Having good serves were Bailey

Merklin 5, Taylor Archibald 2, Jandy Dunn 2, Sarah Whitmore 1, Aubrey Mills 1, Randece Grover 1, Nariah Hamilton 1.

The C-team lost 13-25, also against Oakley.

Having good serves were Hailton 4, Jacy Hilt 2, Merklin 1, Aly Schlepp 1.

On Saturday St. Francis met B-teams from Rawlins County, Quinter and Oakley in Oakley.

It took three games before Rawlins County defeated the young Lady Indians 10-25, 25-15, 10-15.

Against Quinter the final scores were 15-25 and 11-25 and against Oakley 1-25, 22-25.

Having good serves were Hamilton 19, Mills 17, Whitmore 10, Merklin 8, Grover 7, Schlepp 4 and Hilt 1.

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