

At the Game



THE OFFENSIVE LINE is opening a hole for Travis Raile to gain yardage in the contest with Oakley on Friday night.

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Indians win league contest over Oakley

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The Indians defeated Oakley on Friday night. It has been seven years since St. Francis came out the winner against the Plainsmen but this year the final score was St. Francis 24, Oakley 11.

"We got the monkey off our back," Coach Tim Lambert said. "During that time we have had some heartbreaking losses."

One example would be the last-minute touchdown Oakley scored last year to take the win.

We have no time to pat ourselves on the back the coach said as Norton is coming up and we have to take care of business. Norton has a great football team.

Sainty scored on a 45-yard pass from quarterback Matt Raile to Trent Raile in the first quarter with Trevor Hilt adding the conversion points.

Before the quarter was over, Oakley had tied the game with a

score of their own. It was also on a pass play. The play covered 52 yards. The Plainsmen's rushing attempt was also good for two points, leaving the score tied at the end of the period.

In the second quarter, Oakley scored on a 19-yard field goal. For the first time this year, Sainty was on the short end of the score with Oakley leading 11-8.

St. Francis immediately began working to turn things around, which they did shortly thereafter with T. Raile returning the kickoff for 87-yards. Again Hilt was handed the ball and he made another successful conversion attempt.

Sainty was back in the lead and they never gave it up.

The third quarter proved to be mainly a defensive battle. The Indian defense has proven to be strong again this year with opponents having few scoring opportunities.

The Plainsmen had accounted for their final score in the first half but the Indians had a fourth quarter 35-yard run by T. Raile to add to Sainty's effort. M. Raile added the two points this time. On this outing, Sainty was successful on each of their conversion attempts.

As always, it was a team win with the offensive and defensive each contributing. Although Sainty had two fumbles during the game they also had two pass interceptions and a fumble recover by T. Raile.

"We didn't execute great but the kids played hard and we got the win," Coach Lambert said. "We celebrate the win and then get right back to work."

Sainty had 191 rushing yards for the night and one completed pass for 45 yards for a total of 236 yards of offense. Oakley rushed for 116 yards and added 128 yards rushing for a total of 244-yards.

Three players, T. Raile, Adam

Guthmiller and Shawn Warren, each had eight tackles for the game. T. Raile and Guthmiller had five unassisted tackles each to lead in that category.

The Indians stand 3-0 in the Northwest Kansas League and 4-0 overall.

Next action

Sainty will meet the Norton Blue Jays in Norton Friday night. Norton, who is a member of the Mid-Continent League has been defeated by Smith Center this year but the score was very close.

"Norton has a great football

team," Coach Lambert said.

Game stats

Scoring: T. Raile 18, Hilt 4, M. Raile 2.

Rushing: T. Raile, 119 yards, Hilt, 26 yards, D. Zweggardt, 23 yards; Guthmiller, 23 yards. The longest rushing attempt was a 55-yard run by T. Raile.

Tackles: T. Raile 8, Guthmiller 8, Warren 8, Casey House 7, Trent Kinen 6, Jesse Pacheco 6, Ethan Zweggardt 5, M. Raile 5, Hilt 5, Scott Ford 3, Alex Long 2, Terrence Lamb 2, Garrett Figgins 2, and D. Zweggardt and Grady

Brunk each had one.

Passes/pass receivers; M. Raile was 1-of-3 passing for a total of 45 yards and one touchdown. T. Raile had one reception for 45 yards.

Punts/kick-offs: Long had four kickoffs for a total of 141 yards. There were no punts or punt returns.

Scores

League teams (11-man): St. Francis 24, Oakley 11; Rawlins County 44, Oberlin 12; Goodland 21, Trego 6; Colby 40, Plainville 0; Ellis 49, Hoxie 14.

Team scores second win of season

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After the young Indians lost their first two football games of the year, they have turned things around and now stand at 2-2. On Thursday, Sept. 25, the junior high team defeated Rawlins County/Atwood by a score of 34-14.

"I was pleased with the way we started," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We've been talking about starting fast, and we finally were able to get the train out of the station from the first bell. We got on them early, and never let up."

St. Francis scored in each

quarter of the contest.

Zach Gienger put the ball in the end zone first with a 22-yard run. A safety due to a bad snap by Atwood added two points, giving Sainty 8 points in this period.

The team added 12 points in the second quarter with Taylor O'Leary having both a 10-yard touchdown run and a 75-yard punt return. Keegan Sherlock added two conversion points after the second O'Leary score giving St. Francis a total of 22 points at halftime.

O'Leary scored again in the third quarter on a kick return and

in the fourth quarter on a 51-yard run, adding 6 points in each of the two quarters, making the Sainty final 34 points.

Having two of the scores as a result of a punt return and a kick return made the game exciting.

"It's rewarding to see these guys start to figure out what we do here," Coach Beims said. "Our younger guys got some playing time but struggled against Atwood's first team."

"It was a pretty good illustration of the difference a year makes in the development of these young men."

C-team volleyball results released

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C-team volleyball action has taken place with Rawlins County and Wallace County on Tuesday, Sept. 16, Dundy County and Chase County on Thursday, Sept. 25, and at the C-team tournament in Oberlin on Saturday.

The final scores in the Rawlins County match were 23-25 and 17-25 and in the Wallace County match 18-25 and 19-25.

Against Dundy County, Sainty was defeated by scores of 17-25 and 23-25 and against Chase County the final scores were 15-25, 12-25.

"The C team is slowly showing improvements in their play," Coach Talley Morrow said. "We have come really close to beating a couple of great teams, but coming close isn't enough. They will have to keep working harder every day in order to find that first win."

Junior varsity team earns 36-16 victory

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The junior varsity football team followed the lead of the varsity team by defeating Oakley. The game was played Monday evening in St. Francis and the final score was St. Francis 36, Oakley 16.

"We came out of the gates ready to play this game and it showed," Coach Ted Busse said. "We definitely got off the ball better up front which in return opened up the line of scrimmage for some good runs."

Several Indians were involved

"They work together well, but we lack speed and instinct in the game at this point. I hope to have three great matches this weekend at the Oberlin Tournament in which we gain some court time to work on these things."

Oberlin Tournament

The Lady Indians were successful over Goodland in the final match on Saturday which was a good way to end the day.

"We ended up getting seventh place at the tournament in Oberlin," Coach Morrow said. "A first win is always nice. The girls did not 'show up' for the first match and it was really hard to watch. After that though, they changed their tune, started playing better, almost beat Atwood, and finally got their first win in the match against Goodland."

"Some good lessons were learned on Saturday and I'm glad we ended on a positive note."

in the scoring including:

Drew Zweggardt had a 16-yard touchdown run, a 25-yard touchdown run, a 74-yard touchdown fake punt run and one two-point conversion run.

Alex Long had a 24-yard touchdown reception pass from Brett Lampe.

Cody Sherlock had a 3-yard touchdown run.

Terrence Lamb had two, 2-point conversion runs.

"The game was won in the trenches," Coach Devin Dinkel said.

The final scores on Saturday were: vs Quinter 9-25, 5-25; vs Rawlins County 25-23, 11-25, 13-15 and against Goodland 25-17, 25-6.

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