



At the Game

Ladies travel to Imperial

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The Lady Indian varsity volleyball team had a lighter schedule the week of Sept. 22 which allowed them time to prepare for the month of October. The season is moving along rapidly with the league tournament scheduled for Oct. 18 and regionals on Oct. 21.

Sainty competed with Chase County and Dundy County in Imperial on Thursday, Sept. 25. The Lady Indian's record moved to 2-13 by the time the competition was over. They lost to Chase County 20-25; 13-25 and to Dundy County in three games 25-22, 21-25, 18-25.

"Both Chase and Dundy have excellent programs and very athletic, talented teams again this year," Coach Kent Kechter said.

vs Chase County
20-25; 13-25

"We played well throughout most of the Chase County match. Chase has an excellent team with outstanding size and athletic ability. We did not execute quite as well in the latter portion of the second game, but the consistent attack from Strand finally took its toll.

"I was very proud of our improvement from previous performances."

The team serving percentage was 94 in this match with the statistics divided among seven players. Elizabeth Gienger had the most attempts with eight and she was successful seven times. Having the most attempts and serving 100 percent was Joni Pevler with 7-of-7.

Service points: Gienger 3, Joni Pevler 3, Aubree Schlepp 2, Aly Marin 1. There were no aces.

Jami Pevler led the attempts on



COACH KENT KECHTER reviews strategy with the players during a timeout from the action.

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the attack with 17. She had only one error.

Having kills were Jami Pevler 6, Gienger 3, Schlepp 2, Kaitlin Figgins 2.

Marin handled 32 sets and had 28 either in or playable. Joni Pevler was 20-of-22.

Gienger was good on 24-of-28 passes. Jodie Hilt was 21-of-29 and had the most attempts.

Gienger, Kaycee Williams and Figgins each had a block and Jami Pevler and Figgins had one stuff apiece.

vs Dundy County
25-22, 21-25, 18-25.

"We really competed in this match," Coach Kechter said. "We won the first game against a very athletic and talented volleyball team. We played well throughout the rest of the match but just came up a little short."

The serving percentage was 91 percent in this match. Joni Pevler was 15/15, Marin was 12/12 and Williams was 9/9 to lead the team.

Having aces were Joni Pevler 3 and Jami Pevler 1.

Service points: Joni Pevler 9, Jami Pevler 8, Marin 5, Williams 4, Shayla Hilt.

Leading the attack was Elizabeth

Gienger with 21-of-22. Having perfect percentages were Williams with 13-of-13, Figgins 11-of-11, and Marin 10-of-10. Jami Pevler had the most opportunities with 26.

Gienger and Jami Pevler led the kills with seven each. Having one apiece were Joni Pevler, Williams, Schlepp and Figgins.

Joni Pevler handled 39 sets while Marin had 35. Pevler had 37 playable and Marin 33.

Jodie Hilt led in passing attempts with 40. She had 30 on target or playable.

The leader in blocks was Jami

Pevler with two while Gienger led in digs/saves with 12.

"Our offensive attack was much improved due to more accurate passing and setting this week," Coach Kent Kechter said. "We have been working hard to improve in these areas and the performance increase is starting to appear."

"We are beginning to learn that the more you give of yourself to the game the more rewarding matches are."

"Elizabeth Gienger played especially well in both matches helping to set the tone for her teammates."

Tourney held on Saturday

For several years Brewster has hosted a group of matches for junior varsity teams in the area, according to Jeff Olofson, St. Francis coach. Some years the host team does not have a team entered and this was one of those years.

"For our young Lady Indians this is usually a good day as we often have a chance to play teams we don't normally meet and that have similar skill levels to ours," he said.

St. Francis played Heartland Christian first and earned a 25-16, 25-15 match win. Next they competed with Golden Plains and again scored a win, this time by scores of 25-9, 25-9. The day ended with a 25-16, 28-26 win over Triplains.

"As the scores indicate we played extremely well in all three matches," Coach Olofson said. "Even the close game was well played. In several of these games we served about as well as a team can scoring many of our points off of aces."

"There are a couple of erratic servers on the junior varsity team and I was proud of their effort on Saturday as they served well.



THE JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM represents St. Francis well during the season. The Lady Indians (l to r) include Lexi Hilt, Ashlynn Lambert, Shayla Hilt and Allysa Lee.

Another area where we showed improvement was in the last game of the day. We have often lost the close matches but we kept playing and were able to make key plays at the end of the game."

Thursday triangular

The junior varsity volleyball team met teams from Dundy County and Chase County at Imperial on Thursday, Sept. 25, in Imperial. St. Francis did take

both matches to three games by winning the first one against each team.

"Year after year these are two of the best programs we face in volleyball and this year was no exception," Coach Jeff Olofson said.

St. Francis lost to Chase County 25-14, 17-25, and 10-15.

"In the first match against Chase County we got off to a great start,"

Coach Olofson said. "We served well and they were not able to run their offense."

"In the second two games missed serves at crucial times and much better passing by our opponents meant they were able to get ahead and stay ahead."

The scores of the Dundy County match were 25-15, 22-25, 13-15.

"The scores for the second match indicate that it was fairly

close throughout," Coach Olofson said. "Again a few small mistakes contributed to the loss."

"The young Lady Indians still struggle with the ability to overcome adversity but they are getting better each week. One of the most important roles of a junior varsity program is to give the inexperienced player a chance to compete and learn to play."

A-team volleyballers participate in dual and tournament

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Rawlins County/Atwood and St. Francis met in volleyball action in St. Francis on Thursday, Sept. 25. The A-team, coached by Tina Elliott, had a close first game with Atwood, forcing the Lady Buffs to 27 points before they could claim the win. The final scores were 25-27, 16-25.

Having good serves were Laura Brunk 11; Katie Lambert 10; Krissy Harris 8; Jandy Dunn

4; Clarice Neitzel 3; Aubrey Mills 3; Ally Northrup 1.

"Even though we lost, we stayed close in the sets," Coach Elliott said. "We did a good job communicating and we had good serves. These are a big part of our goals. Now we just need to get the good passes."

Saturday saw the A-team members travel to Hoxie for a junior high tournament against A-teams from Trego County, Hoxie, Oberlin and Norton.

Sainty was able to be involved in four matches which increases the times each player can practice fundamentals.

"The girls did a really good job considering we had only one person to substitute, which means they all played every game full time," Coach Elliott said. "They were definitely tired by the end of the day, but they played very well even though the scores showed losses."

"I think we improved with

hustling and calling the ball, although we fell a little bit in our serves."

St. Francis won one game in the set with Oberlin to force the match to three games.

"Over all I am proud of how the girls are improving from week to week."

vs Trego County: 20-25; 22-25. Having good serves were Brunk 14; Dunn 6; Harris 4; Taylor Archibald 4; Neitzel 3; Lambert 2.

vs Hoxie: 8-25; 14-25. Having good serves were Brunk 5; Lambert 4; Mills 3; Archibald 3; Neitzel 2; Harris 2.

vs Oberlin: 23-25, 25-16, 4-15. Having good serves were Brunk 14; Archibald 10; Mills 8; Harris 6; Lambert 4; Neitzel 2.

vs Norton: 11-25; 18-25. Having good serves were Brunk 6; Harris 5; Lambert 4; Mills 4; Archibald 4; Neitzel 1.

Coach proud of squad

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The Rawlins County volleyball B-team defeated the St. Francis B-team on Thursday night in St. Francis. The final scores were 11-25, 14-25 with the St. Francis score listed first.

"Rawlins County is a team we've taken to three sets before, so I was expecting to be fairly competitive against them," Coach Leigh Ann Faulkender said.

"It was one of those nights, however, where we just couldn't get all of our skills put together."

"The ladies are improving each week on their serves and their communication on the court. Volleyball is a very mentally tough game because there are downtimes on the court, yet you must keep yourself and your teammates fired up and aggressive. The more time they spend on the court, the better they will continue to get."

Having good serves in the Rawlins County game were Bailey Merklin 6, Aubrey Mills 3, Nariah Hamilton 3, Aly Schlepp 3, Taylor Archibald 2, Randee Grover 1.

Hoxie Tournament

St. Francis had a good opportunity to use their volleyball skills on Saturday as they participated in four matches at the Hoxie Tournament.

The Lady Indians were defeated by Hoxie 23-25, 20-25; Trego County 20-25, 20-25; Oberlin 23-25, 23-25 and Norton 14-25, 9-25.

"I have never been more proud of this team!" Coach Faulkender said.

"It was such a long day for these women. I don't believe in making excuses, but here's the situation they faced. These ladies played four tough games within a six hour time frame...with only six players. That meant there was no rest for the weary as we were zero deep on the bench."

"We didn't come home with a win, which is just as frustrating for the coach as the players, but when you have a team that takes six out of eight sets to over 20 points, you know they are doing something right."

"I am really seeing some things come together for this team and as long as I see improvement and hustle from them, I cannot complain."

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

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Wednesday Coffee 9-24

Team standings: Lodge Sleepers 9-3, Kale's Girls 9-3, Western State Bank 5-7, Dairy King 1-11.

High game (scratch): Donna Mosier 148, Carol Peterson 147, Marlys Poulignot 143; (handicap) Karen McVey 220, Peterson 213, Mosier 201.

High series (scratch): Mosier 395, Poulignot 393, Linda Query 373; (handicap): McVey 625, Mosier 554, Peterson 547.

Wednesday Night Mens 9-24

Team standings: Haigler One 12-4, Wright & Wrong 11-5, Wray Lumber 11-5, Bonny Solutions 11-1, Haigler Two 6-6, Krien Steel Buildings 5-11, Cheyenne Bowl 4-12.

High game: Kelley Faylor 215, Alan Rose 201, Bob Lippert 190.

High series (scratch): Rose 567, Lippert 542, Bill Carpenter 512.

Ladies Nite Out 9-25

Team standings: Dundy Ag 15-5, Wray Meat Packing 15-5, Mel's Gals 11-9, Jersey Maids 11-9, Bankwest Alley Kats 8-12, Strikers 7-13, Wright Carpet 6-14.

High game (scratch): Linda Mahon 170, Terry Yost and Pat Confer 169; (handicap): Marlys Poulignot 228, Vicky Harford 224 and Nancy Vernon 224.

High series: Confer 469, Kathy Blecha 457, Nikki Gelvin 453; (handicap): Vicki Coates 648, Poulignot 622, Confer 616.