



At the Game



SAINTY WINS! Many members of the squad were instrumental in the victory over Hoxie. Pictured is Jesse Pacheco carrying the ball while Trent Raile (36), Trent Kinen (20) and Ben Neitzel (65) are involved in the action. *Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

Indians win over Hoxie, move record to 5-1

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The first six football games of the season, all against either Northwest Kansas League or Mid-Continent League opponents, are now completed. The Indians defeated Colby, Phillipsburg, Goodland, Oakley and Hoxie and suffered a loss to Norton giving the Indians a 5-1 record.

District games begin this Friday when St. Francis meets Syracuse in Syracuse for the first of three games which will decide which two squads will represent the district in post-season play.

The four teams in District 15 are Rawlins County/Atwood, St. Francis, Syracuse and Wichita County/Leoti. St. Francis will play Wichita County/Leoti on Friday, Oct. 24, and Rawlins County/Atwood on Thursday, Oct. 30. When district play is completed, the two teams with the best district record will qualify for bi-district play.

Each team in the state begins district play with a 0-0 record.

"I think any time it gets this time of year every game is important," Coach Tim Lambert said. "We need to play to win to make the playoffs."

"We need to take one game at a time and focus on getting better."

"Two of the three district games are at homes and that is good."

On Friday night St. Francis and Hoxie met at Greene Field with the home team dominating the game both offensively and defensively. The final score was St. Francis 54, Hoxie 6. The outcome was a team victory as the bench made several contributions.

"We played well against Hoxie and earned the win," Coach Lambert said.

Offensively Hoxie gained a total of 120 yards for the evening. They made 105 yards rushing and 15 yards passing. St. Francis accounted for 397 yards rushing and 100 yards passing for a grand total of 497 yards.

Eight different players helped accumulate the rushing yardage for the home squad with Adam Guthmiller having 93 to lead the team and Drew Zwegardt adding 85. The Indian total of 54 points were scored by seven different players, Zwegardt, Matt Raile, Cody Sherlock, Garrett Figgins, Trent Raile, Guthmiller and Trevor Hilt.

M. Raile threw for 72 yards, completing four-of-five attempts while Brett Lampe, who took over later in the game, completed his only attempt which resulted in a fourth quarter touchdown. Trent Kinen, Jesse Pacheco, Garrett Figgins and T. Raile each had a reception.

Defensively 20 players helped by having at least one tackle and four different players, T. Raile, Hilt, Jeff Meyer and Braden Schmid, each had a sack. Sherlock collected 13 and Ethan Zwegardt 10. Pass interceptions were a contributing factor with M. Raile and Trent Kinen each having one. J. Pacheco and Casey House were involved in causing Hoxie fumbles.

There was a total of only two penalties for the entire game, with St. Francis being charged with a total of 15 yards.

During the first quarter, the

scoring was even with each team making one touchdown. St. Francis scored first on a 2-yard run by Hilt with Hoxie coming back later in the quarter to tie the score at 6 all.

It was during the second quarter that the Sainty team showed their dominance both offensively and defensively. The defense shut Hoxie down for the remainder of the game while the offense just continued to gain yardage.

Three touchdowns were scored in the second quarter with Hilt being first with his second of the game. This time he went in from the 1-yard line and Guthmiller added the conversion points. Guthmiller scored next on a 27-yard run with T. Raile adding two conversion points and before the half ended D. Zwegardt had a 32-yard run to score. Following this touchdown the Indians chose to kick the extra point instead of using a running play. Hilt was the kicker and he connected. Twenty-three points went on the board in this quarter to added to the six from the first quarter giving St. Francis a 29-6 advantage.

The third quarter saw touchdowns scored by M. Raile on a 68-yard run, Figgins on a 1-yard run and Sherlock on a 9-yard run. The first two conversion attempts failed but Hilt had a successful kick following the Sherlock touchdown.

The final offensive scoring of the game came on a 28-yard pass from Lampe to Figgins.

Next action

Sainty will travel to Syracuse on Friday for the first of three district games. Syracuse has a 2-4 record

going into district play.

Game stats

Scoring: Hilt 14, Figgins 12, Guthmiller 8, D. Zwegardt 6, M. Raile 6, Sherlock 6, T. Raile 2.

Rushing: Guthmiller 93, D. Zwegardt 85, M. Raile 66, Sherlock 54, T. Raile 47, Hilt 42. Figgins 8, Freddy Pacheco 2.

Tackles: Sherlock 13, E. Zwegardt 10, Terrence Lamb 7, Kinen 6, Shawn Warren 6, House 6, D. Zwegardt 5, J. Pacheco 5, T. Raile 5, Guthmiller 5, Hilt 4, Figgins 3, Darris Keller 2, M.

Raile 2, Meyer 2, Lampe 1, F. Pacheco 1, Tyler Lauer 1, Tyler Larson 1, Schmid 1.

Passes/pass receivers: M. Raile was 4-of-5 passing for a total of 72 yards; Lampe was 1-of-1. J. Pacheco had two receptions for 24 yards, Figgins had one for 28-yards; T. Raile had one for 23 yards as did Kinen with one for 23 yards.

Punts/kick-offs: Lauer had seven kickoffs for a total of 288 yards with one of them being 60 yards; Hilt had two kickoffs for a

total of 83 yards. T. Raile had one punt for 18 yards. In the kickoff return column, D. Zwegardt and Trent Raile each had one for 9-yards.

The Sainty Indians had 19 first downs while the Hoxie Indians had nine.

Scores

League teams (11-man): St. Francis 56, Hoxie 6; Rawlins County/Atwood 52, Plainville 20; Goodland 42, Oberlin 8; Oakley 36, Trego 0; Smith Center 40, Colby 0.

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