

## The Saint Francis Herald

# At the Game



THE INDIANS' BIG "D" – Defense has always been a strong part of the Indian football program. Adam Guthmiller (40) and Shawn Warren (73) are aggressively running down the Syracuse ball handler.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

## Indians win district game; face Leoti Friday

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St. Francis defeated Syracuse 62-21 in district football play on Friday night in Syracuse. The Indians now own a 1-0 record in District 15 competition. The other game winner in the district was Rawlins County/Atwood who defeated Wichita County/Leoti. Thus the district stands with St. Francis and Rawlins County being 1-0 and Syracuse and Wichita County being 0-1.

On Friday night the Indians will meet Wichita County at Greene Field and the Rawlins County Buffaloes will take on Syracuse. The battle between the Sainty Indians and the Buffaloes will be played on Thursday night, Oct. 30, at Greene Field in St. Francis.

St. Francis, Syracuse, Wichita County and Rawlins County make up the teams in District 15. Two of these teams will advance to post-season play when district action is completed.

The first play-off activity will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 4, in bi-district action. The District 15 winner will entertain the second place finisher in District 16 and the winner of District 16 will host the second place finisher in District 15.

Teams in District 16 are Oakley, Oberlin/Decatur Community and Hoxie. Oakley defeated Oberlin on Friday, Oct. 17. Oakley will play Hoxie on Friday night with Oberlin and Hoxie meeting on Thursday, Oct. 30.

**St. Francis 62, Syracuse 21**  
St. Francis scored 20 points in the first quarter and 23 points in the second quarter to hold a 43-7 halftime advantage. The Indians went on to score an additional 19 points in the second half while Syracuse had a touchdown in each of the final two quarters. The evening ended with a 62-21 victory for the Indians.

"We played pretty well," Coach Tim Lambert said. "I hope we are getting better and can continue to

improve.

"I'm excited about the position we are in especially if we can win this next game."

Six Indians accounted for the scoring during the evening including Trent Kinen, Cody Sherlock, Jesse Pacheco, Garrett Figgins, Trent Raile and Trevor Hilt.

Matt Raile (quarterback) connected on 3-of-5 passing attempts with Kinen and J. Pacheco being the receivers.

With 499-yards rushing and 9-yards passing for a total of 508 yards and nine touchdowns, the Indians dominated the game. Syracuse had 140 yards rushing and 162 yards passing for 302 yards and three touchdowns.

Eighteen different players contributed to the 101 tackles recorded. T. Raile led with 11 while Sherlock had 10. Sherlock also had a sack and recovered a fumble while T. Raile had a pass interception.

The statistics for this game

include a number of younger players who spent time on the field substituting for the starters and gaining experience.

"I've seen some tremendous improvement in the young kids from the beginning of the season until now," Coach Lambert said. "I'm excited about that - we had some concerns about the junior varsity earlier but they have improved. The younger players performed well on Friday."

The first quarter scoring came on a 2-yard run by Hilt with a pass from M. Raile to Pacheco scoring the conversion points. T. Raile had runs of 58-yards and 22-yards to move the score to 20-0.

In the second quarter, T. Raile broke lose two times for runs of 22-yards and 64 yards while Sherlock scored on a 2-yard run. Five additional conversions points were scored with four of them coming on two M. Raile passes to Kinen and the other one on a successful after-touchdown

kick by Hilt.

Scoring in the third quarter were T. Raile on an 85-yard kick-off return, and a touchdown by Hilt. He also had another successful kick following his touchdown.

Figgins accounted for the final Indian score in the fourth quarter. He reached pay dirt on a 7-yard run.

### Next action

Sainty will entertain Wichita County, a District 15 opponent, at Greene Field on Friday night. Game time is 7 p.m.

**Game stats vs Syracuse**  
Scoring: T. Raile 30, Hilt 14, Sherlock 6, Figgins 6, Kinen 4, J. Pacheco 2.

Rushing yards: T. Raile 227, Adam Guthmiller 92, Terrence Lamb 61, Sherlock 55, Hilt 50, Figgins 14.

Tackles: T. Raile 11, Sherlock 10, Kinen 9, Guthmiller 8, Casey House 8, Lamb 8, Alex Long 7, J. Pacheco 6, M. Raile 5, Ethan Zwegardt 5, Shawn Warren 5, Cody Killingsworth 5, Hilt 4,

Tyler Lauer 4, Figgins 3, Darris Keller 1, Alex Draper 1, Braden Schmid 1.

Passes/pass receivers: M. Raile was 3-of-5 passing for a total of 9 yards. Kinen had two receptions for 6 yards, J. Pacheco had one for 3 yards.

Punts/kick-offs: Lauer had 11 kickoffs for a total of 45 yards. Having kickoff returns were T. Raile with 85 yards; Kinen with 42 yards.

St. Francis had seven penalties for a total of 75 yards while Syracuse had six for a total of 40 yards.

The Indians had 18 first downs while the Bulldogs had 21.

**2A District standings**  
District 13: Meade 1-0; LaCrosse 0-0, Kinsley 0-1; District 14: Stanton County 1-0, Elkhart 1-0, Sublette 0-1, Satana 0-1; District 15: St. Francis 1-0, Atwood 1-0, Leoti 0-1, Syracuse 0-1; District 16: Decatur Community/Oberlin 1-0, Oakley 0-0, Hoxie 0-1.

## Ladies prepare for tournament

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Volleyball substate play-offs are taking place on Saturday which means the season is slowly drawing to a close. Only state activity remains on the schedule after Saturday for those teams which qualify.

Atwood will be one of the sites of a 2A tournament, the one that the Lady Indians will attend.

Squads from Atwood-Rawlins County, Hill City, Oakley, Oberlin-Decatur Community, Plainville, Stockton and WaKeeney-Trego County will join St. Francis in match play in Atwood.

"I'm guessing we will likely play against Decatur Community in the first round of the substate (seeding had not occurred at press time)," Coach Kent Kechter said.

"Decatur County has a very good team. They defend extremely well and bring a consistent attack from three primary hitters (Adrienne Pauls, Jordan Dreher and Kia Blau). Their secondary hitters also

hit well. They have great team chemistry, balance and are well coached.

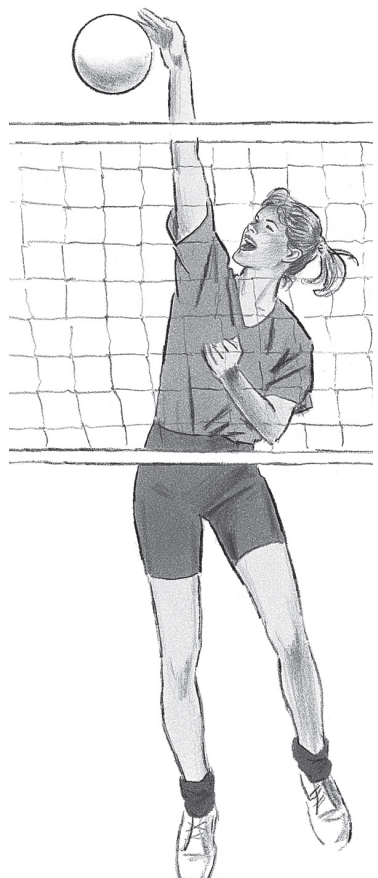
"We will need to play well to defeat them, but it is certainly possible. We have beaten them in single games this year but have lost all three matches we have played against them. We just need to beat them in two of the next three games.

"Decatur County should be favored in the substate, but the substate also features other very good teams. Hill City and Trego should be very good.

"Any team can win it, you just have to play on Saturday when it's game time!"

Lady Indians making the trip to Atwood to represent St. Francis include Jami Pevler, Kaycee Williams, Dale Northrup, Joni Pevler, Mikaela Grace, Jodie Hilt, Aubree Schleppe, Elizabeth Gienger, Alyson Marin, Kaitlin Figgins, Sarah Trembly and Cara Hunt.

This is a single elimination tournament so only the winners advance. Semi-finals and finals follow as teams advance from opening rounds.



Other 2A substates will take place at Alma-Wabaunsee, Johnson-Stanton County, Salina-Sacred Heart, Sedan, Seneca-Nehaha Valley, Uniontown and Washington County.

Only the substate champions from each of these locations will qualify for the state tournament to be held in Hays the following weekend.

## Junior High

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On Monday, Oct. 13, the junior high volleyball B-team met Colby in volleyball action. The match was played in St. Francis. The only competition remaining on the schedule involves tournament matches. The B-team will play their tournament in Oberlin today (Thursday).

The final scores in the Colby match were 22-25, 25-27, giving the match win to Colby.

"These ladies are so close to getting a win," Coach Leigh Ann Bandel said. "There have been so many games this season where the set could have gone either way. But more importantly, I am seeing real improvement in their skill sets and confidence as a team.

"They are working on taking practices more seriously and I think they've come to realize that it is important to practice like you'd play in a game. This has helped them really make improvements

in the areas of communication and serving."

Having good serves were Nariah Hamilton 12, Aubrey Mills 8, Taylor Archibald 6, Aly Schleppe 4, Rande Grover 3, Bailey Merklin 3, Jandy Dunn 3, Sarah Whitmore 1.

"Colby had a pretty tough team with about 30 seventh graders," Coach Bandel said. "I am extremely happy with the way the girls played and didn't give up."

## Junior varsity ends season; girls compete with great enthusiasm

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The Lady Indian junior varsity volleyball squad split their games on Tuesday, Oct. 14. They were defeated by Wallace County 21-25, 26-28 but successfully outscored Triplains 25-19, 25-10.

"This was the last outing for the young Lady Indians," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "They did a good job even though we split the matches.

"The Wallace County match was exciting from start to finish and in the end Wallace County

made fewer mistakes than we did. I can't fault the girls for their effort as they played very hard from beginning to end. We showed improvement in most of the areas that we had been working on all season.

"The Triplains match went well even though we played immediately after the loss to Wallace County. This often leads to a let down in play but it did not happen here.

"We served extremely well as the score of the second game indicates. The young Lady Indians finished with a 12 win

14 loss season.

"They showed improvement in all areas of the game. We still need to work on communication but this is an area that you will hear college coaches comment on so it is a common problem in volleyball.

"One of the best things about this group of young ladies is that they were fun to coach and always competitive. They played with great enthusiasm and it is hard for a coach to ask for more than that."