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At the Game



THE LADY INDIANS use a warm-up session to prepare for the next match. Team members include (l to r) Elizabeth Gienger, Taryn Richard, Jami Pevler, Aubree Schlepp, Kaitlin Figgins, Mikaela Grace and Sarah Trembly.



SARAH TREMBLY (above), a sophomore, keeps her eyes on the ball. Aly Marin (right) completes her serve. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick and Betty Jean Winston



Lady Indians complete season on Saturday

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The St. Francis Lady Indian volleyball team met the number one seeded Decatur Community Lady Red Devils in the opening round of the 2A substate held in Oberlin. The competition took place on Saturday with St. Francis falling to Decatur Community 19-25, 11-25. The tournament was a single-elimination contest so the loss ended the season for Sainty.

The Lady Red Devils prevailed throughout the tourney, winning the championship and advancing

to the 2A state competition this weekend.

St. Francis finished the season with a 7-25 record. An overview of the season will be printed in *The Herald* later.

"We certainly arrived ready to play," Coach Kent Kechter said. "Both teams seemed a little 'tight' on the first few plays, but settled down into consistent good play."

"We played well throughout the first game and nearly got them. We did not execute as well during the second game, but Decatur County made some awesome

saves and really attacked the ball well also. We just couldn't keep up the pace.

"Decatur Community won the substate and will be a fine representative of the area in the 2A state tournament. We wish them well."

In the opening round of the tournament, Decatur Community/Oberlin, Rawlins County/Atwood, Hill City and Trego County/WaKeeney were winners. Semifinal winners included Decatur Community and Hill City. Decatur Community defeated

Hill City 25-21, 25-13 in the championship game.

vs Decatur Community
Serves: The Ladies were 97 percent on their serves. Five players were 100 percent with Aly Marin (9/9), Jami Pevler (6/6), Joni Pevler (4/4), Kaycee Williams (3/3), Aubree Schlepp (3/3) and Sarah Trembly (2/2). Elizabeth Gienger was 3-of-4 for 75 percent.

There were no aces.
Service points: Marin 5, Jami Pevler 3, Gienger 1, Joni Pevler 1, Williams 1, Trembly 1.

Hitting (five or more attempts/in): Kaitlin Figgins was 11/10 for 91 percent; Jami Pevler was 19/21 for 90 percent; Williams was 7/8 for 88 percent; Gienger was 11/14 for 79 percent and Mikaela Grace was 2/5 for 40 percent. Two players had less than five attempts but were 100 percent on the opportunities they had with Marin being 3-of-3 and Joni Pevler 2-of-2.

Kills: Jami Pevler 4, Gienger 3, Williams 2, Figgins 1.
Sets (attempts/on target/playable): Marin was (38/33/2)

and Joni Pevler was 22/20. Some players did not have many attempts with

Passing (attempts/on target/playable): Jami Pevler 30/20/6, Gienger 23/15/3, Jodie Hilt 21/16/2, Williams 7/5/1, Marin 4/1/1, Joni Pevler 3/2/0, Schlepp 3/1/2, Grace 2/2/0.

Blocks: Williams 2, Grace 2, Figgins 2, Schlepp 1.

Stuffs: Williams 2, Schlepp 2, Grace 1, Figgins 1.

Digs/saves: Jami Pevler 6, Gienger 5, Joni Pevler 2, J. Hilt 2, Marin 2, Grace 1, Figgins 1.

Second district game played

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Fans who enjoy an offensive football game were happy at Greene Field on Friday night.

The final score was St. Francis 68, Wichita County 32. The two teams, both called Indians, put on an offensive display which totaled 100 points when the two scores were combined.

The St. Francis game, which totaled 386 yards rushing, was supplemented by four completed passes for an added 68 yards, while Wichita County used the air effectively for 299 yards and added 43 yards on the ground. The Wichita County quarterback had 44 passing attempts and completed 32.

"Wichita County has a good quarterback," Coach Tim Lambert said. "He put most of his passes on the money. A lot of times we were just a hair away. They have a couple of really good players."

"They didn't run very often but when they did we stopped them."

Many times if St. Francis fans are a few minutes late for the game, they miss the first Sainty touchdown. To open the game, Wichita County received a Tyler Lauer kickoff and went to the air immediately.

On this night, it was Wichita County who used four passes on the opening drive to post the first score. A St. Francis holding penalty on the third pass resulted in a first down. The fourth pass resulted in a 52-yard touchdown play. The time on the clock was 10:47. Wichita County had the first six points of the game. St. Francis blocked the kick for the extra point.

St. Francis then began their offensive game using Trent Raile, Adam Guthmiller, Trevor Hilt and Cody Sherlock to take the hand offs from Matt Raile. Trent Kinen had taken the kickoff back to the 30-yard line. This first drive did not result in a touchdown as after making a couple of first downs, an unsuccessful fourth down play stopped the forward motion.

Wichita County was ineffective

in their next series and was forced to punt the ball. This is when T. Raile took the punt return and with the help of his blockers dashed 72-yards for the first St. Francis score. A M. Raile pass to Jesse Pacheco gave the home team an 8-6 advantage.

After a short Wichita County series, the Sainty Indians again began to move the ball. They were moving steadily toward the goal line when the quarter ended.

The first quarter had the least amount of scoring in the game but the second quarter was all offense.

Less than 2 minutes into the second quarter, Sainty had finished their drive with a Hilt 1-yard run into the end zone. He also scored the conversion points giving Sainty a 16-6 advantage. This was the first of four touchdowns for Hilt.

A long kickoff by Alex Long forced Wichita County to collect the ball on the 3-yard line, making it back to the 15 before being tackled.

It was during this series that an interception by M. Raile gave the Sainty fans a chance to cheer. St. Francis took advantage of this play starting at their own 35-yard line. The clock said 8:32 when T. Raile entered the end zone. The conversion pass failed but Sainty had a 22-6 lead.

Wichita County came right back with their passing game and 3 minutes later they had six more points on their side of the scoreboard, making it 22-12.

Terrence Lamb took the return for Sainty and besides runs by T. Raile, Sherlock and Hilt, M. Raile added a run to the 9-yard line on a quarterback keeper. It took three first downs and 3 minutes before Sainty had their third score of the quarter. This time Hilt took the ball in from 4 yards out with the conversion being unsuccessful. It was now 28-12.

Wichita County did not hold the ball long as T. Raile caught one of their passes and Sainty put together another scoring drive. T. Raile had a first-down rushing

gain in this series but the score came on a M. Raile to J. Pacheco pass. It was a 13-yard touchdown play. T. Raile added two points and the Sainty Indians had 36.

It was near the end of the first half, but Wichita County took the kickoff into the end zone on a 72-yard return play, making the half-time score 36-18.

When the second quarter was completed it showed St. Francis had added four touchdowns and two good conversion completions for 28 points and Wichita County had two touchdowns for 12 points.

The scoring was not over yet as the third quarter was also productive.

St. Francis received the ball to begin the second half and they used their running game to maintain possession of the ball. There were a number of 5, 6 or 7 yard gains by Sherlock, Hilt and T. Raile to keep the momentum going. The drive ended with Hilt scoring on an 11-yard run. T. Raile scored two additional points making Sainty's score 44.

Wichita County never let up the pressure though. They went on their own scoring drive aided by a St. Francis penalty. The quarter was half over when they scored on a 6-yard run and added an extra point on the after-touchdown kick. Sainty now led 44-25.

One more score took place in this quarter. Lamb took the ball on the kickoff and play began on the 37-yard line. A flag brought a touchdown play back but Sainty prevailed. The drive included a first down run by Sherlock and a completed pass to J. Pacheco. Sherlock scored on a 2-yard run at 3:07 with T. Raile completing the conversion attempt. Sainty now had a 52-25 advantage.

Wichita County had the ball on first-and-goal when the quarter ended.

The fourth quarter began with a Wichita County touchdown and a successful kick for their final points of the game. They now stood at 32 points.

Sainty scored on a 5-yard run



COACH LAMBERT uses a time out to discuss strategy. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

by T. Raile and added two points by Hilt. T. Raile also stymied the next Wichita County drive when he intercepted a pass.

Again St. Francis took advantage of a defensive play by posting another score. A face-mask penalty on Wichita County also gave Sainty yardage. Hilt went in for the final home town score on a 19-yard run. Sherlock made the conversion run and St. Francis had a total of 68 points.

The last few minutes of the game were highlighted by a pass interception by Long, who took the ball to the end zone. Unfortunately the officials called the ball back due to a penalty. Sainty had a 68-32 District 15 win.

Three Sainty players had over 100 yards rushing in this game, Sherlock led with 117 on 25 carries while Hilt had 109 yards on 18 carries and T. Raile 105 yards on 16 carries.

Sainty had five penalties for 55 yards while Wichita County had nine for 80 yards.

Twenty-five first downs were collected by St. Francis compared to 16 for their opponent.

A total of 20 players recorded tackles with Kinen leading with

13 and Sherlock adding 11. Casey House had a quarterback sack and, as mentioned earlier, M. Raile, Long and T. Raile had pass interceptions.

Final district action

Sainty will meet Rawlins County at Greene Field tonight (Thursday). These two teams have each defeated Wichita County and Syracuse for perfect district records and both will move into the playoffs as either the district winner or district runner up. The district winner has the bi-district game on their home field on Tuesday, Nov. 4, while the runner up plays at the home of the District 16 winner.

St. Francis has scored 130 points in the two district games they have played and given up 53 points. Rawlins County has scored 108 points and had 25 points scored against them.

"Rawlins County has played really well lately," Coach Lambert said. "They have won their last three games in a row."

Game stats vs Wichita County

Scoring: Hilt 28, T. Raile 24, Sherlock 8, J. Pacheco 8.

Rushing yards: Sherlock 117, Hilt 109, T. Raile 105, M. Raile 35,

Lamb 20.

Tackles: Kinen 13, Sherlock 11, T. Raile 9, Lamb 8, Shawn Warren 6, M. Raile 5, J. Pacheco 5, Scott Ford 5, Long 4, Brooks Hobrock 4, Garrett Figgins 3, Lauer 3, House 3, Ethan Zwegyardt 3, Freddy Pacheco 1, Adam Guthmiller 1, Hilt 1, Grady Brunk 1, Cody Killingsworth 1, Braden Schmid 1.

Passes/pass receivers; M. Raile was 4-of-5 passing for a total of 68 yards. J. Pacheco had three receptions for 40 yards; T. Raile had one for 28 yards.

Punts/kick-offs: Long had six kickoffs for 225 yards; Lauer had four kickoffs for a total of 131 yards. Having kickoff returns were T. Raile with one for 11 yards; Lamb had two for 4 yards and J. Pacheco, one for 2 yards.

2A District standings

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