

# The Saint Francis Herald

## At the Game



**MOVING THE FOOTBALL** — Cody Sherlock, center, number 24, gained 127 yards for the Indians and scored two touchdowns.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Indians win important district game over Rawlins County

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The St. Francis Indians earned the District 15 championship on Thursday night by defeating Rawlins County. The final score was St. Francis 52, Rawlins County 16. Earlier in district play they had outscored Syracuse and Wichita County to finish district action 3-0. The Indians scored 182 points in the three games to 69 for their opponents.

"We were excited about how well we played Thursday," Coach Tim Lambert said. "We need to keep our heads on right and keep doing better."

"Thursday night we played with poise and confidence. We are excited about what we have accomplished so far."

"We know what we have at stake (having to win to advance in the playoffs)."

By winning the District 15 title, Saintry earned the right to play a bi-district game on Tuesday against the second-place team in District 16, which was Oberlin. Beginning with bi-district competition, games are single elimination.

Details of the Oberlin game will be published in next week's *Herald*.

The next play-off competition will be Saturday night. If St. Francis wins over Oberlin they will play the winner of the Stanton County/LaCrosse game. If they play LaCrosse the game will be played in St. Francis. If they play Stanton County the game will be played at Johnson. Check the front page of *The Herald* for details on Saturday action involving the St. Francis team or call Indian News at 332-8111.

In the final district game on Thursday night, the Indians and Buffaloes met at Greene Field in St. Francis in what has now been named the Yoke Bowl. Besides being named the district winner, St. Francis obtained the right to display the Yoke Bowl trophy until the two

schools meet again in 2009.

The Buffaloes began this game charged up and ready to go. They scored two touchdowns in the first 8 minutes of play to have the Indians down 16-0.

St. Francis responded to this by scoring 52 unanswered points by the time the buzzer sounded to end the game.

Trent Raile had 230-yards rushing for the game out of a St. Francis total of 550 yards on the ground. Cody Sherlock, coming on strong in this game, added 127 yards. Also having a successful evening offensively were Matt Raile with 70 yards rushing and two completed passes, Trevor Hilt with 68 yards rushing, Adam Guthmiller with 55 yards rushing and Trent Kinen and Jesse Pacheco, each with a pass reception. The 23 yards passing added to the 550 yards rushing made a total of 573 yards of offense for the evening.

Rawlins County had 166 yards rushing and 102 yards passing.

Kinen led the team in tackles with 11 while J. Pacheco, T. Raile and Scott Ford had eight apiece.

The Saintry touchdowns were scored by T. Raile (3), Sherlock (2), Hilt (1) and M. Raile (1).

Following the 16 points scored by Rawlins County in their first two possessions, Saintry went to work with determination.

St. Francis began their offensive drive following the second Rawlins County touchdown on the 30-yard line. After moving the ball to earn a first down early in the series, M. Raile put Saintry on the scoreboard with a 58-yard touchdown run. The pass for extra points failed.

Alex Long, the St. Francis kicker, returned the ball to Rawlins County after the touchdown. Long had a total of 272 yards on eight kickoffs for the evening.

The Rawlins County series came to a sudden end when T. Raile intercepted a pass and returned the ball to St. Francis after just a couple of Buffalo plays.

The quarter ended with St. Francis moving the ball but the Buffs leading 16-6.

Saintry was forced to turn the ball over to the Buffs when a penalty hindered a fourth down play.

Called miscues were partly responsible for a short Rawlins County series and they were forced to punt.

St. Francis put a collection of first downs together and with 7:25 on the clock the Indians moved closer to Rawlins County on the scoreboard when Hilt went into the end zone on a 1-yard run. It was now Rawlins County 16, St. Francis 12.

The second quarter was all Saintry. T. Raile recovered a fumble and St. Francis had the ball again. With the Indians in a first-and-goal position, T. Raile went in not only for the touchdown but minutes later for the conversion points. Saintry had turned the game around and now led 20-16.

One more Saintry touchdown was added during this quarter and it began with a Drew Zwegardt fumble recovery on the kickoff. In less than a minute, Saintry added another score on a 50-yard run by T. Raile. Hilt added two points and the half ended with a 28-16 Saintry advantage.

Three Indian scores were also added in the third quarter. Saintry received the ball on the 30-yard line and with 10:45 on the clock, T. Raile raced 65 yards for a score. Sherlock added two points and the scoreboard stood at 36-16.

Two times Sherlock broke lose in this period with touchdowns on a 44-yard and later on a 43-yard run. A pass from M. Raile to J. Pacheco scored points after the first Sherlock touchdown and a Sherlock run added two conversion points after his second score.

The final score of 52-16 was already on the board by the end of the third period but the Buffaloes threatened in the final pe-

riod. They came close to a first-and-goal situation before T. Raile had his second fumble recovery of the game.

Saintry had four penalties for 40 yards while Rawlins County had 11 for 80 yards.

Eighteen first downs were collected by St. Francis compared to 11 for their opponent.

A total of 16 players recorded tackles; T. Raile had a pass interception and he also had two fumble recoveries along with D. Zwegardt having one.

### vs Rawlins County

Scoring: T. Raile 20, Sherlock 16, Hilt 8, M. Raile 6, Pacheco 2.

Rushing yards: T. Raile 230, Sherlock 127, M. Raile 70, Hilt 68, Guthmiller 55.

Tackles: Kinen 11, J. Pacheco 8, T. Raile 8, Ford 8, Shawn Warren 7, Sam Sowers 5, Terrence Lamb 4, D. Zwegardt 3, Long 3, Garrett Figgins 3, Guthmiller 3, Casey House 2, Ethan Zwegardt 2, Cody Killingsworth 2, M. Raile 1, Brooks Hobrock 1.

Passes/pass receivers; M. Raile was 2-of-5 passing for a total of 23 yards. J. Pacheco had two receptions for 23 yards

Punts/kick-offs: Long had six kickoffs for 272 yards; T. Raile had two punts for 84 yards. Having a kickoff return was Lamb for 1-yard.

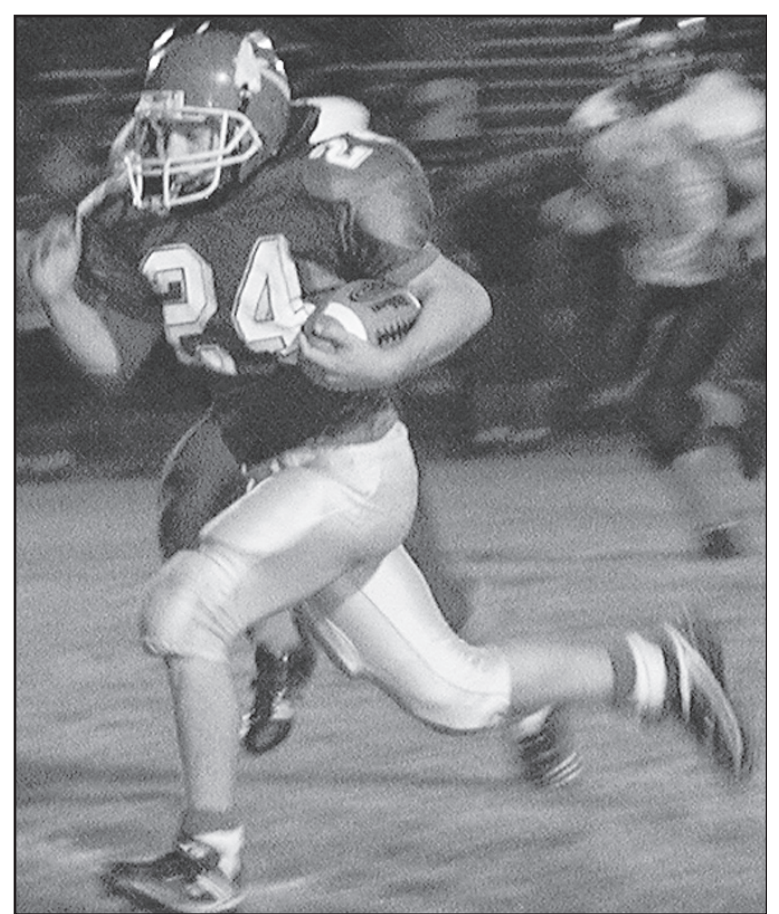
### 2-1A district winners

Thirty-two teams qualified for bi-district action by placing first or second in the 16 districts which make up the 2-1A district competition. After action on Tuesday night, only 16 teams will be involved in regional play on Saturday. This leaves eight teams in the top bracket and eight teams in the bottom bracket. St. Francis is in the bottom bracket.

**MATT RAILE (above) scored the first St. Francis touchdown on Thursday.**

**CODY SHERLOCK (24) races down field with the ball.**

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## Bowling News

### Monday Night Mixed 10-27

Team standings: Majestic 11-1, Neitzel Insurance 10-6, Earl's Gals 7-9, Cheyenne Bowl 5-7, Wrecking Balls 5-7, Wano's 2-10.

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 225, Troy Meyer 175, Arrie Cox 169, Tina Elliott 168, Tammy Zimbelman 159, Amelia Zuege 155; (handicap): K. Zimbelman 228, Bill Porter 220, Meyer 219, Elliott 211, Zuege 206, Lounie Erskin 199.

High series (scratch): K. Zimbelman 574, Cox 459, Elliott 452, Bud Erskin 443, T. Zimbelman 431, Zuege 410; (handicap): Cox 594, K. Zimbelman 583, Elliott

581, Porter 578, Zuege 563, Dot Hankins 562

### Wednesday Coffee 10-29

Team standings: Lodge Sleepers 20-8, Kale's Girls 17-11, Western State Bank 16-16, Dairy King 7-25

High game (scratch): Marlys Poulignot 191, Carol Peterson 164, Janice Krien 160; (handicap): Poulignot 236, Krien 229, Peterson 222

High series (scratch): Poulignot 500, Krien 435, Ann Davisson 405; (handicap): Krien 642, Poulignot 635, Wynona Springer 590

**Wednesday Night Mens 10-29**  
Team standings: Bonny Solu-

tions 25-11, Wray Lumber 24-12, Haigler Two 24-12, Haigler One 20.5-15.5, Krien Steel Buildings 17.5-18.5, Wright & Wrong 14-18, Cheyenne Bowl 13-19

High game (scratch): Bob Lippert 209, Dustin Maybury 203, Jim Wheaton 197

High series (scratch): Maybury 554, Lippert 554, Mike Blecha 549

### Ladies Nite Out 10-30

Team standings: Wray Meat Packing 29-7, Jersey Maids 24-16, Dundy Ag 23.5-16.5, Mel's Gals 20.5-19.5, Bankwest Alley Kats 20-20, Wright Carpet 16-20, Strikers 15-25

High game (scratch): Kathy Blecha 190, Mary Bier 181, Erica Harlan 179; (handicap): Harlan 242, Bier 236, Rhonda Olson 228

High series (scratch): Blecha 462, Tammy Drommond 457, Olson 449; (handicap): Harlan 613, Bier 611, Nancy Vernon 610

### Monday Night Mixed 10-20

Team standings: Neitzel Insurance 10-2, Earl's Gals 7-5, Majestic 7-1, Wrecking Balls 5-7, Wano's 2-10, Cheyenne Bowl 1-7.

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 245, Tammy Zimbelman 200, Troy Meyer 172, Bud Erskin 169, Janice Krien 156, Kary Mey-

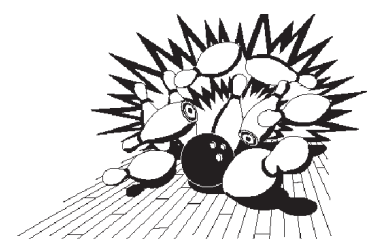
er 150; (handicap): K. Zimbelman 255, T. Zimbelman 234, Veronica Porter 233, T. Meyer 219, Krien 217, Erskin 207.

High series (scratch): K. Zimbelman 612, T. Zimbelman 496, Erskin 468, T. Meyer 437, K. Meyer 405, Erica Harlan 400; (handicap): K. Zimbelman 642, T. Zimbelman 598, Erskin 582, T. Meyer 578, K. Meyer 573, Krien 569.

### Wednesday Coffee 10-22

Team standings: Lodge Sleepers 20-4, Kale's Girls 14-10, Western State Bank 12-16, Dairy King 6-22.

High game (scratch): Carol Pe-



erson 166, Ann Davisson 165, Debbie Bush 163; (handicap): Davisson 226, Peterson 225, Donna Mosier 218.

High series (scratch): Mosier 416, Virginia Lengel 408, Peterson 401; (handicap): Lengel 597, Mosier 596, Peterson 578.