

At the Game

Ladies finish year at substate match

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Holzwarth



Guthmiller



Froberg

The St. Francis Lady Indians volleyball season ended in Atwood at the 2A substate tournament on Saturday, Oct. 18. They were defeated by Decatur Community in the first match in the single-elimination competition. Decatur Community advanced to the state 2A tournament the weekend of Oct. 25.

Lady Indians making the trip to Atwood to represent St. Francis included Jami Pevler, Kaycee Williams, Dale Northrup, Joni Pevler, Mikaela Grace, Jodie Hilt, Aubree Schlepp, Elizabeth Gienger, Alyson Marin, Kaitlin Figgins, Sarah Trembly and Cara Hunt. They were accompanied by managers Andrea Holzwarth and Sarah Guthmiller.

Of this group, Jami Pevler, Joni Pevler, Gienger, Hunt, Holzwarth and Guthmiller are seniors.

Having her first experience with volleyball this year was senior Kristin Froberg, a foreign exchange student.

"I believe all have benefited from being a part of the volleyball program and I certainly wish them well," Coach Kent Kechter said. "They are wonderful kids and will certainly be missed. They have been an important part of our volleyball program for four years."

"Elizabeth (Gienger) and Jami (Pevler) have been two-year starters and have accounted for a large portion of our passing and attack statistics for the last two years. They have always "come to play."

"Joni (Pevler) was a very dependable server for us this season and one of starting setters in our 6-2 offense. Joni had no varsity experience at the beginning of the season, but showed steady improvement throughout the season and did a good job."

"Cara (Hunt) did not see a lot of "court" time, but was a very valuable player on our team due to her work ethic in practice, her positive encouragement at all times, and her bench and locker room leadership. I wish all of our teams had a positive role model like her."

Andrea (Holzwarth) and Sarah (Guthmiller) helped us with scorekeeping and filming this year.

Andrea played for three years but served as a statistician this season. Sarah has been a scorekeeper for us for four years and has always been very dependable and accurate.

"This season was not what we desired in terms of wins and losses. We were so close to winning many matches. (We lost 11 games by 2 points.) However, the girls showed consistent improvement throughout the season and played well most of the time. We need to continue to work on our skills and confidence as we have a great nucleus of kids coming back for next year."

During the season, including the substate tournament, the squad was involved in a total of 32 varsity matches, winning seven of them for a record of 7-25.

The team attended tournaments in Grinnell/Gove County, Oberlin, and the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Colby prior to substate.

A new event this year was the St. Francis Round Robin Tournament. Teams from Hayes Center, Cheylin and Hitchcock County joined the Lady Indians in a Saturday competition.

Lady Indian wins during the schedule were recorded over Golden Plains on opening day, Western Plains at the Gove County Tournament, Cheylin in a triangular on Sept. 30, Rawlins County at the Oberlin Invitational; Cheylin at the Round Robin Tournament; Hayes Center at the Round Robin tournament and Quinter at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament.

Also taking to the court for the Lady Indians this year were Taryn Richard, senior, Christina Hilt, sophomore, Shayla Hilt, sophomore.

A review of the 2008 season follows:

The Lady Indians were 90 percent on serves (1443 attempts, 1303 in); 85 percent on attack (2320 attempts, 1983 in); sets: 2050 attempts, 1381 on target, 474 others playable; passes: 2931 attempts, 1612 on target, 762 more playable; blocks, 189; stuffs 101; digs/saves 538.

Best percentage serving (20 or more attempts): Joni Pevler, 257 attempts, 248 in, 96 percent.

Best percentage hitting (30 or more attempts): Ali Marin, 129 attempts, 124 in, 96 percent.

Best percentage setting (40 or more attempts): Jami Pevler, 58 attempts, 47 on target, 10 playable, 98.3 percent.

Best percentage passing (40



SENIOR VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS were introduced by Coach Kent Kechter at the open house prior to the first match. Pictured (l to r) are Taryn Richard, Cara Hunt, Jami Pevler, Joni Pevler and Elizabeth Gienger.

Herald photo by Casey McCormick

or more attempts): Jami Pevler, 682 attempts, 441 on target 144, playable, 64.7 percent.

Serves (attempts/in/percentage - in order of most attempts): Marin 328/297/91; Joni Pevler 257/248/96; Gienger 250/223/89; Jami Pevler 212/196/92; Williams 171/154/90; Schlepp 167/138; 83; Trembly 36/29/81; Richard 9/7/78; Hunt 6/5/83; S. Hilt 4/3/75; Grace 2/2/100; Northrup 1/1/100.

Aces: Marin 30, Joni Pevler 30, Jami Pevler 20, Schlepp 14; Gienger 12; Trembly 6; Williams 4; Hunt 1.

Service points: Marin 173, Joni Pevler 137, Jami Pevler 107, Gienger 106, Williams 79, Schlepp 64, Trembly 18, Hunt 3, Grace 1, S. Hilt 1.

Hitting (attempts/in/percentage - in order of most attempts): Jami Pevler 556/462, 83; Gienger 459/392/85; Figgins 386/315/82; Schlepp 303/268/88; Williams 196/177/90; Marin 129/124/96; Joni Pevler 100/86/86; Grace 87/70/80; J. Hilt 80/70/88; Northrup 15/13/87; Trembly 6/3/50; Richard 3/3/100.

Kills: Jami Pevler 121, Gienger

87, Figgins 78, Schlepp 50, Williams 31, Grace 14, Marin 12, Joni Pevler 10, J. Hilt 6, Richard 1, Northrup 1.

Sets (attempts/on target/playable/percent - in order of most attempts): Marin 1024/711/221/69.4; Joni Pevler 735/492/162/88.9; Gienger 66/37/25/ 93.9; Jami Pevler 58/47/10/ 98.3; J. Hilt 46/28/17/97.8; Grace 36/19/10/80.6; Schlepp 35/17/13/85.7; Williams 25/18/6/ 96; Northrup 13/5/6/84.6; Figgins 10/5/4/90; Richard 2/2/0/100.

Passing (attempts/on target/playable - in order of most attempts): Gienger 739/422/216; Jami Pevler 682/441/144; J. Hilt 659/380/155; Williams 185/85/64; Marin 182/72/53; Figgins 141/59/38/ Joni Pevler 121/63/32; Schlepp 121/46/34; Grace 40/17/13; Northrup 24/13/3; Trembly 17/9/6; Richard 14/2/4; Hunt 6/3/0.

Blocks: Figgins 44, Williams 43, Schlepp 29; Gienger 25, Grace 24, Jami Pevler 15, Marin 5, Northrup 2, Trembly 2.

Stuffs: Figgins 28, Schlepp 25, Williams 14, Grace 14, Jami

Pevler 9, Gienger 8, Marin 2, Northrup 1.

Digs/saves: Gienger 128, Jami Pevler 114, J. Hilt 81, Marin 79, Joni Pevler 36, Figgins 34, Williams 30, Schlepp 19, Grace 10, Richard 2, Northrup 2, Trembly 2, Hunt 1.

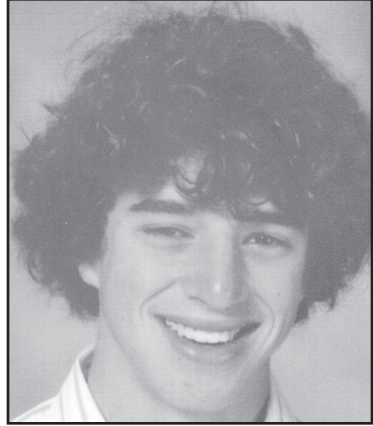
Letter winners

Seniors: Gienger, Guthmiller (manager); Holzwarth (manager); Hunt, Jami Pevler; Joni Pevler. Juniors: Northrup, Williams. Sophomores: Grace, Hilt, Marin, Schlepp, Trembly. Freshman: Figgins.

Runner competes

The Blue Valley West boys cross country team, 6A Regional Champion and Eastern Kansas League Runner-Up, participated in the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 1, in Lawrence. The team finished seventh on the 3.1 mile course at Rim Rock Farm. Miles Legere, a sophomore, was a member of the 7-member varsity team representing the Jaguars.

Miles was recently named Eastern Kansas League Scholar Athlete for participating in sports while exceeding a 3.5



Legere

grade point average.

He is the son of Shawn and Leigh Legere, Overland Park, and the grandson of Betty Jean Winston, St. Francis, and Scotty and Libby Legere, Hays.

Ball team set to play

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Basketball practice began for the eighth and seventh grade boys following the football season which ended Oct. 13. The players have been working on their skills for the home opener today (Thursday) against Decatur Community/Oberlin. Starting time is 4:30.

The teams play each of the other Northwest Kansas League teams between now and Dec. 15 when the league tournaments begin.

Kent Kechter will again be handling junior high coaching duties. New this year is David Butler who will be assisting.

Contests in St. Francis include the Decatur Community game today, Quinter on Tuesday and Hoxie on Nov. 24.

The complete roster is listed below

Eighth grade: Lucas Carmichael, Zach Gienger, Mikey Leibbrandt, Casey Keller, Dylan Wolaver, Taylor O'Leary, Foster Grant, Gus Jardine, Joey McCormick, Dillion Straub, Keegan Sherlock, Thomas Douthit, Kaleb Zwick, Dylan Peter.

Seventh grade: Jacob Butler, Lane Hoffman, Mason Schiltz, Gaten Cooper, Wyatt Landenberger, Erik Hart, Austin White, Tyler Lee, Logan Lampe, Jacob Baxter, Joseph Fletcher, Lennin Olivares, Scott Warren.

Managers: Jordan Easter, J.T. Woodcox, Derek Queen.

Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 6: Decatur Community, here, 4:30

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Qu p.m.inter. here, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13: Oakley, there, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Rawlins County/Atwood, there, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24: Hoxie, here, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2: Colby, there, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: Goodland, there, 4:30 p.m. (This is a different day that on the school calendar.)

Monday, Dec. 15: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, first round

Thursday, Dec. 18: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, A team at Oakley, B-team at Quinter.



CHEYENNE FROHLICH RACES to the finish line at the state meet held in Wamego.

Athlete goes to state

For the first time in 21 years, the Anderson County-Garnett girl's Bulldog cross country team made it to the 4A State Cross Country meet in Wamego.

Cheyenne Frohlich, a senior at Anderson County, ran the 4K race on Saturday, Nov. 1.

When running at the regional meet the week before in Parsons, the Bulldogs received third place

advancing them on to State. The team, as a whole, made it to state by one point.

Cheyenne has been running cross country all four years in high school.

She is the daughter of Nell (King) Stockdall and the niece of Roger and Traci Neitzel of St. Francis.