

# At the Game

## Boys take tough losses

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Winter sports teams are beginning to think of playoff time. The Indians will be involved in 2A substate action the first week of March. Between now and then they will finish the regular season at Quinter on Friday night.

The last home game was played on Friday night with Rawlins County, who has a strong boys team. The final score was Rawlins county 73, St. Francis 47.

Sainty also played at home against Wallace County on Feb. 10 with the outcome being Wallace County 63, St. Francis 46.

Goodland defeated St. Francis 76-57 on Feb. 6.

### Rawlins County 73, St. Francis 47

The final score was a 73-47 loss by the Indians when they played Rawlins County Friday night.

"I thought we played pretty well against a really talented Atwood team," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We got down early by about 10, and they were able to maintain that margin through most of the game, not widening it much until the very end.

"We were uncharacteristically cold from beyond the arch, but were able to stay with them with our defense.

"They had a kid that couldn't miss, regardless of what we did to slow him down."

Rawlins County collected 12 three pointers during this contest including seven by Kastens. This meant the Indians not only had to defend against inside shots but outside ones as well.

Trent Kinen had 20 points for St. Francis, followed by Matt Raile with 10. Four other players recorded points in the record book.

Defensively M. Raile did a good job blocking shots as he did it six times during the evening.

Sainty had 11 offensive rebounds and 13 defensive for a total of 24 with Kinen having eight and M. Raile and Trent Raile, seven each.

"I feel good about the pace and intensity of our game at this point in the year, but we are still looking for that "complete game" without the meltdowns," Coach Beims said. "A string of about five of those complete games would certainly be welcome this time of year."

SF	8	21	12	6	47
RC	19	21	14	19	73

Scoring: Kinen 20, M. Raile 10, T. Raile 9, Drew Zwegardt 2, Jacob Riedel 2, Sam Sowers 2.

Rebounding: Kinen 8, M. Raile 7, T. Raile 7, Sowers 1, D. Zwegardt 1.

### Wallace County 63, Sainty 46

Wallace County upped their record to 13-4 following their 63-46 victory over St. Francis.

This was a back-and-forth game in the first half as many of the Indians' games are. Wallace County fell behind with only seven points in the second quarter. The third quarter was the deciding one, as St. Francis could only come up with two points. By the end of three the Wildcats were ahead by 10 points, 43-33.

"Once again we "blacked out" for awhile against Wallace County and it cost us the game," Coach Beims said. "A coach from Sharon Springs approached me after the game and said, 'That's the best four win team I've seen.' At first I thought, "That's some consolation!" After thinking about it though, he's right. We shouldn't be a four-win team, but that is where we find ourselves."

Kinen had 14 points in this game with M. Raile having 12 and T. Raile 11.

"We lost the game on the glass," Coach Beims said. "We were out rebounded by a team that simply out-worked us on the boards, especially in the second half."

Sainty had 24 rebounds, four steals and eight turnovers for the game. Besides being the top scorer on Tuesday, Kinen also came up



**WILL IT GO IN?** Matt Raile (left) and Jacob Riedel are among the group waiting to see.

with 10 boards. Six assists were credited to the Indians with M. Raile and T. Raile each leading with two.

"Defensively we played pretty well, keeping their big scorers at bay most of the game," Coach Beims said. "We ran our offense well in the first half, taking our time to get good looks.

"The second half we pressed the issue a little, mainly due to frustration, but we have been better at taking care of the ball, and eventually that will pay off."

SF	13	18	2	13	46
WC	20	7	16	20	63

Scoring: Kinen 14, M. Raile 12, T. Raile 11, D. Zwegardt 5, Ethan Zwegardt 2, Sowers 2.

Rebounding: Kinen 10, M. Raile 7, T. Raile 4, Sowers 2, E. Zwegardt 1.

### Goodland 76, St. Francis 57

St. Francis played ball with Goodland until the third quarter when the Cowboys came out of the locker room and scored 30 points. Going into the half-time break Sainty was ahead 28-26.

The Indians also returned from the locker room after half time but had their lowest scoring period of the game with 11 points.

The third quarter ended with Goodland having a 56-39 advantage. St. Francis had come back from their worst disadvantage earlier in the period to within 17 points.

## Bowling News

### Wednesday Night Mens 2-4

Team standings: Wright & Wrong 17-3, Bonny Solutions 14-6, Haigler Two 13-7, Wray Lumber 11-9, Haigler One 9-11, Cheyenne Bowl 9-11, Krien Steel Buildings 5-15, Idalia JV 2-18.

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 239, Mike Blecha 220, Alan Rose 199.

High series (scratch): Zimbelman 618, Rose 555, Bill Carpenter 528.

### Ladies Nite Out 2-5

Team standings: Mel's Gals 14-6, Wright Carpet 13-7, Wray Meat Packing 12-8, Strikers 12-8, Jersey Maids 12-8, Bankwest Alley Kats 9-11, Dundy Ag 8-12.

High game (scratch): Nancy Vernon 186, Tammy Drommond and Vicki Coates 173; (handicap):

"It was another frustrating loss to a pretty good Goodland team," Coach Beims said. "We had some foul trouble early, but were able to escape at half with a two-point lead.

"The turnover bug bit us again to start the second half, and Goodland was able to get a lead that we couldn't overcome.

"Our inability to play four-full quarters of solid basketball makes these losses frustrating. There was a span of about 3 minutes in the third quarter where the turnover bug bit us, we lost our composure, and ultimately lost the game as a result.

T. Raile scored 25 points for Sainty with M. Raile adding 18. Only two other players scored, D. Zwegardt and Kinen.

"Also, as much as we have improved in the rebounding department over the past couple weeks, we seemed to take a step back," Coach Beims said. "We weren't nearly as aggressive on the boards and it cost us."

Sainty had 24 total rebounds for the game with Kinen having eight. Sixteen turnover were recorded compared to three steals.

SF	16	12	11	18	57
G	17	9	30	20	76

Scoring: T. Raile 25, M. Raile 18, D. Zwegardt 8, Kinen 6.

Rebounding: Kinen 8, T. Raile 7, M. Raile 6, Brett Lampe 1, E. Zwegardt 1.

## Junior varsity wins two

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The junior varsity girls basketball team completed two wins the week of Feb. 9. On Tuesday night they defeated Wallace County 34-25 and Friday night the win was over Rawlins County 48-38.

"Unfortunately, we only have one more game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "It just seems like you finally get everything taught and the players finally figure out what you are expecting and the season is over. That's what is hard. Hopefully, they will continue to work on their skills in the off season."

### St. Francis 48, Rawlins County 38

The junior varsity girls was one of the St. Francis team which defeated Rawlins County on Friday night. They scored a

48-38 win.

"To begin the game, we were just not focused at all," Coach Dinkel said. "The team was playing lazy. I was getting frustrated simply because we are a better team than we were demonstrating during the first half.

"At half-time, after we discussed how laid back we were, I reminded the girls that we are a team that plays well when we turn up the intensity. In the second half, we definitely re-focused and really played well.

"I was pleased with the overall effort. We definitely need to continue to improve on our blocking out, as well as on out-of-bounds defense.

The scoring against Rawlins County was as follows: Ashlynn Lambert 12, Kaitlin Figgins 10, Aly Marin 7, Kaycee Williams

6, Jenna Hill 4, Sarah Trembley 3, Mikaela Grace 3, Christina Hilt 2, Jodie Hilt 1.

### St. Francis 34, Wallace County 25

Figgins had 11 points in this game to pace the St. Francis Ladies in their 34-25 victory over Wallace County. This was a shortened game.

"Well, the game was much closer than the score showed," Coach Dinkel said. "We have got to become more confident ball handlers and handle ball pressure better. We just "freak out" when someone comes at us. This is something we need to improve on in the summertime.

"Turnovers just about gave the game away, but we were able to come out victorious."

Scoring: Figgins 11, Marin 8, Lambert 6, J. Hilt 4, Shayla Hilt 2, C. Hilt 2, Williams 1.



**SENIORS JAMI AND JONI PEVLER** present their mother, Mary Pevler with flowers at the Rawlins County basketball game. Also introduced was their father, Ron Sandman.

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