

# Indians beat Wichita County Friday

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A 49-20 victory over Wichita County Friday night set the stage for the final pre-playoff game against Rawlins County tonight (Thursday).

The Indian football team will be playing to earn the District 15 title against the Buffaloes in Atwood. But that isn't all, they will also be attempting to return the Yoke Bowl trophy to be displayed at the St. Francis high school for another year.

First in district play, both Rawlins County and St. Francis have achieved a 2-0 record by each de-

feating Syracuse and Wichita County. Now it is time for the two teams to meet and decide who will earn the championship.

Both teams will be moving into bi-district play with the champion playing the second place team in District 16 on Tuesday night, Nov. 3, on their home field. The loser of the Thursday night game will travel to the home of the District 16 winner for the Tuesday night game.

In District 16, where there are only three teams, Oakley is 1-0, Oberlin is 1-0 and Hoxie is 0-2. So, St. Francis will meet either Oakley or Ober-

lin in bi-district play, depending on which team is the winner when they meet tonight.

"Coach Noble (Rawlins County) has been getting the Buffalo program back up to where it has been in the past," Coach Nathan Smith said. "This game is a rivalry between the two teams, especially for the older people in town who remember the past history. Nowadays, the kids get along pretty well.

"Rawlins does a little passing but mostly runs the ball."

Now to the Yoke Bowl. Last year the coaches from Rawlins County (formerly Atwood) and St. Francis decided to honor the long football tradition between the two teams. They did this by making a yoke trophy to be displayed in the school which won the annual contest. St. Francis earned the right to have the trophy by winning the game last year and they will be taking the trophy with them on Thursday night. Hopefully it will return to its honored place in St. Francis following the contest.

Old newspaper reports have shown that St. Francis and Atwood played football together as early as 1919. Through the years, there has been some good competition.

The inscription on the oxen yoke reads: The Yoke Bowl is the affectionate name given to the annual football contest between Rawlins County High School (formerly Atwood) and St. Francis High School. This trophy, an oxen yoke, is a symbol of the tradition that has grown between these two communities, communities tied together by strong agricultural roots, an unbridled work ethic and a profound sense of history and fair play. The yoke seems most aptly to typify this relationship and therefore will, from this day forward, be presented to the winning team of this annual contest.

**St. Francis 49, Wichita County 20**  
The St. Francis Indians traveled to Leoti on Friday night to meet the Wichita County Indians. The final outcome of the game was a district win for Saintry. The final score was St. Francis 49, Wichita County 20.

"The older kids played really well," Coach Smith said. "They took care of business. The main things they allowed Wichita County was a kickoff return and pass plays for touchdowns

"This was the most complete game we have played all year and Wichita County had some good athletes."

St. Francis scored three touchdowns in the first quarter and three in the second quarter compared to two for Wichita County. At half time the score stood at St. Francis 43, Wichita County 12.



TRENT RAILE runs the ball back after receiving the kick at a recent football game. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

the younger players able to spend time on the field.

"We tried some different defensive plays in the second half," Coach Smith said. "More work will have to be done on them. Our older defensive kids played really well."

St. Francis scored one touchdown in the third quarter. It was on a 20-yard run by T. Raile. Hnizdil attempted another kick but no points were scored.

Wichita County had a successful 25-yard pass play in the fourth quarter and added two points on the conversion attempt.

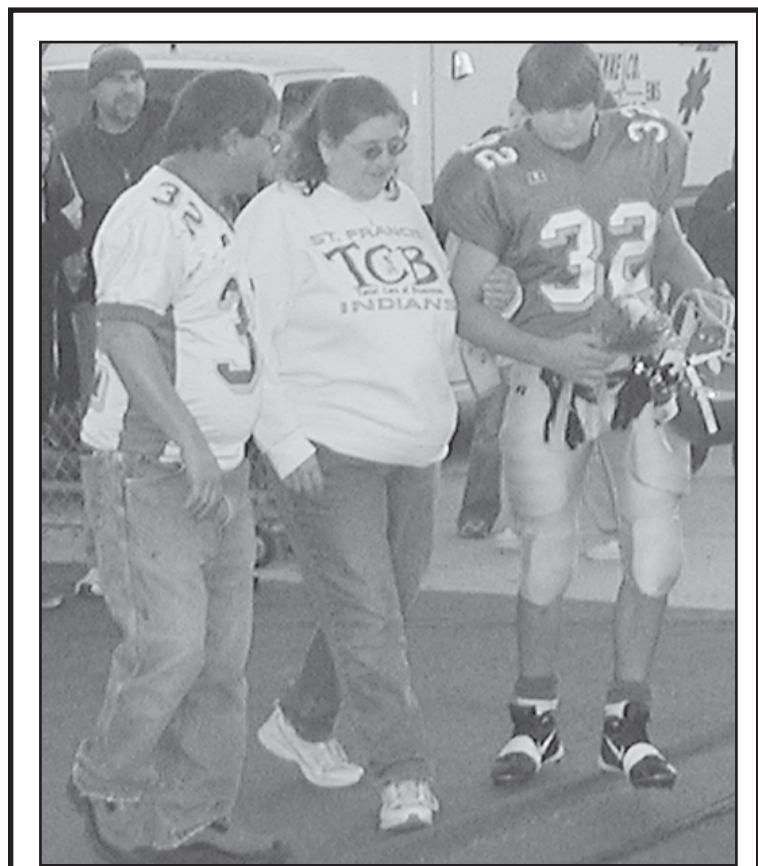
Saintry took the 49-20 District 15 game.

Offensively for St. Francis, eight Indians had rushing attempts for the total of 468 yards. One player, T. Raile, was over 200 yards (on 17 carries, and two players were over 100 yards: Lamb had 13 carries for 110 yards and Sherlock 18 carries for 100 yards. Other collecting rushing yards were M. Raile, three carries for 38 yards; Ty Zwegardt, four carries for 7 yards; Cody Killingsworth, two carries for 3 yards; Brett Lampe, one carry for 1 yard and Braden Schmid, two carries for 0 yards.

M. Raile was 1-of-3 passing for 11 yards with Figgins being the receiver.

T. Raile had five touchdowns, Sherlock and M. Raile each had a touchdown while Lamb had two success conversion attempts, M. Raile one good attempt and Hnizdil had one successful after-touchdown kick. There was also one completed pass from M. Raile to Figgins.

The following players earned defensive points: T. Raile, five solo tackles, four assists, 10 points; Lamb, one caused fumble, four solos, two assists, 13 points; Zach Gienger, one tackle behind the 30-yard line for 3 points, four solos, two assists, 13 points; Killingsworth, two tackles behind the 30-yard line, one solo, two assists, 10 points; M. Raile, an interception, a knocked-down pass, one solo, 9 points; Tyler Lauer, three solos, three assists, 9 points; Zwegardt, four solos, one assist, 9 points; Adam Guthmiller, two solos, four assists, 8 points; Sherlock, two solos, one assists, 5 points; Brooks Hobrock, one recovered fumble, one assist, 5 points; Dylan Wolaver, four assists, 4 points; Figgins, one knocked-down pass, one assist, 4 points; Gavin Cooper, one solo, 3 points; Nathan Lamb, two assists, 2 points; Grady Brunk, one assist, 1 point; Lampe, one assist, 1 point; Sam Reed, one assist, 1 point; Alex Draper, one assist, 1 point; Schmid, one assist, 1 point.



PARENTS NIGHT is held at the last home football game which was Friday. Right, parents, Pat and Laura Lamb walk with their son, Terrence. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## AWARDS

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district shared the top two spots with the extension program from another midwestern state, Nebraska. Ms. Falk said it was nice to keep the top awards in the heart of crop production country.

"Our entry highlighted three programming areas," said Ms. Falk. "First, it told about the way the district promotes the wheat plots, sending postcards to producers to keep them informed and promote usage of the plot throughout the year. Second, it highlighted the use of audience response technology at various meetings including the agriculture profitability conferences and Sprayer 101 School. The final component was programming to kids about Kansas crops and their uses."

The main driving force for these three focused areas of programming comes from the Agriculture Program Development Committee. This committee, which is made up of local producers, continually gives ideas and suggestions for programming that farmers and ranchers are looking for.

In the communications award area, the postcard promotion used with the wheat plots was recognized

a state award winner.

In addition, the Sunflower newsletter was a regional finalist in the Communication Team Newsletter category. It was one of the top 12 newsletters.

"I was just hoping to get ideas to improve our newsletter," Ms. Falk said. "So, we were surprised to be in this elite group of newsletters."

The district's newsletter contains all areas of extension from ag and horticulture, to family and consumer science, to crop production and 4-H. Many newsletters from other counties and states feature only one or two subject areas.

She added that she did get ideas for improvement and some of those ideas are already being implemented.

In September, the wheat plots were planted in all three counties. The Cheyenne County plot is 1/8-mile west of K-27 and Road J provided by Sunny Crest Farms, Junior, Tom and Matt Small.

Ms. Falk encourages farmers to stop by to check out how the different wheat varieties are coming along. With the wet fall and early snowfall, the plots are looking good, she said.

## SNOW

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hind schedule, the newly planted wheat and the pastures are doing well.

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported 2.67 inches of moisture and 5 inches of snow. Rick Reeser, who is also a weather observer east of St. Francis, reported 2.21 inches of moisture and 5 inches snow.

Saturday was warm and sunny. Any snow where the sun could reach it was melted. People were in their yards cleaning up leaves and broken branches. However, there were still many leaves left on the trees.

Saturday night, there were rain showers and Sunday was dreary and cloudy and cool. Monday morning was crisp and there was a thin crust of ice on windshields. The sun eventually came out and the day ended on a pleasant note. See Mrs. Woodcox's temperatures and moisture recordings for the week elsewhere in this issue.

There is a 80-percent chance of snow on Wednesday and 70-percent chance that night with a high of 44 and a low of 32 degrees.

The last Saintry district-play football game with Rawlins County is set for Thursday night in Atwood. And the weather? As of Tuesday, the National Weather Service was

forecasting a 70-percent chance of snow during the day on Thursday with a high of 38 degrees. That evening, there is a chance of snow but the temps will dip to 24 degrees. Dress warm if planning to go to the football game.

When the spooks and goblins begin to trick-or-treat Saturday, the weather is forecasted to be much better with a high of 51 degrees. Since the weather will be nice and there will be many children out, drivers are urged to be on guard for children darting out in the streets.

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this year. Diane Shay took home the golden spatula for her brownies.

Hot dogs will be grilled and there will be other treats.

Games will be played. They include a bean-bag toss, apple bobbing, musical-hay bales, a fishing booth and a sponge throw with a surprise target. A kareoke contest will be held and here will be kid's crafts and face painting. Prizes will be awarded.

All children and adults are welcome to come to the Fall Festival but be prepared to have a fun and safe Halloween.

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