# At the Game-

# 2009 Volleyball season reviewed

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The St. Francis Lady Indians volleyball season ended in Plainville at the 2A substate tournament on Saturday, Oct. 24. St. Francis and Plainville competed in a play-in match to see which team would qualify for the eighth seed in the regional tournament. Plainville won, eliminating St. Francis' tournament play. Decatur Community advanced to the state in Grinnell/Gove County, Decatur tournament from the Plainville

included Aly Marin Aubree Schlepp, Jodie Hilt, Mikaela Grace, Sarah Trembly, Kaitlin Figgins, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Kaycee Williams and Dale Northrup.

The squad had only two seniors this year, Kaycee Williams and Dale Northrup. They were returning letter winners and had represented the St. Francis volleyball program for four years.

The Lady Indians had a new head coach this season. Talley Morrow, who had been an assistant the reins.

aggressive this year," she said the team.

before the season started."Our main strength this year is a love of the game and the girls are showing that they want to play."

And they did, having a very busy year which ended with a 12-20 record, five more wins than the previous season.

During the season, including the play-in match, the squad was involved in a total of 32 varsity matches. They attended tournaments Community/Oberlin, the Northwest Kansas League Tournament at Lady Indians making the trip to Goodland and the St. Francis Round Plainville to represent St. Francis Robin Tournament before traveling to Plainville.

St. Francis wins this season included: Golden Plains and Hoxie in the opening triangular of the season; Western Plains and Wheatland/Grinnell in the Gove County Tournament; Cheylin; Idalia, Colo.; Wray, Colo.; Norton in the Oberlin Tournament; Hayes Center and Cheylin in the St. Francis Round Robin; Triplains; and Colby in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament.

Coach Morrow ended the year coach prior to this time, took over last week by telling the players what a terrific season they had and "We are going to be very how proud she was to be a part of



**Northrup** 

Season stats included: Serves (attempts/in/percentage in order of most attempts): Marin, 319/281/88; C. Hilt, 297/245/82; Schlepp, 279/255/91; Grace, 209/185/89; Williams, 177/161/ 91; S. Hilt, 131/115/88; Figgins, 122/104/85; Northrup, 31/28/90; Trembly, 30/28/93.

Aces: C. Hilt 38; Marin 30; Schlepp 27; Grace 17; Williams 13; S. Hilt 13; Figgins 12; Northrup 4;

Serve receive: The team had 1575 serve receives with 514 "3s," 154 18/3/16.66; S. Hilt, 3/1/33.33.



Williams

"2s," 103 "1s" and 80 "0s". Coach Morrow gives a 3, 2, 1, 0 rating for the players' passing during the match with "3" being the best pass to the setter...the stats following show the percentage of serve receive attempts which received a "3." (attempts/3s/percent of "3s"): J. Hilt, 851/514/63.3; Grace, 209/80/27.5936.4; C. Hilt, 173/ 63/36.4; Trembly, 150/61/40.96; Schlepp, 53/29/54.71; Williams, 50/28/56.0; Figgins, 36/8/22.22; Marin, 32/7/21.875; Northrup,

(attempts/good/ percentage - in order of most attempts) Marin 1190/1131/95; S. Hilt, 736/704/96; Williams, 45/45/100; Schlepp, 41/40/98; 34/33/67; Figgins, Grace, 27/25/93; C. Hilt, 21/21/100; J. Hilt, 10/10/100; Northrup, 3/3/100; Trembly, 1/1/100

Kills: Grace 146; Figgins 115; C. Hilt 79; Marin 66; Schlepp 60; Williams 45; S. Hilt 14; Trembly 6; Northrup 3; J. Hilt 1.

(attempts/good/ Attacks: percentage - in order of most attempts): Grace 505/417/83; 483/390/81; Marin, Figgins, 325/287/88; C. Hilt, 303/219/72; Schlepp, 271/235/87; Williams, 201/179/89; S. Hilt, 55/49/89; J. Hilt, 33/28/85; Trembly, 29/20/69; Northrup, 18/18/100;

Stuffs: (blocks which ended a rally, earning St. Francis an immediate point) Figgins 43; Schlepp 36; Grace 21; Williams 15; C. Hilt 6; Marin 6.

Good save/digs: J. Hilt 504; Marin 363; C. Hilt 322; Grace 243; Schlepp 196; C. Hilt 167; Figgins 167; Williams 142; Trembly 119; Northrup 24.

Letter winners Seniors: Williams, Northrup.

Juniors: Marin, J. Hilt, C. Hilt, S. Hilt, Grace, Schlepp, Trembly. Sophomore: Figgins.

Looking to the future

"Next season we are planning to 'up' our game even more," Coach Morrow said. "Now that the competition knows we're serious and capable of sneaking up on them, they will be ready for us...so we must be ready for them.

"Our skills will improve before next season because most returning varsity players are planning to attend skills camps next summer and will also put the weight room to good use during the rest of the school year and summer. There is great cooperation between the weights instructor and myself to help get the girls into 'volleyball shape' and that will help tremendously.

"We are planning to try another defense and if it works, it will be even better than what we used this year. If it doesn't, we're not worried. Our defense was great this year and I won't consider anything less for next year. "

Coach Morrow said the returning players are all excited for another season together and have no doubt it will be even more successful than this year.



GOOD SAMARITAN VILLAGE staff held a pumpkin-carving contest. Winning were (I to r) Karen Moberly, Cathy Loop and Natasha Gordon. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Student's essays printed in book

Over one-half of the students national league. in Lisa Gibson's last year's eighth grade English class are having essays printed in an anthology book.

"This is absolutely fantastic for these eighth grade students," Mrs. Gibson said. "This is a great accomplishment for eighth graders.

There were 15 out of the 28 students in the class whose work was selected to be published. These students were among the 1,141 accepted out of the 2,000 entries.

The students are now eligible for prize money and have the opportunity to be selected for the top 10 essays.

Since over 50 percent of the class was accepted to be published, St. Francis, Mrs. Gibson said, will receive a "writing achievement award." This honor is given to the top 10 percent of the schools that have entered the contest. The schools, she said, are chosen based on the number and quality of entries accepted.

In the next few weeks, The Herald will be publishing all 15 essays. Three of the final five are in this week's issue.

### Touchdown!

By Dylan Wolaver

He's going, going, gone, all the way for a touchdown! That's what every football fan wants to hear when their player gets the ball.

This exhilarating sport was invented in the 19th century by college students looking for a sport that was in between soccer and rugby. The reason they wanted a sport like this was, because they liked both sports and wanted to play both. Although, this sport wasn't possible. The sport started to grow

When the NFL first started, only 14 teams played and now today there are 32! The best known in Kansas would be the Kansas City Chiefs. Being a huge Denver Bronco fan, I can tell you there is nothing like sitting down with a couple of buddies and watching the game!

"He throws the ball and the receiver catches it for a touchdown!" That's what you heard when the Broncos Hall of Fame quarterback, John Elway, who played in the 1990's threw the ball. He is not the only well-known player of the NFL; there is Richard Butkus, the lightning fast linebacker. There is also Anthony Dorsett, the "you can't touch him runing back." Then finally, Bart Starr who is what fans would call a 'quarterback with a cannon for an arm.'

I am off to see the first round draft picks for this year! Are you going to join me?

#### **Camping Trip** By Krissy Harris

Camping can be so peaceful, pleasant, and sometimes just a place where you can feel free. Do you ever feel free when you go camping? Do you like the sounds of the birds cheeping as a lullaby? Is it the feeling of warm, wet, water running between your fingertips? Or could it be the feeling of the big, bright, yellow sun warming as if there was a heater warming the whole place? Those feelings are awesome. The Girl Scout Troop 124 went

on a camping trip to Lake Enders. There were only three of us, so we all stayed in the same tent. Sam had just got a new light brown, white spotted dog. He looked like he had and eventually America had its own not eaten for days. His bones looked

like they were going to just pop out tubing; the feeling of the water of his body; a bag of bones. I splashing on our faces, like we asked, "What is his name?" She were running through a sprinkler. said, "His name in Roy." I was The feeling of the wind blowing

## **Two Lady Indians** earn recognition

By Betty Jean Winston bettyw@nwkansas.com

Kaitlin Figgins and Aly Marin have been chosen to receive Northwest Kansas League honors following the 2009 season. Figgins was named to the league first team and Marin received honorable mention.

Figgins had the most stuffs this season and the second most attack attempts while Marin led in serves and assists.

Both of the Ladies were major contributors to the Lady Indian volleyball team.

League volleyball coaches have awarded first team honors to 12 players with eight more receiving honorable mention. League coaches cannot vote for their own players.

Adrienne Pauls, Community; Dayna Kuhlman, Oakley; Ashley Archer, Goodland; Bergling, Rawlins Jade Herl, Goodland; ShayLinn Marin, St. Francis.



**Figgins** 

Kaus, Hoxie; Bailey Hemmert, Oakley; Hillary Chvatal, Rawlins County; Brandi Diederich, Decatur Community; Jessica Fredrickson, Decatur Community; Morgan Bell, Colby High School; Kaitlin Figgins, St. Francis.

Marin

Receiving honorable mention were Dani Dietz, Colby; Kiah Named to the first team were Blau, Decatur Community; Alexis ordan Dreher, Decatur Community; Bateman, Goodland; Carman Hill, Decatur Hoxie; Hannah Hubert, Oakley; Caitlyn McDaniel, Quinter; Jill County; Aly

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#### Wednesday Coffee 10-26

Team standings: Western State Bank 18.5-5.5, Jolly Ranchers 15.5-8.5, Lodge Sleepers 15-9, Dairy

King 13-15, Kale's Girls 11-13 High game (scratch): Marlys Poulignot 169, Donna Mosier 159, Virginia Lengel 152; (handicap): Mosier 218, Poulignot 216, Debbie

#### Wednesday Coffee 10-14

Team standings: Western State Bank 15.5-4.5, Lodge Sleepers 15-9, Idalia's Team 11.5-8.5, Kale's Girls 10-10, Dairy King 9-15.

High game (scratch): Carol Peterson 180, Ann Davisson 179, Marlys Poulignot 156; (handicap): Peterson 245, Davisson 241, Donna

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