

At the Game

Coach impressed with commitment to defense

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The basketball season opened on Thursday night with the Indians playing a home game with the Tigers from Dundy County. This is the only varsity game to be played in St. Francis during the month of December.

Although the Indians had a slim one-point lead going into half time, the Tigers scored more baskets in the second half and took the game 61-52.

"I thought for our first game of the year we did some really good things," Coach Jeff Beims said. "Unfortunately it wasn't enough to get by a pretty good Dundy team."

The St. Francis scoring was led by Matt Raile with 19 and Trent Raile with 18.

Under the basket, Sainty collected 26 rebounds, 18 of them defensive. M. Raile had a total of 12.

"I was particularly impressed with our commitment to defense," Coach Beims said. "It's not easy to convince yourself that defense wins ball games as so much emphasis is put on points scored, but I think we are starting to see the benefits."

"Our junior varsity guys won by playing smothering defense in the second half, and the varsity guys

played outstanding. They had one player that we just couldn't stop, which is a testament to him."

Sainty led by two points after the first quarter but during the second half, Dundy outscored the Indians 32-22.

"Offensively we really played well," Coach Beims said. "We got out and ran when the opportunity presented itself and did the little things on offense that make work well."

"We had a couple guys come off the bench and play well when we needed it. Unfortunately we were a little short handed, and we ran out of steam a little at the end of the game."

"We are right on the verge of being a pretty good team, but at some point we are going to have to start proving it."

M. Raile recorded his 19 points by hitting five two-pointers and hitting 9-of-12 free throw attempts.

T. Raile scored six two-pointers, one three-pointer and three free throws (3-of-4).

Isaac Schiltz, M. Raile and T. Raile each had three assists out of a total of 11 while M. Raile had three of the four blocks recorded.

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DC 13 16 18 14 61

Scoring: M. Raile 19, T. Raile

18, Schiltz 5, Tyler Lauer 5, Cody Killingsworth 3, Garrett Figgins 2.

Rebounds: M. Raile 12, T. Raile 5, Figgins 3, Schiltz 2, Lauer 2, Brett Lampe 1, Killingsworth 1.

Next action

The Indians are involved in the Sagebrush Tournament this week with the finals being played on Saturday in Brewster.

Junior varsity

What a comeback! After being down by 16 points (38-22) at halftime, the Sainty junior varsity boys came roaring back to win the game 67-62. Never giving up is the name of the game. The third quarter was especially productive with 24 points accumulated.

Three players were in double figures with Tyler Lauer having 21 points, Zach Zwegardt 12 and Dylan Peter 11. It was a team effort with nine players scoring.

The team scored 20 two-pointers, three three-pointers and was 50 percent from the free throw line making 18 of 36.

Scoring: Lauer 21, Z. Zwegardt 12, Peter 11, Jonathan Butler 7, Cody Killingsworth 5, Matt Tygart 5, Erick Estrada 2, Ty Zwegardt 2, Brooks Hobrock 2.



INDIANS OPEN SEASON - Isaac Schiltz is guarding his opponent, a Dundy County Tiger, carefully on Thursday night in St. Francis.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Lady Indians have problems hitting the basket

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Although points were hard to come by on Thursday night against the Lady Tigers, seven Sainty Ladies contributed to the scoring. Dundy County won the game by a final of 55-28.

Leading the scoring for St. Francis was Mikaela Grace with eight points. She hit 4-of-8 attempts from two-point range and had no free-throw opportunities.

Twelve of the 47 field-goal attempts connected during the evening but none of the successful ones were from three-point range. Grace (4/8) and Shayla Hilt (2/4) had the best two-point percentages with 50 percent each.

The Lady Indians had 11 free-throw opportunities, making four of them. Jodie Hilt had the best free-throw percentage with 2-of-3.

Scoring was the biggest problem on Thursday with Dundy County outscoring Sainty 28-18 in the first half and 27-10 in the final half. The third quarter was especially hard for Sainty with only one point hitting the basket.

Fifteen rebounds were recorded with S. Hilt and Kaitlin Figgins having four each. Most of the rebounds, 11 of them, were defensive boards.

The team recorded no blocks and had four assists with J. Hilt, S. Hilt, Figgins and Aly Marin each having one.

The Dundy County defense helped cause 27 turnovers.
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D 13 15 14 13 55

Scoring: Grace 8, J. Hilt 6, S. Hilt 5, Sarah Trembly 4, Christina

Hilt 2, Marin 2, Figgins 1.
Rebounding: S. Hilt 4, Figgins 4, Trembly 2, Marin 2, Grace 1, J. Hilt 1, Jacquelyn Ketzner 1.

Next action

The Lady Indians played on Monday night against Brewster and Tuesday night against Stratton in the Sagebrush Tournament with final action taking place on Saturday. The game time for Saturday was not available at the press deadline. The Sainty Ladies are playing in Pool B.

Junior varsity

It was a squeaker but the junior varsity Lady Indians defeated Dundy County 12-11 on Thursday night. It was a shortened game due to a small number of junior varsity players.

"I was very pleased with the outcome of our first game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "We have a long way to go, in terms of relaxing and understanding game situations - and realizing that we can't think before we do something. We just have to take a chance and do it, which we will continue to work on."

"I was very pleased with our free-throw percentage. We were 5-of-8 from the line, with two of those misses being from stepping on the line. Hopefully, we will continue to shoot that well on those."

"With only two quarters to play, we had to strike quickly. At the end, we made a few mental errors and almost gave Dundy the ball twice. Fortunately, the clock and possession arrow was in our favor, and we ended up with the victory."

Scoring: Clarice Neitzel: 4; Aubrey Mills: 4; Jacquelyn Ketzner: 2; Laura Brunk: 2



JODIE HILT aims for two-points while Mikaela Grace (14) and Shayla Hilt (30) are in position to recover a rebound if needed.
Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hilt

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Monday Night Mixed 11-23

Team standings: ABC-Z 17-15, Neitzel Insurance 14-14, Gutter Heads 14-18, Earl's Gals 14-14.

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 200, Eddie Zuege 199, Arrie Cox 196, Tammy Zimbelman 158, Amelia Zuege 142, Sally Baird 133; (handicap): A. Cox 263, Derek Morrow 256, E. Zuege 221, Shauna Jones 210, Vicki Cox 210, Connie Wilger 205.

High series (scratch): K. Zimbelman 574, E. Zuege 487, A Cox 440, T. Zimbelman 428, A. Zuege 368, Dorothy Hankins 365; (handicap): Morrow and A. Cox 641, D. Hankins 581, Jones 571, V. Cox 568.

Wednesday Night Mens 11-25

Team standings: Cheyenne Bowl 29-15, Bonny Solutions 26.5-17.5, Krien Steel 26-18, Idalia JV 24-20, Haigler One 22.5-21.5, Haigler Two 20-24, Wright and Wrong 18-22, Bonanza Ford 6-6.

High game (scratch): Bob Lippert 222, Bill Carpenter 192, Ted Mosier 187.

High series (scratch): Lippert 558, Carpenter 542, Eddie Zuege 513.

Monday Night Mixed 11-30

Team standings: ABC-Z 20-16, Gutter Heads 17-19, Neitzel Insurance 15-17, Earl's Gals 15-17.

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 213, Nick Chavez 170, Eddie Zuege 166, Amelia Zuege 160, Tammy Zimbelman 149, Janice Krien 140; (handicap): Chavez 227, Derek Morrow 221, Vicki Cox 217, A. Zuege 214, Dorothy Hankins 210.

High series (scratch): K. Zimbelman 564, E. Zuege 463, Chavez 441, T. Zimbelman 429, A. Zuege 422, Krien 365; (handicap): Chavez 612, Morrow 605, Cox 596, Josh Sullivan 590, A Zuege 584, Hankins 568.

Academic awards presented



STUDENTS RECEIVE Kansas Assessment Awards between the varsity girls and varsity boys' Sainty vs Dundy County basketball games Thursday.

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