

At the Game

Sainty Indians are champs!!

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St. Francis earned the right to play in the championship game of the Sagebrush Classic by defeating Brewster and Stratton in pool play. Brewster, the winner of the other pool, met the Indians on Saturday night in Brewster.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Indians walked away with a 57-34 victory. It was a decisive win which earned the Indians the tournament championship.

"It's nice to bring home a trophy from Brewster," Coach Jeff Beims said. "I'm not sure when the last time the Indians did that, but it's been awhile.

"We played some good teams. Cheylin plays good defense, and makes you earn everything. Brewster's zone stumped us for a while, and as is the custom in Brewster, they had a couple kids that could shoot.

"However, it is a testament to our guys that we were able to ride out the storm and get wins. Being successful in high school basketball entails doing what you do best and taking advantage of what the other team gives you.

"Also worth noting; Matt Raile and Trent Raile both came home with all-tournament honors, and Matt finished second in the three-point contest, falling just short of defending his win last year.

"During this tournament our opponents averaged 37 points a game. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out why we brought home a trophy. Defense wins championships and it seemed to prove out in Brewster."

Game one

St. Francis 59, Triplains 38

The Indians took to the floor on Monday night ready to play and proved it by scoring 24 points in the first 12 minutes.

They had a 34-23 advantage at half time, a 46-27 lead after the third quarter and they held on to win the game 59-38.

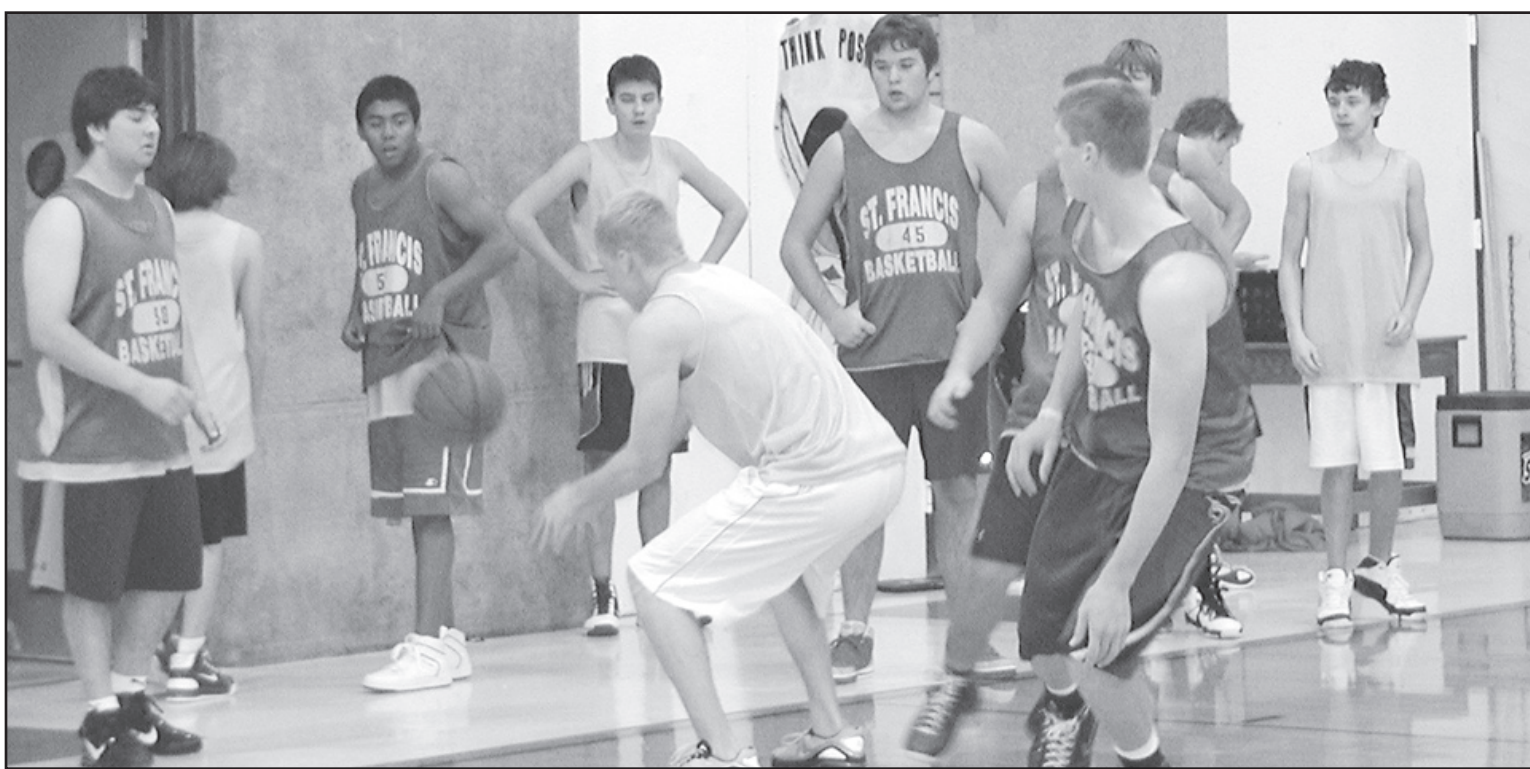
Triplains had a scoring slump in the third quarter, hitting for only four points.

M. Raile led the scoring for the Indians with 22 points while Garrett Figgins was also in double figures with 15. Raile was hitting 77 percent for the night from the field (10-of-12 from inside the arc and 0-1 outside) and was 2-of-4 from the free-throw line. Figgins was 70 percent from the field with 7-of-10 and 1-of-2 from the line.

Sainty was 26-of-48 from the field for 54 percent and was successful 6-of-13 times from the line.

The team had 30 total rebounds with M. Raile having 14. He and Trent Raile led the team in assists with three apiece.

SF 24 10 12 13 59
T 11 12 4 11 38



INDIAN PRACTICE SESSIONS are used to increase game-day skills. Each player gets the opportunity to work on the different areas of the game. Here several players are watching Garret Figgins working under the basket.

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Scoring: M. Raile 22, Figgins 15, T. Raile 9, Isaac Schiltz 8, Drew Zwegardt 2, Brett Lampe 2, Jonathan Butler 1.

Rebounding: M. Raile 14, Figgins 9, T. Raile 4, Tyler Lauer 2, Lampe 1.

Game two

St. Francis 57, Cheylin 40

The Indians outscored Cheylin three of four quarters to take the second victory in the Sagebrush Classic. The winning score was 57-40. This win qualified them for the championship game scheduled for Saturday.

T. Raile led the scoring in this game with 20 points, hitting 8-of-

12 from two-point range and 4-of-6 from the line. M. Raile had a successful night at the line with 9-of-10. He added four points from two-point range and 6 points from outside the arc for his total of 19.

"This represented a pivotal early-season game for us," Coach Beims said. "Not only did it propel us into the championship game in the Sagebrush Tournament, but Cheylin is a good team, and we passed the test.

"They play good defense and have a couple guys that can score from anywhere. We were able to withstand their pressure, and apply a little of our own.

"We would have struggled to win this game in the past, but I think we are starting to understand the importance of defense and how keeping your composure under pressure can win ball games.

"We have by no means perfected the defensive philosophy I espouse, but we are getting there, and it's starting to pay dividends.

"In the two games of the Brewster tourney thus far, our opponents have averaged only 39 points.

"On offense we need to be more disciplined in running our offense when the game is on the line, but we had good looks at the basket. Although we didn't shoot well from the field, due in part to Cheylin's defensive efforts, we did hit shots

when we needed them.

Our ability to hit free throws down the stretch was huge especially considering we did not score from the field in the fourth quarter.

The team hit 17-of-45 attempts from the field for 38 percent. At the free-throw line they were 18 of 27.

In this contest, M. Raile pulled down 13 boards with nine of them defensive.

The team had 18 turnovers in this game and collected 10 assists and nine steals. T. Raile led in steals with four and M. Raile in assists with four.

SF 16 12 18 11 57
C 10 12 10 08 40

Scoring: T. Raile 20 M. Raile 19, Schiltz 8, Figgins 6, Lampe 4.

Rebounds: M. Raile 13, T. Raile 9, Schiltz 5, Lampe 5, Figgins 2, Brooks Hobrock 2, Zach Zwegardt 1, D. Zwegardt 1.

Championship game

St. Francis 57, Brewster 34

This is the second game in the tournament which the Indians won by scoring 57 points and holding their opponent to 40 or less points. A combination of offensive and defense is important in winning games.

"We started ice cold against Brewster, which gave them some confidence," Coach Beims said. "Our intention going in was to defend, crash the boards and push

the tempo. We didn't do any of those real well in the first half.

"Their ball screens confused us a little, and we didn't do our work on the boards. We got that straightened out at half, and the second half we outscored them 35-14, closing the game on a 14-0 run. One sign of a good team is when they can win when they have an off night. A year ago, we might have lost this game, but we won ugly, and we'll take it."

Three players hit in double figures with T. Raile having 19, M. Raile 16 and Schiltz having 12.

The players hit over 50 percent from three-point range, having 8-of-15 attempts being successful. That alone gave the team 24 points. Hitting three's were T. Raile with three, Schiltz and M. Raile with two each and Lampe with one.

Hitting 55 percent from the field (both twos and three), contributed to the win. Six players were 50 percent or over. M. Raile led the group with 70 percent while Figgins, Schiltz, Lampe, T. Raile and Lauer were right at 50 percent.

M. Raile contributed four blocks.
SF 6 16 15 20 57
B 17 28 21 20 86

Scoring: T. Raile 19, M. Raile 16, Schiltz 12, Figgins 4, Lauer 3, Lampe 3.

Rebounding: M. Raile 9, T. Raile 9, Figgins 3, Schiltz 3, Lampe 3, Hobrock 2.

Tournament results released

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The Lady Indians met Brewster, Stratton and Cheylin in basketball action during the Sagebrush Classic. The games were all played in Brewster. Bad weather forced the Tuesday meeting with Stratton to be rescheduled to Thursday.

Brewster, Stratton and St. Francis were in one pool while Rawlins County, Triplains and Cheylin formed the other pool.

After the Lady Indians were defeated by Brewster on Monday and Stratton on Thursday, they placed third in their pool. Cheylin had placed third in the other pool.

Cheylin and St. Francis met for fifth place on Saturday. The Lady Cougars prevailed by a close 44-37 score, so Cheylin placed fifth and St. Francis sixth.

Rawlins County was the winner in the girls division of the Sagebrush Tournament. They defeated the Lady Eagles from Stratton on Saturday.

Sarah Trembly represented St. Francis in the three-point shooting contest. She made three baskets but did not qualify for the finals. Shayla Hilt competed in the free-throw competition. Hilt made 17-of-25 but did not qualify for the finals.

Game one

Brewster 47, St. Francis 42

The Lady Indians outscored the Lady Bulldogs in the second half by nine points but it was not enough to overcome the 14-point advantage that Brewster had at half time.

It was the second quarter which proved to be the downfall for the Sainty Ladies. They found the baskets hard to come by, scoring only seven points. This was not the case with Brewster as they pushed 18 points through the hoop during this same time.

"We were more focused the second half and had opportunities to get our first win, but such wasn't the case," Coach Flemming said.

St. Francis was 18-of-65 from two-point range for 28 percent, 1-of-9 from the outside area for 11 percent and 3-of-15 from the free-throw line for 20 percent.

Kaitlin Figgins with 13 points and Trembly with 12 led the scoring. Figgins hit six two-pointers and one free throw while Trembly had four two-pointers, one three-pointer and one free throw. Trembly was 1-of-2 from the line for the best free-throw percentage.

The team had 15 offensive rebounds and 11 defensive ones for a total of 26. Mikaela Grace and Figgins each had a total of five.

Fourteen steals were recorded with Trembly having six and four

players, Jodie Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt and Figgins each had an assist.

Twenty-one turnovers stalled the offense.

SF 8 7 14 13 42
B 11 18 12 6 47

Scoring: Figgins 13, Trembly 12, J. Hilt 7, S. Hilt 4, Jalyn McCauley 2, Grace 2, C. Hilt 2.

Rebounding: Grace 5, Figgins 5, Trembly 4, C. Hilt 4, S. Hilt 3, J. Hilt 3, McCauley 2.

Game two

Stratton 50, St. Francis 29

Stratton was strong in the second game of the tournament and defeated the Sainty Ladies by a score of 50-29.

The second quarter was again disastrous in the scoring column, as Sainty was successful on one free throw during this time while Stratton accumulated 12 points.

"It is difficult to compete when we have 29 turnovers and shoot 25 percent from the foul line," Coach Flemming said.

In this game, Grace led the scoring with 14. She was 7-of-12 from two-point range for 58 percent. She was the only player in double figures.

The team was 1-of-11 from outside the line with J. Hilt being the only one successful.

Hitting the two free throws that fell through the basket out of eight attempts were Trembly and C. Hilt.

Thirty rebounds were made with 16 of them offensive. Grace also led in this category with seven while Aly Marin and Jalyn McCauley had six each.

Trembly and Figgins led in steals with three each out of a total of 12.
SF 5 1 7 16 29
S 10 12 13 15 50

Scoring: Grace 14, J. Hilt 7, Figgins 4, Marin 2, Trembly 1, C. Hilt 1.

Rebounds: Grace 7, McCauley 6, Marin 6, Figgins 4, J. Hilt 2, C. Hilt 2, Jacquelyn Ketzner 1, Trembly 1, S. Hilt 1.

Game three

Cheylin 44, St. Francis 37

Eight Lady Indians made their mark in the scoring column in the Cheylin game but unfortunately none of them were in double figures. Cheylin prevailed and won the game 44-37.

The Lady Indians came out cold on Saturday and hit for only four points in the first quarter and eight in the second frame. This makes a total of 12 points in the first half. The Lady Cougars accounted for 25 points during this time.

St. Francis got in the game in the second half, actually outscoring Cheylin 25-19, but it was too little



JODIE HILT watches to see if the shot is successful.

Herald photo by Lezlie McCormick

too late.

Thirty-three rebounds were grabbed by Sainty with 15 of them offensive and 18 defensive. Six players had at least one with Figgins leading the way with 11. Seven of hers were defensive boards.

The Sainty Ladies stole the ball from the Lady Cougars on 17 occasions with all eight players helping in this category. Figgins was the top player with five.

Grace, J. Hilt and Trembly each had two assists with S. Hilt having the other one. The team totaled seven assists.

SF 4 8 12 13 37
C 7 18 14 5 44

Scoring: S. Hilt 8, McCauley 7, Figgins 7, J. Hilt 4, C. Hilt 4, Trembly 3, Grace 2, Marin 2.

Rebounds: Figgins 11, S. Hilt 6, Grace 4, Trembly 4, J. Hilt 3, Marin 3, C. Hilt 2.

Next action

The Ladies will play Decatur Community in Oberlin on Friday

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