

At the Game

Indians defeat Hoxie in exciting overtime game

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The Indians now have a record of 6-2 in basketball action following two wins on the home court this weekend. They defeated Hoxie in overtime on Friday night by the score of 57-49 after being tied at 45 all at the end of regulation time. Saturday the score with Golden Plains was St. Francis 52, Golden Plains 34.

"It was nice to finally play a game," Coach Jeff Beims said.

Against Hoxie, St. Francis fell behind in the first half by six points.

"We haven't seen the court in almost a month, and I think that might have contributed to our cold start," Coach Beims said.

"Hoxie did a good job of slowing us down, but we had some open looks that we just couldn't knock down."

Sainty was led by Matt Raile with 26 points and Trent Raile with 18. T. Raile had six two pointers, four three pointers and two free throw to collect his 18 points. M. Raile had eight field goals and 10 free throws. Several of his free-throws were during the overtime period which helped account for the 12 points Sainty earned in the fifth period.

"The second half though, we turned up our defense a little and the rim started to "unpucker," Coach Beims said.

Defensively, Sainty had six blocks, 33 rebounds and nine steals and M. Raile led in each category. He had four blocks, 10 rebounds and four steals

"There are two rather irrefutable truths to the game of basketball that proved themselves yet again against Hoxie. First, when your offense isn't working, let your defense be your offense. We played much better defense in the second half, and it seemed to open doors for us on the offensive end. Second, free throws win ball games (or lose ball games if you miss them.) We weren't very productive from the line in regulation, but hitting 10 of 13 in overtime certainly contributed to the outcome."

A 22-point third quarter put the Indians back in the game and



MATT RAILE moves the ball down court as the team sets up their offensive strategy.



INDIANS ISAAC SCHILTZ (13) and Brett Lampe (21) play defensive against the Hoxie Indians on Friday night. St. Francis played a strong overtime period and earned the fifth victory of the year for the home team.

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helped set them up for the win.

S	5	9	22	912	57
H	6	14	9	16	4

Scoring: M. Raile 26, T. Raile 18, Brett Lampe 9, Garrett Figgins 2, Isaac Schiltz 2.

Rebounding: M. Raile 10, Figgins 8, T. Raile 8, Schiltz 3, Lampe 2, Cody Killingsworth 1, Tyler Lauer 1.

**St. Francis 52,
Golden Plains 34**

"We got out of the gate quickly against a scrappy Golden Plains team, scoring 20 in the first quarter," Coach Beims said. "We have a tendency to let off the gas when we get a comfortable lead, and we allowed Golden Plains to

hang around longer than I would have liked."

The two Railes, Matt and Trent, again led the scoring with Matt having 20 points and Trent 11. Three other players accounted for the remaining points.

"Defensively we played real well," Coach Beims said. "I have to tip my hat to Isaac Schiltz and Brett Lampe who combined to hold their leading scorer scoreless. Although, we have a team philosophy to our man defense, and everybody contributed, those two worked their tails off to make sure he never got comfortable."

Sainty had a 40 percent field-goal output for the game, hitting

16-of-40. At the line they were 12-of-20.

Leading the rebounding was M. Raile with 15. Schiltz and Lampe each had three assists.

"As I've said before, if you can hold your opponent to less than 40 points, you will win most of those games," Coach Beims said.

S	20	13	8	11	52
G	7	13	4	10	34

Scoring: M. Raile 20, T. Raile 11, Lampe 9, Schiltz 7, Figgins 5.

Rebounding: M. Raile 15, Figgins 7, T. Raile 6, Schiltz 5, Lampe 1, Brooks Hobrock 1, Dylan Peter 1.

Salina Journal

The Salina Journal has listed

several Indians in the Area High School Basketball Leaders in the Friday, Jan. 8, issue.

Garrett Figgins is ranked 20th in rebounding with 36 for 6.0 per game; 18th in field goal percentage (17-of-37 for 45.9 percent); 26th in steals with 9 for 1.5 per game.

Matt Raile is ranked ninth in scoring with 94 points and a 15.7 average per game; first in rebounding with 73 for 12.2 per game; 11th in assists with 19 for 3.2 a game; 16th in field goal percentage (33-of-69) for 47.8 percent; eighth in free-throw percentage (23-of-32 for 71.9 percent; 17th in three-point percentage, 5-of-23 for 21.7

percent and seventh in steals with 20 or 3.3 a game.

Trent Raile is ranked fifth in scoring with 106 points for an average of 17.7 a game, 13th in rebounding with 43 for 7.2 per game; ninth in field-goal percentage (42-of-82) for 51.2 percent; fourth in free-throw percentage (15-of-19 for 78.9 percent); 15th in three-pointers (7-of-25 for 28 percent) and 27th in steals with 1.5 per game.

Isaac Schiltz is 41st in scoring with 44 points for 7.3 per game; 22nd in assists with 12 or 2.0 per game; 11th in free throws (12-of-17 for 70.6 percent; and 14th in three pointers (6-of-21 for 28.6 percent).



LADIES LISTEN intently as Coach Larry Flemming describes the plan of action.

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Ladies play as a team, win two

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Two wins in two nights. The Lady Indians accomplished this after having a slow December. And best of all, the wins were in front of the hometown fans.

Friday night, St. Francis defeated Hoxie 45 to 41 and Saturday night the win was over Golden Plains with a score of 55-42. The Golden Plains game was rescheduled from earlier in the week.

St. Francis came out at half time and outscored Hoxie in the second half to earn the 45-41 victory. The 18-point effort in the fourth quarter sealed the victory.

"We played with more intensity tonight and we were rewarded with a team victory!!!" Coach Larry Flemming said. "This was the best team effort of the season as this was a close contest from the beginning to the end."

On the scoreboard, nine players

contributed, with two of them, Kaitlin Figgins and Jodie Hilt, in double figures. Figgins had 12 points and J. Hilt 11. Figgins received her points on six two-point field goals while Hilt collected her points from three three-pointers and one two-point field goal.

The two teams had a close first quarter with Sainty having a one-point advantage (9-8) going into the second period. Hoxie had the one-point lead at half time (18-17). The third quarter ended Hoxie 28, Sainty 27 but the fourth quarter and the win belonged to the Indians.

Sainty was 38 percent (20-of-53) from the field and 25 percent (2-of-8) from the free-throw line.

Defensively, Sainty had 29 rebounds, and 13 steals with Figgins leading in boards and J. Hilt and Figgins tied with four steals each.

SF	9	8	10	18	45
H	8	10	10	13	41

Scoring: Figgins 12, J. Hilt 11,

Jenna Hill 6, Mikaela Grace 4, Shayla Hilt 4, Jalyn McCauley 2, Sarah Trembly 2, Christina Hilt 2, Aly Marin 2.

Rebounding: Figgins 9, McCauley 4, Grace 4, J. Hilt 3, Hill 2, Trembly 2, C. Hilt 2, Marin 2, S. Hilt 1

**St. Francis 55
Golden Plains 42**

"This was an evening when we played two completely different halves," Coach Flemming said. "We struggled on both ends of the court in the first half and got down 10 points by half time to a good Golden Plains team.

"The second half the ladies played up to their potential and scored 30 points in the third quarter.

"This was due, in fact, to the great defensive team effort. They finished the game with the same team efforts and were able to get another victory!!!"

In this contest, it was Trembly

who stepped up and collected 12 points. She was 6-of-8 from the two-points area for 75-percent shooting and 12 points. Nine players again contributed to the total of 55 points.

Steals played a big part in this game with Sainty having 25. Hill led the way with six but seven other players also accounting for one or more. J. Hilt had five and C. Hilt and Marin had three each.

With 12 offensive rebounds and 11 defensive ones, Sainty had a total of 23. Three players had four each, C. Hilt, Figgins and Marin.

Nine assists were recorded.

S	6	6	30	13	55
G	10	12	7	13	42

Scoring: Trembly 12, Figgins 8, C. Hilt 7, J. Hilt 7, Grace 5, Hill 5, Marin 5, S. Hilt 4, McCauley 2.

Rebounding: C. Hilt 4, Figgins 4, Marin 4, McCauley 3, S. Hilt 3, Grace 2, J. Hilt 1, Hill 1, Trembly 1.

Junior varsity earns victory

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Golden Plains came roaring back in the fourth quarter of the boys junior varsity basketball game on Saturday afternoon, but the Indians held them off for a 37-36 victory.

St. Francis had a 31-18 advantage going into the final frame but the Bulldogs scored 18 points compared to six for the Indians to make the last minutes of the game exciting.

Jonathan Butler hit three three-pointers along with three other field goals for his total of 15 points. Four other players also scored.

The third quarter produced the most points for the Indians with 8 of Butler's coming in along with 5 for Zach Zwegygart, one them from outside the arc.

S	9	9	13	6	37
G	6	5	7	18	36

Scoring: Butler 15, Dylan Peter 9, Z. Zwegygart 5, Ty Zwegygart 4, Brooks Hobrock 4.

Season begins today in Colby

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The junior high girls basketball teams will open their season today (Thursday) when they meet the junior high girls from Colby at Colby. Game time is 4:30.

Action will take place in St. Francis on four occasions. The first will be on Jan. 21 when Hoxie visits with action beginning at 4 p.m. Sainty will also play Goodland, Quinter and Decatur Community here.

Most junior high basketball games are played on Thursdays. The exceptions will be the Monday game with Goodland (Jan. 25) and the first round of the league tournament which takes place on a Monday in February. Game time depends on the home team. Check the school calendar for specific times, usually 4 or 4:30 p.m.

There are only three eighth grade ball players so the teams will be lacking experience. Ten seventh graders will be beginning their basketball career. The students will be playing on the A-team or the B-team. With only 13 players,

everyone will be seeing floor time. Ted Busse is the head coach.

The St. Francis roster includes the following seventh and eighth graders:

Eighth grade: Randee Grover, Aly Schleppe, Bailey Merklin.
Seventh grade: Aby Fernandez, Echo Jones, Ashlee Orth, McKayla Taylor, Dallas Reed, Kyla Bandel, Justice Wiley, Valerie Wurm, Brianna Cooks, Mariah Beikman.
Manager: Hannah Rider.

Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 14: Colby, there;
Thursday, Jan. 21: Hoxie, here;
Monday, Jan. 25: Goodland, here;
Thursday, Jan. 28: Rawlins County, there;
Thursday, Feb. 4: Oakley, there;
Thursday, Feb. 11: Quinter, here;
Thursday, Feb. 18: Decatur Community, here;
Monday, Feb. 22: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, round one
Thursday, Feb. 25: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, round two, B-team at Oakley; A-team at Quinter.