

# At the Game

## Lady Indians finish month with victory

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The Lady Indians put four games in the win column during the month of January and are going into the final month of the season with a 4-9 record. They have only six games remaining on the schedule before season-ending tournament time.

Action this week included a 47-36 loss to Weskan and a 58-33 win over Heartland Christian.

### St. Francis vs Weskan

On Tuesday night the Saintly Ladies met Weskan on the St. Francis court before a large crowd of fans. The final score was Weskan 47, St. Francis 36. Just a year ago Weskan defeated the Lady Indians by an 88-49 score.

"We competed well against a very good Weskan team," Coach Larry Flemming said. "Our concepts allowed us to stay in this game until the final buzzer!"

St. Francis was playing without Kaitlin Figgins and Jenna Hill.

The Lady Coyotes inched ahead of the Lady Indians by only one point in the first quarter and held a 20-14 half-time advantage. The third quarter saw Weskan enlarge the lead to 39-24 with St. Francis having their leading scoring period in the fourth with 12 to pull within 11 points at the final buzzer.

The scoring was spread out among the St. Francis players with seven team members contributing. Mikaela Grace was the leading scorer with nine from three field goals and three free throws. Jalyn McCauley had four field goals for her eight points.

Under the basket, Sainty had 12 offensive rebounds and 13 defensive board for a total of 25. Grace also led in this category with nine.

Having steals were Jodie Hilt and Shayla Hilt with three each, McCauley, Grace and Christina Hilt with two each and Sarah Trembly with one.

The team had 10 assists with C. Hilt leading with four.

SF	8	6	10	12	36
W	9	11	19	8	47

Scoring: Grace, McCauley 8, C. Hilt 7, Trembly 4, Aly Marin 4, J. Hilt, Shayla Hilt 2.

Rebounding: Grace 9, McCauley 7, S. Hilt 5, C. Hilt 2, J. Hilt 1, Trembly 1

### St. Francis vs Heartland Christian

The Lady Indians outscored Heartland Christian on Friday night by collecting double-figure points in each quarter. Heartland Christian had their only double figures in the second period when they had 16. The Lady Indians'



**DID IT GO THROUGH THE HOOP? If not, who is going to get the rebound? Lady Indians and Lady Coyotes are all alert to see what is happening. Aly Marin (left) and Mikaela Grace are on the scene for the Lady Indians.** Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

efforts gave them a 58-33 victory.

Pouring three three-point shots, six two-point shots and making 6-of-7 free throws through the basket, gave Jodie Hilt a 27-point night. This was her largest scoring game of the season.

Also scoring well was Christina Hilt with 14 points. This included one three-pointer, three other baskets and 5 of 6 from the line.

The Lady Indian's total for the evening included 16 successful attempts from the line.

Twenty-three rebounds, 24 steals and six assists were collected by the Lady Indians. This was a large amount of steals and six players were involved in recovering the ball. S. Hilt had seven and Trembly six to lead the team.

"We shot 73 percent from the line which was a big factor in our ability to get a win," Coach Flemming said. "We got 24 steals, but we still need to work on getting in the proper position when trying to press."

"We know some concepts are only achieved by repetitions in a game. We hope to attain more of these concepts soon, as the season is beginning to wind down."

S	12	13	15	18	58
H	6	16	6	5	33

Scoring: J. Hilt 27, C. Hilt 14, Mikaela Grace 8, Sarah Trembly 5, Jalyn McCauley 2, Aly Marin 2.

Rebounds: Grace 5, Trembly 5, Marin 5, McCauley 3, J. Hilt 3, Shayla Hilt 2.

## Indians win two

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The Indians finished January basketball action with an 8-5 record for the season. Recent wins were a 58-43 victory over Weskan and a 69-59 win over Heartland Christian.

### St. Francis vs Weskan

Tuesday's night game on the home court put the Indians back in the win column after sustaining three losses.

Matt Raile and Trent Raile combined for 43 points with Matt having 23 and Trent 20. Matt hit five two-pointers, three three pointers and 4-of-6 from the free-throw line for his 23 points. Trent used all areas of the court for his 20 points also with six two's, two three's and 2-of-2 from the line.

"I think we made some good strides against Weskan Tuesday night," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We really focused on our defensive intensity, and I think we learned what good 'shut down' defense can do for our success."

"If we just look at the first quarter of that game, Weskan had the ball 11 times on their end of the floor and we turned them over eight of those times. As a result, we had several more opportunities at our end, as evidenced by the fact that we attempted 15 shots...five more opportunities to score than in any other quarter. We made seven of those 15 which contributed to a great night shooting (56 percent from the field.)

Sainty collected 22 rebounds, had nine steals and more assists than usual with 18.

M. Raile had seven assists, three blocks, nine rebounds and one steal.

T. Raile led in steals with five and also had five rebounds, and three assists.

Also having from one to three assists were Garrett Figgins, Brett Lampe, Isaac Schiltz, Cody Killingsworth and Tyler Lauer.

"I have no stats to back it up, but I'm a firm believer that defensive effort produces good shooting percentages, as we don't worry so much about having to score every time down, and it allows us to relax a little on the offensive end when we're confident we can stop them on their end," Coach Beims said. "I was pleased with our effort, because I've been trying to install that type of defensive pressure for two years. Now we just have to sustain it from one game to the next and keep getting a little better every day."

Sainty's scoring was strong in the fourth quarter when the Coyotes began hitting the basket. Sainty had 20 points to 17 for Weskan.

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W	6	16	4	17	43

Scoring: M. Raile 23, T. Raile 20, Figgins 7, Isaac Schiltz 6, Lampe 2.

Rebounding: M. Raile 9, T. Raile 5, Figgins 3, Schiltz 3, Lauer 2.

### St. Francis vs Heartland Christian

January exited with a win for the Indians as they played Heartland Christian in Colby on Friday night. St. Francis won the game 69-59.

The second quarter was the downfall for Heartland Christian as they lost sight of the basket and allowed St. Francis to outscore them by 11 points which was close to the final margin (10 points) at the end of the game

"We had not idea what to expect going to Heartland Christian," Coach Beims said. "It turned out that they had a couple kids who could really play, and they gave us all we wanted."

"I thought we played pretty well in an unfamiliar environment against a team that had we come out flat, could have beat us."

The two Raile's again led the scoring with Matt having 28 and Trent 21. Matt had seven two-pointers, was 3-of-3 outside of



**JUNIOR BRETT LAMPE, above, and senior, Drew Zwegardt are doing their part in helping the Indians earn another victory.** Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

the arc and 5-of-6 from the free-throw line for his 28 points. Trent hit nine two-pointers and one three for his 21 points. Matt's field goals percentage was 83 while Trent's was 67.

Sainty, as a team, had a 56-percent success at field goals and a 70 percent at the line with 7-of-10.

"Our defense is continuing to improve, but I really thought what gave us the win Friday night was senior leadership," Coach Beims said. "For better or worse, our team revolves around Matt and Trent Raile. I thought those two guys in particular really stepped up their game on both ends of the floor when we needed it most."

"We need more of that 'never say die' kind of attitude around our team, and I like the tone they're setting."

Eight steals were recorded with Lampe and T. Raile each have three of them and Lampe and M. Raile led the assists with five each. There was a total of 16 assists.



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Scoring: M. Raile 28, T. Raile 21, Figgins 7, Lauer 6, Schiltz 4, Drew Zwegardt 2, Lampe 1.

Rebounding: M. Raile 11, T. Raile 7, Figgins 4, Schiltz 3, Lauer 2, Lampe 1.

## Team shows effort

Junior varsity girls basketball action saw two games for the Ladies this week as they competed with Weskan and Heartland Christian. The Lady Indians suffered two losses with the Weskan score being 53-25 and the Heartland Christian score 23-17 in an abbreviated game.

### vs Weskan

The Weskan game was played in St. Francis before the home crowd.

"We started out slowly again tonight," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "I'm going to have to modify their warm-up somehow to get them ready to go sooner in the game apparently."

"We do well in the second half, but again, just can't get things to work in the first half."

Scoring: Brunk 9, Neitzel 6, Mills 4, Jacquelyn Ketzner 4, Northrup 2.

### vs Heartland Christian

"We were a lot more competitive this game than we have been," Coach Dinkel said. "St. Francis was defeated by the close score of 23-17."

We only played a half, and I truly feel like we would have been victorious if we would have had one more half to play, the coach said.

"We just needed a little more time to get things finished. I was pleased with our overall effort, even though we turned the ball over and didn't shoot well from the line. But, overall, we played more to our ability throughout."

Scoring: Ketzner 6, Neitzel 6, Northrup 2, Brunk 2, Krissy Harris 1.

## Junior high Lady Indians play Goodland and Rawlins County

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Junior high girls basketball competition was held with Goodland here on Jan. 25, and in Atwood on Jan. 28. In A-team action St. Francis was defeated by Goodland 51-16 and by Rawlins County, 28-22.

Goodland won the B-team game 31-30 and Rawlins County won the B-team by the score of 33-27.

St. Francis won a fifth quarter competition with Rawlins County by the score of 8-6.

### vs Goodland A-team

"The score at half time of this game was 17-8 and we were 6 of 15 at the free-throw line during the first half," Coach Ted Busse said. "The second half, they played very well."

Stats : Aly Schlepp, 8 points and three steals; Justice Wiley, 4 points and six rebounds; Brianna Cooks, 2 points, Kyla Bandel, 2 points.

### B-team

In an exciting game ending with one-point difference (31-30), St. Francis fell to Goodland

in B-team action.

"We really competed in this game," Coach Busse said. "We had 34 rebounds as a team and 15 of those were offensive rebounds. We also had 15 steals."

Again free throws were a factor as we were 6-of-15 at the line. However, Mckayla Taylor was 3-for-3 for 100 percent.

Stats include: Taylor, nine points, six rebounds, three steals; Cooks, seven points, seven rebounds; Echo Jones, four points, four steals; Valerie Wurm, four points; Bandel, three points;

Wiley, three points, five rebounds; Aby Fernandez, six rebounds.

### vs Rawlins County A-team

Seven players scored in the A-team game with Rawlins County on Thursday. The final score was the Lady Buffs 28, Lady Indians 22. Schlepp led the way for St. Francis with 5 points.

"We played hard in this game and I felt our defensive fundamentals really improve during this game," Coach Busse said.

Stats include: Schlepp, 5 points; Bailey Merklin, 4 points, six rebounds; Cooks, 4 points; Wurm,

3 points; Rande Grover, 2 points; Taylor, 2 points; Wiley, 2 points, three steals.

### B-team

The final score was Rawlins County 33, St. Francis 27.

The Lady Indians had 23 steals in this contest with Wiley having 17 and Taylor 6.

"We played more aggressive as a team and that is good if we don't foul," Coach Busse said. "We were 6-of-17 from the free-throw line so we can continue to get better in this area of the game."

Stats: Wiley, 9 points, seven

rebounds, 17 steals; Wurm, 8 points; Cooks, 6 points; Taylor, 3 points, six steals; Ashley Orth, 1 point.

### Fifth quarter

Sainty won the 8-6 fifth quarter contest.

"This was an exciting game that we won on a last-second shot," Coach Busse said. "I was real pleased with our girls and the effort."

Stats: Orth, 4 points; Jones, 2 points; Dallas Reed, 2 points; Fernandez, five steals.