

# At the Game

## Indians outscore Buffs in league competition

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The Indians split their games this week with a loss to the Wallace County Wildcats in Sharon Springs on Tuesday and a win over Rawlins County, a Northwest Kansas League opponent, in Atwood on Friday night. The Wildcats defeated the Indians 65-50 and the Indians took Rawlins County by the score of 53-33.

### St. Francis vs Wallace County

St. Francis met the Wallace County/Sharon Springs Wildcats on Tuesday. The Wildcats had a 10-6 record going into the game while the Indian were 9-6. The final outcome of the game was a loss for the Indians with the Wildcats posting 65 points to 50 for St. Francis.

"Even though we lost to Sharon Springs I thought we really turned a corner Tuesday night," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We got down big early as Sharon Springs was on fire and we missed several "bunnies" at the rim. We were down by as many as 22 points in the first half, but righted the ship and closed to within 10 at the beginning of the fourth quarter."

M. Raile scored 20 points for St. Francis in this contest which included seven two-point shots, one successful shot outside the arc and 3-of-3 from the line. He also accounted for eight rebounds, five assists, two blocked shots and one steal.

Several other Indians also helped both offensively and defensively. Others hitting three-pointers in this game include Isaac Schiltz, two, and Trent Raile and Dylan Peter, one each.

St. Francis had only nine free-throw attempts and besides M. Raile's three, Brett Lampe and Peter each had one.

"We took care of the ball against their press real well, although we need to get better at attacking presses," Coach Beims said. "Most satisfying to me though was the way we rebounded. For the first time all year we out rebounded our opponents. We have made that part of the game a priority, and frankly it kept us in a game that could have been a blowout."

Sainty collected 24 rebounds with 17 of them defensive. Schiltz, Garrett Figgins, Trent Raile, Peter and Drew Zwegardt added boards along with M. Raile.

"I have heard on several occasions from opposing coaches this year, that their team played their best game of the year," said Coach Beims. "I'm not sure why we always seem to catch teams on their good nights, but the upside of that is that I'm not sure we have played our best basketball yet. The potential has always been there, and what we saw Tuesday in Sharon Springs may well be a sign that the production is starting catch up with the potential."

S 11 14 13 12 50  
W 26 15 8 16 65

Scoring: M. Raile 20, Figgins 8, Schiltz 8, T. Raile 7, Peter 6, Lampe 1.

Rebounding: M. Raile 8, Figgins 4, Schiltz 4, T. Raile 4, Peter 3, Zwegardt 1.

**St. Francis vs Rawlins County**  
Win number 10 was recorded by



**SUCCESSFUL FREE-THROW SHOOTING is an important part of a basketball game. Trent Raile attempts to add to the Indians score in a recent contest.**  
Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

the Indians when they met the Buffs from Rawlins County. The final score was 53-33.

"The win against Rawlins County was huge for us for several reasons," Coach Beims said. "First of all it assures us a winning record for the regular season which is nice as it hasn't happened around here very often in the past."

"Second, we wrapped up a home game for the first round of substate with that win as Rawlins County was one of the teams that was chasing us."

Six players contributed to the scoring with M. Raile having 20 points, Schiltz 11 and T. Raile 10 to lead the team. Matt was 7-of-8 inside the arc and 2-of-4 outside the arc for his 20 points. Schiltz hit his only attempts inside the arc and also had three three-pointers for the evening for his 11 points and Trent's scoring all took place with five two-point shots, equaling 10 points.

Sainty had only two free-throw attempts and Figgins put both of them through the hoop.

Seventeen assists were recorded with Lampe having seven and the team collected 24 rebounds. T. Raile and Lampe each had six boards.

Of the 10 steals, Lampe and M. Raile led with three each. The Indians had 16 turnovers.

"Finally, and most important to me, is I thought our boys played their best game of the year to date against Rawlins County," Coach Beims said. "Our defense was stifling at times and I thought we committed to rebounding better than we have all year. We were patient on offense, and made shots when they became available. Overall I'm pleased with our effort, and optimistic about our improvements."

S 11 10 13 19 53  
R 8 9 4 12 33

Scoring: M. Raile 20, Schiltz 11, T. Raile 10, Figgins 8, Lampe 2, Peter 2.

Rebounding: Lampe 6, T. Raile 5, M. Raile 4, Schiltz 2, Figgins 2, Peter 2, Zwegardt 1.



**HEAD COACH LARRY FLEMMING gives final instructions to the Lady Indians before they head to the floor. Also pictured is Coach Susan Dinkel.**  
Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

## Ladies play two road games

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The Lady Indians were on the road the week of Feb. 8 as they visited Sharon Springs to play the Wallace County Lady Wildcats and Atwood to play the Rawlins County Lady Buffs. The Sainty Ladies ended the week with two losses. The Wallace County game was a 78-31 defeat and the Rawlins County game ended up 55-42.

**St. Francis vs Wallace County**  
Wallace County collected 58 points by half time and went on to win the basketball game with the Lady Indians by a score of 78-31.

The Lady Wildcats not only had a great offensive night but also held the St. Francis Ladies to only nine points in the second half after Sainty managed 22 in the first half.

The scoring was spread among eight players but no individual posted over eight points. Christina Hilt was the player who had the eight points and she had two field goals and was 4-of-4 with her free throws. The Lady Indians were 9-of-12 from the line which was 75 percent. The other player who was 100 percent with her free throws was Christina Hilt who was 2-of-2.

Eleven baskets from the field went through the hoop out of 42

attempts. The year is winding down to two more scheduled games before season-ending competition. At this point in the season, Jodie Hilt has the most total points with 130 while Kaitlin Figgins who has been on the injured list the last few games has the best field-goal shooting percentage with 36 percent.

Nine players helped with the rebounding and C. Hilt had four while Jodie Hilt, Sarah Trembly, Laura Brunk and S. Hilt had three each. Figgins also leads the team in rebounding so far this year with 72.

SF 9 13 5 4 31  
W 28 30 17 3 78  
Scoring: C. Hilt 8, J. Hilt 4, Trembly 4, S. Hilt 4, Grace 3, Clarice Neitzel 3, Aly Marin 3, Jalyn McCauley 2,

Rebounding: C. Hilt 4, J. Hilt 3, Trembly 3, Brunk 3, S. Hilt 3, Neitzel 2, Ally Northrup 1, Grace 1, Marin 1.

**St. Francis vs Rawlins County**

Figgins returned to the lineup on Friday night in the Rawlins County contest and led the scoring with 11 points. She had missed several games recently with an injury.

One of the best statistics for the Lady Indians was the 24 steals for the evening with S. Hilt leading

the way with six. Each of the eight players who saw game action contributed with at least one steal.

Only three assists were recorded with McCauley, J. Hilt and C. Hilt each having one.

The Lady Buffs were very consistent with their scoring as they had 16 points in each of the first three quarters. The half time score was Buffs 32, St. Francis 22. The Lady Indians fell to only four points in the third quarter.

"Once again, we dug a deep hole early in the game and never fully recovered," Coach Flemming said. "We will continue toward our goal of competing up to our full potential."

The team played Cheylin here Tuesday night and will finish their regular season schedule with Quinter at home on Friday night. This would be a good opportunity to see the Ladies in action.

Substate action begins the first week of March.

S 11 11 4 16 42  
R 16 16 16 7 55

Scoring: Figgins 11, C. Hilt 8, J. Hilt 6, Marin 6, Grace 4, S. Hilt 4, Trembly 3.

Rebounds: Grace 8, Figgins 6, McCauley 5, J. Hilt 3, Trembly 2, Marin 2, C. Hilt 1.



**THE FLYING EAGLES place second in Benkelman. Sainty players (left to right) back, Mandi Cooks and Jylian Laten. They are in the darker uniforms.**  
Herald photo courtesy of Cassie Cooks

## Junior high teams compete

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Junior high basketball games took place in Oakley on Feb. 4 and with Quinter in St. Francis on Feb. 11. The Sainty A-team and the B-team scored victories over Quinter.

In each competition, the A-team and the B-team were both involved in action with the results below.

### A-Team

#### Oakley 53, St. Francis 16

"We played another good basketball team who simply has put in more time playing the game," Coach Ted Busse said. "We have the ability to be that competitive, but we have to continue to work and put in the time."

Oakley won the game by a 53-16 score. Scoring for this game was accomplished by six players including Justice Wiley, 5, Kyla Bandel 3, Aly Schlepp 3, Bailey Merklin 2, Brianna Cooks 2, MaKayla Taylor 1.

### B-Team

#### Oakley 32, St. Francis 27

This was an exciting game and Oakley pulled the game out for the 32-27 win near the end of the contest.

"We led this game 27 - 26 with 1:30 left in the game and just could not finish the deal," Coach Busse said. "We were 3-of-13 from the free-throw line and Oakley had a girl who was 12 of 16 at the line. Cooks pulled down nine rebounds in this contest and Wiley had six. Having steals were Taylor and Wiley with seven each and Valerie Wurm with four."

Scoring: Wiley 11, Bandel 6, Cooks 4, Dallas Reed 3, Taylor 2, Wurm 1.

### A-Team

#### St. Francis 41, Quinter 38

"We scored 19 points in the fourth quarter and made our free throws at the end to seal the game," Coach Busse said. "I was proud of the girls ability to overcome some adversity and to keep fighting for the win."

Schlepp made 9-of-12 free-throw attempts (75 percent) for the game and also had 14 rebounds. Having steals for the team were Bandel 5, Taylor 4, Wiley 3.

Scoring: Schlepp 13, Bandel 10, Taylor 8, Wiley 5, Randece Grover 2, Merklin 2, Cooks 1.

### B-Team

#### St. Francis 27, Quinter 15

Six Lady Indians scored in this game with Wiley having six to lead the team. Taylor was 100 percent at the free-throw line, making 2-of-2.

The rebounding was led by Wiley with five while Aby Fernandez had seven steals. Jones had four steals and Taylor added three steals.

Scoring: Wiley 7, Cooks 6, Taylor 6, Echo Jones 4, Bandel 4,

"We played well in this game and really never gave Quinter a chance to get anything going," Coach Busse said. "The goal is to continue to improve from this game to be better prepared for the next one."

## Team places in 5-on-5 game

A 5-on-5 basketball tournament was held in Benkelman, Neb., on Saturday, Feb. 13. Competing were boys and girls in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

St. Francis had two teams in the third and fourth grade girls division, The Lady Indians and

the Flying Eagles. Members of the Lady Indians are Hanna Bracelin, Emileigh Dinkel, Madison Tice, Lauren Johnson and Lindsey Johnson while Jessica Pacheco, Mandi Cooks, Jylian Laten, Zoe Sundstrom, Reagan Beims, Matthisen Wilzel and Erika Ramas

are members of the Flying Eagles. The Flying Eagles placed second at Benkelman.

## Junior Varsity Girls

Wallace County edged out the St. Francis junior varsity girls by the score of 27-25 on Tuesday night. The basketball game was played in Sharon Springs.

Laura Brunk was the leading scorer for the Lady Indians with 13 points.

"It was a very close game throughout," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "We did a lot of good things,

but forgot a few fundamentals - like boxing out, protecting the ball, and making good passes.

"The best thing is that we have improved immensely from the beginning of the season, and hopefully will continue to improve."

Scoring: Brunk 13, Aly Northrup 4, Jacquelyn Ketzner 4, Clarice Neitzel 2, Krissy Harris 2.

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