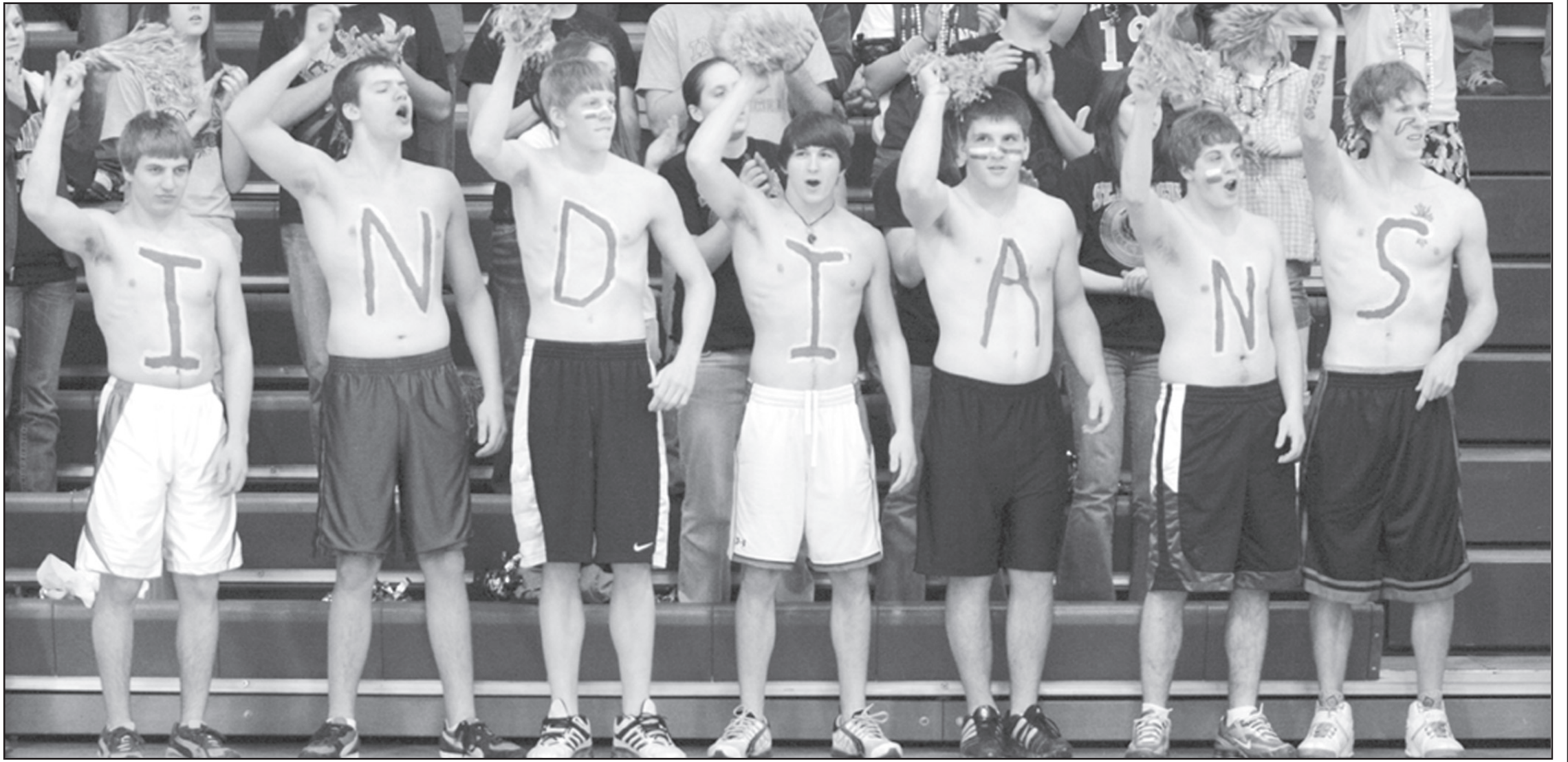


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At the Game



SHOWING SAINTY SPIRIT and support for the Indian basketball team on Tuesday night were (l to r) Cody Sherlock, Zach Gienger, Darris Keller, Terrence Lamb, Adam Guthmiller, Alex Long and Tye Gilliland.
Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Boys' team ends season

By Betty Jean Winston
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The Hill City Ringnecks stopped the Indian basketball players who were attempting to qualify for the state tournament in Hays this weekend. The Ringnecks outscored the Indians 52-29 in the second round of the tournament. When the week was over Hill City earned the right to represent the WaKeeney Substate in Hays.

St. Francis won the opening game of the post-season tournament against LaCrosse on Tuesday night in St. Francis by the score of 48-46. The semi-final game with Hill City was played in WaKeeney on Friday night.

St. Francis 48, LaCrosse 46

St. Francis moved to the second round of substate by defeating the Leopards of LaCrosse in St. Francis on Tuesday night. The final score was St. Francis 48, LaCrosse 46. The Leopards came up with 25 points in the final quarter and the Indians had to match LaCrosse's scoring to take the victory. They accumulated 22 points and held on for the win.

"It was a great win for our boys and for our program Tuesday night," Coach Jeff Beims said. "If we want to be perennial contenders in substate the first step is getting past the first round. We did that against a tough LaCrosse team."

"For all that, the game ball goes to...(insert drum roll here)...The crowd! Our house was rockin'! Our student section looked like a scene out of a Tim Burton movie,

and the little maniacs got everybody else fired up, including us. I haven't seen our boys play with that kind of emotion in a long time - maybe ever. That kind of atmosphere makes the game fun for everybody, save maybe the opponent."

Matt Raile was good for 19 points in this contest while Isaac Schiltz added 14 and Trent Raile 11. Matt had his points from five two-pointers, one three pointer and being 6-of-6 from the line. Isaac had three two's, was 3-of-4 from outside the arc and was 5-of-6 from the line while Trent had five two-pointers, one three and was 1-of-2 from the line.

Actually these three young men were the only ones with the opportunity to shoot free throws and they took advantage of the opportunity.

"With about 3 minutes to go in the game I remember turning to the bench and commenting that we were about to find out if in fact free throws really do win ball games," said the coach. "They do. We were 12 of 14 from the line (86 percent) and all but one of those came in the fourth quarter."

The two teams tied in rebounds with 29 each. M. Raile had 11 for the Indians with eight of them defensive ones. Other defensive stats that helped with the win were seven blocked shots and four steals. Having blocked shots were M. Raile with four, Garrett Figgins with two and Brett Lampe with one. T. Raile had two steals while Lampe and M. Raile each had one.

"We struggled offensively in the first half shooting only 30 percent from the field, but shot a whopping 7 percent in the 2nd half," Coach Beims said.

S 9 4 13 22 48
L 6 6 9 25 46

Scoring: M. Raile 19, Schiltz 14, T. Raile 11, Lampe 2, Dylan Peter 2.

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

Hill City 52, St. Francis 29

A very slow first half put the Indians in a scoring bind on Friday night. They managed only three points in the first quarter and five in the second. Hill City had a 31-8 score going into the locker room at half time.

"This was a tough way to end the season," Coach Beims said. "We had two or three games like this over the season where we were ice cold to start the game, and sort of lost our composure and panicked as a result."

"In the first half we couldn't have hit ice had we fallen off a polar bear, shooting only 15 percent from the field. The second half was better, but way too little, way too late."

M. Raile led the scoring with 14 points. He had three two-point shots, two three-pointers and two free throws.

The team as a whole shot 32 percent from the field, making 11 of 34. They only had the opportunity for six free throws and they made two of the six.

The Indians attempted 21 shots from behind the arc, which showed



BIG WIN FOR THE INDIANS - Matt Raile scored 19 points against LaCrosse in substate basketball in St. Francis March 2.
Herald photo courtesy of Kristi Guthmiller

the Ringneck defense was protecting the inside during the evening. Sainty had five of the attempted shots connect.

Twenty-three rebounds were pulled down with 14 of them defensive. M. Raile led with 14 and he also had a blocked shot and a steal. Others having steals were Lampe with two and Schiltz with one.

"We have an ugly habit of throwing everything out the window when we get behind, throw-

ing up three pointers, expecting them to count for 20 points, when if we would refocus on the little things like running offensive sets, rebounding, and defense we would have a far better chance of getting back in the ball game," said Coach Beims.

"Another glaring weakness we've had all year is scoring when Trent and/or Matt are having off nights. We relied too much on them throughout the year to provide our points, and it concerns

me that they will no longer be with us.

"It is time for the underclassmen to grab a ball and get to work over the next few months."

S 3 5 11 10 29
H 14 17 11 10 52

Scoring: M. Raile 14, T. Raile 8, Jonathan Butler 3, Figgins 2, Peter 2.

Rebounding: M. Raile 14, Figgins 4, Peter 3, Schiltz 1, T. Raile 1.

Hill City outscored Lady Indians

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St. Francis was not the only girls basketball team which was defeated by Hill City at the WaKeeney Substate last week. The Lady Indians fell to the Lady Ringnecks in the first round but Hill City prevailed until the last buzzer Saturday night and earned the right to travel to state in Hays this weekend. They defeated the Lady Indians 79-29.

"The reason for the outcome of this game can be seen very easily by just looking at the stats in this contest!!!" Coach Larry Flemming said. "Hill City made 14-of-29 attempts from three-point range (We have made 19 all season). St. Francis was 0 of 9 from the three-point line. Hill City was 15 of 29 from two-point range and St. Francis

was 11-of-45. Hill City had 30 rebounds and we had 18. The Ringnecks had 16 steals and we had eight. We had 24 turnovers and they had eight."

Leading the scoring for the Lady Indians was Sarah Trembly with eight points. Six other players had at least two points.

Of Sainty's 18 rebounds, only six were offensive while the remaining 12 were defensive. Christina Hilt and Kaitlin Figgins accounted for four each.

Having steals were Jodie Hilt with four, Figgins with two and Shayla Hilt and C. Hilt with one each.

Hill City began the strong scoring in the first period and had Sainty down 42 to 12 at half time. By the end of three, the Lady Ringnecks held a 70-25 advantage.

"Hill City worked very hard all

summer to improve on all their skills!!!" Coach Flemming said. "They have girls who shoot 400 shots a day on their own. The Hill City Ladies have a real passion for the game!!!"

S 6 6 13 4 29
H 19 23 28 9 79

Scoring: Trembly 8, J. Hilt 6, Figgins 6, C. Hilt 3, Jalyn McCauley 2, Mikaela Grace 2, Aly Marin 2.

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

Basketball is a highly skilled sport, said the coach. If you don't have skills and don't care to develop them it becomes very difficult to compete at any level! Skills are honed during the off-season.

On the other hand, the coach said, we do work very hard dur-



ing the season and the girls are to be commended for their efforts.

Season wrap

An overall view of the Lady Indian season will be published in *The Herald* next week.

Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 3-1

Team standings: ABC-Z 22-10, Neitzel Insurance 19-13, Earl's Gals 14-18, Gutter Heads 9-23.

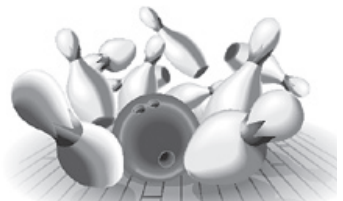
High game: (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 195, Eddie Zuege 180, Bill Wilger 168, Janice Krien 168, Tammy Zimbelman 164, Amelia Zuege 162; (handicap): Wilger 240, Krien 219, A. Zuege 216, Earl Hankins 213, Darren Laffond 205, Vicki Cox 200.

High series: (scratch): K. Zimbelman 556, E. Zuege 519, T. Zimbelman 463, Hankins 456, Krien 441, A. Zuege 407; (handicap): Hankins 603, Wilger 597, Krien 594, E. Zuege 588, A. Zuege 569, T. Zimbelman 568.

Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 3-3

Team standings: Jolly Ranchers 25-7, Kale's Girls 21-11, Western State Bank 21-15, Dairy King 17.5-18.5, Lodge Sleepers 16.5-19.5.

High game: (scratch): Marlys Poulignot 186, Donna Hall 181,



Carol Peterson 170; (handicap): Judy Soehner 236, Poulignot 235, Peterson 220.

High series: (scratch): Hall 467, Peterson 455, Poulignot 444; (handicap): Soehner 608, Peterson 605, Poulignot 591.

Wednesday Night Mens 3-3

Team standings: Krien Steel 24-12, Wright and Wrong 23-13, Bonanza Ford 22-14, Bonny Solutions 21-15, Haigler Two 16-20, Haigler One 16-20, Idalia JV 14-22, Cheyenne Bowl 8-28.

High game: (scratch): Ted Mosier 213, Alan Rose 201, Wayne Mahon 198.

High series: (scratch): Mosier 580, Rose 571, Mahon 535.