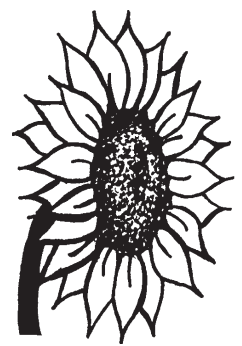


At the Game



Ladies start season Tuesday

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"There is lots of excitement in the air," said Talley Morrow, Lady Indian coach, concerning the beginning of the volleyball season. "A huge factor is self motivation. The girls are researching plays and visiting with coaches about both offensive and defensive strategy."

This is Coach Morrow's second year as head coach and she feels that this is an advantage also.

"The girls know what to expect this year and that is great," she said. Morrow was also an assistant coach for six years.

"The atmosphere is filled with excitement, readiness to work and having a good time at the practice sessions."

The Lady Indians will open the season on Tuesday when they travel to Golden Plains High School to compete with both Golden Plains and Hoxie.

St. Francis fans waiting for the home opener just have to be patient until Tuesday, Sept. 7, when a triangular will be held at the high school gym with Colby and Decatur Community/Oberlin.

Of course, everyone is welcome to the sports open house on Friday night in the gym when both the volleyball team and the football team will be introduced, the coaches will be previewing the season and the teams will hold scrimmage sessions. Those attending can watch the volleyball players in the gym or the football player out on the field following the opening introductions and remarks.

Twenty-seven players have reported to practice, with eight of them, junior, Kaitlin Figgins and seniors, Aly Marin, Christina Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Jodie Hilt, Mikaela Grace, Aubree Schlepp and Sarah Trembly, being returning letter winners. Figgins received Northwest Kansas League honors following the season last year with Marin receiving honorable mention.

The team, said the coach, has good leadership this year.

"The returning leaders are absolutely responsible for the good atmosphere."

She feels they are encouraging during conditioning and are very accepting of the new players.

"There is no 'attitude' in the lead-



WARMING UP FOR PRACTICE — Tilyn Bell, standing, and Aly Marin pass the ball.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

ers, no looking down at the less-experience players. They treat everyone well."

The coach feels that she will be struggling with the rotation when the season begins as all eight returning players can contribute in several areas.

"All eight of them are capable of serving with Marin and C. Hilt leading the way. Grace, Marin and C. Hilt are very flexible and good hitters and Marin and S. Hilt will be the varsity setters."

"We made a statement last year with the teams we play that we are serious, and the opponents are pay-

ing attention. We are in a tough league but we are not going to lower our expectations."

"The girls have a hard work ethic and are preparing both offensively and defensively for each opponent. We are hoping for a better record this year."

Last year, the team finished 12-20 which was five more wins than the previous season. Only two seniors, Dale Northrup and Kaycee Williams, were lost through graduation.

As for incoming players, the team has only four freshmen as there are only seven girls in the class.

On Sept. 20, the team will find out if they will be playing in the 1A or 2A tournament at the end of the season, as this is when the official school enrollment is taken. One thing that is different with 1A this year is there will be no regional tournament, just sub-state like the 2A has always been.

In the Northwest Kansas League last year, two teams went to the state tournament, Decatur Community/Oberlin in 2A and Hoxie in 1A, which shows the toughness of the league. Colby and Goodland are no longer members.

"One of our goals is to have a better record with league teams this year. We are going to up our game," Coach Morrow said.

Players show enthusiasm for the game in the fact they not only attended the St. Francis volleyball camp but some of them went to the University of Colorado Advanced Elite Camp, some of them went to a hitters/setters camp at Fort Hays State University and four players participated in a winter club volleyball league in Yuma, Colo.

Assistant coach Jeff Olofson has been a member of the coaching staff for 18 years. Allison Grice will be the team manager/scorekeeper and other managers are Taylor Archibald, Sarah Whitmore and Krissy Harris, who will help the managers as long as she is on the injured list.

One thing that is very important and helps the team, the coach said, is the support they receive from parents, other adults and students including boys, who show up at the gym or travel out of town to see the action.

"We are anticipating a good season," she said.

Roster

Seniors: Mikaela Grace, Jodie Hilt, Aubree Schlepp, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Sarah Trembly, Aly Marin.

Juniors: Christina Schoenrogge, Lexi Hilt, Chauntell Peter, Trista Orth, Caitlin Northrup, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Tilyn Bell, Hayley Brown, Kaitlin Figgins, Fabienne Baudet.

Sophomores: Aubrey Mills, Laura Brunk, Ally Northrup, Krissy Harris, Clarice Neitzel, Jandy Dunn.

Freshmen: Shelby Cassaw, Aly Schlepp, Randee Grover, Bailey Merklin.



BRETT LAMPE makes a hole-in-one during play on men's night.

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Golfer earns his first hole-in-one

Brett Lampe, a senior at St. Francis Community High School, had a great night at Riverside Recreation on Thursday, Aug. 5. His on-the-spot hit earned him a hole-in-one during play on men's night. Lampe used his seven iron for the 185-yard hole four.

He was playing with Cale Rieger, Terry Rieger and Dale Ferguson.

"The sun was in our eyes so

we had to walk up to the green to make sure the ball went in," Lampe said.

"It was pretty fun. A nice thing to have happen."

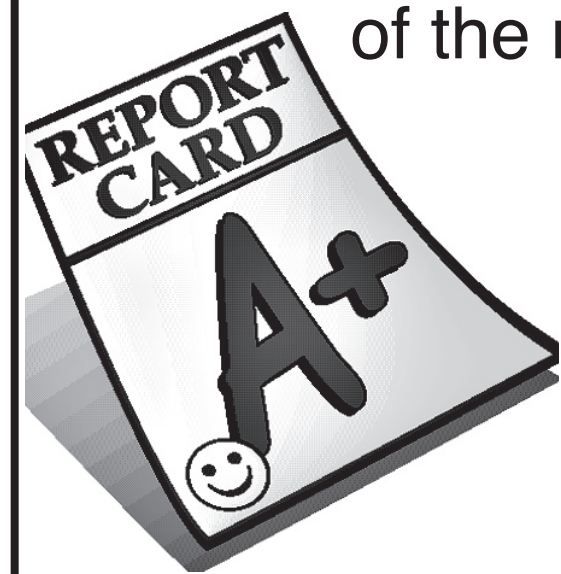
Lampe has been playing golf for the last eight or nine years and he has participated in the junior golf program during the summer.

"I enjoy golf and will be playing a lot of it, probably most of my life," he said.

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