

At the Game



I GOT IT! SHANNON SEMLER holds Joshua Berens flag high as he tries to escape the rest of the pack.
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Flag football season begins; games held on Saturdays

The 2010 flag football season began on Saturday. There are two divisions involved in the program with the younger ones being in a kindergarten through third grade section and the older ones in the fourth through sixth grade bracket.

Opening the season the White teams played the Gold teams and the Black teams played the Green teams. The teams will be meeting during the Saturdays in September.

Team members in the younger division are as follows:

Black: Brody Kaup, Brayden Kaup, Colton Neitzel, Cutter Neitzel, Christopher Leibbrandt, Adam Leibbrandt, Shadryon Blanka and Lukas Zweggardt. Drew Kaup is

the coach.

Gold: Joshua Berens, Matthew Berens, Kobe Tice, Garin Cooper, Zach Koger, Aaron White, Lyden Lampe and D.J. Easter. Kevin Berens is the coach.

Green: Ben Busse, Adam Krien, Seth Hilt, Isaac Hathaway, Jesse Baxter, Cheyenne Yardley, Brady Dinkel, Seth Prentice and Trenton Bartels. Kody Krien is the coach.

White: Preston Witzel, Shannon Semler, Rayden Shay, Ryan Doyle, Dakota Cross, Brady Schoenrogge, Caleb Todd, Jasper Hunt and Jace Landers.

Team members in the fourth through sixth grade division include:

Black: Kenny Leibbrandt, Matt Leibbrandt, Reid Shay, Joel

Hill, Jylian Laten, Dalton Straub, Draven Houtman and Kailey Shay. Chris Leibbrandt is the coach.

Gold: Ryan Grover, Conner Keller, Frank Havel, Bob Havel, Katie Schmid, Mason Schmid, Martin Beikman and Alex Queen. Shannon Drover is the coach, assisted by Clay Keller.

Green: Tate Busse, KC Krien, Emileigh Dinkel, Jeremiah Neitzel, Luke Lampe, Tiernan, Poling, Taryn Zweggardt, Kaleb Hays, Brice Hays. Cory Busse is the coach.

White: Jake Faulkender, Reagan Beims, Trayton Doyle, Wyatt Hilt, Cody Baxter, Quinton Cravens and Conner McBride. Tye Faulkender is the coach, assisted by Jeff Beims.

Junior varsity Lady Indians perform for home crowd

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Tuesday, Sept. 7, the junior varsity Lady Indians performed before the home crowd for the first time this year. The opponents were junior varsity teams from Decatur Community/Oberlin and Colby.

Decatur Community defeated St. Francis in two games (22-25, 17-25) while it took Colby three games before they finally shut down the Lady Indians. The scores were 19-25, 28-26, and 5-15.

Thursday, St. Francis entertained Wauneta/Palisade and began strong winning the first game but lost the next two. Sainy was defeated 25-16, 23-25 and 12-15.

The first tournament of the year took place in Leoti on Saturday with the Lady Indians winning three out of four matches at the Wichita County Invitational and placing second.

Vs Colby/Decatur Community
"This was our home opener and it did not go as well as hoped," Coach Jeff Olofson said.

"The young Lady Indians played a fairly close first set with Decatur Community. We served well and had balanced scoring from all the young ladies. The second set was a different story. Our passing broke down and as a result the setters had a hard time delivering sets to the net. We scrambled throughout the set and never found any offensive rhythm" stated Coach Olofson.

"The Colby match was a good match. Missed serves at bad moments contributed to the losses in the first and third sets," added Coach Olofson. "We also suffered the common crash that comes after winning a very tight second set. When we went back on the court for the deciding set it took too long to recharge the emotional batteries. By the time we started to play we were down by six and in a 15 point game that is nearly impossible to overcome."

Vs Wauneta/Palisade

The final scores on Thursday were 25-16, 23-25, 12-15.

"This match was characterized by extreme ebb and flow of emotion," Coach Olofson said. "Due to confusion about start time the

match started in confusion and it really never became a clean match."

"There were the normal missed serves and miscommunications that characterizes junior varsity volleyball. The problem was that when the match got close we made more mistakes rather than playing it safe. The young Lady Indians played hard they just did not always play smart," added Coach Olofson. "We will continue to work in practice to overcome these problems. The good news is that when we play within our system, the junior varsity is a good volleyball team."

Wichita County Tournament

St. Francis had a successful second place finish at Leoti on Saturday at the tournament with Wichita County, Heartland Christian, Sublette and Garden City. They defeated every team except Heartland Christian who ended the day in first place. Garden City finished in third place.

The final scores in each match are as follows: Wichita County: 25-9, 25-8; Heartland Christian: 19-25, 13-25; Sublette: 25-7, 25-

20 and Garden City: 25-13, 25-18.

"The young Lady Indians had a very good day in Leoti," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "We were scheduled to play four matches in a row so we were all very nervous about running out of energy during the day. Things worked out well for us as we only played immediately one time."

"The young ladies started out well against Wichita County. We passed, set and hit and missed very few serves. The Heartland Christian match was a good match. They had a couple of very good hitters and we simply did not defend as well as we needed to. We also missed serves at crucial time," added Coach Olofson.

"Sublette had just come off a close loss when we played them and it took their girls time to recharge. We served well when the set was close. We had a very balanced match against Garden City. They tipped a lot and we were able to get most of the tips up and continue play," said Coach Olofson.

"All of the team contributed to the victories and they have good reason to be proud of themselves."

Junior high teams work hard for wins

The second outing for the junior high volleyball teams was also very successful. It resulted in wins for the A-team, the B-team and the C-team when they met Rawlins County/Atwood at home on Thursday, Sept. 9.

"These girls put a lot of effort and hustle in their matches and their hard work paid off in the end," Coach Tina Elliott said. "I believe they realize now just how important their serves are."

"Now that we have got the basics and have all wins for the season so far we need to work on setting up the ball for a pass, set and spike. I realize there are times to play it safe but we need to advance in our game" added Coach Elliott.

"Overall I am very proud of these girls and they have worked

hard for their wins and we will continue to get better and better as the year progresses."

The A-team won by the scores of 25-18, 25-16.

Good serves were had by Justice Wiley, 15; McKayla Taylor, 12; Ashlee Orth, 8; Echo Jones, 3; Valerie Wurm, 3; Kyla Bandel, 3.

The B-team won by scores of 25-11, 25-12.

Good serves were recorded by Sydney Sundstrom, 12; Kayla Reed, 6; Journey Lee, 6; Kattie Jenik, 5; McKenzie Taylor, 4; and Caroleve Harris, 3.

The C-team had the following scores for their win: 15-8, 15-6.

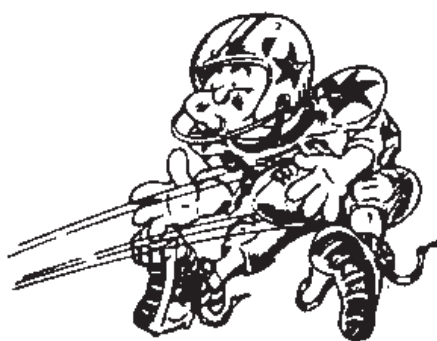
Good serves include: Wurm 6; Jenik 5; Harris 2; McKayla Taylor 2; Emily Elfers 1; Sundstrom 1; Hannah Stafford 1; Abby Fernandez 1; Orth 1.

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