

# At the Game

## Volleyball girls improve overall record at triangular

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Varsity volleyball squads from St. Francis, Wallace County and Rawlins County met in a triangular in Atwood on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

St. Francis posted a 25-18, 25-7 win over Wallace County and a 25-15, 25-23 win over Rawlins County. The two wins raised the season record above the .500 mark with seven wins and six losses.

"This was a great night for Lady Indians!!" Coach Talley Morrow said. "We love getting off the bus to play and then getting back on after making a clean sweep in the building! The girls are learning how to overcome preconceived ideas of who 'should' come out on top of a game and just play great volleyball."

"Overall, the Lady Indians are baring their teeth at their opponents, proving time and time again that they can overcome

mental lapses and give punches that are unanswered. If you haven't come out to see them play, you are missing out on a good time."

The Lady Indians traveled to Tribune on Tuesday with details next week. The high school is celebrating Homecoming this week. Today (Thursday) is Volleyball Appreciation Day and the Ladies will meet Dundy County and Chase County in Benkelman. The C-team will be involved in a tournament in Oberlin on Saturday.

### vs Wallace County

St. Francis won this match in two straight sets. The final scores were 25-18, 25-7.

Leaders in this match included: aces, Aly Marin, 8; serving percentages: Marin 20-of-21; Figgins 9-of-9; Shayla Hilt 4-of-4; Sarah Trembly 3-of-3 and Christina Hilt, 2-of-2; assists,

Marin, 27-of-29; kills, Mikaela Grace, seven; attacks, Grace and Figgins 12-of-13t and digs: Jodie Hilt 14-of-15.

"We had 11 aces against Wallace Co. (eight by Marin alone), 92 percent serving, and 14 kills this match," Coach Morrow said. "And we beat them in two sets!! We were quite proud of ourselves."

### vs Rawlins County

St. Francis defeated Rawlins County 25-15, 25-23.

"This was our first meeting with Rawlins County this season, and we were glad to get to the gym early so that we could watch our opponents play one another," Coach Morrow said.

"We quickly learned of the Buffaloes' triple block on the middle-hitter, so we made certain it didn't work for them against us. We aces them six times, had a 94 percent (46/49) serving score, and took them down with 19 kills (Grace, Figgins had five each) for the day.

"Our serve receive is gaining in excellence with every set we play and we almost made team goal this time. Jodie Hilt (defensive specialist) continues to be our key to backing the defense and setting up the offense. Our setters continue to display excellent accuracy in assisting our attackers. Without them, I don't know where we might be."

St. Francis had one of their best serving percentages against the Lady Buffs. The 94 percent is above the team goal of 90 percent. A number of the players are serving at 100 percent including Marin 12/12; Schlepp 8/8; Trembly 6/6; and Grace 4/4.

Having kills besides the five apiece Grace and Figgins had were Schlepp and C. Hilt with three each, Marin with two and S. Hilt with one.

There were 70 good dig/saves with J. Hilt being 14-of-14 and Marin 16-of-18.



RETURNING THE BALL is Jacquelyn Ketzner. Laura Brunk is ready to help during a recent junior varsity volleyball game.  
Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

## Junior high volleyball girls entertain crowd

In junior high volleyball, St. Francis entertained Oakley on Thursday night, Sept. 16. The eighth grade team scored a three-set match win by scores of 22-25, 25-23, 15-12 while the seventh grade took Oakley to three sets by lost 20-25, 25-20, 8-15. The St. Francis C-team won a game with the score of 25-16.

"Both teams struggled in these matches and it was a tough evening," Coach Tina Elliott said. "We realize how important serves were last week and this week I think we learned that we have to have a good bump pass and keep it in play for us to win the game."

"The eighth grade pulled it out in the end and won, but the seventh

grade, although close in the first and second sets, didn't quite get it together to come off with the final win", added Coach Elliott.

"Now we need to look forward and work harder through the rest of our season. Win or lose we must put forth our best effort and be proud of our accomplishments."

Eighth grade good serves: Valerie Wurm 15; McKayla Taylor 13; Justice Wiley 9; Echo Jones 8; Ashley Orth 5; Kyla Bandel 5.

Seventh grade good serves: McKenzie Taylor 18; Kayla Reed 8; Kattie Jenik 7; Journey Lee 5; Caroleve Harris 1; Sydney Sundstrom 1.

C-team good serves: Harris 11; Sundstrom 5; Hannah Stafford 4; Mariah Beikman 1.

## Football boys beat Oakley team

A 6-0 win over Oakley on Tuesday, Sept. 16, put a game in the win column for the junior high football team. The game was played in St. Francis before the home fans.

"As frustrated as I was with these boys a couple weeks ago, I could not have imagined a quicker turn around," Coach Jeff Beims said. "I am extremely proud of these young men."

"Early in the year, we couldn't seem to convince them to do things our way. Since they have bought into it completely, it is a testament to their character in their willingness to sacrifice for a team effort and go the distance."

"An important lesson is being learned here: If you want success, it won't come easy but it is attainable with hard work and discipline. These guys have worked hard the

last couple weeks to turn this ship around. I can't wait to get another shot at Oberlin."

Garrett Brunk scored the winning touchdown in the 6-0 shutout of Oakley. He had a long 76-yard breakaway run in the fourth quarter for the only trip to the end zone in the game.

The Indians will take their 1-2 record into the 5:30 game today (Thursday) at Greene Field.

## Program cutoff date announced

The application evaluation cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is Nov. 15, according to Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. These programs were authorized under the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill).

"These two programs are very popular with producers in Kansas, and the conservation service wants to give producers time to get a conservation plan developed and get an application submitted in a timely manner," said Mr. Banks.

"I know fall crops will need to be harvested and everyone will be busy. Setting the cutoff date now, should allow producers to get a plan and sign an application."

"Stop by the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at your first opportunity and get the process started," said Mr. Banks.

Applications may be submitted anytime; however, applications submitted by the Nov. 15 cutoff date will be evaluated for Fiscal Year 2011 funding.

### Apply at Local Office

Landowners and/or operators with eligible cropland, rangeland, or forestland with any Environmental Quality Incentives Program/Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program natural resource concerns should apply at their local field office and work with them on a conservation plan. The office is located at your local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the

Internet at [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov)).

Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers: "Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program are available to help address the unique circumstances and concerns of socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land," said Mr. Banks.

Producers in Kansas who qualify as socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers will be ranked in a separate ranking pool.

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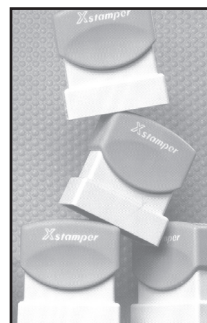
Environmental Quality

Incentives Program is available for treating natural resource concerns on organic systems. Organic producers, or those transitioning to organic, may apply for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to address their natural resource concerns during this period.

### Information Available

As information becomes available, it will be placed on the Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service Web site [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/) and [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/) or be available at your local Service Center from the Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service or conservation district staff.

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