



At the Game

Indians lose district game

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Friday night the Indians and Red Devils from Decatur Community/Oberlin High School met at Greene Field in the first district action of the football season. Both teams entered the game with a 1-3 pre-district record but the Red Devils proved to be successful by the score of 22-14. Now Oberlin stands at 1-0 in district play while Sainty is 0-1.

This was an unusual football game as Oberlin's offensive stats did not compare to those of the Indians. For instance, Sainty had a total of 417-yards rushing and 4-yards passing while the Red Devils had 167 total yards from both rushing and passing. Just to show the good offensive motion of the Indians, they collected 22 first downs compared to only one for Decatur Community, who went three-and-out on most of their series.

Unfortunately for Sainty, very few of the 417 yards rushing took place between Oberlin's 10-yard line and the goal line. Sainty was stopped on three occasions from finishing their drives when they were forced to turn the ball over near the goal line due to an unsuccessful fourth down attempt.

"We moved the ball well but we just didn't finish our drives," Coach Nate Smith said. "Defensively we played well also but our Achilles' Heel is the big play."

"Many of the smaller schools have injury problems this time of year and with the smaller enrollments they have less players than in years past.

"Some of our younger players are starting to develop," he said. "Gavin Cooper as corner back is one of them. This was his first legitimate varsity action and he played well. Gavin was a regular in the weight room this summer and during practice he pays attention and this pays off."

On Friday night Oberlin received the opening kick and it was one of their three-and-out series of the game.

Sainty's first series did not turn out well as they fumbled on the 23-yard line with an Oberlin recovery. The Red Devils capitalized on Sainty's error as on the second play from scrimmage Peters ran 24-yard for an Oberlin touchdown. The conversion was good and Oberlin led 8-0.

After each team had an unsuccessful series, Sainty's next one included four first downs before the quarter came to a close with Oberlin leading 8-0.

Sainty had a nice run on the opening play which was the first extended drive of the game. Oberlin put a stop to it when they held the Indians on the 10-yard line for the first occasion of the evening

An unsuccessful Oberlin lateral pass deep in Indian territory gave Sainty an opportunity to catch the Red Devils in the end zone, which results in a two-point safety making the score Oberlin 8, St. Francis 2.

Oberlin punted after the safety giving St. Francis an opportunity to returning the ball to the Indian 47 yard line. Sainty continued to move the ball until at 3:52 in the second quarter Garrett Figgins scored on a 4-yard run. The conversion was no good but the



INDIANS EARN 41 YARDS in football game on Friday night. Here, Cody Sherlock (24) carries the ball while Garrett Figgins (34) provides interference.

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game was tied 8-8.

The Indians kicked off and Oberlin began play on the 38-yard line. They scored on a 62-yard pass to Ritter, who had very "good hands" actually catching the ball one handed and controlling it. The conversion was again good and the Red Devils led 16-8.

Sainty was again moving the ball but a holding penalty and a sack of the Sainty quarterback left them with a fourth-and-18 going into half time.

Two good plays had given Oberlin/Decatur Community two touchdowns otherwise they were having trouble moving the ball.

Sainty had some steady yardage gain in the first half but Oberlin did not have a first down. They had one great play after the fumble and another good pass to account

for their 14 points

The second half kick had the Indians receiving the ball which they held for over 5 minutes. They again moved to within 5-yards of the Red Devil goal line. A loss of yardage put them at fourth-and-11 and Oberlin held. Earlier in this drive the Indians had a run to the goal line which was called back due to a holding penalty.

After a nonproductive Red Devil drive the Indians began moving again. They had a successful fourth down attempt at the 31-yard line and then Cody Sherlock had a good touchdown run on the next play. The conversion was no good and Oberlin still had an advantage 16-14 with 4:36 left in the third quarter.

Oberlin had an unsuccessful drive and the third quarter ended

with Sainty having the ball. As the Indians could not sustain the drive, Oberlin took over on the 29-yard line. A short time later, Soderland hit Fortin for a 48-yard touchdown pass. This was midway through the fourth quarter and the conversion attempt failed leaving the score Oberlin 22, Sainty 14. Just one touchdown and conversion away.

Sainty moved as far as the 17 yard line on their next drive but they Oberlin took over and they also were not successful in putting first downs together for a continued drive.

St. Francis secured the ball on the 34 yard line. The Indian offense advanced the ball and with less than 2 minutes left they had moved down to the 3-yard line but Oberlin held and the buzzer

sounded giving the Red Devils the 22-14 victory.

"We will keep working and there is lots of the season left," Coach Smith said. "Friday night we will be in for another good one (Oakley)."

Against Oberlin, Sherlock rushed for 226 yards while Figgins had 170 yards. Brett Lampe was 1-of-3 on his passing attempts.

Defensively Zach Gienger had five tackles and two assists for a total of seven. He led the way for the Indians with Adam Guthmiller having six.

District Seven results show Oberlin/Decatur Community, Oakley and Ellis with 1-0 records and St. Francis, Wichita County/Leoti and Rawlins County/Atwood all 0-1.

Lady Indians compete in numerous duals/tourneys

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The Lady Indians competed with the Decatur Community/Oberlin varsity squad first on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Cheylin. Although the Lady Indians forced a three-set match by winning the second game, Oberlin prevailed in the end. The final match scores were 16-25, 25-17 and 12-25.

The Sainty Ladies defeated Cheylin in the second match of the evening by scores of 25-12, 25-20 to move their record for the season to 12-8 at the end of the evening.

"Now this was some match!" Coach Talley Morrow said concerning the Decatur Community outing.

"While the beginning of our first set and our entire third set weren't our best show, we hustled and pounded on Decatur like never before tonight!"

"Our defense at the net was unbelievable. We stuffed their big shots nine times and blocked 36 balls during this match! Our defense in the back court was incredible too, with 120 playable digs, which led to 22 kills out of 64 good attacks," added Coach Morrow.

"The Lady Indians want to beat the Red Devils badly, and with every set, we inch closer and closer to that goal. The only thing we lack is 100 percent confidence that we can do it."

"You are almost there, girls!," she said.

Five players were 100 percent in their serving including Kaitlin Figgins 8/8, Mikaela Grace 8/8, Shayla Hilt 7/7 and Sarah Trembly and Jacquelyn Ketzner 1/1 each.

Grace had a 50-percent kill rate with eight and Figgins had eight also but out of more attempts.

In assists S. Hilt was 20-of-20 for 100 percent and Aly Marin 44-of-45 for 98 percent. Figgins had three stuffs, was 14-of-24 on blocks with only three errors while Aubree Schlepp was 9-of-15 with only three errors. Out of the team's 120 good digs/saves, Schlepp was 28-of-31.

vs Cheylin

Leaders in this 25-12, 25-20 match win included two servers with 100 percent. S. Hilt was 9/9 while Figgins was 6/6. The team was 92 percent on their serves.

Jodie Hilt rated 2.29 out of a possible 3.00 on serve receives to led the team. S. Hilt was 18-of-18 and Schlepp 15-of-16 in assists.

Grace led in kills with four while Figgins had no errors in attacks for 8-of-8 and Grace 7-of-7.

Figgins had two stuffs and also led in blocking while Schlepp was 15-of-17 in digs/savers and

J. Hilt 12-of-14.

"We played so hard against Decatur that I worried a little that we might not have the fuel to take this one handily," Coach Morrow said.

"The Cheylin-Brewster team is new and improved this year, and since our season records were nearly identical, we knew we would have to play well to take them. We did, in spite of allowing them to ace us five times (which is unusual for our receivers) and not making our serve receive goals" added Coach Morrow.

"But all other goals were reached and we really did a good job of staying on top of this match. Congratulations, ladies, on a current 12-8 season! I am proud of you!," Coach Morrow said. "Keep going and Reach for the Top!!"



JUNIOR KAITLIN FIGGINS serves for the Lady Indians, having 10 good ones out of 11. She also had eight kills, five good block and was 15-of-16 with her digs against Wray.

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Home matches enjoyed by local fans

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With October arriving, the Lady Indians are very busy with volleyball action. The end-of-the-season tournaments will be coming up later this month.

The last volleyball action of September took place on Thursday, Sept. 30, in St. Francis when Wray and Idalia visited for a triangular.

St. Francis lost to Wray and defeated Idalia for a 13-9 won/loss record.

In the Wray match the final scores were 25-23, 22-25 and 21-25.

"Overall we played pretty well in this match," Coach Talley Morrow said. "I'm very disappointed that we didn't pull it out for a win, but we learned a lot this evening about some of our weaknesses," Coach Morrow said.

"Wray is the first team we've

played this season that really used tipping against us...and it worked for them. We adjusted as quickly as we could, but as with most sports, once you cover one hole on the court, you uncover another, and they found those holes as well. I think our defensive coverage is pretty sound, but we allowed too many points to be scored there on this night," added the coach.

"We are also in that season where the girls are quite tired and some are coming down with colds and other ailments. The month of September was overloaded in our schedule, as we played 20 matches during these last four weeks."

Sainty was a little below their serving goal of 90 percent, as they managed 88 percent in this match. Shayla Hilt led the way with 12-of-12 with Christina Hilt and Aubree Schlepp having two aces each.

In the serve-serve category, Jodie Hilt had 24 with a P3 (the best) rating out of 42 receptions. This gave her a 2.33 on a scale of 3.0. C. Hilt had a 2.43 and Jacquelyn Ketzner a 2.33 out of three attempts.

Having kills were Mikaela Grace with 10 followed by C. Hilt with eight.

Grace was 92 percent on the attack with 23 good ones out of 25; while Aubree Schlepp had three stuffs, Grace, Schlepp and Kaitlin Figgins, five good blocks and J. Hilt was 24-of-26 in good digs. Also having successful digs were Figgins with 15-of-16 and C. Hilt with 16-of-18.

vs Idalia

The final scores in this match were 25-22, 25-19.

The team was a little below goal on their serving with 88 percent instead of the goal of 90 percent. Schlepp and C. Hilt each had two aces.

J. Hilt again led the team in good serve receives. She was 10-of-18 in the P3 category.

Leading in kills were Grace, C. Hilt and Figgins with five each. As a team the Ladies did not reach their kill goals or their attack goal in this match but Figgins was 10-of-10 on the attack.

Schlepp had three stuffs while C. Hilt was 18-of-19, J. Hilt 17-of-19 and Figgins 10-11 in digs/saves.

"Once again, we were excited to come out on top of this match. The Lady Wolves are very scrappy and do a great job of keeping the ball off the floor, but they couldn't shut out our line of awesome attackers," added Coach Morrow.

"Again, our defense maintained control of the court and we put another mark in our Win Column. I'm very proud of our girls!"

The Ladies took their 13-9

record into the Oberlin Tournament on Saturday. Tournament results will be printed next week.

St. Francis will host Hayes Center and Cheylin in a triangular on Saturday at the high school.

Senior-Parent Night Tuesday, Oct. 12