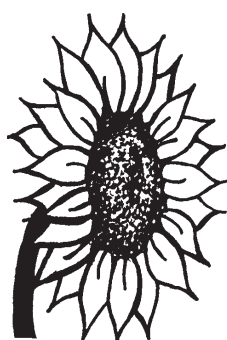


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At the Game



Lady Indians finish season

The Lady Indians finished the Northwest Kansas League volleyball tournament in fourth place on Saturday, Oct. 16. The Lady Indians were in a pool with Rawlins County/Atwood and Decatur Community/Oberlin. Other teams in the league are Oakley, Hoxie and Quinter.

They defeated Rawlins County in their first match by scores of 25-23, 18-25 and 25-16. Next they were pitted against Decatur Community and lost 18-25, 25-21 and 13-25.

This made them the second place team in their pool and they met the second place team (Oakley) in the other pool for third place. The St. Francis scores against Oakley were 25-22, 18-25 and 8-25 thus giving the Lady Indians a fourth place.

vs Rawlins County

St. Francis defeated Rawlins County 25-23, 18-25 and 25-16.

"This was an awesome win and we'd been waiting for this one for two seasons," Coach Talley Morrow said. "The Lady Indians came ready to fight and they did! Our stats don't really seem so impressive for this set, but our hard work and stick-to-it attitude won the match for us."

Highlights of the match include 92 percent serving, 12 aces, 24 P3 serve receives, a 94 percent on assists, five kills, two stuffs, and 84 good digs/saves.

Leaders include Kaitlin Figgins with five aces; Shayla Hilt with 13-of-13 good serves and Mikaela Grace with 11-of-11.

In serve receive, Jodie Hilt had 17 of the best rated serve receives, Figgins had eight kills, Grace was 18-of-21 on the attack, Aubree Schlepp had the two stuffs and J. Hilt was 25-of-26 on her digs/saves while Aly Marin was 11-of-11 and S. Hilt 9-of-9.

vs Decatur Community

The final scores against Decatur Community were 18-25, 25-21 and 13-25. As Decatur Community has a very strong team, winning one set was an accomplishment.

"For the second time this season, we took the "mighty Red Devils" to three sets, which to our knowledge, none of our sister schools have been able to do this season," Coach Morrow said.

"Other schools have had closer scores in losing sets, but we have actually won two sets over them, and that is a great feeling. We played some of our best ball here, missing only one serve overall, serving super-aggressively (eight aces), and having 28 kills over their defense!"

"We also executed excellent defense at the net, with six stuffs on their big hitters and 20 overall blocks. Our back court defenders worked hard to keep the ball off the floor so that our attackers could pound it and that is exactly what 2010 Sainty volleyball is all about! Way to go, Green!!"

One of the teams best serving percentage took place in this match as the Lady Indians were 98 percent with Grace, Schlepp, S. Hilt, Christina Hilt and Figgins all 100 percent. Schlepp had the most successful perfect attempts with 11-of-11. Marin led in aces with four

The coach felt that the team did some excellent work in this match.

Twenty-eight kills were recorded with Grace having nine and Figgins eight to lead the team.

Grace and Schlepp each had two stuffs and five blocks. Leading in digs/saves was Marin with 26.

vs Oakley

Oakley placed third by defeat-



LADIES GIVEN SATURDAY MORNING SEND OFF — Senior Mikaela Grace leads the Lady Indians through a tunnel of flags before boarding the bus to sub-state action. Sainty made it to the semi-final match after defeating Wichita County but later fell to Oakley ending their season. Details next week.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

ing the Lady Indians. Oakley posted scores of 22-25, 25-18 and 25-8.

"Before you think too harshly about our ending scores for this match, please keep in mind that our league matches here were played consecutively, with only 10 minute warmup times in between. We took all three matches

to three sets, so this final set here was our ninth in a row. No high school team conditions to play for nine straight sets with nine main players.

"Honestly, I am amazed that the girls made it through the second set with Oakley before "losing their legs." By the time we got to that final set, our bodies just

wouldn't go anymore. I'm very proud of them and always will be for not giving up and trying their very best. We will make certain this doesn't happen again. It's not fair to any team in the league and will not be accepted again in the future.

Leaders in this match included: Figgins, two aces along with 7-of-7

on her serves for 100 percent; J. Hilt had 30 P3 serve receives out of 37 possible; Marin was 44-of-45 on assists for 98 percent; Grace had six kills; three players were 100 percent on the attack with Marin 12/12, Schlepp 9/9 and S. Hilt 7/7, Figgins had three stuffs and was 10-of-17 on blocks.

St. Francis scores 56 points Friday

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St. Francis had their offense going strong on Friday night when they stopped Wichita County by the score of 56-23. Sainty scored a number of their touchdowns early in the game to have a 32-7 advantage by half time.

"The offensive line played well and opened up holes," Coach Nate Smith said. "Defensively we are where we need to be. The kids all understand their responsibilities better now."

"Everyone got to play in this game and it was a good learning experience as the younger kids were playing against the Wichita County starters. It was Wichita County's last home game and they were recognizing their seniors."

This was a District 7 contest which moved St. Francis to 2-2 in district play. Each team in 2A District 7 now has one more contests before the two top teams enter post-season play.

Friday night's district action besides the St. Francis/Wichita County game saw Ellis defeat Decatur Community/Oberlin and Rawlins County/Atwood defeat Oakley. The standings at this time are Oakley 3-1, Ellis 3-1, Rawlins County/Atwood 3-1, St. Francis 2-2, Decatur Community 1-3 and Wichita County/Leoti 0-4.

The game in St. Francis between the Indians and the Buffs from Rawlins County is one of the big game deciding the two top teams in 2A District 7. Another game figuring into the final standings will be the Oakley/Ellis contest.

Also on the line Friday night is the Yoke Bowl Trophy which is now hanging above the doorway into Coach Smith's office. St. Francis has defeated Rawlins County the last two years so have had possession of the Yoke.

In 2008 the coaches from Rawlins County and St. Francis decided to honor the long football

tradition between the two teams. They did this by making a yoke trophy to be displayed in the school which won the annual contest. Hopefully it will return to its honored place in St. Francis following the contest.

"Atwood is getting healthy," Coach Smith said. "They are looking good with some big kids up front and some running backs who have speed."

"I hope we have nice weather."

vs Wichita County

The first quarter saw the St. Francis defense hold Wichita County to very few plays. Their first two series ended with a punt on fourth down. It was near the end of the quarter before they made a first down but still could not continue down field and had to punt four plays later.

St. Francis had their offensive plan working early in the game and scored twice before the end of the first period. They began their play midfield, actually Sainty had good field position to begin each of their first quarter drives. It was on the second play from scrimmage that Cody Sherlock went over 50 yards for the initial score of the game. He also ran in the conversion run giving Sainty an 8-0 advantage.

The clock said 2:39 when Sainty scored again. This time they moved down field, having successful first downs along the way. It was Garrett Figgins who scored the second touchdown of the game. This time Cody Killingsworth added the two-point conversion. The quarter ended St. Francis 16, Wichita County 0.

The second quarter was very productive for St. Francis. They began the period with a second touchdown by Figgins on a short drive that began on the Sainty 43-yard line. Sainty was attempting a fourth down play when it turned into a 45-yard run to the end zone. The conversion was scored on a toss from Killingsworth to Figgins. The score was now 24-0.

It was at this point that Wichita County added a touchdown on their side of the score sheet. Wichita County began their drive with good field position and a pass interference called against St. Francis also was a contributing factor. The final play was a heads up one by their quarterback who recovered the ball from a bobbled play and took it to the end zone. They used a point-after kick to make the score 24-7.

It was now midway through the quarter and Sainty scored on their next series. After the kickoff ended up in the end zone play began on the 20-yard line. At one point Killingsworth had a run which moved the ball into Wichita County territory. From there Brett Lampe, Sainty quarterback, scored on the next play. Sherlock added two points on the conversion attempt and Sainty was ahead 32-7.

The Sainty offense as the result of Zach Gienger recovering the kickoff when Wichita County could not control the ball. Play began on the opponents 27-yard line. During this series Lampe connected with Dylan Peter for a pass play which surprised Wichita County. Shortly thereafter, St. Francis was in the end zone again, this time it was Sherlock who took the ball in. The conversion kick was no good and the score stood at 38-7.

Several St. Francis players came up with good defensive moves during the first half including during the last Wichita County series before half time, which was a great help to returning the ball to Sainty. They caught the Wichita County runner behind the line of scrimmage early in the game, their quarterback was sacked in the second quarter and their passes were tipped on the way to the receiver.

The second half began with a few glitches as Sainty was called for a penalty and also fumbled the ball early in the third. Wichita County could not take advantage of the Sainty miscues. They at-

tempted a field goal on fourth down which was no good.

It was St. Francis who posted the only score in the period. It was with 9:26 on the clock and Sherlock was the scorer. This was another nice break-away run, a 47-yard play by Sherlock. St. Francis now had 44 points.

St. Francis had the opportunity to give several younger players playing time during the remainder of the game. For some it was their first varsity experience.

Sainty scored early in the fourth quarter on a play by Killingsworth with the attempted conversion pass being no good. This moved the score to 50-7.

There was action up to the end of the game as Wichita County scored with 2:36 on the clock and had a successful conversion run which made the score 50-15.

Next, Mikey Leibbrandt returned the Wichita County kickoff 75 yards for a score. This made Sainty's total points 56 and was the end of their scoring for the game.

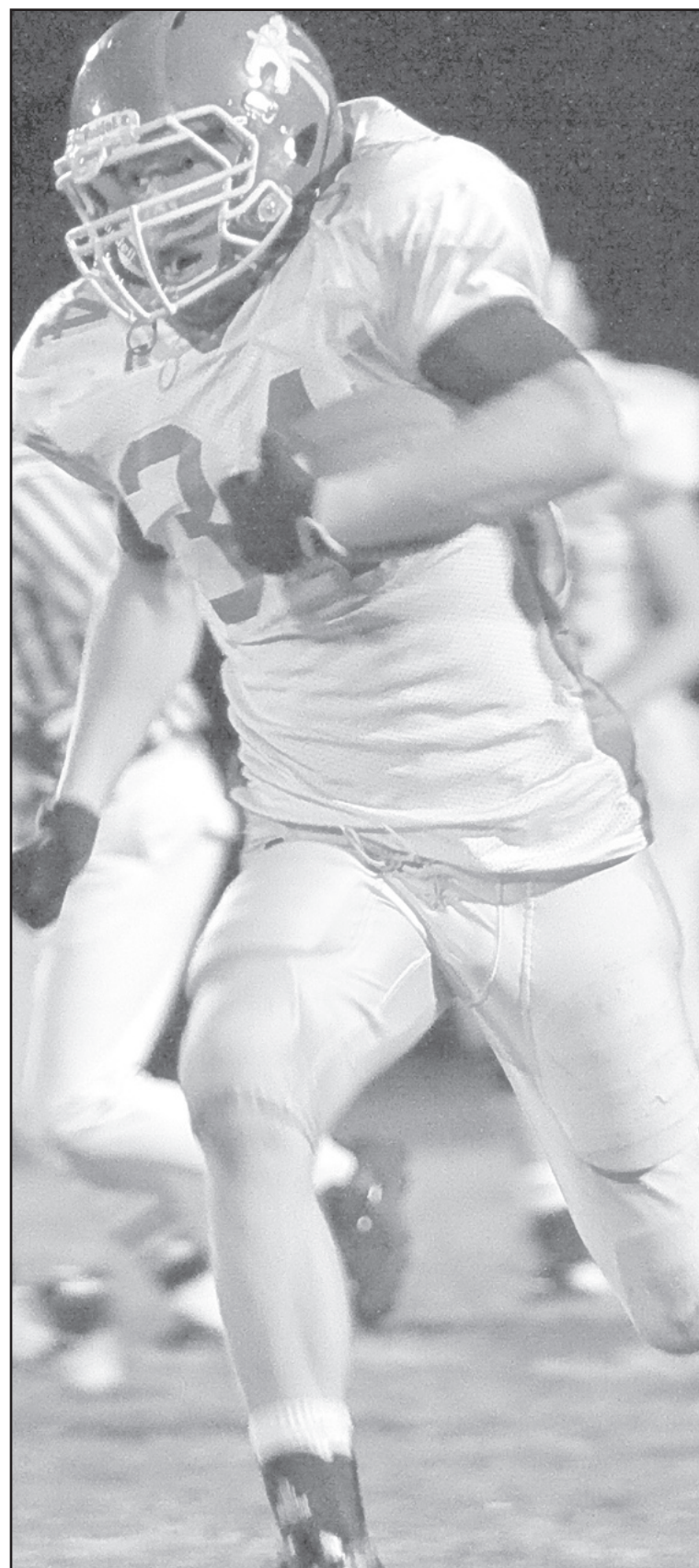
Wichita County had one more touchdown against the young Sainty team with 1:32 on the clock. A nice completed pass contributed to the drive. The touchdown plus the conversion added eight points to their score to make the final 56-23.

Sainty rushed for 439 yards during the game with two players, Figgins and Sherlock with 142- and 135- yards respectively. With a number of younger players contributing there were seven players who carried the ball during the game.

Lampe had one completed pass for 16 yards with the ball being caught by Peter.

Sixteen players had at least one tackle with Sherlock (11), Adam Guthmiller (9), Gienger (7) and Thomas Douthit (7) leading the way.

Defensively Sherlock, Alex Draper and Brooks Hobrock each had a sack.



GARRETT FIGGINS IS ON HIS WAY — Figgins ran for 142 yards against Wichita County Friday night and scored 14 points for St. Francis.

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