

# The Saint Francis Herald

## At the Game



**VARSITY LADIES HEAD TO LEOTI** - The bus is ready to leave for substate with the volleyball team excited about the day. Pictured (left to right) Christina Schoenrogge, Aubree Schlepp, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Jodi Hilt, Coach Talley Morrow, Lexi Hilt, Trista Orth, Mikaela Grace, Aly Marin, Kaitlin Figgins. In the back are Shayla Hilt, Sarah Trembly and Christina Hilt.

*Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## Lady Indians win one, lose one at sub-state tournament

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Volleyball squads from Rawlins County/Atwood, Oakley, Decatur Community/Oberlin, Elkhart, Stanton County/Johnson; Wichita County/Leoti, St. Francis and Syracuse attended the Leoti Sub-State 2A Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 23.

St. Francis met Wichita County in the first round and came out a 25-7, 25-17 winner which moved them into the semi-finals.

"This was a great day for the Lady Indian volleyballers," Coach Talley Morrow said. "We cruised

past the first round at substate and went into the second round with high hopes."

The Lady Indians were in the semi-final match until the end. In the first set they were defeated by two points, 23-25 and in the second set they lost 18-25.

"We just couldn't get our defense big enough to shut Oakley's big hitters down," Coach Morrow said. "We worked all week to be able to defend against them and thought we had it figured out. We did the very best we could, but didn't make it. It was a huge disappointment to know that our sea-

son together was over.

"It was an awesome season and we are quite proud of our accomplishments."

This was a single-elimination tournament so only the winners advanced.

Decatur Community was the eventual champion at Leoti and represented the substate at state.

Lady Indians who represented St. Francis at substate included Mikaela Grace, Jodie Hilt, Aubree Schlepp, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Sarah Trembly and Aly Marin, seniors; and Christina Schoenrogge, Lexi Hilt, Trista

Orth, Jacquelyn Ketzner and Kaitlin Figgins, juniors.

**vs Wichita County**

St. Francis dominated the first set against Wichita County with the score of 25-7 but the second set was closer with the final being 25-17.

Figgins stood out in the serving having 13-of-13 for 100 percent. S. Hilt was 11-of-12 and Grace 10-of-12. Of the total of 19 serve receives seven of them were P3s (the best).

The team had a very good percentage of good assists, 100 percent with S. Hilt being 19-of-19

and Marin 17-of-17.

On the attack, Schlepp was 8-of-8 with four kills, Marin 5-of-5 with three kills and Figgins 13-of-16 with eight kills. A total of 19 kills were recorded.

C. Hilt was 11-of-11 on digs/saves while J. Hilt was 10-of-10.

**vs Oakley**

In the last match of the season, St. Francis had scores of 23-25, 18-25.

The team was 86 percent serving against Oakley with no Lady Indians being 100 percent. They had a total of three aces, one each

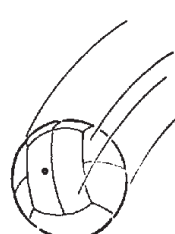
by Grace, Schlepp and Figgins. J. Hilt had 14 P3s in serve receive and Marin and S. Hilt were 95 percent on assists. The team had a total of 25 kills with Figgins having 10 and Grace 7, while Marin was 5-of-5 on the attack, Figgins 24-of-26 and Grace 15-of-17.

Coach Morrow said that the team had excellent reception of Oakley's tough serves.

Two stuffs were recorded with Schlepp and Figgins each having one while J. Hilt was 14-of-16 on digs/saves, C. Hilt was 16-of-19 and Marin 11-of-16.



Marin Schlepp Grace Trembly J. Hilt C. Hilt S. Hilt



## Volleyball team places second

The seventh grade Northwest Kansas League volleyball tournament was held on Thursday, Oct. 21, at Hoxie. The St. Francis team competed well and made it to the championship game where they were defeated by Hoxie.

In Pool A, Hoxie defeated both Quinter and Decatur Community/Oberlin to make it to the championship game while St. Francis defeated Rawlins County and Oakley in Pool B to join Hoxie in the championship game.

The final standings were Hoxie, first; St. Francis, second; Oakley, third; Decatur Community, fourth; Quinter, fifth and Rawlins County, sixth.

"These girls were excited to get going and had a lot of confidence going against the first two teams," Coach Tina Elliott said.

"They came out strong against Atwood with good serves and returning the ball into Atwood's court for them to make the mistakes. Same thing against Oakley. They worked hard, did their best, came up with the win and headed for the championship match against Hoxie.

"We had only played Hoxie in a tournament which we lost and so we were nervous going into this match. We knew they spiked

the ball and it was tough because we kept passing the ball just over the net for them to pound it back down at us.

"It was a hard and disappointing match, but we did get second place in our final tournament of the season so overall I think we have had a great season and I would definitely consider it a winning season.

"I am proud of the accomplishments and improvements these girls have made over the season and look forward to seeing what we can accomplish next year!"

The final scores against Rawlins County were 25-21, 25-14.

Having good serves in this match were: Kylie Sherlock 13, Kattie Jenik 7, Journey Lee 6, Sydney Sundstrom 4, Kayla Reed 4, McKenzie Taylor 3, Emily Elf-ers 1.

The final scores against Oakley were 25-20, 25-22.

Having good serves in this match were: Sherlock 9, Sundstrom 8, Reed 7, Jenik 7, Taylor 6, Lee 6.

The final scores in the championship game with Hoxie were 19-25, 18-25.

Having good serves were Sundstrom 10, Taylor 9, Jenik 6, Reed 3, Lee 2.

## Highlights of volleyball season told

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The St. Francis Lady Indian volleyball season ended in Leoti at the 2A sub-state tournament on Saturday, Oct. 23. St. Francis defeated Wichita County in the first round but then lost to Oakley in the semi finals by scores of 25-23, 25-18. Decatur Community/Oberlin was the winner and they traveled to state the next weekend where they placed second.

Lady Indians who represented St. Francis were Mikaela Grace, Jodie Hilt, Aubree Schlepp, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Sarah Trembly and Aly Marin, seniors and Christina Schoenrogge, Lexi Hilt, Trista Orth, Jacquelyn Ketzner and Kaitlin Figgins, juniors

As noted above the squad had seven seniors this year. They were all returning letter winners and had represented the St. Francis volleyball program their complete high school career. For some of them much of that time was spent on the varsity level.

"This particular group of seniors has been ridiculed by peers throughout their high school career because they work hard in all they do, often showing the others up, and they dedicate much time to improving their skills outside the season-of-sport," Coach Talley Morrow said. "They also are quite cohesive on the court and do a good job of keeping their differences with each other off the court. Any coach appreciates that immensely."

This was Coach Morrow's second year of leading the Lady Indians as varsity coach. Prior to this time she had been an assistant coach.

The Ladies had a winning record this season as they collected 20 wins compared to 15 losses. This was eight more wins than last season.

During the fall the squad was involved in a total of 35 varsity matches. They attended tournaments in Grinnell/Gove County, Decatur Community/Oberlin, Northwest Kansas League Tournament and finally substate.

St. Francis wins included Golden Plains in the season opening triangular; Wauneta/Palisade in a dual; Trego Community, Wallace County and Lakin in the Gove County Tournament; Wallace County and Rawlins County in a triangular; Weskan, Granada and Tribune in a quad; Chase County in a triangular; Cheylin/Brewster in a triangular, Idalia in a triangular, Norton and Hoxie at the Oberlin Tournament; Hayes Center and Holyoke in a triangular, Triplains in a triangular, Rawlins County in the league tournament and Wichita County at substate.

"At the beginning of the season, we set some team goals," Coach Morrow said. "We reached two of our biggest ones: Ending the season with a winning record (20-15) and playing past the first round of Sub-State.

"Each of the girls set personal

goals as well, and I hope they accomplished those on their own.

"This was a season of team-building and setting standards for the future of Lady Indian volleyball. I consider it an honor to have been able to coach these girls for three of their four years on the team. We have built a bond with each other that will last for many years to come, and I will always remember them as "my first team."

Having the best serving percentage for the season was Sarah Trembly who was 65-of-68 for 96 percent. She was followed closely by S. Hilt who was 269-of-282 for 95 percent.

For serve receives, J. Hilt had 467 P3s (the best) out of 815 for an average of 2.25 out of 3.00.

Marin had the most assists with 1075 good ones out of 1119 for 96 percent. Having the second highest number of assists was S. Hilt with 801 of 841 for 95 percent. Three players who handled 15-or-less assists were 100 percent including Grace, Schlepp and J. Hilt.

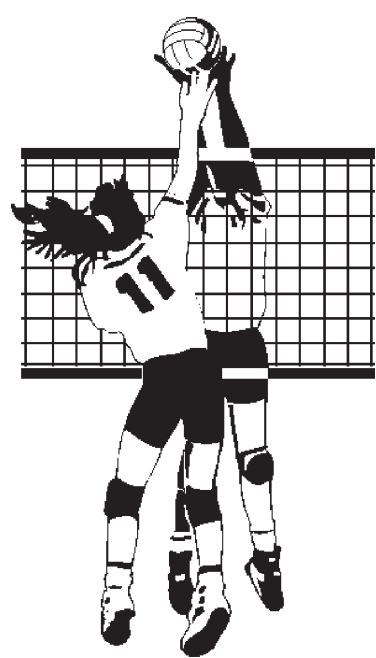
Having the most kills was Grace with 229 followed by Figgins with 181. Having the most attacks were Grace with 586 and Figgins with 495.

Figgins had 48 stuffs to lead the team and she also had 128 blocks.

J. Hilt had the most good digs/saves with 484. Also having at least 400 were Marin with 437 and C. Hilt with 417.

**Letterwinners**

Seniors: Alyson Marin, Au-



bree Schlepp, Mikaela Grace, Sarah Trembly, Jodie Hilt, Christina Hilt, Shayla Hilt

Juniors: Kaitlin Figgins, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Trista Orth, Lexi Hilt, Christina Schoenrogge

Managers: Allison Grice, Sarah Whitmore, Taylor Archibald

**Looking to the future**

"As for next season, we will be somewhat inexperienced on the varsity level, with only Kaitlin Figgins returning in a full-time position," Coach Morrow said. "All but that one spot on the team will need to be filled and I'm anxious to see who will work hard enough to get them. I love working with these young ladies and know that I will not be disappointed."

## Winter sports have arrived!

**St. Francis Wrestling Dec. 4**  
**St. Francis Basketball, Dec. 2**  
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