



At the Game

Sainty football team ends season

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The Rawlins County Buffs squashed the hopes of St. Francis being in contention for the 2A football playoffs by overcoming the Indians on Friday, Oct. 29. This was the final regular season game, a Northwest Kansas League contest and a 2A District 7 game. The final score was Rawlins County 24, St. Francis 14.

It was a hard-fought game as both teams were not only playing for District 7 placings but also for possession of the Yoke Bowl Trophy. Since the beginning of the trophy presentation in 2008, it has hung in St. Francis but now moves to Rawlins County.

"They are a good football team," Coach Nate Smith said. "They had some big plays and we couldn't finish our drive just before half time."

"We continued to battle hard but sometimes the ball bounces the wrong way."

One of the most exciting times for the Indian fans was this drive just before half time. The score was Rawlins County 12, St. Francis 6. With 4 minutes on the clock, St. Francis was in possession of the ball and moving toward the Buffs goal line. With less than 2 minutes left they were in a first-and-goal situation. Going into half time either tied 12-12 or ahead 14-12 with a successful conversion was what the Indians were working for. Unfortunately, the Buffs had a strong goal-line stand and the half ended 12-6 in favor of Rawlins County.

Rawlins County kicked off to St. Francis to begin the action at Greene Field on Friday evening. Zach Gienger recovered the Buffs squid kick (short and low) at the 38-yard line to begin Sainty's first series. Unfortunately for the Indians they lost the ball by a fumble on the second down. This was not going to be the only fumble of the evening.

The Buffs were able to take advantage of this miscue. Twice they converted fourth-down plays to continue the drive, an important aspect of any game. With 6:48 on

the clock, Rawlins County, on a motion play, ran 20-yard for the first score of the game.

St. Francis now had the ball again but was soon in a fourth-down situation with 9 yards to go forcing a punt. Due to a good punt by Garrett Figgins, the ball stopped on the Rawlins County 5-yard line which was good for the Indians.

On the first play from scrimmage Rawlins County found running room and raced 95-yards to score for the second time. The Buffs now had 12 points.

There was still 2:09 on the clock and the Indians began their offense on the 33-yard line. Quarterback Brett Lampe had a good run during this series moving the ball into Buffs territory before the quarter ended.

The second quarter began with a typical Indian drive. Besides Lampe, Figgins and Cody Sherlock had good runs in this series with Sherlock taking the ball in for the touchdown. The Indians had used over 4 minutes on the clock and had collected six points making the score 12-6 in favor of the Buffs.

After the Indians held the Buffs and received the ball again was when the good ground gaining drive stalled just short of a touchdown. Figgins had a good run in this series but just could not elude his defender to go all the way. Ty Zwegardt also had a nice run moving the ball to the 20-yard line. The Buffs were called for a person foul during the goal-line stand but the Indians did not gain much yardage as they were about on the goal line. When Sainty did not convert on the fourth down play, the ball returned to the Buffs until the half time buzzer sounded.

The second half started pretty much like the opening of the game with an Indian fumble. The Buffs again took advantage of the Indian fumble and with 5:47 on the clock had their third score of the game. It was the result of a 20-yard pass play. The conversion attempt was good this time, also on a pass play giving the Buffs 18 points.



THE OFFENSE WAS READY for the Atwood runner Friday night on Greene Field. Zack Gienger, 30, nailed the runner and Thomas Douthit, 35, and Adam Guthmiller, 54, were there to assist.

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On the next Indian drive they had another fumble but this time they managed to recover the ball before the Buffs could take over. Things were not going great though as Sainty lost yardage when a Buff caught Sainty behind the line of scrimmage and they also had an incomplete pass. Then things took a turn for the better for the Indians as on a fourth down play Lampe kept the ball and ran around the left side for a 31-yard touchdown. Zwegardt made the conversion run and all of a sudden Sainty had 14 points just four behind the Buffs.

Sainty held the Buffs on their next series but when it was the

Indians turn they also could not earn the necessary first down. This time the Sainty punt was not strong and Rawlins County recovered the ball on the Indians 14-yard line. This was a perfect scoring opportunity for the Buffs and they needed only few plays to cross into the end zone putting them ahead 24-14.

Both teams had trouble holding onto the ball late in the game. First the Indians fumbled on their first play from scrimmage on their next series with the Buffs recovering. Rawlins County moved down near the goal line but Figgins intercepted one of their passes in the end zone to

prevent a touchdown.

It was now midway through the final quarter and the Indians had the ball deep in their own territory. This drive was also stopped by a fumble which the Buffs recovered.

When the Buffs fumbled on their next series they again recovered the ball but shortly thereafter they fumbled again and Sainty gained possession of the ball. Unfortunately the Indians could not gain a first down and when the Buff received the ball running out the clock.

St. Francis could not gain a first down and turned the ball over on downs with 1:17 left. Rawlins

County ran out the clock for 14-24 victory.

Sainty rushed for 192 yards with Lampe having 63 yards. Three players had a total of 10 or more tackles/assists. Adam Guthmiller had two tackles and 13 assists for 15, Sherlock had four tackles and eight assists for 12 and Gienger had three tackles and seven assists for 10. Lampe was credited with a sack and Lampe and Cody Killingsworth each had a fumble recovery.

The Indians finished the season with a 3-6 record. An overview of the season will be printed in *The Herald* next week.

Former St. Francis student playing college football

David Guthmiller, former St. Francis Indian who now plays football for the Sterling College Warriors, had an exceptionally good game Saturday. The Warriors, playing on their home field, defeated the Bethany College Swedes by the score of 26-7. Sterling had a tough defense and 364 yards of total offense in this game. Their record is now 5-3 overall and 4-3 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Going into the second quarter Sterling had a 14-7 advantage. The Warriors' defense was dominate in this quarter. At 6:30 remaining in the half, David Guthmiller blocked a Bethany field-goal attempt. Bethany then had a long drive which looked like a good scoring opportunity but Bethany came up with a strong battle for the ball on a pass play and succeeded in making an interception.

Shortly after this, with Bethany on their own 2-yard line, Guthmiller tackled a Swede in the end zone for a safety, giving Sterling a 16-7 lead.

Sterling completed the game with another touchdown and a field goal to earn their 26 points.

Following the contest Guthmiller was interviewed by Hans Nickel for the Sterling Athletic Web site. He was asked



DAVID GUTHMILLER, 43, is ready to tackle the ball carrier in a recent game. Guthmiller plays for the Sterling College Warriors.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

about his safety and was told he was credited with the blocked field goals. Guthmiller said that the team had a good day and they have a good offensive line.

"The key was to just get off the ball, have a good speed rush and play hard," he said.

Bethany has the number one rusher in the National Association

of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and Guthmiller said the key to holding him to just a few yards per carry was to swarm to the football and not let him have any running lanes.

The Bethany rusher did have one 78-yard run but other than that he felt that they did a good job of shutting him down.

Bowling News

Ladies Night Out 09/30

Team standing: Bankwest, Wray Meat Packing, Strikers, Wright Carpet, Bier's Maids, Dundy Ag, Yehas.

High game (scratch): Wray Meat Packing 596, Wright Carpet 567, Strikers 547; (handicap) Wright Carpet 829.

Bankwest 797, Wray Meat Packing 791.

High series (scratch): Wray Meat Packing 1659, Strikers 1625, Wright Carpet 1531; (handicap) Wright Carpet 2317, Bankwest 2297, Strikers 2282.

High game women: (scratch): Renea Mathies 183, Kathy

Blecha 183, Terry Yost 172; (handicap) Vickie Schliep 234, Laura Robbins 223, R. Mathies 222, K. Blecha 222.

High series women: (scratch): R. Mathies 518, K. Blecha 479, Marsha Kechter 472; (handicap) V. Schliep 638, R. Mathies 635, M. Kechter 625.

Monday Night Mixed 10/4

Team standing: ABC-Z, Neitzel Insurance, Earl's Mowing, Western State Bank.

High game (scratch): ABC-Z 550, Neitzel Insurance 536, Earl's Mowing 489; (handicap) Neitzel Insurance 788, ABC-Z 769, Western State Bank 754.

High series (scratch): ABC-Z 1606, Neitzel Insurance 1519, Earl's Mowing 1397; (handicap) Neitzel Insurance 2275, ABC-Z 2263, Earl's Mowing 2168.

High game men: (scratch): Ed Zuege 179, David Morris 173, Bill Wilger 171; (handicap) D. Morris 232, B. Wilger 219, E. Zuege 210.

High series men (scratch): E. Zuege 501, Arrie Cox 432, D. Morris 432; (handicap) D. Morris 609, Brad Merklin 597, E. Zuege 594.

High game women: (scratch): Janice Krien 168, Pat Rose 138, Amelia Zuege 137; (handicap) Krien 220, Vicki Cox 216, Connie Wilger 204.

High series women: (scratch): J. Krien 415, Rose 375, A. Zuege 352; (handicap) C. Wilger 594, Cox 580, Krien 571.

Wednesday Night Men 9-29

Team standing: 2001 Electronics, Krien Steel, Wright and Wrong, Haigler 2, Idalia JV, Haigler 1, Cheyenne Bowl, Bonanza Ford.

High game (scratch): Idalia JV 650, Wright and Wrong 649, 2001 Electronics 646; (handicap) Krien Steel 914, Idalia JV 899; Wright and Wrong 890.

High series (scratch): 2001 Electronics 1865, Wright and Wrong 1818, Krien Steel 1764; (handicap) Krien Steel 2634, Wright and Wrong 2541, 2001 Electronics 2525.

High game: (scratch): Ted Harford 210, Bob Lippert 203, Ed Zuege 202; (handicap) T. Harford 277, Kyle Richards 276, Bill Ehrman 265;

High series: (scratch): B. Lippert 555, E. Zuege 539, T. Harford 519; (handicap) Chris

LaBarge 742, B. Ehrman 722, T. Harford 720.

Ladies Night Out 9/23

Team standing: Bankwest, Wray Meat Packing, Bier's Maids, Strikers, Dundy Ag, Wright Carpet, Yehas.

High game (scratch): Bier's Maids 610, Dundy Ag 587, Wray Meat Packing 551, Strikers 551; (handicap) Bier's Maids 874, Dundy Ag 802, Wray Meat Packing 797.

High series (scratch): Strikers 1591, Bier's Maids 1581, Wray Meat Packing 1542; (handicap): Bier's Maids 2373, Strikers 2299, Wray Meat Packing 2280;

High game women: (scratch): Ilene O'Leary 192, Kathy Blecha 174, K. Blecha 171; (handicap) I. O'Leary 264, Meghan Kinen 231, Laura Robbins 223.

High series women: (scratch): K. Blecha 471, Boots Peterson 447, I. O'Leary 429. (handicap) I. O'Leary 645, M. Kinen 618, K. Blecha 615, M. Bier 615.

Monday Night Mixed 10-11

Team standing: ABC-Z, Earl's Mowing, Neitzel Insurance, Western State Bank.

High game (scratch): ABC-Z 610, Western State Bank 516, Earl's Mowing 502; (handicap) ABC-Z 821, Western State Bank 812, Earl's Mowing 759

High series (scratch): ABC-Z 1564, Earl's Mowing 1459, Western State Bank 1429; (handicap) Western State Bank 2317, Earl's Mowing 2230, ABC-Z 2197;

High game men: (scratch): Ed Zuege 199, David Morris 185,

Bill Wilger 151; (handicap): D. Morris 235, E. Zuege 225, Steve Morris 201.

High series men: (scratch): E. Zuege 472, D. Morris 448, Brad Merklin 385, Earl Hankins 385; (handicap) D. Morris 598, S. Morris 567, Scott Wacker 562.

High game women: (scratch): Amelia Zuege 157, Maggie Smith 156, Dorothy Hankins 155; (handicap) M. Smith 229, D. Hankins 226, Connie Wilger 224;

High series women: (scratch): D. Hankins 398, M. Smith 393, Janice Krien 390; (handicap) M. Smith 612, D. Hankins 611, C. Wilger 585.

Wednesday Night Men 10/4

Team standing: Wright and Wrong, 2001 Electronics, Haigler 1, Haigler 2, Krien Steel, Idalia JV, Bonanza Ford, Cheyenne Bowl.

High game (scratch): 2001 Electronics 704, Wright and Wrong 657, 2001 Electronics 627; (handicap) Wright and Wrong 864, 2001 Electronics 862, Wright and Wrong 825;

High series (scratch): Wright and Wrong 1885, 2001 Electronics 1853, Haigler 1 1654; (handicap) Wright and Wrong 2506, Bonanza Ford 2384, Haigler 1 2341.

High game men: (scratch): Ted Mosier 202, Spencer Schlepp 202, Chris Zuege 199; (handicap) T. Mosier 258, Jeremy Perke 250, S. Schlepp 248.

High series men: (scratch): S. Schlepp 503, Alan Rose 512, T. Mosier 488; (handicap): S. Schlepp 668, T. Mosier 656, A. Rose 650.

