

# The Saint Francis Herald

# At the Game

## Football seniors play final Indian game

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Senior members of the St. Francis Indian football squad played the final game of their high school career on Friday night, Oct. 29, against the Rawlins County Buffs. Going into the game the Indians had an opportunity to advance to the playoffs if a couple of different scenarios played out but the most important one was they needed to defeat the Buffs. This didn't happen and the team ended their season with a 3-6 record.

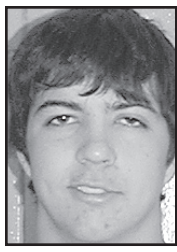
Wins came over Holyoke, Colo., the third game of the season and Ellis and Wichita County in District 7 action the middle of October.

"Our record does not indicated how well we played as a team," Coach Nate Smith said. "We had some strong competition as we played several teams that ended up in the playoffs in Kansas (including Ellis) and Colorado. The guys persevered and did a lot of good things."

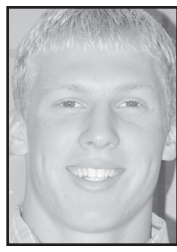
Sainty had eight men with rushing statistics for a team total of 2,641 yards, an average of 293.4 yards per game and a total of 28 touchdowns. Cody Sherlock had 836 yards for an average of 92.9 yards per game, 5.46 yards per carry; Garrett Figgins ended with 790 yards, an average of 98.8 yards per game and 5 yards per carry. In the backfield Figgins, Ty Zweygardt and Cody Killingsworth missed games due to injuries.

St. Francis is mainly a rushing team but Brett Lampe, quarterback, was 4-of-16 in passing for 49 yards. Dylan Peter, who was the leading receiver, had 16 of these yards.

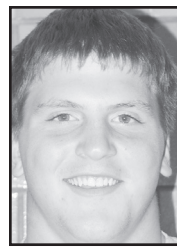
Adam Guthmiller led the defense with 30 tackles and 47 assists for a total of 77 with an average of 9.6 per game. Twenty-four players had at least one tackle and the team averaged 49.6 per game. Also leading the way were Zach Gienger with 23 tackles, 33 assists for a total of 56, with 7.0 per game and Sherlock with 27 tackles and



Draper



Figgins



Guthmiller



Herman



Hobrock



Killingsworth

28 assists for a total of 55, with 6.1 per game.

The team had a total of 10 sacks with Sherlock and Brooks Hobrock each having two; four interceptions with Thomas Douthit having two, five fumble recoveries with Killingsworth having two.

Figgins did the punting and finished the season with 14 for a total of 479 yards.

In the scoring column, Sherlock ended the season with 66 points while Figgins had 60. Each had nine touchdowns. T. Zweygardt had the most conversion points with 12 while Sherlock added 10.

St. Francis finish the Northwest Kansas League with an 0-3 record. Of the six teams in the league, only three teams besides St. Francis play 11-man football. They are Oakley, Decatur Community/Oberlin and Rawlins County/Atwood.

In 2A District 7 action, St. Francis finished 2-3. They defeated Ellis and Wichita County and lost to Decatur Community, Oakley and Rawlins County/Atwood. Rawlins County and Ellis moved into regional play from this district but were both eliminated the first weekend.

There were nine seniors on the squad this year including Alex Draper, Figgins, Guthmiller, Robbie Herman, Hobrock, Killingsworth, Lampe, Ryan Owens and Sherlock.

Three of the four team captains were seniors including Guthmiller, Sherlock and Figgins.

"The seniors came a long way in developing leadership," Coach Smith said. "They are a great group of outstanding citizens and



Lampe



Owens



Sherlock

I enjoyed working with them."

Coach Smith had the following thoughts concerning this group of athletes:

Alex Draper: He battled through knee injuries last year. He had a good summer and this year he played through his physical problems.

Garrett Figgins: He was the guy in the backfield that we went to when we needed yards. He also went from linebacker to corner back and solidified our defense.

Adam Guthmiller: Adam was the team leader and he did a good job of leadership. His leadership ability should make him a contender for some post-season honors. He will be missed. I expect him to do some good things this winter and summer.

Robbie Herman: He wanted to play so much last year but injuries kept him back. He came out this year and stepped up and helped put us in a position to win games.

Brooks Hobrock: Brooks was a much better leader than last year. He is a physical kid and he stepped up and did some good things.

Cody Killingsworth: He had not played much varsity in the past. This year he battled injuries. He is not a big kid but he is tough and plays with reckless abandon.

Brett Lampe: He came a long

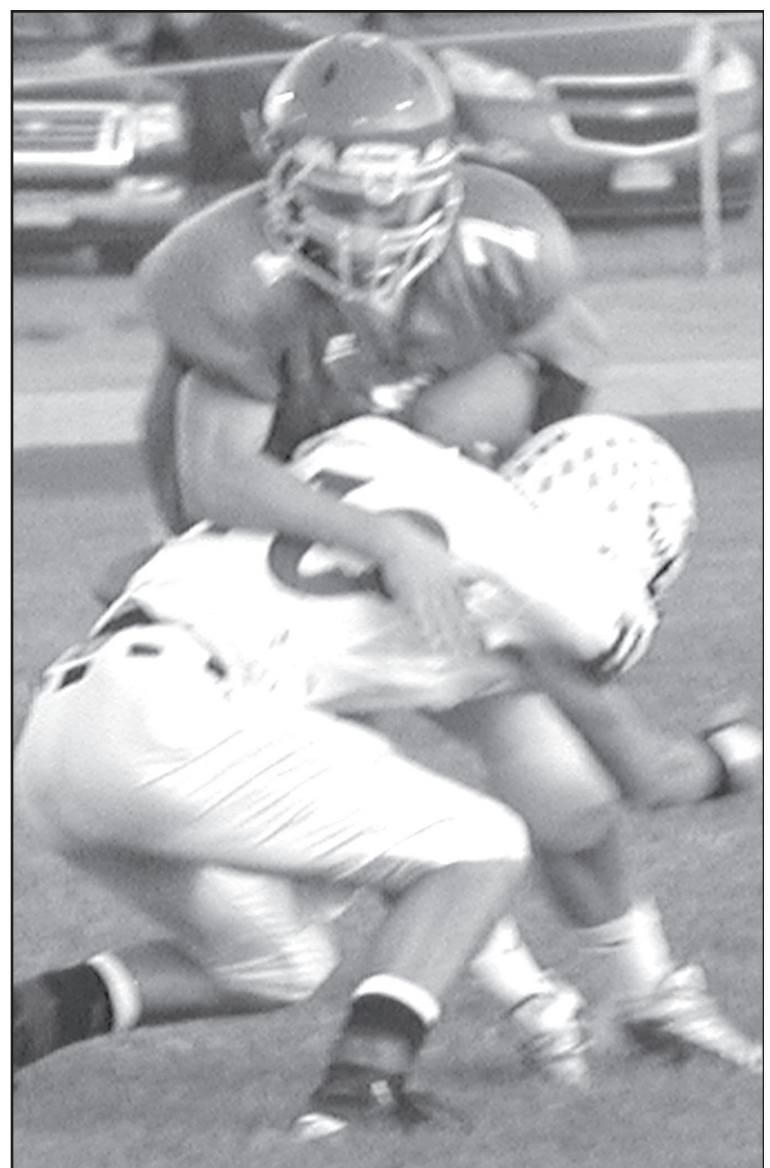
way this year. He stepped up and played the quarterback position as well as could be expected. The players trusted him and fans saw what he could do in the Atwood game.

Ryan Owens: Ryan did well working with the younger kids. He kept them having a positive attitude. He was good at helping them develop.

Cody Sherlock: He is not too big and he helped us by moving from defensive back to linebacker. He is a good kid and I know he will do well in life. He ran hard when he had the ball.

All members of the football squad dress for varsity games and are used when the opportunity arises. This year the non-injured players participated in the Wichita County game.

Junior, sophomore and freshman varsity team members include Jonathan Butler, Gavin Cooper, Martin Hnizdil, Sam Reed, Matt Tygart, Brook Zweygardt, Ty Zweygardt, Lucas Carmichael, Thomas Douthit, Zach Gienger, Foster Grant, Blaine Guggenmos, Gus Jardine, Casey Keller, Mike Leibbrandt, Joey McCormick, Dylan Peter, Tyler Raby, Keegan Sherlock, Dillion Straub, Dylan Wolaver, Kaleb Zwick, Jacob Butler, Gaten Cooper, Lane Hoffman,



**BRETT LAMPE, INDIAN QUARTERBACK, cannot evade the defense and takes a hit. Nine seniors played their last game for the Indians.**

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Logan Lampe, Tyler Lee, Wyatt Landenberger, Mason Schiltz, Derek Queen, Scott Warren, Austin White and Matt White.

Managers were David Leibbrandt, Tony Meyer and Trevor Reed.

Assistant coaches are Steve Jenkins, Devin Dinkel, Nathan Smith and Scott Carmichael.

### Looking to the future

Coach Smith said because of the small enrollment some of the younger kids get put into a var-

sity position early, before they are completely ready but they learn and it is an exciting time for them.

The junior class is small, he said. They need to learn how to compete. I'm sure they will figure it out and starting growing into a leadership role.

The sophomore class likes athletics and will be participating in everything during the winter and summer and he feels that the freshman class really likes to compete.

## Players chosen for All-Star matches

Mikaela Grace, Jodie Hilt and Alyson Marin, members of the St. Francis Lady Indians and Teryn Carmichael and Whitney Churchwell, members of the Cheylin Lady Cougars have been invited to participate in the Colby Community College fourth annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match. The players were placed on one of four teams.

Grace is playing on team two, Carmichael and Hilt on team three and Churchwell and Marin on team four.

The All-Star games featuring senior volleyball players will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21, in the Colby Community building. For more information, contact Carey Jones, head volleyball coach at (785) 460-5473.

The complete schedule shows: 2 p.m. Team 2 vs Team 4; 3 p.m. Team 1 vs Team 3; 4:30 p.m. losers of match one and match two, team introductions/medal ceremony prior; 6 p.m. winners of match one and match two; (championship match) team introductions/medal ceremony prior.

Team 1: Jade Herl, Goodland; Traci Knipp, Palco; Ashleigh Peterson, Rawlins County; Bailey Pfortmiller, Natoma; Kylee Pywell, Plainville; Taylor Rathgeber, Wheatland/Grinnell; Rachelle Scott, Decatur Community; Whitney St. Clair, Smith Center; Anna Taylor, Colby; Sam Torrahees, Phillipsburg. Coaches are Terra Keeten and Mitzi Weinman.

Team 2: Ashley Archer, Goodland; Audrey Basgall, Rawlins County; Melissa Blair, Phillipsburg; Mikaela



Grace



Hilt



Marin



Carmichael



Churchwell

Grace, St. Francis; Lexie Hardeik, Hill City; Tera Raymond, Colby; Trinity Reuber, Rawlins County; Sara Timmons, Smith Center; Emily Torson, Dighton; Dani Winters, Plainville. Coaches are Alan Stein and Linda Nighswonger.

Team 3: Teryn Carmichael, Cheylin; Jill Dennis, Oakley; Jordyn Doty, Rawlins County; Jodie Hilt, St. Francis; Sammy Krueger, Thunder Ridge; Angee LaToush, Healy; Jacy Moss, Golden Plains; Kylie Rietcheck, Colby; Melissa Ritter, Golden Plains; Jennifer Rome, Goodland; LaKaya Steele, Wallace County. Coaches are Barb Bedore, Julie Dautel and Denise White.

Team 4: Nicole Armbrister, Palco; Monteene Barth, Natoma; Samantha Bobek, Plainville; Samantha Carroll, Rawlins County; Whitney Churchwell, Cheylin; Taylor Hixon, Plainville; Alyson Marin, St. Francis; Alysia Schwarz, Wheatland/Grinnell; Brooke Seib, Ness City; Kelsey Voss, Colby; Taylor Weinland, Wallace County. Lesley Wagoner is the coach.

## Junior high begins basketball games

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The junior high boys basketball players began practicing when football season was completed and, on Thursday, Nov. 4, they had their first competition. It took place in St. Francis with athletes from Decatur Community/Oberlin. David Morrow is again handling the junior high boys coaching duties. This year there is no assistant coach.

There were enough players to have A-team, B-team and C-team games with Decatur Community. The Indians found themselves on the losing end of all three games with the A-team falling 34-28, the B-team 19-17 and the C-team 8-3.

"We all (A, B, and C teams) learned a lot about ourselves as basketball players," Coach Morrow said. "We've got to clean up many areas of our game and try to improve our shooting. We also learned that we can win games by being more confident and being tough defensively from the beginning of the contest."

### A team

The final score in the A-team contest was Decatur Community 34, St. Francis 28.

"As the score indicates, we got off to a slow start against the Red Devils," Coach Morrow said. "We were nervous, and just like our counterparts in the B-Team game, we turned the ball over quite a few times. Oberlin came out shooting well and was able to build a steady lead all through the first half. As Oberlin was able to score with good shooting, we were having a hard time getting the ball to go in. Kyler Zweygardt was able to grab a bunch of offensive rebounds, but the ball just wouldn't go in for us.

"The second half started out

much like the first, if not worse, in terms of our inability to find the basket. Our defensive pressure was not very great either. Oberlin continued shoot well, and our issues on defense allowed them to get some easy baskets.

"The guys surprised everyone in the fourth quarter. The ball started to drop (Justin Pacheco and Cade Bracelin both scored three-pointers) and Kyler made several shots from the post area that weren't falling in the first half. Our defensive pressure was much greater as well. Philip White and Garrett Brunk both got some steals that allowed us to attack the basket. In the last few moments of the game, we thought we might be in a position to steal the victory, but our rally came up short."

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Scoring: Zweygardt 16, Bracelin 8, Pacheco 3, Brunk 1.

### B-team

Decatur Community defeated St. Francis 19-17 in a very close contest.

"These guys did a great job of coming out of a half-time deficit and taking the lead in the fourth quarter," Coach Morrow said. "In the entire first half, we managed one point. Carl Fabre, however, made a third-quarter three-point shot, which seemed to be the beginning of our offensive surge. After that, scoring came more easily, allowing us to pull ahead by two with a few minutes left in the game. Unfortunately, Oberlin was able to regain the lead and win the game.

"One thing I was pleased with was the defensive pressure some of these guys were able to apply in man-to-man situations. Our guards were able to get some steals and attack the basket several times throughout the game.

"Most of these guys were playing

in their first organized, 5-on-5 basketball game. As such, first-game jitters accounted for a large number of unforced turnovers. We'll keep working hard in practice and try to eliminate a lot of that sloppy play. These guys should be fun to watch this year."

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Scoring: Fabre 10, Jon Hoard 2, Shakotah Blanka 2, Nicky Easter 2, Clay Cassaw 1.

### C-team

The final score of the C-team game was Decatur Community 8, St. Francis 3.

"We lost the C-Team game by five points," Coach Morrow said. "Austin Patton and Riley Shay were both able to score. Austin was able to get quite a few rebounds throughout the game, and one of them he put back up for the score. Riley, the point guard for this team, handled the ball pretty well throughout the contest. These guys were no different than either of the other two teams: we had glimmers of potential but will need to clean up several aspects of our game.

"I was particularly pleased with this bunch of guys with regard to their effort."

### 2010 season

The young Indians play each of the other Northwest Kansas League teams between now and Dec. 13 when the league tournaments begin. There are only six teams in the league this year, in comparison to eight in the past, so St. Francis will be playing Rawlins County and Decatur Community, twice, once at each location. Other games are with Oakley, Hoxie and Quinter.

Contests in St. Francis besides the home opener with Decatur Community include Hoxie, Rawlins County and Quinter as the season progresses.

Coach David Morrow feels that

the Indians were going to a competitive team this year. He said they have some athletic players, many of whom have played basketball enough to at least understand some of the basics.

"Once again, we will be fielding A and B teams that will be comprised of both seventh and eighth graders. Both teams, it appears, will have enough talent to win some games," he said.

The complete roster is listed below:

- Eighth grade: Kyler Zweygardt, Shakotah Blanka, Cade Bracelin, Ian Schmid, Jon Hoard, Riley Shay, Nicky Easter, Tanner Gilliland.

- Seventh grade: Phillip White, Garrett Brunk, Jakob Church, Clay Cassaw, Justin Pacheco, Lane Hobrock, Travis Rogers, Carl Fabre, Francisco Fernandez, Jude Faulkender, Zack White, Chris Hoard, Peyton Beims, Blake Meyer, Seth Hart, Austin Patton.

Manager: Jason Owens.

### Schedule

The remaining schedule includes:

Tuesday, Nov. 9: Rawlins County, there, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11: Oakley, there, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 18: Hoxie, here, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 22: Rawlins County, here, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 30: Quinter, here, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9: Decatur Community, there, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 13: Northwest Kansas League A- and B-Team Tournament, first round. To be announced.

Thursday, Dec. 16: Northwest Kansas League Tournament at Quinter.