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At the Game

Indians open home season with two games

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The Indians hit the home court for two games the week of Dec. 13. It was the first opportunity this year for local fans to see them play home games, except for the open house scrimmage. These two games also ended the 2010 portion of the schedule with Christmas break coming on Friday, Dec. 17.

On Tuesday night, St. Francis scored their second victory of the season. They defeated Rawlins County 61-50.

Friday night was the opposite as Sainty lost to Decatur Community 80-67.

Both contests were with Northwest Kansas League opponents so the Indians have an overall record of 2-4 and a league record of 1-1.

Vs Rawlins County

The 61-50 victory over the Buffs was a good way to begin the home schedule.

Sainty entered the game scoring a strong 22 points, the most of any quarter in the game. The Buffs came back and outscored the Indians in the second quarter and by half time held a 34-33 advantage over St. Francis.

The second half scoring belonged to St. Francis though, as they finished the game with 28 points compared to 16 for the Buffs.

"This was a great win for us against a pretty good Atwood team," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We had some tough losses against some really good teams early in the season, but I believe those tests are starting to pay off."

"As a result of our early struggles, we have become better for it, I believe. There seems to be an attitude developing amongst our guys that I just love. We are going to play our game and fight you fair and square for 32 minutes. If you beat, we will tip our hat, but you better bring your 'A game' because we are going to give you every last ounce in our tank."

"We are going to make mistakes, and we will have off nights, but we will not quit."

Offensively five Indians accounted for the total of 61 points with Isaac Schiltz having a hot night with 28 points. In this game he was hitting from beyond the arch and made 5-of-9 attempts which accounted for 15 of his points. Garrett Figgins had 13 points including 3-of-5 from the free-throw line. Dylan Peter also hit in double figures with 12 points.

Sainty was 24-of-51 for 47 percent from the field and 6-of-12 for 50 percent from the line.

"I thought we did a great job taking care of the ball against Atwood, and we shared the ball well offensively," Coach Beims said. "Isaac Schiltz finally broke the ice from beyond the arch and just went off in the first quarter (18 points including four three-pointers.)"

"Another thing that is great about this particular group of guys is their unselfishness. Brett Lampe, for instance didn't have a field goal, but did a great job of distributing the ball and playing that 'Lump' style defense that frustrates opposing offenses into mistakes. Obviously scoring is important, but it's the intangible things throughout the course of a game that often get you the win."

The team had 20 rebounds with Figgins having seven, Lampe had a blocked shot and Schiltz led in steals with three.

S 22 11 13 15 61
R 14 20 06 10 50

Scoring: Schiltz 28, Figgins 13, Peter 12, Jonathan Butler 5, Lampe 1.

Rebounding: Figgins 7, Peter 6, Butler 3, Schiltz 2, Lampe 2.

Vs Decatur Community

The Indians and Red Devils played even ball in the first quarter but Decatur Community pulled ahead in the second and third frame. Sainty scored 22 points in

the final period but the Red Devils took the contest 80-67.

Decatur Community had five players in double figures, showing their offensive strength.

For the Indians, I. Schiltz again led the scoring. He had a total of 33 points for the evening. He had the best field-goal percentage with 67 percent, making 5-of-8 twos, 7-of-10 threes and was 2-of-4 from the line. Peter had 14 points for the evening.

The team was 51 percent from the field and hit 5-of-12 free throws.

"Our loss against Oberlin Friday exposed some of our weaknesses, yet once again it wasn't due to a lack of effort on our part," Coach Beims said. "If games were won on sheer effort. We have to get better defensively. Our goal generally is to put pressure on opponents when they have the ball, but I think sometimes we get out of position as a result. We are going to have to find a happy medium there."

"Another issue we're having is hitting free throws, which frankly is something that I hadn't expected. We work on them almost every day in practice, but free throws are as much a mental thing as a physical one."

All that being said we did set a new school record Friday night. Isaac Schiltz hit seven three pointers (6 in the second half, and 33 points overall). Mike Wolters and Mike Zweygardt previously shared the record with six. We are going to get a little break for Christmas, then hit the ground running in the New Year.

"We talked after the game about how packed the gym was. There weren't many seats available, and the atmosphere was great. The guys notice, and they feed off the energy in the room. So those of you that attended last week, we really do appreciate it. We'll keep working hard, if you promise to keep showing up to support us."



DECATUR COMMUNITY ATTEMPTS to block one of Isaac Schiltz's jump shots but Schiltz hit for 33 points in this game.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Defensively Sainty had six steals but were charged with 15 turnovers. Having the steals were Lampe with four and Schiltz with two.

Twenty-five rebounds were collected with Figgins accounting for

11 of them of which seven were defensive.

The Indians will travel to Golden Plains on Jan. 4 to begin the second session of the season. This will be a non-league game.

S 16 14 15 22 67
D 17 22 22 19 80

Scoring: Schiltz 33, Peter 14, Lampe 8, Butler 7, Figgins 5.

Rebounding: Figgins 11, Peter 6, Lampe 5, Schiltz 2, Butler 1.

St. Francis varsity ladies work hard

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The Lady Indians and the Lady Buffs from Rawlins County High School met in St. Francis on Tuesday, Dec. 14, for the home opener for the Lady Indians. Sainty entered the game with a 2-2 record but was defeated by Rawlins County 47-37.

Friday, the last day of school before the Christmas break, saw the Lady Indians play the Lady Red Devils from Decatur Community High School. The final score in this game was Decatur Community 66, St. Francis 54. (details later).

Sainty enters the break with a 2-4 overall record and an 0-2 league record as both Rawlins County and Decatur Community are Northwest Kansas League schools.

Vs Rawlins County

The Lady Buffs scored 28 points in the first half compared to 14 for the Sainty Ladies. Rawlins County was able to hold on to the lead and gain the victory even though the Lady Indians had 23 points in the second half compared to 19 for the Lady Buffs.

"Disappointment is all I can say after Tuesday's game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "I was so looking forward to getting a win! I know that many of the girls were disappointed, too."

"Now, don't get me wrong, we did some great things, but, unfortunately our shooting didn't help," Coach Dinkel said. "We were 5-22 in the first half and 6-26 in the second. Obviously, we struggled offensively."

The scoring was divided among seven players with none of them hitting in double figures. Jodie Hilt had the most points with 9 with five of them from the free-throw line. The Lady Indians had 20 attempts from the line and connected on 12 of them for 60 percent. From



CHRISTINA HILT makes her way down the court even though a Lady Red Devil is guarding her closely.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

the field they were 12-of-54.

"But, defensively, we played great!" Coach Dinkel said. "We put a new defense in on Monday and they adjusted very well to it. We got some key steals, but could just never capitalize. We must do a better job of blocking out and getting the rebounds, too."

Sainty had 28 rebounds, 13 steals and three assists.

For rebounds, Kaitlin Figgins collected eight, all of them defensive. J. Hilt and Sarah Trembly each had three steals and the assists came from Jalyn McCauley, Jenna Hill and Christina Hilt.

Sainty did have one more steals

than they did turnover.

S 06 08 13 10 37
R 16 12 12 07 47

Scoring: J. Hilt 9, Trembly 7, Mikaela Grace 6, Figgins 5, Aly Marin 4, Shayla Hilt 3, C. Hilt 3.

Rebounds: Figgins 8, C. Hilt 7, Grace 6, J. Hilt 2, Trembly 2, Marin 2, S. Hilt 1.

Junior varsity has exciting contest

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The junior varsity girls returned to the basketball court on Tuesday after a week off. They opened the season Dec. 2 in Benkelman and haven't played since then.

On Tuesday night they competed with Rawlins County and suffered a 32-29 loss. This was an exciting game as the score remained close throughout. Actually, at the end of the third quarter each team had 25 points. The Lady Buffs connected on two free-throw at the end to seal the victory. The final score was 32-29.

Friday night the Lady Red Devils and the Lady Indians ended the game with a 34-30 victory for St. Francis.

Vs Rawlins County

"This was a good, close game throughout," Coach David Morrow said. "I was pleased with the effort of our young ladies

and thought they worked hard in each phase of the game."

The final score was Rawlins County 32, St. Francis 29.

"Certainly, we have room for improvement, but if the ladies give effort like this for the whole season, we're going to win some games," Coach Morrow said. "Each player did something very well, whether that was playing good man-to-man defense, executing the offense, or improvising on in-bounds plays. There is some good potential on this team."

"We had many chances to put the Buffaloes away and win the game, but we simply couldn't produce points when scoring opportunities arose. Throughout the contest we missed 11 free-throws."

S 06 10 09 04 29

R 08 10 07 07 32

Scoring: Clarice Neitzel 13; Aly Schleppe 8; Laura Brunk 6; Aubrey Mills 2.

C-team opens season

The boys C-team had the opportunity to play basketball the week of Dec. 13, in St. Francis. Tuesday they played a full game with Rawlins County with the Indians falling 89-45.

Friday night Decatur Community and St. Francis played one quarter of ball with the Indians winning 12-8.

Vs Rawlins County

Rawlins County found the basket with ease on Monday night scoring 89 points to 45 for the Indians. Sainty had seven players and each one of them scored at least two points. Scoring were Erik Hart, Jacob But-

ler, Joey McCormick, Tyler Lee, Wyatt Landenberger, Jacob Baxter and Lennin Olivares.

"I was proud of the C-team guys," Coach Tanner Kinen said. "For most of them it was their first time to see a lot of playing time in high school. It was fun to see them having fun on the court."

"They will continue to get better."

S 11 06 12 16 45

R 26 32 18 13 89

Scoring: Landenberger 18, Baxter 7, Butler 6, Olivares 6, Hart 4, McCormick 2, Lee 2.