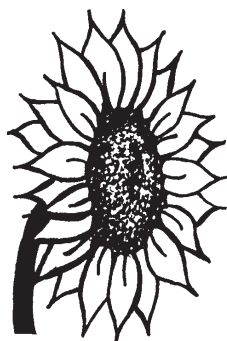


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# At the Game



## Lady Indians lose to Quinter on Saturday

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St. Francis and Quinter played for fifth place in the league tournament on Saturday but the Indians were defeated by Quinter by the score of 62-54. Both teams entered the game with an 0-2 record in pool play. The Lady Indians were defeated by Oakley and Rawlins County in their pool and the Lady Bulldogs were defeated by Hoxie and Decatur Community in their pool.

This was the first of what is expected to be an annual Northwest Kansas League tournament. Hoxie was the final winner on Saturday.

The Ladies played Greeley County/Tribune on Tuesday and will entertain Heartland Christian on Friday night.

### vs Oakley

Oakley managed a 62-34 win over St. Francis in the opening round of the tournament on Monday night. The scoring in the first and third quarters was fairly even but Oakley hit the basket more consistently in the second (26-2) and fourth (19-9) and ended up with the win.

"We lost defensive intensity, didn't take many shots, and allowed them to shoot too many open shots," Coach Susan Dinkel said.

The Sainty scoring was evenly distributed with eight players making at least two points. Mikaela Grace with 9 and Kaitlin Figgins with eight were the leaders.

The team was 29 percent from the field (15/52) and 3-of-8 from the line.

Defensively the team had seven steals and three blocked shots. The steals were divided among six players with Christina Hilt having two. Having blocks were Grace, Shayla Hilt and Figgins. Aly Marin led in assists with three.

Twenty-seven rebounds were pulled down with 13 of them offensive. Grace and Figgins each had five.

S 13 02 10 09 34  
O 15 16 12 19 62

Scoring: Grace 9, Figgins 8, C. Hilt 5, Jalyn McCauley 4, Jodie Hilt 2, Sarah Trembly 2, S. Hilt 2, Marin 2.

Rebounding: Grace 5, Figgins 5, S. Hilt 4, Marin 4, McCauley 4, C. Hilt 2, Trembly 2, J. Hilt 1.

### Vs Rawlins County

Tuesday night the Sainty Ladies were defeated by Rawlins County by the score of 53-39.

We played great defense, our press was fantastic - we anticipated well, but missed way too many easy shots," Coach Dinkel said.

A high note was the 23 steals the Lady Indians had including eight by J. Hilt and seven by C. Hilt. This compares well with the 18 turnovers they had.

Again many players helped with the scoring, led by J. Hilt and Trembly with nine each.

The team field-goal percentage was 20 percent although Grace was 43 percent with 3-of-7 and C. Hilt 38 percent with 3-of-7.

"We're kind of going through a little shooting slump right now," Coach Dinkel said. "I hope that we can pull ourselves out of this before Saturday!"

"We did come back after playing Monday night, losing big, and refocused our energy. We played great defense, but unfortunately, just couldn't make shots. Hopefully, that will change soon.

"I'm telling you - this is a group of workers who are fun to watch. It's certainly more exciting when they are hot offensively too!"

S 07 12 13 07 39  
R 18 12 10 13 53

Scoring: J. Hilt 9, Trembly 9, C. Hilt 7, Grace 6, Marin 4, S. Hilt 3, Figgins 1.

Rebounding: J. Hilt 4, Trembly 4, McCauley 3, S. Hilt 2, Figgins 2, Marin 2.

### Vs Quinter

This was the first time that St. Francis had seen Quinter this year and the Lady Bulldogs scored a 62-54 victory.

Sainty's scoring definitely improved as the game progressed as they went from four points in the



first quarter to 28 in the fourth. Quinter also hit for a number of points (25) in the fourth to hold on to the victory.

"We really struggled in the first half - it was as if we just never got into a rhythm," Coach Dinkel said. "We got within three in the fourth quarter, but just couldn't quit fouling. Foul trouble really hurt us down the road. It is something that we definitely need to improve on."

The Sainty Ladies hit 34 percent from the field ((18/53) and 52 percent from the free-throw line (12/23). J. Hilt and S. Hilt each had 50 percent from the field. J. Hilt hit 4-of-8 with three of them being treys while S. Hilt was 2-of-4 with one three-pointer.

Three players were in double figures with Figgins having 13, Trembly 13 and J. Hilt 11.

The team was 12-of-23 from the free throw line for 54 percent. Figgins with 7-of-10 was 70 percent.

Twenty-two rebounds were collected by the Lady Indians along with seven steals and six assists. McCauley and Figgins each had three boards while Trembly and C. Hilt each had two steals and J. Hilt led in assists with four.

S 13 02 10 09 34  
O 15 16 12 19 62

Scoring: Figgins 13, Trembly 13, J. Hilt 11, C. Hilt 8, S. Hilt 5, McCauley 2, Neitzel 1, Marin 1.

Rebounding: McCauley 5, Figgins 5, Trembly 4, C. Hilt 3, Grace 2, Neitzel 1, S. Hilt 1, Marin 1.



JALYN McCAULEY, Sainty Lady, looks for a chance to steal the ball from an Oberlin player, Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

## St. Francis wins two games against quality competition

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The six Northwest Kansas League teams, St. Francis, Decatur Community, Hoxie, Oakley, Rawlins County and Quinter, entered the first Northwest Kansas League basketball tournament on Monday, Jan. 17, with games being played throughout the week. Saturday's contests decided the final placing for the tournament, which is planned to become an annual event.

St. Francis was placed in a pool with Decatur Community and Hoxie and they began the week with a loss to Decatur and a win over Hoxie.

Saturday night Sainty met Oakley from the other pool and the Indians scored a 58-52 victory.

"I came away from our first league tournament impressed with the level of play," Coach Jeff Beims said. "There is very little difference in the teams from top to bottom. Nobody on the boy's side came away with anything better than a 2 and 1 record, including the champion Hoxie, who we beat in pool play.

"So we came out of it winning two games against quality competition including wins against the eventual champion, and an improving Oakley team. Our only loss was a neck-and-neck affair with Oberlin, proving that our league is very well balanced. Although there aren't any 'world beaters' necessarily, there are a bunch of good, well coached teams."

By the time the tournament ended on Saturday the Indians had a 6-7 record for the season.

### Vs Decatur Community

The score went back and forth in this contest with the Red Dev-

ils coming on strong in the fourth quarter to take the win. The Indians had a 46-37 score going into the final quarter when the Red Devils added 20 points compared to only eight for the Indians. The final score was Decatur Community 57, Sainty 54.

"Oberlin is a good team with no real weaknesses, and they proved it Tuesday night," Coach Jeff Beims said.

"We defended them about as well as any team could, holding them to 37 points through three quarters, but they got hot in the fourth to slip by us. We didn't do ourselves any favors, making some silly turnovers in the fourth quarter. It didn't help that Brett Lampe, our floor leader, fouled out midway through the final frame.

"Having said that, I am still very proud of these guys. There is a lot of 'fight in these dogs' and they are playing defense exceptionally well right now. We are attacking the boards, and as a result we are getting some good looks on the offensive end."

The Indian scoring was led by Isaac Schiltz with 22, followed by Garrett Figgins with 12. The team was 61 percent from the field with Figgins being 86 percent (6/7).

"We have got to learn to cut down on the 'silly turnovers' and keep our composure a little better down the stretch, but those are generally things that improve by being in tight games," Coach Beims said. "If we keep playing at this level, we will be in plenty of those. Overall I like how this team has developed over the last month. I hate to lose, and I think these guys feel the same, but we tip our hat to Oberlin and keep



ST. FRANCIS INDIANS are trying to block a shot from the opposite team, Decatur Community. Herald photo by Susan May.

plugging forward."

Twenty-six rebounds were collected with Figgins and Dylan Peter each having 11. Most of the Sainty boards were defensive ones. Eight steals helped the offense with Lampe leading with three.

S 15 17 14 08 54  
D 17 11 09 20 57

Scoring: Schiltz 22, Figgins 12, Peter 8, Lampe 7, Jonathan Butler 5.

Rebounding: Figgins 11, Peter 11, Lampe 4, Schiltz 3, Butler

2, Zach Zwegardt 2, Martin Hnizdil 2.

### Vs Hoxie

The final score in this contest was St. Francis 54, Hoxie 52.

"It was very satisfying for us to get a win over a team that we lost to less than two weeks ago," Coach Beims said. "Our defense and commitment to rebounding has continued to improve since we last saw Hoxie, and it showed Tuesday. Now we have to learn to finish games.

"We were up by 8 at the end of the third quarter, but let Hoxie get back in it and actually take the lead with less than 2 minutes left to play.

"I was proud that our boys came off the deck to win it, but we have had healthy leads in several of our recent games late in the second half, only to let them evaporate. We have to get better at handling pressure late in the game, but I think more importantly we need to keep the throttle down. It seems we sort of let off the gas when we get a lead."

Schiltz had 21 points and Peter 12 in this game. Three other players helped with the scoring. In other important categories Figgins had the most steals and Butler the most assists.

The team as a whole had 17 rebounds with 10 of them defensive. The seven offensive boards were important for the opportunity for "put backs" and Zwegardt, Peter and Schiltz each had two.

S 18 13 14 09 54  
H 16 09 12 15 52

Scoring: Schiltz 21, Peter 12, Butler 9, Figgins 9, Lampe 3.

Rebounding: Peter 7, Zwegardt 3, Schiltz 3, Figgins 2,

Butler 1, Lampe 1.

### Vs Oakley

St. Francis placed third in the tournament by defeating Oakley 53-48 on Saturday.

Things turned around in this game as the Indians went from behind by 4 after the first quarter (12-16) to ahead 34-22 by half time. Even though Oakley outscored Sainty by a little in the second half, the Indians held on for the win.

Schiltz scored 23 points in this contest with six two's, two three's and five free throws. Matt Tygart was 80 percent from the field making 4-of-5.

The team had 22 rebounds with Peter having seven, three blocks with Lampe, Peter and Tygart each having one, nine steals with Peter having four and seven assists with Lampe having four.

"I'm very excited with where we are as a team right now," Coach Beims said. "These guys are fast becoming the team I envisioned at the beginning of the year. We need to learn to finish games a little stronger. We have let some pretty substantial leads slip away late, but the good news is, we found a way to win most of them. We have won four of our last five, and hope to keep the train rolling against some real stiff competition down the stretch."

S 12 22 12 07 53  
O 16 06 15 11 48

Scoring: I. Schiltz 23, Peter 10, Tygart 8, Butler 6, Figgins 6.

Rebounding: Peter 7, Figgins 5, Butler 3, I. Schiltz 3, Tygart 2, Mason Schiltz 1, Lampe 1.