

# At the Game

## Saintyboys win home game on Friday night

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Weskan scored when they needed to at the end of the game on Tuesday night, Jan. 24, to pull out a 66-65 victory. Friday night at home Sainty scored a 64-28 victory over Christian Family Educators in front of a nice-sized home crowd.

The schedule is moving into the final weeks of the season with only one game this week. It was slated for Tuesday night at the high school gym with Triplains/Brewster.

### Vs Weskan

The score moved back and forth on Tuesday night with the Coyotes leading by one point, 66-65, when the final buzzer sounded. After being behind by one point at half time, the Coyotes fought the Indians for the victory pulling it out at the last minute.

"As a sports fan, I've watched several teams over the years that historically had struggled, try to turn their program around," Coach Jeff Beims said. "It is a frustrating thing to watch, because they will get to the precipice, but struggle to 'get over the top.' The New Orleans Saints and Boston Red Sox come to mind as examples of such programs. I can't imagine what it must have felt like for people associated with those organizations when they finally reached the pinnacle in their respective sports, but I'm sure it made all the hard work and hardships worth the effort.

"I think our program is at that crossroads now, and our trip to Weskan sort of illustrates my point. I don't want to put too much emphasis on one loss, but it's a game we could have, and maybe

should have won. Weskan is a good team, ranked in the top 10 by some publications in 1A, and we had a seven point lead on them with about 3 minutes to play in the game. However, we made some mental mistakes down the stretch that cost us the game.

"The good news is that we played a very good team at their place and about came away with a win. The bad news is we didn't. We are going to have to learn to 'put away' good teams on the road if we hope to be anything other than an 'also ran.'"

Three players scored in double figures for the Indians with Isaac Schiltz having 20, Dylan Peter 13 and Jonathan Butler 12.

At the free-throw line, Sainty had only seven opportunities and made four of them with Peter being 1-of-1. The field-goal percentage (both twos and threes) was 50 percent with Figgins being 75 percent, hitting 3-of-4.

Under the basket the team collected 26 rebounds although only six of them provided put-back opportunities and the rest were defensive boards. Peter led the Indians with nine.

I. Schiltz had two blocked shots and he and Brett Lampe led in steals with two each. Lampe and Butler had three assist apiece. Sainty had 16 turnovers.

S 14 18 16 17 65  
W 18 13 21 14 66

Scoring: I. Schiltz 20, Peter 13, Butler 12, Figgins 7, Lampe 5, Matt Tygart 4, Keegan Sherlock 2, Zach Zwegygart 2.

Rebounding: Peter 9, Figgins 4, Schiltz 4, Lampe 3, Tygart 3, Zwegygart 2, Butler 1,

**Vs Christian Family Educators**  
St. Francis entertained a



BRETT LAMPE senior at St. Francis Community High School guards his opponent in a recent Indian game.

Herald photo by Krsti Guthmiller

small squad of Christian Family Educators on Friday night with the Indians having a 26-6 advantage after the first quarter. Sainty went on to post their seventh victory of the season by the score of 64-28. "Our game against Christian Family Educators was in place of a game we had scheduled with Heartland Christian," Coach Beims said. "Coach Kurt Maurath graciously agreed to fill in, although he would have much preferred to play our junior varsity. They played us pretty tough in the

Brewster tournament, and frankly I wasn't sure what to expect.

"I liked the way we came out and got on them early, putting the game away by halftime. I was a bit frustrated by our unwillingness to work on the boards in the first half, but we cleaned that up in the second half.

"It's nice to get a win like this, because you get a chance to put the younger guys in the game for some quality minutes. Those guys work their tails off in practice, and get very little recognition for

it, so it's good to get them in the spotlight a little.

"We have some tough games down the stretch, and must keep our focus, but I like our chances."

I. Schiltz had 18 points, the highest out of the 12 players who took to the court for Sainty. The team hit 57 percent from the field with Butler hitting the only three for the night. They were 3-of-7 from the line.

A high number of rebounds (43) were collected as the Indians completely dominated the boards.

This included 20 offensive boards. Peter led the way with eight while Mason Schiltz had seven and Martin Hnizdil six.

S 26 16 14 08 64  
C 06 10 04 08 28

Scoring: I. Schiltz 18, Peter 8, M. Schiltz 8, Figgins 8, Sherlock 6, Tygart 6, Zwegygart 4, Butler 3, Dillion Straub 2, Lampe 1.

Rebounding: Peter 8, M. Schiltz 7, Martin Hnizdil 6, Straub 5, Figgins 4, Sherlock 4, I. Schiltz 3, Tygart 3, Zwegygart 1, Butler 1, Gavin Cooper 1.

## Indians have one league game left

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The Lady Indians traveled to Weskan on Tuesday night, Jan. 25, where they suffered a 50-38 loss. Friday night the story was different as they scored a 56-16 win over Christian Family Educators on the home court.

The team is moving into February with a large portion of their schedule under their belt. They had a 5-10 record going into Tuesday night game with Brewster. Left on the schedule before playoff time are games with Wallace County, Cheylin, Tribune and Quinter. The Quinter contest is the only league game left. The Brewster game will be featured in next's week's Herald.

### Vs Weskan

Kaitlin Figgins led the team in scoring at Weskan. She had 16 points from seven two-pointers and hitting 2-of-4 free-throw attempts. Sarah Trembly was the second highest scorer with six points, all from two-point range.

"Once again, we just couldn't get the job done," Coach Dinkel said. "We work so hard, yet the ball just won't go into the basket for us."

It was the second half of the game where the baskets just would not fall. The Lady Indians posted 13 points in the second half compared to 25 for Weskan. The score when the Ladies had gone to the locker room at half time was tied 25 all.

Sainty had 27 rebounds, 16 steals and five assists for the night. Leading in rebounds was Figgins with nine. Jalyn McCauley and Shayla Hilt each had four. S. Hilt also had the most steals with three.

The team had a total of 19 turnovers for the night. "We had too many turnovers when we needed to be in control of the ball," Coach Dinkel said. "Then, we make silly fouls in the open court."

From the free-throw line the ladies connected on 5-of-9 for 56 percent.

"I'm not disappointed in the girls' effort - I'm just frustrated with the fact that right now, we are unable to put the ball in the hoop," Coach Dinkel said. "I'm hoping that we'll get back on our shooting streak like we had back in December. Until then, we'll just keep trying hard in every other aspect of our game to keep the other team from winning."

S 10 15 08 05 38  
W 13 12 14 11 50

Scoring: Figgins 16, Trembly 6, McCauley 4, Christina Hilt 4, S. Hilt 3, Aly Marin 3, Mikaela Grace 2.

Rebounding: Figgins 9, McCauley 4, S. Hilt 4, Trembly 3, Marin 3, Grace 2, Jodie Hilt 1, C. Hilt 1.

**Vs Christian Family Educators**  
Instead of playing Heartland Christian on Friday night as was scheduled on the calendar the Lady Indians played Christian Family Educators and scored a 56-16 victory.

St. Francis had some steady scoring on Friday night and had built up a strong lead early in the game.

Two players were in double figures with Figgins having 12 points and S. Hilt 10. Eleven players were involved in the action in this game with each of them either scoring or collecting a rebound. Substitutions were frequent and everyone contributed.

The team was 42 percent from the field and 50 percent from the free-throw line.

"First, it was a great game for us," Coach Dinkel said. "It gave us an opportunity to work on our zone defense and the rotations that we need to improve on. I also gave the girls special instructions (like no shot unless it's a layup) and they did a great job looking for and trying to get in position for a layup. That was fun. All members of the team got to play a great deal, and all but one member of the team scored. It's always exciting when that happens."

Twenty-seven rebounds were pulled down by Sainty with



JODIE HILT searches for a team mate who is in a position to score.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

McCauley and Figgins each having five.

The team had 16 steals with Trembly having five and she also had six assists.

S 19 16 13 08 56  
C 05 00 07 04 16

Scoring: Figgins 12, S. Hilt 10,

Grace 8, Trembly 8, C. Hilt 6, J. Hilt 6, Krissy Harris 2, Marin 2, Clarice Neitzel 1, Laura Brunk 1.

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

## Girls' basketball teams score wins

For the third week in a row the junior high girls A- and B-basketball teams each scored a win. This time the opponent was Rawlins County and the games were played in St. Francis. The A-team won 32-26 and the B-team has a close 19-17 victory.

The next outing on the schedule is a road trip to Hoxie today (Thursday).

### A-team

Sainty began with an 11-1 first quarter and held on for their third victory, even though Rawlins County increased their scoring as the game progressed. The final score was 32-26.

Leading the scoring was Kyla Bandel with 14 points which included five field goals and hitting 4-of-5 from the free-throw line. Bandel was the only player who hit from the line although there was a total of 15 attempts.

Sainty had 21 offensive rebounds and 18 defensive ones for a total of 39. Bandel also led in this category with 11. McKayla Taylor had the most steals with five with Valerie Wurm contributing four.

S 11 06 07 08 32  
R 01 07 07 11 26

Scoring: Bandel 14, Echo Jones 4, Wurm 4, Dallas Reed 2, Ashlee Orth 2, Mariah Beikman 2.

Rebounding: Bandel 11, Jones 7, Justice Wiley 5, Wurm 5, Reed 4, Taylor 4, Orth 2, Beikman 1.

### B-team

The final score in the B-team game was a close 19-17 win for the young Lady Indians. Rawlins County was ahead at half time but the Indians overtook them beginning in the third quarter.

Mckenzie Taylor scored 12 of the 19 points for the B-team. She hit three two pointers and two three-pointers for her total.

Sainty was 1-of-10 from the free-throw line for only 10 percent.

The team had 25 rebounds with most of them defensive. Kylie Sherlock and Journey Lee each had seven. Leading in steals was Kayla Reed with five and Taylor with four.

S 04 02 08 05 19  
R 04 05 04 04 17

Scoring: Taylor 12, Lee 3, Emily Eifers 2, Sherlock 2.

Rebounding: Lee 7, Sherlock 7, Reed 4, Kattie Jenik 4, Taylor 3.

## Girls team improves as season progresses

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The junior varsity girls were back in action on Tuesday after having no games the week of Jan. 17, due to the varsity playing in the league tournament.

St. Francis scored a 34-31 win over Weskan.

"I was very pleased with the way the ladies played against Weskan," Coach David Morrow said. "In order to have a full game, the Coyotes had to play some older girls and even a couple of the varsity players. Our ladies handled it very well.

"We mostly played within the

game plan, which for us means keeping the opponent in front of us and avoiding a fast-paced, up-and-down game. Laura Brunk, Clarice Neitzel, and Aly Schlep all scored in double figures.

"Our younger players are improving a lot. We've come a long way from the beginning of the year."

The team is playing in a junior varsity tournament with Oakley, Colby and Goodland this week.

Score by quarters:  
S 10 09 07 08 34  
W 05 08 04 14 31

Scoring: Brunk, 11; Schlep, 11, Neitzel, 10; Aubrey Mills, 2.