

At the Game

Sainty Indians lose to two tough teams

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Bad weather played havoc with the Indians basketball schedule with Brewster on Tuesday, Feb. 1, and with Wallace County on Tuesday, Feb. 8. These were the only two games on the calendar for the first two weeks of February so that left a two-week void in game action.

The Wallace County game was rescheduled for Monday of this week and the Brewster game on Tuesday. The Tuesday night game was Parents' Night where the seniors were recognized. St. Francis travels to Quinter on Friday and then sub-state begins next week.

The Indians did match up with Cheylin on Tuesday night, Feb. 15, and Greeley County on Friday, Feb. 18.

The Cheylin game went into overtime with the Cougars winning 74-67 and Greeley County/Tribune defeated the Indians 64-43. Tribune is ranked in the top 10 of 1A.

Vs Cheylin

The Indians just could not keep up the pace they set in the opening quarter against Cheylin. At the end of one first period they had a 23-11 advantage. It was during the third period that Cheylin first moved ahead. It was anybody's ball game from then on.

During the fourth quarter the score was tied at 51, 55 and finally at 59 when the buzzer sounded. Part way through the overtime, the Cougars built up a lead and also hit free throws when the Indians fouled to gain possession of the ball. The final score was Cheylin 74, St. Francis 67.

"We lost a tough one in Cheylin Tuesday night after getting up pretty good early,"

Coach Jeff Beims said. "We have shown a propensity to squander leads late in games, but against Cheylin we didn't wait until the fourth quarter to do it."

"We were up by as many as 13 in the first quarter, but they caught up and took a lead by the end of the third. The fourth quarter was a back-and-forth affair, but they pulled away in the overtime period."

The Indians hit 67 points so they could manage to score but unfortunately they did not have a hot streak in the overtime.

Isaac Schiltz contributed 20 points, Dylan Peter 14, Garrett Figgins 13 and Brett Lampe 12. A number of these points were early in the game.

The team was 24-of-51 from the field for 47 percent. Of these figures there were 17 attempts from three-point range where only four of them connected. Cheylin did not hit a single shot from outside the arch.

Sainty was 15-of-22 from the line with Lampe being the only one not to miss an attempt. He was 4-of-4.

"If I had to point to one thing that spelled our demise (understanding that it is rarely one thing) it would be rebounding," Coach Beims said. "We really got on the glass early, but when the game was on the line we got out worked and we gave them second-chance opportunities."

"I thought we played real well defensively, taking them out of their half court offense, especially early on. When we get a lead though, we have got to do a better job of protecting it. We have to know that the opponent is going to make a charge, and we have to learn to ratchet up our game to match the surge. Instead, I think we have a nasty



ISAAC SCHILTZ, junior, looks for a teammate to pass the ball to.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

habit of resting on our laurels."

Peter led in rebounds with eight while Lampe had five steals and Jonathan Butler had five assists.

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| S | 23 | 08 | 11 | 17 | 08 | 67 |
| C | 11 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 74 |

Scoring: Schiltz 20, Peter 14, Figgins 13, Lampe 12, Matt Tygart 4, Butler 3, Keegan Sherlock 1.

Rebounding: Peter 8, Figgins 7, Tygart 5, Schiltz 4, Lampe 3, Butler 1.

Vs Greeley County/Tribune

The Jackrabbits began the game strong with 22 points in the

first quarter and also outscored St. Francis in the third and fourth quarters. The final score was Greeley County/Tribune 64, St. Francis 43.

The Sainty scoring was led by Schiltz who accounted for 14 points. This included four two pointers, one three pointer and three of his fourth free-throw attempts. Figgins had 10 points from four field goals and two free throws.

Sainty was 52 percent from the field with only 33 attempts, making 17 of them. At the line they were 6-of-13.

"Greeley County has a really nice team," Coach Beims said. "They are well coached, but more importantly their kids understand the game. Basketball is really a game of timing, spacing and technique, all of which are further enhanced by fundamental basketball skills and "court sense." Tribune has those things and we are not quite there yet."

The team had 28 rebounds compared to 21 for Greeley County. Leading the way for Sainty was Peter with 12. Peter and Tygart each had a blocked shot and Butler led in steals with

three and assists with five.

"I thought we controlled the boards in the first half especially, and played well defensively," said Coach Beims. "However, they played an 'in your face' style defense and it got to us. Turnovers really hurt us. We got a lot of stops defensively, but just weren't able to convert those into points."

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| G | 22 | 8 | 18 | 16 | 64 |

Scoring: Schiltz 14, Figgins 10, Butler 7, Zach Zwegardt 6, Tygart 4, Lampe 2.

Rebounding: Peter 12, Schiltz 8, Butler 4, Lampe 3, Tygart 1.

Girls suffer losses to the Cougars and Jackrabbits

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It was finally back on the basketball court for the Lady Indians. Snow, freezing temperatures and wind shut down schools several days during the first and second week of February. And these were the days the Lady Indians were scheduled to play (Feb. 1 at Brewster and Feb. 8 at Wallace County). It is making for a very busy couple of weeks going into sub-state with two makeup games this week (beginning Feb. 21).

The week of Feb. 14 the Lady Indians played Cheylin and Greeley County and suffered two losses. The Cheylin score was 54-42 and the Greeley County score 65-50.

Vs Cheylin

The Ladies did have the opportunity to play the scheduled contest with Cheylin on Feb. 15, at McDonald. It appeared the break hindered instead of helped the team.

When the contest was over, Cheylin had a 54-42 victory.

Only four points were scored by the Lady Indians in the first period of play and this was not enough for a good beginning, especially when the opponents had 15. The Lady Indians fell behind a little bit more in the second and third quarter and by

the time the last frame began, even though Sainty outscored Cheylin, it was not enough to take the win.

One player, Sarah Trembly, scored in double figures and she had 10 points from three field goals and four free throws. Next was Kaitlin Figgins with eight points, all from two-point range.

"Well - it was ugly," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "We hadn't played a game for 2 weeks and we just came out of the locker room not ready to play."

"We had a great opportunity and we just couldn't hit shots. In fact, we shot 30 percent and several of our missed shots were little 3-foot shots."

Twenty-six rebounds were collected along with 16 steals, one block and two assists. Figgins had seven rebounds and Mikaela Grace six to lead the way. Jodie Hilt and Christina Hilt each had five steals and J. Hilt had two assists while C. Hilt had the blocked shot.

"It's very frustrating when you have a game like that," Coach Dinkel said. "We fouled way too much...18 of them came in the second half. That's just too many times that we put Cheylin at the line."

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Scoring: Trembly 10, Figgins

8, Jalyn McCauley 5, C. Hilt 5, Grace 4, J. Hilt 4, Clarice Neitzel 2, Shayla Hilt 2, Aly Marin 2.

Rebounding: Figgins 7, Grace 6, J. Hilt 3, Trembly 3, McCauley 3, C. Hilt 2, Marin 2.

Vs Greeley County

The Lady Indians traveled to Tribune on Friday night to play the Greeley County Lady Jackrabbits. Greeley County took the game by a score of 65-50. The Lady Jackrabbits have a 10-5 record.

"Although this would typically be the type of game that our girls would be successful with (very aggressive game), we just struggled getting offensive boards and putting our 4-foot shots in the basket," Coach Dinkel said. "We played great defense at times, but, we just couldn't get things flowing offensively."

Leading the Indians were Trembly and Figgins with 10 points each. Trembly had all of her points from two-point range while Figgins had eight points from the field and two at the free-throw line. J. Hilt was 6-of-8 from the line for 75 percent. The team was 9-of-22 for 41 percent. Sainty hit 20 shots from the field out of 58 attempts.

The Lady Indians tied the score in the third quarter but could not maintain their momentum and the Lady Jackrabbits came back and took the lead.



SHAYLA HILT (30) AND ALY MARIN (35), are guarding a Sharon Springs player. The game was played Monday night in St. Francis.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Thirty-four rebounds were collected with S. Hilt and C. Hilt each having six. Figgins had two blocked shots and J. Hilt had one.

Having steals in this game

were J. Hilt 4, Trembly 3, C. Hilt 3, Grace 2, S. Hilt 2 and Figgins 1.

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Scoring: Trembly 10, Figgins

10, C. Hilt 9, McCauley 8, J. Hilt 8, S. Hilt 5.

Rebounding: S. Hilt 6, C. Hilt 6, Grace 5, Trembly 5, Figgins 5, Marin 4, J. Hilt 3.

Action in team tournament decides who goes to state

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The St. Francis Indians and Lady Indians have been placed in the 2A Oberlin/Decatur Community substate basketball tournament along with teams from Atwood/Rawlins County, Hill City, Leoti/Wichita

County, Ness City, Oakley, Oberlin/Decatur Community and WaKeeney/Trego County. Games will be played the week of Feb. 28..

Action in this eight-team tournament will determine which team will travel to the state tournament the following week.

This is a single-elimination tournament with only the first place team advancing to state where they will meet the winners from other 2A substates.

Other tournament games are taking place in Greensburg/Kiowa County; Inman; Mankato/Rock Hills; Mound

City-Jayhawk Linn; Sedan and Valley Falls.

The first round of the tournament is played at the sites of the four highest seeds with the following contests to be played in Oberlin

The official seeding of the teams did not take place until

Wednesday which is past the Herald deadline

Indians

The boys begin play in the first round on Monday, Feb. 28.

Coach Jeff Beims feels that Wichita County/Leoti will probably be the team opponent. The boys semi-final games

takes place on Thursday night with the championship game on Saturday night.

Lady Indians

The opening round of the tournament for the Lady Indians will be on Tuesday, March 1, with the semifinals on Friday and the finals on Saturday.