

At the Game

Indians win 36 to 6 over the Dragons

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The Indians won their Homecoming game against the Holyoke Dragons on Friday with a score of 36-6.

The first half started out slow, both teams getting close to the goal line, but the Dragons fumbled, the Indians threw an interception and penalties on both sides kept both teams off the scoreboard. Holyoke's passing game was strong, but the Sainty defense was stronger, as they kept receivers from catching the ball or were able to minimize the damage and keep them from scoring.

Both teams seemed evenly matched, until early in the second half, when a high snap sent Holyoke's punter scrambling. He was brought down 10 yards from the goal line by Thomas Douthit. The Indians capitalized on this mistake, putting the ball in the end zone three plays later.

After the kick return, Holyoke was unable to make a first down. After a big run by Dylan Wolaver,

Sainty scored again and got the extra points, bringing the score to 14-0.

Holyoke mounted a comeback, making two first downs, and after recovering their own fumble, Brett Cumming scrambled and evaded all Sainty defenders, making the score 14-6.

After receiving the ball, Sainty quickly answered back, bringing the score to 20-6.

The Dragons had a long pass early in the fourth quarter and scored a touchdown, but a flag on the play for holding made them replay the down, leaving the score unchanged. Sainty then cemented their lead with Wolaver running in a 57-yard touchdown. Cade Bracelin ran in the extra point, making it 28-6.

Still plagued by penalties and incomplete passes, Holyoke was all but defeated when Sainty scored a touchdown and extra points again, bringing the final score to 36-6.

Leading rusher for the Indians was Dylan Wolaver with 170 yards, followed closely by Thomas Douthit with 152 yards.



DYLAN WOLAVER, 33, runs the ball down the field. Those helping open the hole and block were Dylan Peter, Martin Hnizdil and Zach Gienger.

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Cade Bracelin ran for 69 yards, Derek Queen ran for 10, Michael Liebbrandt ran for seven, Jonathan Butler had three, Wyatt Landengerger had two and Logan Lampe had one.

Zach Gienger and Dylan Wolaver led the tackles with three each, Jonathan Butler, Thomas

Douthit, Michael Leibbrandt, Martin Hnizdil and Steven Nelson all had two tackles each and Lane Hoffman, Dylan Peter, Dillion Straub, Paul Nelson and Foster Grant all had one tackle apiece.

Thomas Douthit was the leading scorer with 18 points, Cade Bracelin and Dylan Wolaver both

scored eight points and Dylan Peter received a pass for the two-point conversion.

I thought the boys really played well in the second half, Coach Nathan Smith said. We made some corrections at half time and the offense seemed to run better after that. The boys are continuing to

develop and get better each time they practice so I look for continued improvements in our play.

The Indians will play their next game in Wray, Colo., on Friday.

Wray will be a good team this Friday night, Coach Smith said. But if we continue to improve I like our chances.

Ladies come out strong for first set

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The Lady Indians played Wallace County in volleyball, losing the match 25-18, 19-25, 13-25.

We came out strong in the first set and won, Coach Talley Morrow said. Then about two-thirds of the way through the second set, the wheels started wobbling, and then they fell off completely for the third set.

Justice Wiley led serving for the Lady Indians with 18. Kaitlin Figgins had 13 serves, Laura Brunk had eight, Clarice Neitzel and Lexi Hilt each had six, Jacquelyn Ketzner had five and Caitlin Northrup had two.

On setting, Lexi Hilt had 68 sets with only three errors for 96 percent, while Jacquelyn Ketzner and Trista Orth both had one each.

Leading hits was Justice Wiley with 18 hits and four kills, Clarice Neitzel followed closely with 16 hits and five kills, Kaitlin Figgins had 12 hits and eight kills, Laura Brunk had three hits and one kill and Trista Orth had two hits.

We have to work harder for a win than some other teams, Coach Morrow said. But the girls are getting tougher and fighting harder all the time and if we can stay up on the mental game, we can compete with almost anybody.

"It just takes time, practice, and a strong desire to get better at whatever you choose to do."

vs. Rawlins Co.

The Lady Indians are getting more consistent, playing a close match against Rawlins County with set scores of 25-22, 22-25, 19-25.

Now this was a great match, Coach Morrow said. The progress we are making in our mental game was proven. The girls didn't allow one mistake to lead to another and kept their chins up the whole time!

Leading serves was Justice Wiley with 17, Clarice Neitzel and Jacquelyn Ketzner had 11, Lexi Hilt had 10, Laura Brunk had nine and Kaitlin Figgins had seven.

Lexi Hilt had 50 sets with only two errors for 96 percent, both Clarice Neitzel and Trista Orth had two.

On hitting, Kaitlin Figgins had 15 hits and eight kills, Clarice Neitzel had 12 hits and six kills, Justice Wiley had nine hits and 2 kills, Trista Orth had five hits and two kills and Laura Brunk had four hits, one kill.



KAITLIN FIGGINS hits the ball across the net during the St. Francis vs Rawlins County game.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

I know we didn't win this match, but it was the best we've ever played this season, Coach Morrow said. This is what makes the stress of coaching worth it,

win or lose. A big 'thank you' to St. Francis fans for their encouragement and cheering. We need your positive support all the time!

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