

# \*At the Game

# Ladies squad places fifth

By Nathan Fiala

nfiala@nwkansas.com The Lady Indians competed at the Oberlin Invitational on Saturday against Norton, Hoxie, Decatur Community and Rawlins County. The varsity squad lost all four matches and placed fifth in the tournament. The JV squad faired a little better, losing to Decatur Community, Rawlins County and Hoxie but winning the match against Norton in two sets to place third in the tournament, breaking a three-way tie due to overall points.

It may sound strange to say that a day with only one victory was a good day, but overall it was, JV Coach Jeff Olofson said. Between our matches we discussed team issues, not volleyball ones. I think the evidence in the next three matches was very good that, at least for one day, they tried to play as a team. When a young Lady Indian did something good, she got high fives. When she made a mistake, someone came by and said something encouraging. We may have played our best matches of the season in the two losses after Decatur Community.

While there are 4 weeks left in the volleyball season, there are less than two left for the JV and C-Team, so I hope this helps us in the coming weeks, Coach Olofson said.

The Lady Indians will host the St. Francis Quad on Saturday at 9 a.m. **Junior varsity** 

The junior varsity Lady Indians had a mixed bag of results on Tuesday, losing to Decatur Community 25-19 in two sets but winning against Cheylin 25-17, 18-25 and 15-7.

We had a very slow start against Decatur Community and in both sets this meant we played catch up, Coach Jeff Olofson said.



CHRISTINA SCHOENROGGE passes the ball to the setter at the game held last Tuesday. Also pictured is Kaitlin Figgins. Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

swings on both sides. We had good serving throughout and this helped garner the win.

serves against Decatur Community, Kyla Bandel and McKayla Taylor The Cheylin match was a classic both had five, Ally Northrup had but this is true for most teams, volleyball match with momentum three and Jandy Dunn had two. Coach Olofson said.

Against Cheylin, Schlepp had 15 good serves, Harris had 11, Northrup had nine, Dunn had five, Krissy Harris led with seven good Valerie Wurm had three and Bandel

We still need to improve defense



QUARTERBACK SNEAK — Jonathan Butler runs the ball with Michael Leibbrandt and Dylan Wolaver blocking. Herald staff photo by Susan May

### Football team suffers loss

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The Indians traveled to Oberlin on Friday night to play against the Decatur Community Red Devils, losing the game 27-6.

The game started out pretty close, with Michael Leibbrandt scoring a touchdown for Sainty in the first quarter, making the score 13-6. The Indians kept the Red Devils from scoring in the second quarter but were unable to score themselves, and in the

Sainty was unable to put any points on the scoreboard.

This was a game we should have won, Coach Nathan Smith said. Our defense had a couple of nice stands with our backs pinned to the goal line, but because our offense couldn't get going, they had to battle there too much. We have to find a way to put drives together on offense.

Dylan Wolaver led the Indians Oakley Plainsmen at Green Field second half, Decatur Community in rushing stats with 86 yards, on Friday.

pulled further ahead, scoring a Leibbrandt had 66, Thomas touchdown each quarter while Douthit had 58 and Ty Zweygardt had 34. On the defensive side of the ball, Dylan Peter had the most tackles with six, Zach Gienger and Leibbrandt both had five tackles each, Dillion Straub and Wolaver each had two tackles and Lane Hoffman, Austin White, Sam Reed, Gavin Cooper and Steven Nelson all had one tackle apiece.

The Indians will host the

### Young team beats the Red Devils

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The junior high Lady Indians traveled to Decatur County to face the Red Devils on Thursday, Sept.

22 and won. The A-Team won in two sets with scores of 25-19 and 25-20 and the B-Team won in two sets with scores of 25-4 and 25-

The girls did a great job for these matches, Coach Tina Elliot

On the A-Team, Journey Lee had 13 good serves, Kayla Reed had 10, CarolEve Harris had five, Alexis Frink had three and both McKenzie Taylor and Kylie Sherlock had two good serves.

For the B-Team, both Kattie Jenik and Katie Schmid had 12 good serves, MaKayla Rogers had eight, Sydney Sundstrom had four, Danielle Frink had three and Jenna Confer and Sophie White both had one good serve.

I'm proud of the teamwork all of the girls showed today, Coach Elliot said. They played hard and worked well together for double

#### **Hoxie Tournament**

On Saturday, Sept. 24, the girls traveled to Hoxie to compete in a tournament. The results were mixed, the A-Team losing to Hoxie by 25-16 and 25-12, Trego by 25-18, 13-25 and 15-13 and winning against Decatur County 25-20 and 25-14.

A-Team struggled against Hoxie and lost in two sets, Coach Elliot said. Then against Trego it was close as we took them into three sets but lost in the end by two points. We didn't give up and came out strong and beat Oberlin for our final match of the day.

The B-Team also lost against Hoxie by 25-18, 25-17 and 15-5 but won against Trego 25-12 and 26-24 and won against Decatur County 25-7 and 25-9.

B-team also struggled against Hoxie but put up a good fight and took them into three sets, Coach Elliot said. Against Trego and Oberlin we came on strong and had good serves which definitely helped us to win.

Stats for the A-Team against Hoxie were Taylor with seven good serves, Reed and Harris both had four good serves, Lee and Sherlock both had three good serves and Emily Elfers had two good serves. Against Trego, Elfers had 13 good serves, Reed had nine, Sherlock had seven, Lee and Harris both had five and Taylor had two good serves. Versus Decatur County, Taylor had 10 good serves, Reed had nine, Harris had seven, Lee had five and Sherlock and Elfers both had three.

For the B-Team against Hoxie Sundstrom led the stats with 11 good serves, Schmid had nine, White had eight, Frink had seven, Confer had five and Rogers had two. Against Trego, Frink led serves with 11, Confer, Schmid and Sundstrom all had eight, White had six and Rogers had five good serves. Against Decatur County, White had nine good serves, Confer and Frink both had eight, Schmid had seven, Sundstrom had six and Rogers had five.

Overall, A-Team had their struggles but worked through them to have the final win with one out of three wins for the day, Coach Elliot said. B-Team didn't get down after their first match and really took charge of the next two matches giving them two out of three wins for the day.

Only one more match before league and then a lot of practice in between to work out some of our short comings, Coach Elliot said. I have confidence in these girls that they will continue to work hard on their technique and how they play and will finish well in the season.

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