

At the Game



SAINTY INDIANS played the Oakley Plainsmen on Greene Field Friday evening. Pictured carrying the ball is Mike Leibbrandt, 45. Getting in on the action up front are: (l to r) Dylan Wolaver, 33, Thomas Douthit, 35, and far right, Dylan Peter. Back left is Cade Bracelin. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Indians struggle against tough Oakley team

The Sainty football team played hard against the Oakley Plainsmen on Greene Field on Friday, losing the game 60-28.

The game had a promising start, both teams scoring off of big breakaway runs in the first few minutes. Sainty couldn't keep up the pace though and Oakley pulled ahead 40-6 by the end

of the first half. The Indians came out strong in the second half, scoring on the first play after the kick return. Sainty actually outscored the Plainsmen in the second half 22-20, but Oakley's considerable lead proved too much for Sainty to overcome.

We made some adjustments on the fly both offensively and defensively and to

the credit of our team they learned on the fly, Coach Nathan Smith said. After a first quarter where we seemed to be grasping for anything to cling to, we settled in. At that point it was too late but I thought our young men continued to play hard.

Thomas Douthit ran in two touchdowns and a two-point conversion

for the Indians in 171 rushing yards. He also had five unassisted tackles and 13 assists on the night. Michael Leibbrandt led the team with six unassisted tackles and ran in a touchdown and a conversion in 60 rushing yards. Dylan Wolaver scored once in 99 rushing yards and had four unassisted tackles. Zach Gienger had four unassisted

tackles and 11 assists, Jonathan Butler and Dylan Peter each had three tackles, Wyatt Landenberger, Ty Zwegardt and Foster Grant all had two tackles each and Derek Queen, Dillion Straub, Paul Nelson and Steven Nelson all had one tackle apiece.

The Indians will travel to Ellis on Friday to take on the Railroaders.

Ladies win one lose two

The Lady Indians hosted a quad last Saturday, playing Holyoke, Hayes Center and Dighton.

The Ladies lost to Holyoke (10-25, 25-27). Kaitlin Figgins, Clarice Neitzel and Jacquelyn Ketzner all had five serves apiece, Laura Brunk and Justice Wiley both had four and Lexi Hilt had two.

Unfortunately, we didn't come out ready to play Saturday morning, Coach Talley Morrow said. Our opponents here were beatable, but we were too relaxed, perhaps. When playing our best, we were evenly paired up with Holyoke.

The team won against Hayes Center (25-22, 25-17). Hilt led the team with 11 serves, Neitzel and Brunk had nine each, Wiley had seven, Figgins had six and Ketzner had five.

It was so exciting to get our fourth win of the season against a team who looked pretty good, Coach Morrow said. Many things went right for us in this match because we've been working hard in practice at serving and receiving serves. You did a fantastic job, Lady Indians!

The girls lost the match against Dighton. In this match, Christina Schoenrogge led the team with seven serves, Figgins, Brunk and Wiley all had five apiece, Ketzner had four, Hilt and Neitzel both had two and Echo Jones had one.

We didn't play our best in this match, but we didn't do too badly either, Coach Morrow said. Dighton was full of hustle and had excellent defensive coverage, so there wasn't much we could get past them.

The Lady Indians will travel to Oakley on Saturday for the Northwest Kansas League tournament.



JACQUELYN KETZNER serves the ball at last weekend's action held in St. Francis. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

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