

At the Game

Indians win on home turf against Leoti

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The Sainty Indians battled the Wichita County Indians at Greene Field on Friday, winning the game 66-26.

The game had a quick start with Zach Gienger recovering a fumble from Wichita County during their first series. Dylan Wolaver made a big run in Sainty's first series and Ty Zwegardt ran in a 15-yard touchdown to put Sainty on the scoreboard. Wichita County answered back with a pass that tied up the score. The quick score did not deter Sainty, however, as they kept possession and kept moving the ball to find the end zone again. Wichita County wasn't on offense for long when Thomas Douthit intercepted a pass and four plays later scored for Sainty again. Brock Zwegardt ran in the extra point bringing the score to 18-6 right before the end of the first quarter.

Douthit ran in another touchdown for Sainty quickly in the second quarter. When Wichita County got the ball, their quarterback again threw an interception, this time caught by Michael Leibbrandt. Sainty scored again in this possession, with Ty Zwegardt running in the touchdown. Trying something different, Cade Bracelin kicked a field goal, bringing the score to 33-6.

After forcing Wichita County to punt and taking possession of the ball, Wolaver scored again and Bracelin kicked to bring the score to 40-6.

Wichita County quit passing as much on their next series and got on the scoreboard again by keeping the ball on the ground. They also ran in a conversion to bring the score to 40-14 at the end of the first half.

Sainty didn't slow down in the second half, with Wolaver scoring quickly in the third quarter. Wichita County tried their passing game again, this time scoring and bringing the score to 46-20. Sainty scored again on their next possession, even completing a pass on the extra point attempt. Dylan Peter scoring two and bringing the score to 54-20.

After the kickoff, Wichita County fumbled again with Sainty recovering and on the next play, Ty Zwegardt ran in a 48-yard touchdown. With the score 60-20, the clock was continuous for the rest of the game.

Wichita County scored after receiving the ball on a pass and brought the score to 60-26 and Sainty answered back after battling it out just inches from the goal line, Bracelin powering through the defensive line to bring the final score to 66-26. Wichita County made a few more plays before the clock ran out.



BLOCKERS Martin Hnizdil, Dillion Straub and Cade Bracelin hold the line as quarterback Brock Zwegardt scans the field for an open receiver to pass to in Friday's game against the Wichita County Indians.

Herald staff photo by Kristi Guthmiller

This was a good win for our kids, Coach Nathan Smith said. The kids had a great week of practice and it's good that hard work pays off.

Ty Zwegardt led Sainty scoring with 24 points with 200 rushing yards. Douthit put 18 points on the board in 124 rushing yards, had two tackles,

an interception and recovered a fumble. Wolaver ran in two touchdowns in 125 rushing yards. Bracelin ran in a touchdown, had 18-yards rushing and kicked two extra points. Brock Zwegardt had one completed pass, ran in a conversion for two points and had 29 rushing yards on the night. Peter caught a pass for a

two-point conversion, had one tackle and one quarterback sack. On defense, Michael Leibbrandt had four tackles and one interception. Gavin Cooper had four tackles. Keegan Sherlock, Tyler Zwegardt, Foster Grant and Steven Nelson all had two tackles and Jonathan Butler, Wyatt Landenberger, Martin

Hnizdil and Gienger all had one tackle apiece.

The kids really came together last week and hopefully that game will springboard us into another good week of practice, Coach Smith said.

The Indians will travel to Atwood on Friday to battle the Buffaloes. Game time is 7 p.m.

Ladies' season ends

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The Lady Indians played their last match of the season on Saturday in Stockton at the 1A Substate Volleyball Tournament against Quinter, losing 10-25 and 20-25.

Our final showing at substate isn't what we wanted it to be, Coach Talley Morrow said. We were disappointed to be going up against a team we had already seen twice during the season.

Lexi Hilt and Clarice Neitzel led the Lady Indians on serves with seven each, Laura Brunk and Christina Schoenrogge both had five, Kaitlin Figgins had four and Justice Wiley had three.

It was a tough season for the Lady Indians, Coach Morrow said. Most of all, we had to face the fact that what we got out of our season was the direct result of what we put into our season. We have many challenges on our hands and they will not be overcome until some personal commitment and dedication issues are resolved.



SENIOR Lexi Hilt prepares to serve against the Quinter volleyball team at the substate match in Stockton last Saturday.

Herald staff photo by Leslie McCormick.



FRESHMAN Kyla Bandel lines up her drive while playing in the 3-2-1 A State Golf Tournament in Emporia.

Young golfer places at state

St. Francis high school golfer Kyla Bandel finished her season at the 3-2-1 A Girls State Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 17, at Emporia. She was one of the few freshmen competing in the state tournament. She shot a 109 and after a tie-breaker, placed 35th out of 90.

Rebecca Holder of Silver Lake shot an 87 to come in first place at the tournament, Kaitlynn Walker of Russell shot a 95 for second, Madison Brown of Syracuse shot a 95 for third, Kasie Garrison of Bennington shot a 95 for fourth and Shelby Schrag of Pretty Prairie shot a 96 to come in fifth.

This season, Kyla has been coached by her father Matt Bandel.

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