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# At the Game

# Boys basketball team loses by only two points

By Nathan Fiala

nfiala@nwkansas.com The Sainty Indians hosted the Quinter Bulldogs last Friday and while the Indians trailed the first three quarters, they outscored the Bulldogs in the fourth to force overtime play, where the Indians lost by two points, the final score 68-66.

"We came out flat against an improved Quinter team on Friday night, and really didn't play up to our standards until the fourth quarter," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We seem to have lost the "killer instinct" that served us well earlier in the season, and I'm not entirely sure how to get it back."

The coach said he told the guys all year that when they bring their "A game" they can play with and beat anybody they have seen so far this year.

Our current skid isn't really a technical issue, or a physical one, but a mental issue. We have to learn to come to play hard every night, and we better learn that quick.

#### Stats

Stats for the Indians were Isaac Schiltz with 32 points and six rebounds, Cade Bracelin with 11 points and three rebounds, Kyler Zweygardt with five points and seven rebounds, Dylan Peter with five points and 12 rebounds, Jonathan Butler with four points and two rebounds, Mason Schiltz with four points and two rebounds, Wyatt Landenberger with three points and one rebound, Steven Nelson with two points and two rebounds, and Jacob Baxter with two rebounds.



CADE BRACELIN scored two in a recent game. Isaac Schiltz, prepares to rebound if needed. Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala

# Junior high wrestlers boast two champions in finals

The junior high wrestling season is over. The final event of the season was the Northwest Kansas League Tournament held in Oakley with 15 Indian wrestlers placing. Champions included JR Landenberger and Lane Holbrock.

"I didn't know championship could feel so good," Hobrock, who wrestled at 154 pounds.

Landenberger, a 126 pounder, said, "I didn't know how much fun junior high wrestling would be at the beginning of the year, but I began to win some matches and found out it was a lot of fun."

Coach Steve Jenkins felt that the tournament was a great way to finish the season while Dylan Loyd, assistant coach, said he was very proud of the kids.

Coach Jenkins also said it was a great way for Hobrock to finish his junior high career

Other eighth graders on the team besides Holbrock are Phillip White, Zach White, Clay Cassaw, Jesse Jenkins, Travis Rogers, Garrett Brunk, Justin

Pacheco, Austin Patton, Blake Meyer and Jude Faulkender.

Tournament held in Oakley.

LANE HOBROCK, right, was a champion at the Northwest Kansas League

Three wrestlers, Cassaw, Hobrock and Pacheco, ended the season with 12 wins apiece to pace the team in wins. Taylor Rogers and Brunk each had

#### Take downs

Leading the team in take downs was Cassaw with 21 while Taylor Rogers had 17 and Travis Rogers 16.

Near falls

Near falls for the season saw

Pacheco leading the team with 20. Coming in near the top were Brunk and Hobrock with 17 each and Landenberger with 16.

Herald photo by Susan Hobrock

#### Reversals

Phillip White and Cassaw had six reversals with Brunk, Pacheco and Patton having five

#### **Escapes**

Leading in escapes were Zach White with eight and Jeremiah Neitzel with seven while Hobrock had the most falls with 12, followed by Pacheco with 10.



## Lady Indians play Quinter

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The Lady Indians faced off against the Quinter Bulldogs on their home court on Friday, Feb. 24. Sainty's ladies fell into a hole in the first half, falling behind 33-16. Despite coming back from half time fired up and outscoring the Bulldogs by five points in the third quarter, the Bulldogs outscored

the Lady Indians again in the fourth quarter and

Stats for Sainty were Kaitlin Figgins with 14 points and 17 rebounds, Aly Schlepp with 11 points and four rebounds, Kyla Bandel with seven points, Clarice Neitzel with five points and one rebound, Laura Brunk with four points and three rebounds, Jenna Hill with two points and five rebounds, and Justice Wiley got three rebounds.



LANE HOFFMAN had a successful takedown. Lane was one of the five Sainty wrestlers going to state tournament in Hays last week.

### Sainty wrestlers end season at state tourney in Hays

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Five Sainty wrestlers went to

Hays last Thursday to compete in the 321A State Wrestling Tournament. Qualifiers were Lane Hoffman (106 pounds), Casey Keller (113 pounds), Mikey Leibbrandt (138 pounds), Dylan Wolaver (152 pounds) and Zach Gienger (182 pounds).

It was a tough couple of days for the Indians with no wrestlers

placing at State. Coach Nate Smith said it was an exciting state wrestling tour-

nament full of outstanding individual wrestlers.

ronment was a nice way to finish the season."

He said the coaches continually talked to the boys about how anything can happen once you get to Hays.

"Unfortunately for four of our wrestlers we came up a little

Hoffman did the best, first winning a 9-3 decision against Jansen (Marion). Next, he was pinned by Lowell (Republic County) in the first period. Moving to the consolation round, Hoffman faced Frieling (Smith Center) and won a close 1-0 decision. Then he was pinned by "Having five young men from Bowen (Atchinson) in his final here get to experience that envi- match.

Keller first lost to Defore (Dexter) by fall in the first period, then lost a 6-2 decision to Webber (Pleasant Ridge) in the consolation round.

Leibbrandt lost a close match to Hurla (St. Mary's) by a 4-3 decision, then was eliminated from the tournament by Castlebury (Douglass) in a 6-2 decision.

Wolaver lost a 15-3 major decision to Clarke (Lyons) in his first round, then was pinned by Watt (Caney Valley) in the consolation round.

Gienger was pinned by Lowe (Eureka) in the first round, then lost an 11-2 major decision to Swartz (Council Grove) and was eliminated from the tournament.

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