

# At the Game



MASON SCHILTZ dribbles down the court during the game against Cheylin from a few weeks back. *Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller*

## Indians season ends with loss to Thunder Ridge

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The St. Francis Indians hosted the Osborne Bulldogs on Monday night, Feb. 27 as part of the 1A Substate basketball tournament. Osborne came out fighting, outscoring Sainty in the first quarter, but the Indians came back and outscored the Bulldogs the rest of the game, winning by a final score of 74-56.

"The end of our season sort of reminded me of that Nascar race a few years ago when that guy finished the race, sliding across the finish line on his lid," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We stumbled down the stretch, but finished the regular season. We have had trouble with consistency all year, but I saw the team that we all have grown to love in the second half against Osborne. When they play like that, they can beat anybody."

Stats for the Indians were Isaac Schiltz with 36 points and eight rebounds, Dylan Peter with 13 points and eight rebounds, Mason Schiltz, nine points and four rebounds, Jonathan Butler, six points and three rebounds, Cade Bracelin, four points and three rebounds, Wyatt Landenberger, three points, Kyler Zweygart, two points and six rebounds, and Steven Nelson, one point and two rebounds.

"One thing I've learned about this particular team is that they will not quit," Coach Beims said. "So it really doesn't matter who we play, they are going to have to hold us off for 32 minutes if they want to win. Consequently, I think we have a pretty good chance to finish this season 'shiny side up.'"

vs. Thunder Ridge

The season came to an end for

the St. Francis boys' basketball team on Thursday, March 1. Sainty faced the Thunder Ridge Longhorns in the semi-final game in Quinter as part of the 1A Substate Tournament.

The Indians started the game strong, leading by the end of the first quarter, but the Longhorns had a great second quarter, outscoring Sainty by 16 points. After the half, St. Francis remained competitive with Thunder Ridge but could not make up the deficit, losing by a final score of 58-44.

Stats for Sainty were I. Schiltz with 20 points and three rebounds, Peter with seven points and six rebounds, M. Schiltz, seven points and three rebounds, Butler, six points and two rebounds, Bracelin, two points and six rebounds, Zweygart, two points and six rebounds, and S. Nelson got three rebounds.

there were five other junior high wrestlers that made the finals of the tournament but did not win championships.

Letter winners

The coaches have announced the following lettermen for the 2012 season: Kenny Leibbrandt, Phillip White, Connor McBride, Zach White, Clay Cassaw, Taylor Rogers, Jesse Jenkins, Travis Rogers, JR Landenberger, Joel Hill, Garrett Brunk, Jeremiah Neitzel, Lane Hobrock Justin Pacheco, Austin Patton, Blake Meyer, Jude Faulkender, Ryan Grover.

## Letter winners named as season ends for junior high wrestlers

With the close of the junior high wrestling season and their second place finish at the six-team league tournament held in Oakley on Feb. 20, Coaches Steve Jenkins, Bruce Swihart and Dylan Loyd have been evaluating the season and the accomplishments of the team both individually and collectively.

"This truly is one of the hardest working teams I've coached and though it would have been nice to win the championship at league, that didn't happen," Coach Jenkins said. "I'm proud of them for their effort in particular."

This year's team set no individual records though there were some that were threatened,

said Jenkins. As a team, however, this group's winning percentage is consistent with other teams in recent history.

"The coaching staff often uses 50 percent as a benchmark for team success and this year's team won 53 percent of its matches," Coach Jenkins said. "This makes this year's team the 13th best junior high wrestling team since 1976 when junior high records first were kept."

Lane Hobrock will have his name added to the record book as a junior high league champion and J.R. Landenberger's impressive junior varsity championship is something to remember. But

participated, lost by fall, lost by fall.

10 and under: Tayton Weeter, 82 pounds, third place, won by fall, lost by dec., won by fall, won by dec.

12 and under: Luke Lampe, 120 pounds, third place, won by dec., lost by dec., won by fall, won by dec.

Tayton Doyle, 215 pounds, second place, lost by fall, lost by fall.

14 and over: Clay Cassaw, 115

## Young wrestlers compete in Hays

The Western Kansas Classic wrestling tournament was held at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays last weekend. There were over 1,000 wrestlers entered in the tournament, which gave kids a chance to wrestle opponents from the other part of the state they had not seen before.

8 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 80 pounds, third place, won by dec., lost by dec., won by fall and won by fall.

Rylan Doyle, 110 pounds,

pounds, participated, won by dec., lost by dec. in OT, won by dec., won by dec., lost by dec.

Shakotah Blanka, 265 pounds, second place, won by fall, won by fall, lost by fall, won by fall.

This Saturday is the North Sub-Districts in Goodland. There are 18 wrestlers entered from St. Francis Wrestling Club. The top four placers will advance to Districts in WaKeeney on March 17.

## Lady Indians loss to Hoxie at sub-state ends season

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The Lady Indians played the Osborne Bulldogs on Tuesday, Feb. 28 as part of the 1A Substate basketball tournament. Both teams scored high in the first quarter, Osborne outscoring Sainty by three points. Sainty came back and built up a sizable lead in the second and third quarters, and while Osborne outscored the Lady Indians in the fourth quarter, Sainty's lead was too much to overcome and they won the game 71-65.

"Wow, what a game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "Although I felt as though we started the game slowly, we did score 20 points in the first quarter. Defensively though, we were allowing their inside players to do whatever they wanted to do to us. It was a little depressing to watch!"

"Finally, we started to run our offense and were able to work the ball inside. Our defense stepped up a little better as well and we got several stops. We came out after half really looking to run our offense and put more pressure on defensively."

"We held them to only 10 points in the third quarter, while scoring 24, so I feel that we did what I asked them to do. Unfortunately, we had several turnovers in the fourth quarter which allowed them to get some baskets on us. They outscored us in the fourth and brought the 17 point lead down to only two."

It was a big game for senior Kaitlin Figgins, who took the school scoring record with 41 points on the night. She also grabbed 23 rebounds.

Other stats for the Lady Indians were Clarice Neitzel with 14 points and five rebounds, Kyla Bandel with five points and four rebounds, Laura Brunk, five points and five rebounds, Aly Schlepp, four points and three rebounds, and Jenna Hill, two points and three rebounds.

"I was proud of our girls for



JUSTICE WILEY readies her shot at the free-throw line in a previous game. *Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala*

keeping their wits about them and hanging on to win the game," Coach Dinkel said. "It was a huge mental success as well, allowing us to continue on into the post-season."

vs. Hoxie

The Lady Indians played the Hoxie Indians in the semi-final game of the 1A Substate Tournament in Quinter on Friday, March 2. It was a rough game for Sainty with Hoxie securing the lead early on and keeping it the entire game, ending the girls' season with a 77-26 loss.

"Hoxie came out playing very aggressive, and we didn't handle it very well," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "We struggled to do the basic things that we know how to do, simply because we were passive."

We didn't meet our passes, didn't box out, didn't look down the court, didn't look to shoot... it was just a frustrating beginning to the game. Unfortunately, when you get taken out of your game so quickly, it makes it difficult to get your confidence going again. We did play more aggressively in the second half and we had a better half. Unfortunately, it was a little too late."

Stats for Sainty were Bandel with six points and four rebounds, Figgins with six points and nine rebounds, Neitzel, four points and one rebound, Schlepp, four points and seven rebounds, Brunk, four points and two rebounds, Justice Wiley, two points and two rebounds, Hill got two rebounds and Aubrey Mills, one.

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