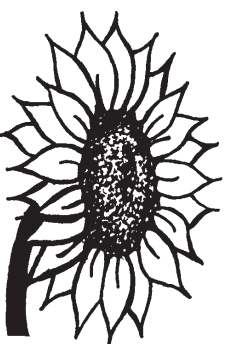


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At the Game

Win eludes boy's team at substate tournament

By Kent Kechter

The St. Francis Indians were defeated by the Quinter Bulldogs in the Class 1A - Division 1 Sub-State Tournament in WaKeeney on Friday evening, March 1. The Indians led throughout much of the semifinal contest, but the win eluded the Indians. Quinter won the game by a score of 40-43, in what was a close contest throughout.

Both teams seemed very tight during the contest, and with the outcome of the game determining the end of a season or a chance to play in the sub-state championship, a bit of tension is understandable. Both the Indians and the Bulldogs played hard throughout the contest, but neither team played especially well. The game was marred by numerous turnovers, loose ball scrambles, and poor shooting.

Both teams committed consecutive turnovers to open the contest. It took over two and a half minutes before either team would score. Quinter earned the first basket of the game on an out-of-bounds play. Kyler Zweygardt answered the Bulldog basket with one for the Indians. At 5:04, Brett Crist, one of Quinter's better scorers, picked up his second foul and headed to the bench. The score stood at 2-all for several minutes as the teams traded turnovers and missed shots. With 3:01 left in the first period, Steven Nelson scored on an offensive rebound to put the Indians up 4-2. Dylan Peter and Mason Schiltz each earned baskets, both on offensive rebounds, before the close of the quarter. The Indians led 8-4 after one quarter of play.

Quinter scored on their first possession of the second period, and took the lead with 6:42 left in the second, 8-9. At 4:03, Keegan Sherlock scored to get the Indians within two, 10-12. Moments later, Wyatt Landenberger stole the basketball from a Quinter player, and headed to the rim. Wyatt was fouled on the play to prevent the easy score. Wyatt sank both free throws to tie the contest, at 12-all, with 3:43 remaining in the first half. An excellent pass from Cade Bracelin to Dylan Peter resulted in a 14-12 lead for the Indians, but the Bulldogs soon tied the game and then re-took a two-point lead. With 4.9 seconds left in the first half, Keegan Sherlock scored, off an assist by Cade Bracelin, to tie the contest at 16-16. Both teams were working hard to gain control of the contest, but both teams lacked the execution to gain an advantage.

The Indians opened the second half with a quick basket by Kyler Zweygardt and a trey by Mason Schiltz to earn a 21-16 advantage. Steven Nelson and Kyler Zweygardt (offensive rebound) soon followed with scores for St. Francis, but the Indians were not gaining much breathing room, as Quinter was still within four points. The Indians earned their largest lead of the game, seven points (28-21), on a basket by Mason Schiltz with 2:50 left in the third period. By 1:02, the Bulldogs had trimmed the lead to 29-26. The teams continued to periodically trade turnovers, and a steal and basket by Mason Schiltz put the Indians ahead, 31-26, with 38 seconds

left in the period. Another Quinter turnover, on an inbounds play, resulted in Schiltz being fouled on a hard drive to basket. Mason made one of the free throws to close the third period scoring. The Indians led 32-26 going into the final period.

Quinter opened the fourth quarter with a trey. St. Francis then committed a turnover. At 6:44, Quinter scored on an offensive rebound to cut the margin to one point, 32-31. Another Indian turnover allowed the Bulldogs to regain the lead, 32-33, at 6:22. Cade Bracelin nailed a trey to put the Indians back in front, but Quinter answered with a deuce a few seconds later to tie the game. Bracelin sank another trey from the opposite corner, at 5:23, to give St. Francis another small lead. At 3:35, Quinter took the lead for good, 38-39. On the next St. Francis possession, Steve Nelson was fouled when making a move to the basket. Nelson missed both free throws. At 2:38, the Indians fouled. Quinter sank consecutive free throws to take a three-point lead. After an Indian timeout, Mason Schiltz scored a basket to move the scoreboard to 40-41. Quinter then called time out to set up a play. After a scramble on the floor to recover the basketball, the Indians gained control with 41.6 seconds left. The Indians then spent a timeout.

Unfortunately, after the timeout, the Indians committed a turnover when a pass sailed too high. The Indians were forced to foul to conserve the clock. Adding to the Indian's problems, St. Francis only had committed four fouls in the



WYATT LANDEBERGER, 25, guards a Quinter Bulldog as he makes a drive for a basket. Herald photo by Kent Kechter

second half, and needed to "give" three more before the Bulldogs would have to go to the free throw line. After three steal attempts, and three quick Indian fouls, the Bulldogs finally went to the line. With 20.2 seconds left, Quinter calmly drained two free throws to take a 40-43 lead. St. Francis called their final timeout with 17.7 seconds left to set up a scoring play. The ensuing shot was missed. St. Francis rebounded, but turned the ball over shortly after gaining possession. St. Francis fouled again, with 5.2 seconds left. Quinter missed the charity attempt, but the Indians could not score to tie the game. St.

Francis lost a close contest to the Quinter Bulldogs, 40-43.

Mason Schiltz led the Indian scoring with 12 points. Cade Bracelin and Kyler Zweygardt each added 6 points. The Indians were 5 of 11 from the free throw line, shot 37 percent from the floor, gathered 31 rebounds, and committed 18 turnovers. Dylan Peter grabbed 12 rebounds in the contest.

Junior Colton Corwin led Quinter with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore Brett Crist added 9. Chance Smith (senior) and Nicholas Wentz (freshman) chipped in 6 each. The Bulldogs

were 6 of 9 from the line, shot 36 percent from the floor, nabbed 24 rebounds, and committed 19 turnovers.

With the loss, the Indians closed their season with a record of 8 wins and 14 losses. Quinter (8-13) advanced to the sub-state championship game against Hoxie held on Saturday, March 2. In the championship game, Hoxie defeated Quinter 54-24 to advance to the State Tournament in Emporia next week. The Hoxie girls also advanced to the State Tournament with a 73-38 win over Quinter in the girls championship game.



CLAY CASSAW, 130 pounds, wrestling for the Sainty Kids Wrestling team, placed third at the Western Kansas Classic held in Hays over the weekend. Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

Four Sainty wrestlers place

Nine St. Francis wrestlers competed in the Western Kansas Classic in Hays at the Gross Memorial Coliseum over the weekend. There were over 1,100 wrestlers competing and four Sainty wrestlers placed.

8 and under: Logan McCarty, 52 pounds, lost 0-15 and lost 5-7.

10 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 90 pounds, won 7-5 decision; lost by fall and lost 4-8 decision

12 and under: Tayton Weeter, 92 pounds, won by fall; won by fall; won by fall; lost a 1-3 dec. Placed second.

Trayton Doyle, heavy weight, won a 2-1 dec and won by fall and placed first.

14 and under: Clay Cassaw, 130 pounds, lost by fall; won by fall; won 6-2 decision and won 11-0 ma-

tor decision and placed third.

Garrett Brunk, 140 pounds, won a 8-3 decision; lost by fall and lost by fall.

JR Landenberger, 145 pounds, lost by fall, won by fall and lost a 0-10 dec.

High school division: Lane Hobrock, 160 pounds, lost by fall, won 9-4 decision and lost 0-15 decision.

Shakotah Blanka, 285 pounds, lost by fall, lost by fall, won by fall, lost 0-4 decision, placed fourth.

This weekend the wrestlers will compete at Goodland, said Shawna Blanka, coordinator. On March 16 is the sub-district tournament in Phillipsburg, March 23 is the district tournament in Dodge City and the state tournament will be March 29 and 30 in Topeka.

Girls' basketball coach names season letter winners

Head girls basketball coach Susan Dinkel has released the names of the 2012-2013 girls basketball letter winners. Seven team members have received letters for their performance throughout the past season. Erik Nelson also lettered as the team manager. Letter winners include:

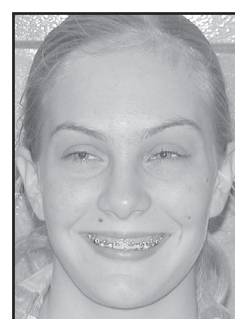
Seniors - Laura Brunk, Aubrey Mills and Clarice Neitzel.

Sophomores - Mariah Beikman, Kyla Bandel, Justice Wiley, and Valerie Wurm.

Coach Dinkel said that although our record doesn't show it, we continued to improve throughout the season. Unfortunately, the nights we were on, the opponent was on as well.



Brunk



Mills



Neitzel

The one thing I greatly appreciated about this team is that even when losing by a lot, they rarely quit, often times clawing their way back to make it a game, added the coach. Although I had three seniors, she said, we are a

relatively young team. I expect them to improve over the next year, by working hard this offseason on shooting and ball handling, as well as getting into the summer weight program and improving their strength and foot speed.

Senior signs letter of intent to play football in college

This coming August, Dillion Straub will not be wearing his usual green and gold the St. Indians, as he will be suiting up in red and white and be playing for the Bulldogs in McPherson. On March 1, he made his final decision to attend McPherson College, signing his letter of intent to play football for the college. He will also be going into the auto restoration technology program.

Dillion is the son of Sean and Lucinda Straub, St. Francis.

Dillion Straub, 57, played lineman for the Indians.



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