

At the Game

Varsity takes on Golden Plains

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The St. Francis Lady Indians and Bulldogs went up against the Rexford-Golden Plains Bulldogs on Friday, Jan. 3 in St. Francis. The Lady Indians played hard, but could not overcome a combination of poor shooting and mistakes leading to turnovers in their loss. The Indians put together a good offense and defensive effort, and pulled away for a decisive win.

Lady Indians

The Lady Indians and Bulldogs started off with a low scoring first quarter, as both teams battled. Shots for each team just wouldn't fall, and the defense for both teams was stifling. The quarter ended with the Bulldogs out in front 7-4.

Scoring for both teams improved in the second quarter, but the Lady Indians could not make up any ground and trailed 20-14 at the half.

"The first half, we executed our defense really well, we ran through our offense and we broke their press. Unfortunately, our shots were not falling, and we got a little discouraged," said Coach Susan Dinkel.

The game fell apart for the Lady Indians in the third quarter, as they were outscored 16 to 2. The Lady Indians defense gave the Bulldogs many easy layups and second chance shots. Rexford pulled away to a comfortable 36-16 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Indians woes continued. Shots that would not fall were their undoing. The final score, Rexford 50, St. Francis 22.

"When we came out in the third quarter, we were flat. We were slow on defense and we didn't box out," said Coach Dinkel. "Because of those two things, we allowed them



MASON SCHILTZ drives on his opponent for a layup attempt. Herald photo by Douglas Sloper

to get several second chance opportunities at the basket, as well as a lot of open shots. Hopefully we will rebound after this game and not let it affect us mentally."

High scorers: Kyla Bandel, 17 points; Justice Wiley, 5 points.

Indians

Both teams appeared to start out tight, in a low scoring first quarter. Shots would not fall for either team. The Indians missed a couple of close shots that bounced around and off the iron. The quarter ended with St. Francis up 7-5.

In the second quarter, both teams loosened up, and the scoring picked up. The Indians offense outscored the Bulldogs 19 to 13. St. Francis played a good, solid defense, and scored on several fast break opportunities. Jacob Baxter made several key baskets in the paint to help the Indians pull away to a 26-18 lead at the half.

The third quarter started off slowly, with neither team scoring until midway through the quarter. Both teams missed many shots, and defense was

the key. St. Francis outscored the Bulldogs 11 to 6 and up their lead to 37-24 as the third quarter ended.

In the fourth quarter, the Indians took control of the defensive boards, out rebounding the Bulldogs. This helped the Indians to quickly get down the floor to set up an offensive play and many fast break opportunities. The Indians outscored the Bulldogs 18 to 14, and finished the game with a decisive 55-38 victory.

Coach Jeff Beims was pleased with the way the team played in this game. "The win against Golden Plains was a nice way to begin the new year. I thought we played well in every aspect of the game. We were much improved on the boards, and I thought we played smart offensively. We have a tendency to rely too heavily on perimeter shooting against



KYLA BANDEL sets up for a shot from the corner. Herald photo by Douglas Sloper

zone defenses, but I thought we stayed disciplined and got the ball in the paint."

"Our defense was excellent! Our guys rose to the challenge, and there were stretches where we completely shut them down. If we can continue that kind of effort on the defensive end, we will continue to have some success," said Beims.

High scorers: Mason Schiltz, 20 points; Jacob Baxter, 10 points; Cade Bracelin, 9 points; Taylor Rogers, 6 points; Wyatt Landenberger, 3 points; Lenny Olivares, 3 points; Quinton Cravens, 2 points; Jeremiah Neitzel, 2 points.

The next game for the varsity Lady Indians and Indians will



be against the Idalia Wolves on Tuesday, Jan. 7, beginning at 5 p.m. in Idalia.

Bowling News

Wednesday Night Mens 12/18

Team standing: Lampe Motor Sports, The Drunks, Wright & Wrong, Cheyenne Bowl, Haigler 1, Gillywood.

High game (scratch): Wright & Wrong 664, Haigler 1 644, Gillywood 577; (handicap): Wright & Wrong 852, Haigler 1 844, Lampe Motor Sports 807.

High series (scratch): Wright & Wrong 1917, Haigler 1 1740, Gillywood 1654; (handicap): Wright & Wrong 2481, Lampe Motor Sports 2352, Haigler 1 2340.

High game men (scratch): Greg Walz 181, Dave Wright 179, Wayne Mahon 178; (handicap): Tanner Gilliland 233, Scott Wacker 232, Dave Wright 231.

High series men (scratch): Bill Ehrman 496, Dave Wright 651, Tanner Gilliland 473; (handicap): Tanner Gilliland 662, Dave Wright 651, Scott Wacker 650.

Most over average game: Terry Yost 37, Sarah Yardley 37.

Most over average series: Linda Olsen 61

Ladies Night Out 12/19

Team standing: Dundy Ag, Strikers, Wray Meat, The Lodge, Bier, Kathy's Krafts.

High game (scratch): Strikers 640, Dundy Ag 583, Bier 538; (handicap): Strikers 817, Dundy Ag 807, Bier 764.

High series (scratch): Strikers 1743, Dundy Ag 1639, Bier 1552; (handicap): Dundy Ag 2311, Strikers 2274, The Lodge 2247.

High game women (scratch): Terry Yost 191, Tammy Drummond 181, Kathy Blecha 179; (handicap): Terry Yost 223, Tammy Drummond 221, Linda Olsen 218.

High series women (scratch): Terry Yost 500, Tammy Drummond 485, Kathy Blecha 482; (handicap): Linda Olsen 607, Tammy Drummond 605, Debbie Bush 600.

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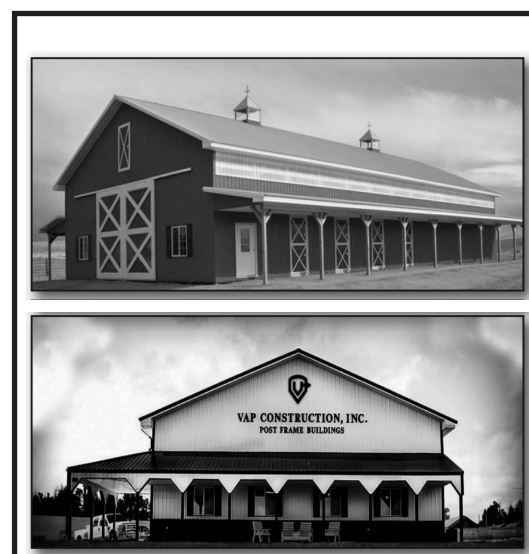
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