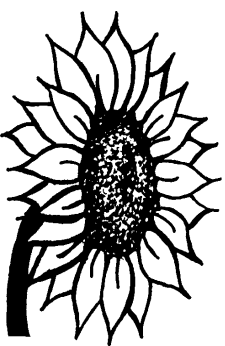


At the Game



Sainty earns dual win

By Betty Jean Winston

"It was nice to get a league win," Coach Larry Gabel said following a 43-25 dual victory over Atwood at the St. Francis gym on Friday night.

Four out of five of the lower weight scored points for the Indians when the team ended their Northwest Kansas League competition for the year.

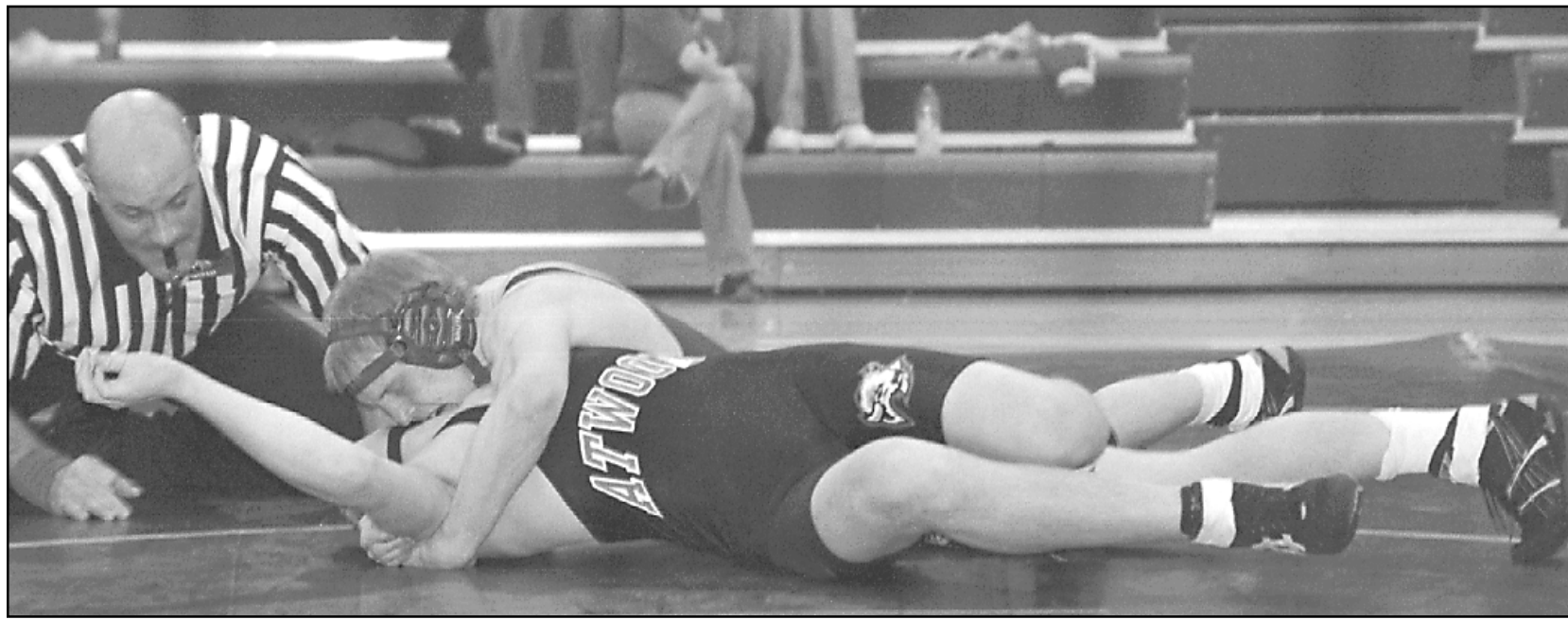
"It was fun to have the light weights start for us," Coach Gabel said.

"The kids have really improved. They are better each and every week. I think we are peaking at the right time."

This was a major improvement over many duals this year when the upper weights were counted on to carried the team.

It was also Senior Night with six senior wrestlers (David Rose, Brad Davis, Ryan Zweygardt, Ty Long, Jeremiah Wiley, Ben Swihart), two senior cheerleaders (Ana Douthit, Meaghan Jamison) and a senior matmen (Jody Gienger) being recognized.

Mario Tafoya, Brad Davis, Ty Long and Dallas Walz all had falls for the



TY LONG won by a fall over Chris Holste in dual action in St. Francis Friday night. Long was one of six senior wrestlers honored during the final home match.

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Indians, while Ryan Zweygardt and Trey Hilt won by decision and Kevin Brown and Devin Rohweder received forfeits.

"Atwood is very competitive," Coach Gabel said. "When they have been beaten this year it was by a real close score."

"Dallas Walz continues to improve each week. He has had some big matches lately. Hope it continues."

Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed

by their opponents: takedowns 11-5; escapes 6-5; reversals 3-4; near falls 3-4; wins 8-6; major decisions 1-1; technical falls 0-0; falls 4-0.

Individual stats

103: Tafoya won by a fall over Peterson; 112: Brown won by forfeit; 119: Rose lost by a 3-0 decision to J. Holste; 125: Rohweder won by forfeit; 130: Davis won by a fall over Argrabright; 135: open; 140: Justin Lindsten lost by a 12-4 major decision to Rueber; 145: R. Zweygardt won by

a 12-8 decision over Niemeier; 152: Long won by a fall over C. Holste; 160: Wiley lost by a 4-3 decision to Cahoj; 171: Trey Hilt won by an 11-3 major decision over Sperry; 189: Swihart lost by injury default to Schmidt; 215: Walz won by a fall over Horinek; 275: Travis Hilt lost by a 5-2 decision to Klein.

Coach's awards

Best sophomore performance: Trey Hilt; most outstanding performance: Tafoya, Davis, Long and Walz won by

fall; most exciting match: D. Walz; most takedowns: Trey Hilt, 3; key match award: Tafoya; practice wrestler: D. Walz; coach's award: Lindsten; best junior varsity performance: Derek Ross; best freshman performance: G. Walz, won by fall.

Wrestlers of the Week

The St. Francis wrestling coaching staff has selected Mario Tafoya, Brad Davis, Ty Long and Dallas Walz as Co-Wrestlers of the Week." They all pinned their Atwood opponents.

Indians outscore Wildcats

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indians defeated Sharon Springs Tuesday night with the tough defense of Sainty limiting the offensive scoring of Sharon Springs in the second half to take the 68-54 victory.

Things turned around Saturday night when the Buffs from Atwood bounced to a 80-45 win in league play.

Friday night is the end of the regular season and Sainty will host Northwest Kansas League opponent Quinter.

Boys sub-state action begins Tuesday, Feb. 26 with details to be announced.

The Sainty record at this point is 7-11.

vs Sharon Springs

The first, third and fourth quarters belonged to St. Francis in the 68-54 victory over Sharon Springs Tuesday night. Sharon Springs outplayed the Indians 27-6 during the second period which put the Wildcats with a 41-26 half time advantage, forcing the Indians to regroup and play catch-up ball.

Sainty came back from the locker room with a strong defensive effort and shut the Wildcats down the remainder of the game.

"This was a really nice come-from-behind win," Coach Greg Wolters said.

"We played very poorly in the second quarter, and found ourselves down 15 at halftime.

"We were great in the second half - we held them to 13 points, rebounded well, and made shots.

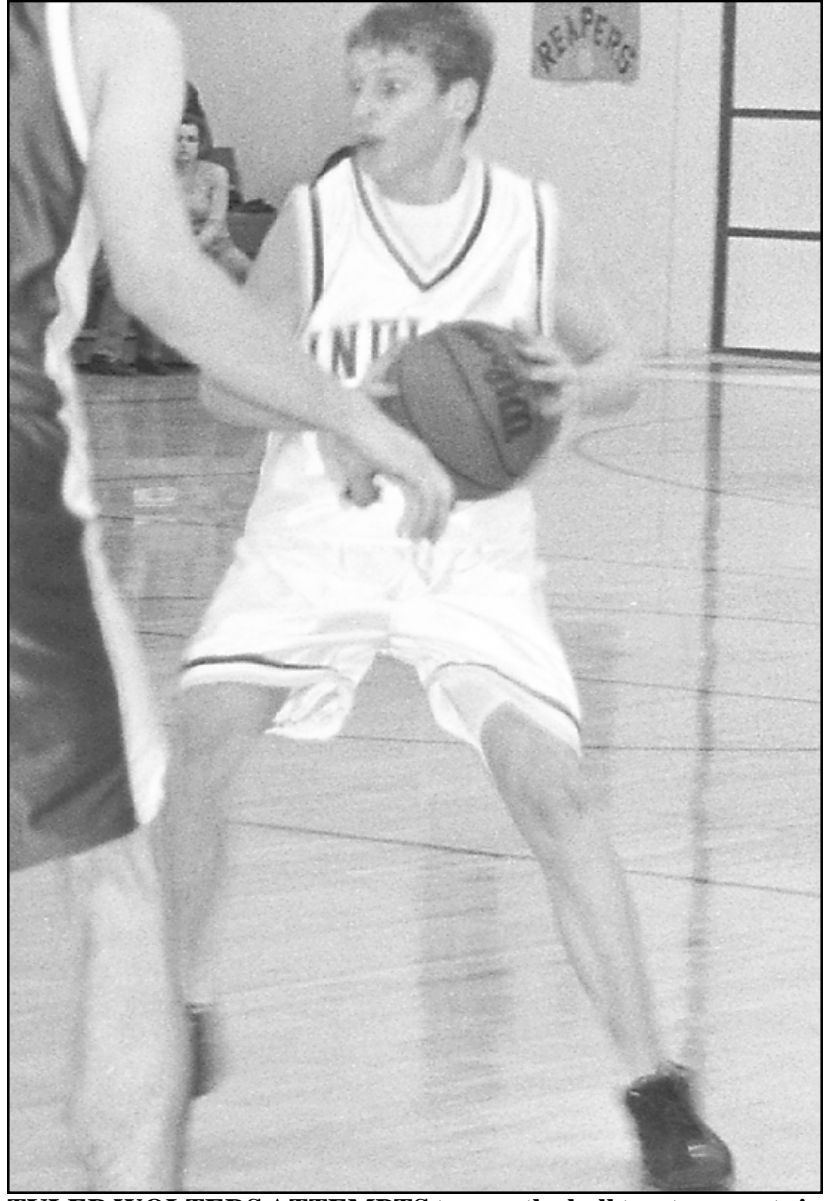
"We have to be able to play consistently at that level to beat good teams. We can't have long stretches of games where we don't play well.

"I was proud that we didn't give up and were able to get the victory."

Cale Rieger scored 20 points for the night with most of them (16) coming in the second half. These 16 points included four 'threes.'

Michael Raile was the only Indian who could swish the ball through the hoop in the second period as he scored all of the points.

Sainty was 54.3 percent from two-point range and 57.1 from three-point



TYLER WOLTERS ATTEMPTS to pass the ball to a teammate in varsity basketball action Friday.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston.

range.

There was a big difference in rebounding with Sainty collecting 37 and Sharon Springs 22. Marcus Dodd was instrumental in this area collecting 14, 12 defensive and two offensive.

Sainty had four blocked shots with Dodd having two, Dustin Dunn and Raile, one each.

SF 20 06 17 25 68
SS 14 27 07 06 54

Scoring: Rieger 20, Raile 16, Tyler Wolters 12, Dodd 8, Jonathan Roelfs 8, Dunn 4,

Rebounding: Dodd 14, Dunn 7, Raile 7, Rieger 6, Wolters 2, Roelfs 1.

vs Atwood

The Indians have now played the Buffs twice this year including a game in St. Francis on Dec. 18 and both times Atwood took the win.

Sainty had their best scoring runs in

the second (15) and third (18) quarters but never could come up with the 20 plus points the Buffs scored during three of their four quarters.

"Atwood is a very solid team and they played well," Coach Wolters said. "We played hard and, at times pretty well, but we made too many mistakes, and couldn't get things going offensively on a consistent basis."

"We must put this loss behind us - learn from our mistakes and work hard to improve."

"We play Quinter at home on Friday. They are a very good team, but if we play four quarters like we're capable of playing. They are beatable."

The Atwood percentage from the field was 48.4 compared to 34.1 for Sainty. Atwood was a high 93.3 from the free-throw line with Sainty have a respectable 75 percent. No Indian was 100 percent from the line but Rieger was 7-of-8 for 87.5 percent. Having the best percentage from the field was Roelfs with 3-of-4 for 75 percent.

Rieger led the scoring with 13 followed by Dodd with 11. Only five other players added to the total score.

Under the basket Atwood had 30 boards and Sainty only 19.

SF 06 15 18 06 45
A 12 22 20 26 80

Scoring: Rieger 13, Dodd 11, Dunn 9, Roelfs 6, Raile 4, Tyler Voorhies 1, Trevor Henderson 1.

Rebounding: Dodd 6, Rieger 3, Dunn 2, Henderson 2, Voorhies 1, Wolters 1, Cole Weems 1, Roelfs 1, Raile 1, Tanner Kinen 1.

Basketball season winds down

By Betty Jean Winston

It was a rough week for the Lady Indians as a very strong Sharon Springs team walked away with a 58-25 victory Tuesday night. Saturday night the Lady Indians produced 40 points but Atwood had 66 so again the game ended up in the loss column. Atwood was a Northwest Kansas League game.

With only one regular season game remaining, the team is preparing for regionals which will begin on Monday, Feb. 25.

vs Sharon Springs

"Sharon Springs has a good ball team," Coach Ted Busse said. "They are good athletes and good basketball players."

Sainty was down by only 9 points at halftime but Sharon Springs turned up the heat in the second half to outscore St. Francis 35-11.

A low shooting percentage from both the field (29.3) and the line (25.0) was part of Sainty's downfall and turnovers (42) also caused a lot of problems for the Lady Indians.

"Early in the game if we could have made the plays and shots we would have had an opportunity," Coach Busse said.

Kelsey Andrist had the highest percentage from the field making 7-of-10 attempts from two-point range for 70 percent. Toni Rice was 40 percent with 2-of-5.

Sam Coates led in assists with four and Rice had five steals.

Under the basket 11 player came up with a total of 24 rebounds but the Lady Wildcats had 31.

SF 08 06 10 01 25
SS 11 12 18 17 58

Scoring: Andrist 15, Rice 4, Lampe 2, Raile 2, Frohlich 2.

Rebounding: Amber Feikert 3, Coates 3, Andrist 3, Allyse Lampe 3, Kandee Raile 3, Gina Frohlich 3, Rice 2, Ashley Holzwarth 2, Tara Neitzel 1, Janis Dodd 1, Dennon Zimbelman 1.

vs Atwood

Atwood was out for revenge for the



DOWN THE COURT - Ashley Holzwarth brings the ball down the court to begin offensive action for the Lady Indians.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

loss to St. Francis earlier in the season and they did manage a 66-40 win on their home court.

"Atwood shot the ball extremely well," Coach Busse said. "In the first quarter they were 70 percent from the field."

Actually both teams had a nice scoring run in the first quarter with Andrist scoring six of her 12 points during that period. Lampe added four points, Feikert a three-pointer, Coates a two-pointer and Frohlich a free throw.

"The difference was in the second quarter when Atwood shot really well," Coach Busse said. The Lady Buffs added 25 points to an output of 10 for the Lady Indians.

"We had some turnovers that gave them an easy opportunity to score," Coach Busse said.

Sainty was 34.3 percent from the field and 57.7 percent from the line compared to 55.6 and 33.3 for Atwood. Feikert was

1-of-1 from three-point range.

Three Lady Indians, Zimbelman, Andrist and Meredith Knodel, were 100 percent from the line. They were all 2-of-2. The team as a whole was 15-of-26.

Under the basket, the teams were nearly even with Atwood having 28 rebounds and Sainty 27. For the Lady Indians 12 players contributed boards which meant no team member dominated.

SF 16 10 06 08 40
A 20 25 13 08 66

Scoring: Andrist 12, Lampe 6, Dodd 4, Rice 3, Feikert 3, Coates 2, Zimbelman 2, Lori Faulkender 2, Holzwarth 2, Meredith Knodel 2, Raile 1, Frohlich 1.

Rebounding: Coates 4, Rice 4, Andrist 3, Lampe 3, Feikert 2, Zimbelman 2, Frohlich 2, Holzwarth 2, Dodd 2, Tara Neitzel 1, Raile 1, Faulkender 1.

Oakley wins by two points

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis eighth graders came bouncing back in the fourth quarter to take the lead and just about pull out a win over Oakley on Feb. 4. The final score was Oakley 19, St. Francis 17 with Sainty scoring nine of their points in the final quarter.

Quinter handed Sainty a 40-23 points loss on Thursday night.

Oberlin will be in St. Francis tonight (Thursday) and following that the league teams will be prepare for season-ending tournaments.

Oakley 19, St. Francis 17 A-team

"This was quite an exciting game," Coach Rob Schiltz said. "At the end of the third quarter, we were down by six points. After getting some turnovers off our press in the middle of the fourth quarter, we ended up being ahead by two with about 2 minutes left. We tried to hold on to that

lead but got rattled a little too much and turned the ball over.

"It was a great effort by these kids. From start to finish they played pretty hard."

Ally Reichert scored six points for the Sainty ladies.

The team was 3-of-11 from the free-throw line for 27 percent which was some better than Oakley who was 3-of-12 for 25 percent.

SF 02 03 03 09 17
SS 05 05 04 05 19

Scoring: Reichert 6, Sam Marin 4, Schuyler Coates 3, McKenzie Grace 2, Jade DeGood 2, Erin Neitzel 2.

Fifth quarter

St. Francis 2, Oakley 0

"This was also a good effort," Coach Schiltz said. "This crew played good defense and took care of the business on offense. Sam Zweygardt was all the offense we needed. She scored the only two points of the game."

Quinter 40, St. Francis 23 A-team

"Poor shooting seems to be our main problem," Coach Schiltz said. "We must have missed at least 20 shots from within 4 feet of the basket. Three of 17 from the line compounds the problem as well. We have a pretty good press at times, and our offense gets good shots - they just won't go in."

"Again, I felt the girls tried hard and put forth good effort."

"Quinter had one girl that could dribble, pass and shoot (15 points). We couldn't seem to shut her down, especially in the second half."

Reichert and DeGood each scored six points for Sainty.

SF 05 06 06 06 23
Q 10 07 14 09 40

Scoring: Reichert 6, DeGood 6, Talisa Voorhies 4, Janessa Jordan 4, Maddie Knodel 2, Neitzel 1.

School Schedule

Thursday: junior high girls basketball, Oberlin, here, 4:30 p.m.; junior high wrestling, Oberlin, here 5:30 p.m.; kindergarten music program, "Singing Valentines"; board meeting, 8 p.m.
Friday: high school wrestling, regionals, Oberlin; high school basketball, Quinter, here, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: high school wres-

ting, regionals
Monday: No school, Presidents' Day
Tuesday: junior high wrestling, league tournament, Hoxie, 4 p.m.
Thursday: junior high girls basketball, league tournament, Goodland, 3 p.m.

