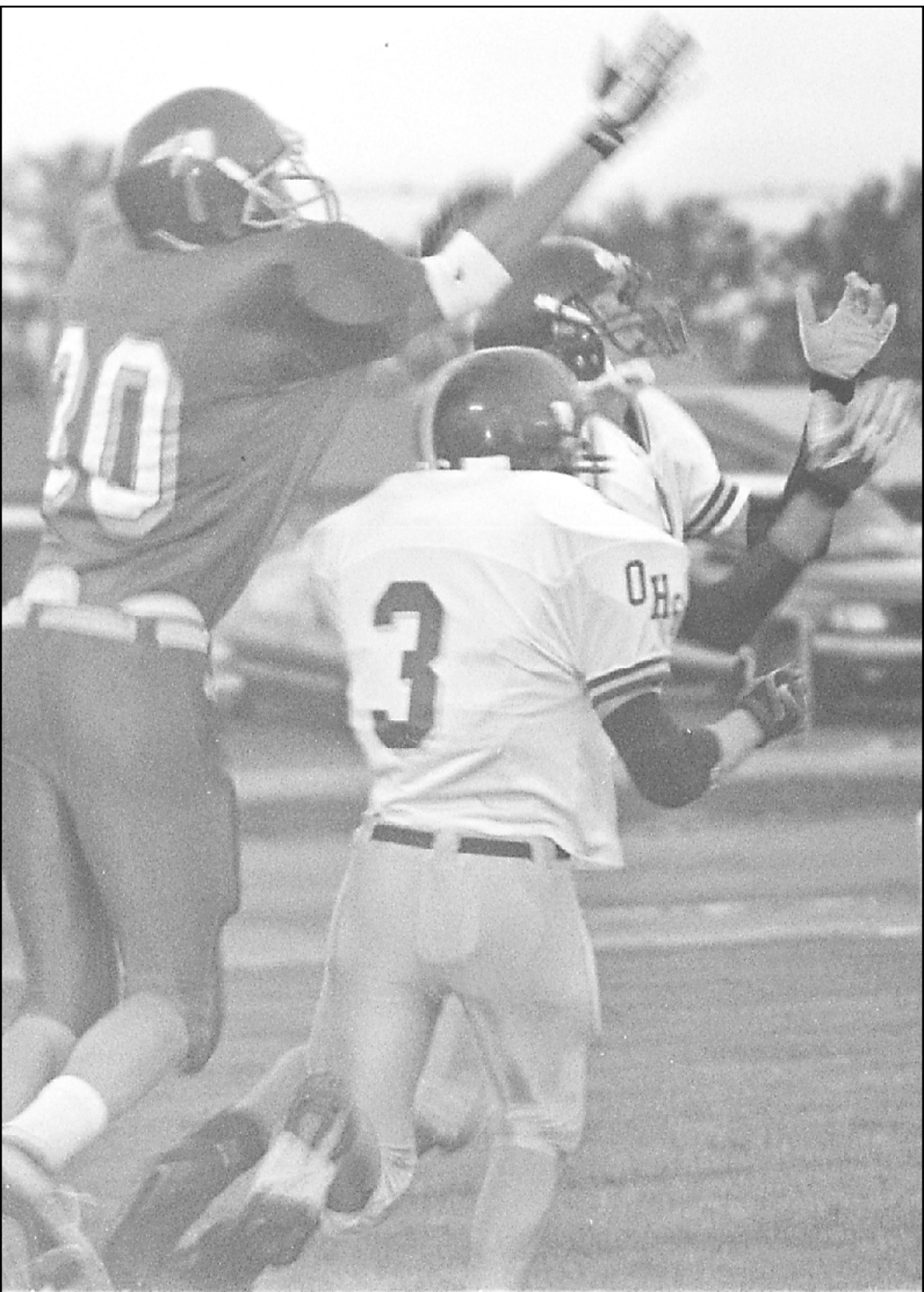


At the Game



SAINTY DEFENDS AGAINST THE PASS — Marcus Dodd works to bat the ball away in football action with Oakley Friday night. Oakley passed for 95 yards against the Indians and the Plainsmen defeated St. Francis 12-8.

First league game finishes in win for Oakley on Friday

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indians could move the ball, they actually rushed 275 yards during the evening, but they just could not manage to get into the end zone on most of their drives. As a result the Oakley Plainsmen took home a 12-8 Northwest Kansas League football victory.

"Oakley is a good team," Coach Tim Lambert said. "They played hard and didn't have as many mistakes."

Fumbles played a part in the Indians losing the ball, stopping more than one successful drive down the field.

"It's discouraging to lose a game we could have won," Coach Lambert said. "A lot will depend on how we handle the loss."

Sainty scored in the third quarter, which was also the best quarter for the Indians as they came out of the locker room with renewed determination. Oakley had one touchdown in the second quarter and one in the fourth when they overcame the Indian's 8-6 lead. As a result of the Plainsmen using the clock efficiently, Sainty was left with little time to turn the game around again.

"It was a good high school football game," Coach Lambert said. "After looking at the film we felt that in certain aspects this was the best game we have had. The offensive line played well and the offensive backs and blocking executions were good."

Sainty opened the game on offense and was making their ground game work when it was stopped by one of the few passing attempts of the evening ending up in the wrong hands. The Plainsman runner was making head way down the field until stopped by Kyle Buffington.

Oakley was having a lot of trouble moving the ball on the ground during the first quarter. Besides not moving forward they were also caught in the backfield by Travis Hilt in a sack that put them in a third-and-18 position.

Indian fumble was picked up by Dennis of Oakley with 2:11 on the clock. Cale Rieger did a good job of knocking the runner out of bounds following a lateral pass but on the next play Oakley completed a pass to the 16-yard line. Marcus Dodd was right there to stop the action and shortly thereafter Oakley was forced to give up the ball on downs.

The second quarter saw a repeat of earlier action. Quarterback Tyler Voorhies had a nice Sainty run deep into Oakley territory but shortly thereafter the ball ended up in Oakley hands following a fumble.

It looked like Oakley might score on their next drive but Derek Ross used his speed to catch the runner and save the touchdown.

Travis Hilt had another quarterback sack with Oakley on the 15-yard line and subsequent plays moved back to a third-and-25 situation. They completed a pass but had not gained enough for a first down and Sainty held.

Sainty again could not score and Oakley took the ball in for the first touchdown just before halftime. They could not add the two conversion points but had a 6-0 lead.

The game belonged to Sainty the first half of the third quarter. They had a long drive and with 5:48 on the clock Buffington went in for six points and then added the two conversion points for an 8-6 Sainty advantage. Sainty had worked their combination of runners and a solid line to move down the field. During this time they kept the drive going with a successful fourth down rushing play.

The Indians continued moved the ball throughout the game but never again found the end zone. Oakley was taking to the air when they had trouble moving the ball on the ground and they found some success gaining 95-yard over the evening.

The Plainsmen used the pass to help them in their final touchdown drive of the evening, and at 2:08 on the clock they were successful. Again they could

not add the points after touchdown but had a 12-8 win.

"Turnover played a pivotal role," Coach Lambert said. "We need to take care of that."

Sainty has an open date coming up this Friday and Coach Lambert said it is never good not to be playing.

The season is moving along and starting on Oct. 18 District play will begin first with Oberlin, then Hoxie and Atwood to finish off the regular season.

Between now the then Sainty will be celebrating their Homecoming and a week of activities that is a highlight of the school year.

Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Oakley: first downs: 14/9; rushing yardage: 275/109; passing yardage 0/95; total offense: 275/204; punts: 1/5; fumbles: 5/1; penalties: five for 40 yards/five for 40 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: Voorhies, 13 carries for 83 yards; Trey Hilt, 22 carries for 78 yards; Michael Raile, nine carries for 51 yards; Buffington, 10 carries for 48 yards; Ross, five carries for 19 yards; Dodd, one carry

Passing: Voorhies, three attempts, no completions, one interception

Punts: Raile

Punt returns: Tyler Wolters, one for 15 yards

Kickoffs: Ross, two for a 47-yard average

Kickoff returns: Dodd, two for 25 yards; Wolters, one for 3 yards

Scoring: Buffington 4

Tackles: Buffington 15; Travis Hilt 13, Ross 11, Nick Keller 9, Rieger 7, Trey Hilt 5, Dodd 4, Justin Lindsten 3, Dallas Walz 3, Jonathan Roelfs 2, Wolters 2, Troy Torrence 2.

Area scores

Weekend scores involving Northwest Kansas League teams are as follows: Oakley 12, St. Francis 8; Atwood 35, Goodland 19; Colby 41, Holcomb 20; Hoxie 50, Ness City; LaCrosse 48, Quinter 12; Norton 31, Oberlin 12.

Indians take slim victory over the Atwood Buffs

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis took a slim 8-6 victory over Atwood on Thursday in St. Francis when the each team managed one touchdown but the Indians scored the important two-point conversion following Adam Peter's 4-yard run into the end zone. A.J. McAtee used the Sainty line and blockers to work his way into pay dirt for the extra two points.

"We were expecting a slobber-knocker, and that's exactly what we

got," Coach Jeff Beims said. "Our defense played very well for all put one play when our pass coverage broke down allowing Atwood to score."

"Unfortunately Atwood also had a pretty good defense. We had some success up the middle against them, but were never really able to get to the edge against them."

"This is one of the better junior high football games I can remember, and I'm proud of our boys for hanging in there, and making plays when we needed them the most."

Goodland junior varsity hands Sainty 34-6 loss

By Betty Jean Winston

Goodland defeated the St. Francis junior varsity football team 34-6 on Monday, Sept. 23 with a number of St. Francis fans on hand for the action. The game was played on Greene Field.

"We dug ourselves a big hole in the first quarter and found ourselves down

20-0 before we started playing," Coach Chuck Peters said.

"We have to be ready to play next time and to correct our mistakes," Coach Ted Busse added.

The St. Francis touchdown came on a 21-yard run by Tanner Kinen.

Tuesday evening saw Sainty team play very competitive volleyball

By Betty Jean Winston

A busy week with two evenings of action plus a Saturday tournament keep the ladies very busy this week. The Tuesday and Thursday matches were very competitive and saw the junior varsity team score three wins and suffer only one loss. Saturday was a little tougher as the ladies (C-team) come home from the tournament with one win and two losses in pool play and two losses in the finals.

Tuesday/Thursday

Tuesday night, in home matches, the team was especially successful when they defeated both Wray and Holyoke. Thursday they were outscored by Imperial (Chase County) but won over Dund County. These matches were played in Imperial.

Tuesday's scores were 15-10, 15-5 over Wray and 15-12, 18-16 over Holyoke.

"This was a good night for St. Francis volleyball," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "Our play at times was erratic but primarily due to hard

work we were able to get two wins.

"Against Holyoke we were down 4-12 in the second game. We worked until we were up 15-14, they got the score to 16-16, we finally won 18-16. This was a very exciting match."

Thursday saw St. Francis lose to Chase County 11-15, 2-15 and win over Dund County 15-13, 15-10.

"This was another night where the young Lady Indians had an up and down evening," Coach Olofson said. "Chase County played well the first game and very well in the second. We made some mental mistakes that helped them."

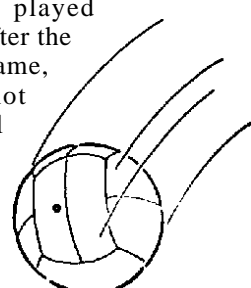
"The Dund County match was a good match. Both teams played hard from start to finish. In the second game, they missed serves and we got ours in."

Saturday tournament

"This was a very long day," Coach Olofson said. "We had our share of success and failure. Sharon Springs junior varsity won the tournament, Golden Plains junior varsity was second and St. Francis ninth grade was third.

"We played well after the first game, just not well enough to win when we needed to. I was proud of the young Lady Indians because they gave every team a fight to the end. They did not quit and their effort was outstanding. An example of their effort was we served over 90 percent in all the matches except the Sharon Springs match."

St. Francis C-team lost to Sharon Springs 2-15, 11-15, lost to Weskan 15-4, 10-15, 8-15 (rally score); defeated Jennings 15-13, 15-11; lost to Golden Plains 10-15, 15-11, 11-15 (rally score), and lost to St. Francis ninth grade 15-7, 14-16, 14-16 (rally score).



Bowling News

Wednesday Men's League 9/4

Team standings: 2001 Electronics (Idalia) 4-0; Grace Flying Service 3-1; Krien Steel Buildings 3-1; Cox Construction (Wray) 2-2; High Rollers 2-2; First National Bank 1-3; Post Plumbing (Wray) 1-3

High game (scratch): Kale Zimelman 198, Spencer Schlepp 195, Shaun Henry (Wray) 195

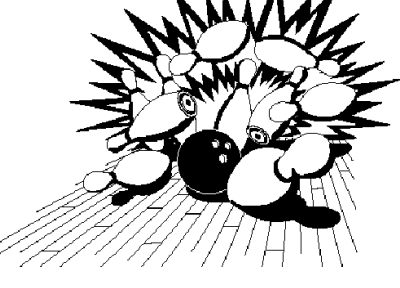
High series (scratch): Zimelman 531, Bill Smith 527, Marvin Confer 526

Wednesday Men's League 9/11

Team standings: Krien Steel 7-1; Cox Construction 6-2; 2001 Electronics 6-2; Post Plumbing 5-3; Grace Flying 3-5; High Rollers 3-5; First National Bank 1-7; Haigler 1-7

High game (scratch): Terry Cheek (Wray) 221, Steve Yost 207, Alan Rose 206

High series (scratch): Rose 605, Cheek 580, Bob Zwegardt 536.



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