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At the Game

Team has successful home stand against Holyoke, Wray

By Betty Jean Winston

After the Tuesday, Sept. 24 matches with Holyoke and Wray, the Sainty ladies had a season record of 4-4. It was great to win both matches at home and add two wins to even their record.

"It was nice to get a couple of wins at home," Coach Kent Kechter said. "We played well throughout most of the evening."

Unfortunately, Thursday night games against Chase County and Dundy County did not end up in the win column.

vs Holyoke 15-1, 15-2

"We got off to a good start against Holyoke and dominated them throughout the match," Coach Kechter said. "They just really never got going. They just did not play as well as they were capable of doing. None the less, we did many things very well."

Five of the Sainty ladies were 100 percent at the service line which helped with the win. Those getting all of their serves in include Kandee Raile (13/13), January Fiedler (12/12) Amber Feikert (4/4), Heather Culwell (2/2) and Sam Coates (1/1). Scoring points for the ladies were Raile, 11 and four aces; Fiedler, 11 and three aces; Kelsey Andrist, 5 and one ace; Feikert 2 and Culwell 1.

The ladies handled 33 hits and were successful 32 times which is a very good 96 percent. Having the most attempts was Culwell, who was successful 11-of-11 times. Also at 100 percent were Coates, Feikert, Fiedler, Gina Frohlich and Tara Neitzel.

Raile handled the majority of the sets in this game, 22 while six different players were involved in passing. Coates and Andrist had the most passing attempts (10) and each had nine good attempts.

There was only one block (Fiedler), one stuff (Culwell) and nine digs/saves (Feikert had the most with three).

vs Wray 15-8, 16-14

This was also a two game match although the second game was very close.

"Against Wray, we had a good match," Coach Kechter said. "They have a good team and it was nice to defeat them. We were down 10-14 in the second match and executed very well to come from behind and take the

match 16-14. I was proud of the girls performance, and especially excited to see how well we played as a team. We are really getting better at many parts of the game, we just need to continue to improve."

Scoring points were Culwell 13, Raile 6, Coates 6, Toni Rice 3, Andrist 2, Allyse Lampe 1. Having aces were Rice and Raile.

The team was 88 percent on their hitting with Feikert having 22 attempts. Hitting 100 percent were Fiedler (11/11), Coates (9/9) and Rice (2/2).

Feikert and Rice handled the setting with Feikert having the most attempts and being 100 percent. The team was 85 percent on their passing and had seven blocks with Feikert and Fiedler leading with two each. Fiedler had three stuffs and Andrist two. Feikert had nine of the teams 30 digs/saves.

Chase County 12-15, 9-15

The serving was quite good in this match with the ladies being 96 percent. Having aces were Coates and Culwell.

Service points: Culwell 7, Fiedler 5, Coates 3, Frohlich 2, Andrist 2, Feikert 1, Raile 1.

Feikert was 19-of-20 hitting and Culwell was also busy with 18 attempts. She had a 100 percent performance. Feikert had 34 sets for the evening with Fiedler helping out with 12 and Frohlich 10. The team had 124 passing attempts with Culwell leading with 28 and Coates and Raile having 22 each.

Blocks: Frohlich 2, Andrist 2, Coates 1, Feikert 1, Fiedler 1.

Stuffs: Feikert 2, Frohlich 1, Andrist 1, Raile 1.

Digs/saves: Culwell 6, Feikert 4, Andrist 4, Raile 3, Fiedler 2, Frohlich 2, Coates 1.

"We may have played our best volleyball of the year against Chase County (Imperial)," Coach Kechter said. "They have an excellent team and we just could not quite complete the victory. I was pleased with our performance overall, however."

Dundy County 4-15, 7-15

"Against Dundy County, we just really never got going," Coach Kechter said. "We missed some serves, passed poorly and certainly could not stop their big hitter. We tried hard, but it



GUARDING THE NET - Left to right - Kandee Raile, January Fiedler and Heather Culwell play an alert game at the net in action with Holyoke on Tuesday, Sept. 26 in St. Francis.

wasn't one of our best games. Much credit should go to Dundy County, they have a very good team!"

Serves: 100 percent - Feikert 5-of-5, Coates 3-of-3.

Hitting: Culwell handled the most attempts 14 while Feikert was 10-of-10, Andrist 5-of-5 and Fiedler 5-of-5.

Setting: Fiedler had the most with 21 and she was 100 percent as was every member of the team who did any setting including Feikert, Culwell, Raile and Frohlich.

Passing: Andrist handed 26 passing attempts and Raile 21.

Blocks: Culwell 1, Andrist 1, Raile

1. Digs/saves: Raile 4, Fiedler 3, Andrist 3, Culwell 2, Coates 1, Feikert 1.

Brewster Tournament

"I was pleased with the performances of the ninth and C- teams in the Brewster Invitational," Coach Kechter

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said. "We entered our younger girls in a junior varsity tournament hoping for some good competition to better our skills. The young girls played well throughout the day defeating several junior varsity squads. We made some large strides toward being a better team on this day."

Good serves contribute to wins

By Betty Jean Winston

Two wins Tuesday, Sept. 24, gave a boost of confidence to the ninth grade volleyball team. They played Holyoke and Wray at Wray. This sent them ready to play in the tournament Saturday in Brewster.

The confidence carried over on Saturday as the St. Francis ninth grade team finished the tournament in third place. They had a busy day playing five matches, winning three of them.

Tuesday

vs Wray and Holyoke

"The team was victorious with both matches against Wray, even though we missed a ton of serves," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "The overall effort from the girls was outstanding and I was extremely pleased with how well we played."

The scores of the Wray match were 15-8, 15-2.

"We got off to a slow start, with all six servers missing a serve," Coach Dinkel said. "We really have to learn that we don't need hard serves, we just need the ball to get over the net and in play."

It took three games for the team to defeat Holyoke as Sainty lost the first game but then came back for the match win. Final scores were 3-15, 15-9, 15-11.

"I was extremely pleased with everyone this match," Coach Dinkel

said. "We started out not ready to play, but we really came through in the end. The pressure was on in rally score to not miss any serves, and believe it or not, we didn't miss a one."

Saturday

Brewster Tournament

"We played extremely well Saturday and earned a third place finish," Coach Dinkel said. "I was very pleased with the overall team effort that was exhibited. We played a few matches to three and it really wore us out, but when we went into the last match of the game, we got about a 10 minute break and that really helped us recover before we had to play the St. Francis sophomores."

St. Francis opened the tournament with a 7-15, 13-15 loss to Golden Plains.

"I don't think we got off the bus this first match," Coach Dinkel said. "We just weren't communicating and weren't playing very good volleyball."

In the second match the Lady Indians defeated Colby 8-15, 16-14, 15-12.

"This was a hard-fought victory for us," Coach Dinkel said. "We owned them from last weekend at Oberlin. We should have beat them then, but just quit. I was pleased that we didn't give up during this match."

It took three games but St. Francis took the win against Cheylin. The scores were 15-5, 11-15, 17-15.

"Again, another hard-fought match that we deserved to win," Coach Dinkel said. "I was extremely pleased with the girls for re-focusing after we lost the second game to come out with a victory."

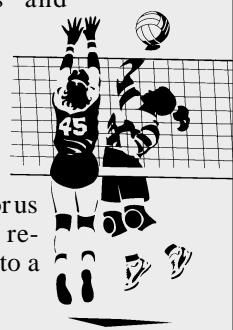
The second loss of the day was in a match with Sharon Springs in two games with scores of 2-15, 6-15.

"As you can see from the score, we didn't show up for this match," Coach Dinkel said. "We just played without any confidence and weren't mentally focused for the match."

The day ended with a match against the St. Francis sophomore (junior varsity) team. The ninth graders had to come back and win the final two games to take third place in the tournament. The scores were 7-15, 16-14, 16-14.

"Looking at this score, the St. Francis fans really got a good match to watch," Coach Dinkel said. "The freshmen were just lucky to pull out the victory. We missed too many serves and made too many mental mistakes. Luckily, the sophomores did, too."

The first game was just ugly for us and we really rebounded back to a victory."



Junior high attends tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior high volleyball season is moving along rapidly. The teams had a home match with Atwood on Thursday and then traveled to Hoxie on Saturday for a tournament. This extra experience will give the girls a chance to increase their skills.

vs Atwood

The eighth grade A-team scored a number of points against Atwood but still fell short of a victory. The final scores were 11-15, 14-16.

"The girls played very good," Coach Terri Orth said. "They moved and executed the ball well. Things finally clicked, it was a lot of fun. We are looking forward to a big day of volleyball in Hoxie."

Scoring: game one: Janelle Zwegardt 3, Mindy Cooper 3, Danielle Flemming 2, Megan Rice 1, Alecia Zimbelman 1, Brittany Lucas 1; game two: Zimbelman 5, Rice 3, Cooper 3, Zwegardt 1, Flemming 1, Lucas 1.

The eighth grade B-team was defeated by 4-15, 5-15.

"The girls played the ball fairly well," Coach Orth said. "We need to move our feet a little quicker. The girls keep improving every game. It was a fun game!"

Scoring: game one: Janae Glidewell 2, Andrea Blair 1, Miranda Teeters 1; game two: Teeters 3, Glidewell 1, Addie Swihart 1.

The seventh grade A-team was defeated 0-15, 15-12 and 5-15 (rally score). Coming back in the second game was a confidence builder for the team.

The seventh grade B-team was defeated 3-15, 8-15.

A-team scoring: game two: Kattie Ford 5, Jenice Hartman 4, Holly Keller 4, Cassie Dankenbring 2; game three: Keller 2, Hartman 1, Ford 1, Dankenbring 1.

"The seventh grade girls did a very good job of playing volleyball," Coach Tammi Sherlock said. "We keep improving with each game building confidence and experience. "We will be

playing in a tourney in Hoxie Saturday and the girls will get a lot of playing time."

Hoxie Tournament

The eighth grade played WaKeeney, Oberlin, Hoxie and Norton and scored a win over WaKeeney which was a good confidence builder.

The scores of the WaKeeney game were 15-11, 2-15, 15-12.

"This game was a lot of fun," Coach Orth said. "The girls moved to the ball and had quite a few good attacks."

The scores of the Oberlin game were 3-15, 0-15.

"In this game we really played better than the score shows. We served well. The girls just made it hard on themselves by giving Oberlin so many sideouts.

Against Hoxie St. Francis was defeated 2-15, 15-6, 11-15.

"This game was once again a tough loss. The girls played well. We just lost our momentum at the last in rally score in the third set."

Norton defeated St. Francis 5-15, 12-15.

"This game is no different than the others," Coach Orth said. "The girls played hard and showed lots of heart. We just need to have the confidence to finish the game when it gets close."

The seventh grade team played Hoxie, WaKeeney, Oberlin and Norton during the day.

Against Hoxie the final scores were 0-15, 8-15 with Vanelly Gomez having

3 points and Teri Walters, Dana Loyd and Lauren Shaw each having one.

"The girls had a very slow start," Coach Tammi Sherlock said. "They couldn't get into the game. We played better in the second game but our serves hurt us."

The final scores in the WaKeeney match were 6-15, 14-16 with Jenice Hartman having 6 points, Gomez 5, Holly Keller 3, Loyd 3, Walters 1, Jasmine Torrence 1, Cassie Dankenbring. "The girls played a lot better this game. We just can't seem to come up with all the right things to get a win. We still had a tough time serving."

St. Francis was defeated by Oberlin 4-15, 15-17. Having service points were Kattie Ford 5, Keller 4, Loyd 3, Gomez 3, Shaw 3, Dankenbring 1.

"This game went about the same way the last two went," Coach Sherlock said. "Our serves hurt us again. The girls need to remember to bump, set, spike and have a little confidence in themselves."

In the final match of the day Norton was victorious 0-15, 15-12 and 8-15 with the Sainty girls forcing Norton to go to a third game.

"The girls just didn't have their heads into the first game. The second game was a fun and exciting time for the girls as it was the first win at the day. Norton came back in the third to win the match. The girls saw a lot of playing time, building skills and confidence."

College Football

Trinity International University Ben Swihart

The Trinity International University Trojans defeated Geneva College 21-14 for a Homecoming victory on Saturday and this moved their record to 3-1.

On Oct. 5 they play McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill.

Fort Hays State University Dustin Dunn

In Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action the Hays Tigers were defeated by Adams State. This drops Hays' record to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in conference action.

They will play Colorado School of Mines in Golden on Saturday.

Southwest Missouri State Jon Zwegardt

The Southwest Missouri State foot-

ball team was defeated by Youngstown State 24-17 in Gateway Football Conference action Saturday. Southwest Missouri State's scores came on a Youngstown fumble and an interception while the Bears also had problems with Youngstown taking advantage of their mistakes also.

On Saturday they will be playing Illinois State.

School Schedule

Thursday: C-team football, Atwood, here 5 p.m. (rescheduled from Saturday, Oct. 5); junior high volleyball and football,

Hoxie, there, both at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: high school volleyball, varsity and junior varsity, Oberlin Tournament, 9 a.m.

Homecoming

Monday: high school football,

junior varsity, Wray, here, 5:30 p.m. seniors paint street, school board meeting, 8 p.m.

Tuesday: high school volleyball, Oakley, Triplains, St. Francis at Oakley, 4 p.m., Volleyball Appreciation Day

Thursday, Oct. 10: junior high football and volleyball, Holyoke, here, 5 p.m.; bonfire at 8:30 p.m.