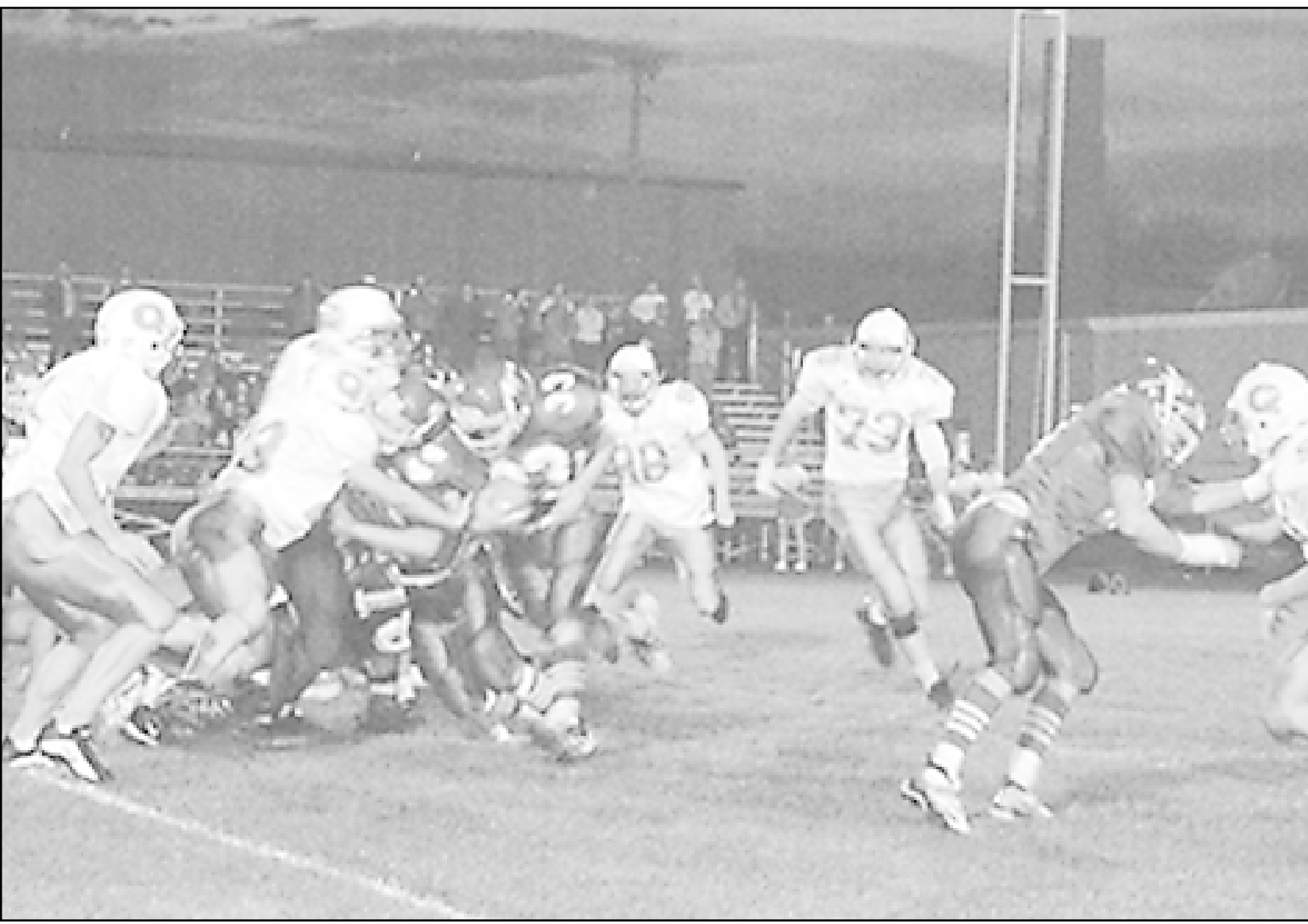


At the Game



DEREK ROSS, 33, CARRIED THE BALL in the Friday night game against Quinter. Ross had 39 yards rushing during the game.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

District play commences Friday

By Betty Jean Winston

It's time for football's second season! Kansas high school teams are ready to begin district action which will ultimately result in the crowning of state champions in 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2-1A, 8-man-Division I and 8-man-Division II football.

St. Francis has been assigned to 2-1A District 14 with Oberlin, Hoxie and Atwood. Each of these four teams begins inter-district play on Friday with a 0-0 district record.

The Indians will be traveling to Oberlin on Friday night, Hoxie on Friday, Oct. 25 and will host Atwood on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Even if the season records up to now do not help determine the eventual district winner, they are an indication that District 14 is one of the stronger 2-1A districts in the state. St. Francis goes into district play with a 4-1 record, Oberlin has a 4-2 record, Hoxie is 5-1 and Atwood is 6-0. They are all winning teams.

"We are going into a 'hornet's nest,'" Coach Tim Lambert said. "We will have three dog fights in a row."

"The team that makes it own breaks, has luck and momentum will come out on top."

"The games will come down to five or six plays. Whoever can make the plays will win."

On Friday the Indians defeated Northwest Kansas League opponent Quinter 41-0 at St. Francis.

"Quinter came and played well," Coach Lambert said. "It was a good game for us."

Quinter kicked to St. Francis to open the action and Jonathan Roelfs took the ball all the way to the end zone. Unfortunately the play was called back due to St. Francis having an illegal block in the back. Things settle down to play-by-play football after that.

After an exchange of the ball on downs, St. Francis began a long 70-plus yard drive down field. Michael Raile, Trey Hilt, Kyle Buffington, quarterback Tyler Voorhies and Derek Ross combined to gain yardage on the

ground with the line making the openings and the blockers doing their jobs.

Shortly before the quarter ended, Hilt took the ball over from the 2-yard line with a kick by Ross going off to the right. This touchdown gave Sainty a 6-0 lead.

The second quarter produced a number of Sainty scores. The first drive produced a score at 10:56 on the clock. Buffington outran his opponent 50-yards to play dirt with Ross having a successful kick making the Sainty score 13.

The quarter also produced three more touchdowns. The next opportunity came when Marcus Dodd intercepted a Bulldog pass and the Indians moved down to a score midway through the quarter. Hilt took the ball in and Ross again had a successful kick giving Sainty 20 points.

On Quinter's next punt, Tyler Wolters took the ball to the 38-yard line. Buffington made a first down and then Voorhies had a nice run down to the 8-yard line. Even through the Indians were charged with a 5-yard penalty, Buffington was in the end zone for the third score of the quarter. Adding the touchdown and Ross's kick to the score, Sainty now had 27 points.

Voorhies produced the final touchdown of the second quarter shortly before halftime. He went in from the 11-yard line and this time the Indians' chose to have Wolters score the two-conversion points on a rushing play. This culminated in a 29-point quarter.

Halftime saw Sainty leading 35-0.

In the third quarter, Raile scored following a 41-yard drive and the Indians had their final six points, making the score 41. The drive began when Cale Rieger intercepted a Bulldog pass.

At this time the clock began running continuously and the young Indians gained valuable varsity experience.

Buffington was the leading rusher for St. Francis with 160 yards. Nineteen Indians recorded tackles with Nick Keller having seven tackles.

Team stats

On a 5-yard run and Feikert scored on a 60-yard run. Following the second touchdown Roelfs had a successful conversion run. Sainty now had 30 points.

Feikert went in on a 1-yard plunge in the third quarter and Roelfs ran for two conversion points and in the final quarter Roelfs had a long 65-yard touchdown run with Ross scoring the two conversion points. The final score was St. Francis 46, Wray 30.

"We played three and a half quarters of solid football against a good junior varsity football team," Coach Busse said. "We hadn't seen a team with their speed and offensive capabilities so far this year."

St. Francis listed first followed by Quinter: first downs: 13/1; rushing: 367/0; passing: 0/5; total offense: 367/5; punts: 1 for 34 yards/3 for 30 yards; fumbles: 1/3, none lost; penalties: seven for 60 yards/seven for 60 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: Buffington, 160 yards on 12 carries; Voorhies, 54 yards on nine carries; Raile, 50 yards on seven carries; Trey Hilt, 42 yards on 11 carries; Ross, 39 yards on eight yards; Andrew Feikert, 21 yards on four attempts; Roelfs, 11 yards on three attempts; Dylan Loyd, 5 yards on two attempts.

Passing: Voorhies, no completions on one attempt.

Kickoffs: Ross, six for a 45-yard average

Punts: Raile, one for 34 attempts
Punt return: Wolters, one for 17 yards

Fumble recoveries: none
Scoring: Buffington 12; Trey Hilt 12; Raile 6; Voorhies 6; Ross 3; Wolters 2.

Tackles: N. Keller 7; Tanner Kinen 6; Ross 4; Travis Hilt 4; Roelfs 3; Wolters 3; Justin Lindsten 3; Buffington 3; Trevor Henderson 3; Dodd 3; Rieger 2; Dillan Zweygard 2; Raile 2; Luke Keller 2; Trey Hilt 1; Chase Collier 1; Feikert 1; Dusty Hays 1; Trevor Richard 1.

Area scores

Weekend scores involving Northwest Kansas League teams are as follows: St. Francis 41, Quinter 0; Atwood 35, Stockton 7; Colby 36, Smith Center 30; Goodland 35, Oberlin 27; Hoxie 34, Oakley 12. Other scores of interest include: Grinnell over Cheylin 34-8; Claflin over Canton-Galva 29-14.

Hoxie site of league volleyball tournament

By Betty Jean Winston

The eight Northwest Kansas League varsity volleyball teams, Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Oakley, Oberlin, Quinter and St. Francis, will meet in Oakley Saturday for the league title. Goodland took the crown last year with Colby finishing second. The only activities left on the schedule after the league meet are substate and state. Only the winning substate team advances to state.

"The tournament looks very exciting!" Coach Kent Kechter said. "There are many good teams in the Northwest Kansas League and they are closely matched."

"We are preparing for a good performance on Saturday. Come support the Lady Indians in Hoxie."

St. Francis played Triplains and Sharon Springs on Tuesday night with results in the Oct. 24 issue of the Herald.

Triangular

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, St. Francis scored two wins when they played Oakley and Triplains. Homecoming week was a good time to go undefeated (actually any week is a good week for all wins). St. Francis ended competition on Oct. 8 with a 10-8 record.

St. Francis defeated Oakley 15-7, 15-4.

"We played pretty well against Oakley, but the game just did not have the 'flow' we are used to in a match," Coach Kechter said. "Oakley did not generate a lot of offense, but played decent defense. We were very efficient on offense and coasted to a victory. Fourteen different girls played in the match and all performed well."

Being 100 percent at the service line were Amber Feikert, 10-of-10, Kelsey Andrist, 9-of-9; and Meredith Knodel, 1-of-1.

Having service points were Feikert

7, Jan Fiedler 7, Heather Culwell 7, Andrist 5, Kande Raile 2, Sam Coates 1, Knodel 1.

Feikert and Culwell each had an ace.

Raile handed 13 attempts on the attack with 12 of them being in. Having 12 attempts were Coates (10-of-12) and Andrist (11-of-12).

Having kills were Coates 7, Feikert 7, Fiedler 3, Culwell 3, Andrist 2, Knodel 2, Raile 1.

The main setters were Fiedler and Feikert with Fiedler being 100 percent and Feikert 97 percent.

On passing Coates had 21 attempts and Andrist 19.

Other game stats include: blocks: Coates 1, Fiedler 1, Andrist 1, Tara Neitzel 1; stuffs: Andrist 2, Feikert 1, Raile 1; digs/saves: Fiedler 2, Andrist 2, Raile 2, Knodel 1.

Triplains

"Triplains had a good team with a .500 or better record. We played better against them than we did in the Oakley match," Coach Kechter said. They have two good hitters, but our defense and consistent offensive attack kept the momentum in our favor."

Being 100 percent at the service line were Fiedler, Andrist and Culwell.

Having service points were Feikert 9, Raile 9, Coates 6, Fiedler 2, Culwell 2, Andrist 2.

Raile had four aces and Coates two.

Raile handled 12 attempts on the attack with all of them being good. Having 11 attempts were Coates (11-of-11) and Culwell (9-of-11).

Having kills were Fiedler 6, Coates 4, Raile 3, Andrist 2, Knodel 2.

Fiedler handled 23 sets with 22 being on target.

Culwell and Raile each had 16 passing attempts with Culwell having 14 playable and Raile having 12 playable.

Other game stats include: blocks:

Junior high team remains undefeated

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior high football team moved their season record to 6-0 Thursday night when they shutout Holyoke, Colo., 18-0.

"Indian football was firing on all cylinders this week," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We had three really nice drives, methodically marching down the field and punching it in the end zone. We had a fourth drive right at the end of the game that didn't result in points, but ran out the clock. By then I think Holyoke had seen all they wanted."

"Our defense played great again, shutting out Holyoke's dangerous offense. Opposing coaches always com-

ment on how hard we hit, and we take pride in that.

"The basic message is, 'We don't care how big and fast you are. You keep taking the ball, we'll keep layin' the wood to ya'." Pretty soon they don't want the ball anymore."

The first two St. Francis touchdowns, which occurred in the first half of the game, were on long runs by Jordan Gienger. For the first one he went 54 yards and the second one 37 yards. Both conversion attempts failed.

Adam Peter took a plunge into the end zone from 1-yard out in the third quarter to finish the Sainty scoring. The conversion attempts failed.

Lady Indians play Oakley and Colby

By Betty Jean Winston

The ninth grade volleyball team gained additional experience recently as they competed with Oakley on Tuesday, Oct. 8 and Colby on Thursday, Oct. 10.

St. Francis was scheduled for a triangular with Triplains and Oakley on Tuesday but because Triplains did not have a ninth grade team, St. Francis played Oakley twice.

The Lady Indians won the first match 15-13, 0-15, 15-4 but were defeated in their attempt to make a clean sweep later when they fell 9-15, 15-5, 13-15.

"Today was one of those days," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "Our communication was not that good and we just didn't play well. I was not really

impressed with the team's play. It seemed like we just didn't want to succeed...we let the ball hit the floor without anyone even attempting to hit it. It was very frustrating."

On Thursday the team traveled to Colby and played Colby and Ulysses. The team split their matches, beating Colby and losing to Ulysses.

The final scores were 15-10, 12-15, 15-8 against Colby and 10-15, 11-15 against Ulysses.

"The freshmen were 'dead on their feet and their mouths wouldn't work,'" Coach Dinkel said. "The team was just lethargic and didn't really show a whole lot of effort. We were lucky against Colby, but Ulysses just plain beat us, not because they were better, but because we just didn't show up."

Jayvee wins two matches as season draws to close

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis sports teams did well during Homecoming week with the junior varsity volleyball team contributing two wins. They defeated Triplains 15-6, 15-2 and Oakley 15-4, 15-9.

"The young Lady Indians had a very good evening in Oakley," Coach Jeff

Olofson said. "Against Triplains we made a few mental mistakes but overall we were sharp."

"Against Oakley we had to play fairly hard because they hung in the match."

The junior varsity is nearing the end of the season and they have shown improvement every night."



SAM COATES is ready for action. Herald staff photo by Betty Winston

Fiedler 2, Coates 1, Ashley Holzwarth 1, Raile 1; stuffs: Coates 5; digs/saves: Feikert 1, Andrist 1.