

The Saint Francis Herald

At the Game

Indians defeat Hoxie, head to bi-district play Tuesday

By Betty Jean Winston

The Sainty Indians' 36-22 victory over Hoxie in District 14 play Friday night guaranteed St. Francis a spot in the bi-district football competition to be played on Tuesday, Nov. 5. (Note front page information on football playoffs.) The Atwood game tonight (Thursday) will determine who wins the district.

"Atwood will give the ball to Tanner Schmidt - he is just good," Coach Tim Lambert said.

"Atwood is always good defensively. They have good defensive pressure and are aggressive.

"Playing Atwood will be a good test for us."

Friday night's victory over Hoxie was a major win for the Indians as they now have a 2-0 district record as does Atwood. Hoxie and Oberlin are both 0-2.

Hoxie has a very strong team, a winning season record and they proved to be a formidable opponent forcing the Indians to score a come-from-behind victory.

"Hoxie was a good football game for us," Coach Lambert said. "In the second half we came out and did what we needed to do.

"I am proud of the way the kids handled the situation - first we were ahead, then behind and then ahead again.

"In the second half we controlled the game. It gave us confidence when we could come back and win."

Among the things that helped Sainty this week were the decrease in penalty yards and the number of turnovers.

With a 481-yard offensive attack, it was obvious the blocking was good and the line was doing its job. The Sainty Indians were 135 yards over the Hoxie Indians in total yardage. Sainty also attempted more passes during this contest than they usually do, with some of them being of the short variety. Any passing attempt makes the opponent's defense work harder as they need to consider all of Sainty's available options.



MICHAEL RAILE (32) carried the ball 61 yards for the Indians against Hoxie Friday night. He also scored on a conversion run following the second Sainty touchdown.

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Sainty repeated what has happened on other occasions this year, they scored early to set the tone of the game.

It was on the second play of the first quarter that Kyle Buffington raced to the end zone for the opening touchdown. An unsuccessful conversion attempt still gave Sainty a 6-0 advantage and the knowledge that they could play against the Hoxie defense.

The Indian offense was still going

strong later in the quarter when they put together a 75-yard drive. Buffington again carried the ball on the final touchdown play with Michael Raile adding the two bonus points.

Hoxie also scored 6 points during the first 12 minutes, with the quarter ending with a 14-6 Sainty advantage.

The second quarter belonged to Hoxie as they scored twice and held St. Francis scoreless. One of Hoxie's

touchdowns was on a rushing play and the other on a pass play.

Now St. Francis was in the position to have to regain the lead and hold Hoxie and this they did in the second half.

Buffington scored again in the third quarter and also added the conversion points to tie the game 22 all. The touchdown was on a 5-yard drive.

The go-ahead score came on a 37-

yard run by quarterback Tyler Voorhies. This touchdown was the end result of an interception by Marcus Dodd. He took the ball to the 44-yard line of Hoxie and the Indians used the momentum from this play to score shortly thereafter. The conversion attempt was no good but Sainty had shown they were in the game for the whole 48 minutes.

As six points was not a comfortable

lead, the Indians worked on a nice scoring drive in the final quarter. They began 69-yards away from the goal post and on the final scoring play Voorhies moved around the left end and into the end zone. Buffington moved the score from 34 to 36 on a successful after-touchdown play.

Buffington led the rushing with 169 yards on 18 carries while Derek Ross and Nick Keller were in double figures on tackles. Voorhies was 5-of-7 passing for 79 yards.

Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Hoxie: first downs: 22/10; rushing: 402/273; passing: 79/73; total offense: 481/346 punts: two for a 35-yard average/one for a 35-yard average; fumbles: one/one; penalties: 2 for a total of 20 yards/ three for a total of 25 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: Kyle Buffington, 169 yards on 18 attempts; Tyler Voorhies, 69 yards on eight attempts; Michael Raile, 61 yards on 12 attempts; Trey Hilt, 58-yards on 16 attempts; Derek Ross, 42 yards on five attempts.

Passing: Voorhies, seven attempts, five completions, 79 yards

Pass receivers: Marcus Dodd, two for 42 yards; Tanner Kinen, one for 22 yards, Nick Keller, one for 9 yards; Cale Rieger one for 67 yards

Kickoffs: Ross, six for a 44-yard average

Kickoff returns: Tyler Wolters, one for 7 yards; Ross, one for 6 yards; Jonathan Roelfs, one for 2 yards; Dodd, one for 1 yard

Punts: Raile, two for a 35-yard average

Punt return: Wolters, one for 5 yards; Interceptions: Dodd, one for 15 yards

Scoring: Buffington 22, Voorhies 12, Raile 2

Tackles: Ross 14, N. Keller 13, Roelfs 8, Wolters 7, Dodd 7, Buffington 7, Travis Hilt 6, Jon Zwegardt 5, Trey Hilt 5, Justin Lindsten 3, Raile 3, Rieger 2, Dallas Walz 2, Kinen 1.

Ladies win two matches; play for championship

By Betty Jean Winston

"The girls gave great effort and played well throughout the day," Coach Kent Kechter said. "It was too bad that they did not advance to the state tourney because they definitely are one of the better teams in the state. They worked so hard and played so well this season that they just "deserved" to go."

St. Francis won their first two matches of the Sub-State tournament in Leoti on Saturday, the first one against Sublette and the second one against Satanta, but in the championship finals they were matched against Northwest Kansas League opponent Atwood and the Lady Buffs will be going to state.

Throughout the years St. Francis and Atwood have met in volleyball competition on many occasions, and a number of them were for tournament, Sub-State or Northwest Kansas League titles. On this day Atwood won, even though the St. Francis had defeated this team just a week earlier during league completion.

"This match (Atwood) was intense, and highly contested throughout, but Atwood prevailed in three games," Coach Kechter said.

"Our team received many compliments from many people throughout the day about our good behavior, great sportsmanship and outstanding play. Most of these people I did not know (some were administrators, officials, parents, opposing fans and players, and business owners, etc.) but it was great to realize that many people recognize and appreciate a great group of student/athletes when they see one. Our kids are great representatives of our school and community. I am very blessed to have been able to work with these young ladies."

vs Sublette

The first game of the day saw St. Francis match up with Sublette and the Lady Indians dominated the match, winning with scores of 15-3, 15-6.

"Sublette had a good team with one outstanding hitter," Coach Kechter said. "She could really put the ball down, and with both hands almost equally well.



LADY INDIANS January Fiedler (left), Sam Coates (center) and Kandee Raile (right) await the service during a recent volleyball match.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

"We were aware of this going into the match and played a blocking scheme that shadowed her with two blockers at all times. She hit some good balls, but for the most part we neutralized her with effective blocking.

"We handled them (Sublette) fairly easily, but their good hitter was capable of dominating a match."

Amber Feikert scored 16 points and had four aces against Sublette when she served 17 times without an error. The team served 97 percent with Jan Fiedler (9), Kelsey Andrist (8), Sam Coates (2) and Heather Culwell (2) also being 100 percent.

Other service points included Fiedler, 6 points and one ace; Andrist, 5 points; Coates, 1 point and one ace; Culwell, 1 point and Kandee Raile, 1 point.

On the attack, the team had a 98 percent hitting percentage. Feikert was 13-of-15, Culwell, 12-of-14 and

Coates 8-of-10 to handle the most attempts.

Having kills were Culwell 5, Feikert 5, Coates 3, Raile 2, Fiedler 2, Andrist 1.

Fiedler had 27 setting attempts and was 100 percent while Feikert had 17 attempts and was successful 16 times.

Culwell attempted 22 passes with 17 being playable while Andrist had 18 playable out of 20.

Other stats include - blocks: Coates, Fiedler, Culwell and Andrist, one each; stuffs: Coates 2, Feikert 1; digs/saves: Culwell 9, Andrist 5, Feikert 3, Raile 2, Coates 1.

vs Satanta

St. Francis advanced in the single elimination tournament by defeating Sublette. The field was now down to four teams for the semi final round. St. Francis and Satanta were matched in the second competition of the day.

Again the Lady Indians took the

match in two games with the second game being by a large margin. The final scores were 15-11, 15-4.

Service points: Feikert 9, Andrist 8, Coates 6, Fiedler 3, Culwell 2, Raile 2; Aces: Coates 3, Feikert 3, Andrist 2, Raile 1.

Hitting attack leaders: Culwell, 11 in out of 14; Fiedler, 10-of-14.

Kills: Feikert 6, Culwell 3, Coates 3, Fiedler 2, Andrist 1, Raile 1.

Setting leaders: Fiedler, 21 playable out of 24; Feikert, 19 playable out of 19 for 100 percent.

Passing leaders: Culwell led in attempts with 19 and 17 were playable.

Other stats include - blocks: Andrist 2, Fiedler 1; stuffs: Fiedler 2, Culwell 2, Feikert 1, Raile 1; digs/saves: Culwell 6, Feikert 4, Coates 3, Andrist 2, Raile 2, Fiedler 1.

"Satanta was one of the top ranked teams in the state of the Kansas Volleyball Coaches Association (five I

think)," Coach Kechter said. "They have a well balanced, tall and talented team, but we just were better than them on this day. We played well throughout most of the match and advanced into the championship match with a two game victory over a good Satanta team. It was nice to see the girls play with a high confidence level."

vs Atwood

"As I've said several times before, Atwood has a tall and talented team," Coach Kechter said. "We did a lot of good things, but we just did not pass and set as well as we normally do in this match. We also missed several serves.

"I thought Atwood played well, especially defensively in the last two games."

The final match scores were 15-10, 5-15, 14-16.

Service points: Fiedler 12, Feikert 7, Andrist 6, Raile 4, Culwell 3, Coates 2.

Aces: Feikert 2, Culwell 2, Andrist 2, Raile 1, Coates 1.

Attack leaders: Fiedler had 32 attempts and was successful 29 times while Feikert had 30 attempts and was successful 25 times. Raile was 24-of-27.

Kills: Raile 9, Fiedler 8, Feikert 6, Culwell 4, Coates 3, Andrist 2.

Setting leaders: Feikert had 51 playable of 51 and Fiedler was 41-of-45. Passing leaders: Culwell had the most attempts with 43. Thirty-seven of them were playable.

Other stats include - blocks: Coates 4, Feikert 4, Fiedler 3, Andrist 3, Raile 3; stuffs: Andrist 6, Coates 3, Feikert 1, Culwell 1, Raile 1; digs/saves: Feikert 10, Raile 7, Coates 6, Fiedler 4, Culwell 4, Andrist 4, Gina Frohlich 2.

Others that contributed throughout the day were Toni Rice, Lori Faulkender, Meredith Knodel and Ashley Holzwarth.

"We had six teams from the Northwest Kansas League play in the various sub-state championships matches, with three league teams, Quinter, Atwood and Colby advancing to the state tournament. It just shows how strong this conference is in volleyball," Coach Kechter said.

The coach and team are very appreciative of all those who supported them throughout the season.

School Schedule

Thursday

High school football, Atwood, here, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Parent Teacher Conferences, no school

Monday

Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday

High school football, bi-district game, St. Francis will play either Plainville or Stockton, time and place to be announced

Thursday, Nov. 7

Junior high boys basketball, Oberlin, here, 4:30 p.m.



Junior varsity beats Atwood in overtime

By Betty Jean Winston

A double overtime 8-0 win over Atwood was an excellent way for the junior varsity football team to end their season. This happened on Monday, Oct 14 in Atwood.

The lone touchdown of the game was a 3-yard run by Dylan Loyd, who also made the two conversion points for the 8-0 final.

"What a great way to finish the junior varsity season! We just never quit, and finally got the job done in the second overtime!" Coach Ted Busse said.

"We just never broke on defense and finally wore them down in the second overtime period," Coach Chuck Peters added.

The junior varsity team ends the year with a 4-1 record. This includes wins over Oberlin, Oakley, Wray and Atwood. The loss was to Goodland.

The C-team finished with a 1-1 record. They defeated Atwood and lost to Colby.

These boys have greatly increased some of their skills and a number of them will be filling open varsity spots in the future.