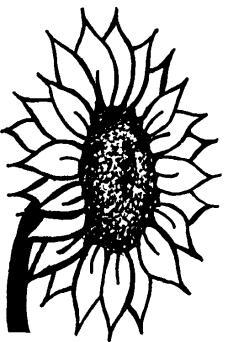


# At the Game



## Bi-district loss ends 2002 football season

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis moved out of the playoff lineup on Tuesday night when the Tigers of Stockton scored a 27-6 victory. In this bi-district playoff-game, only the winner could advance to regionals on Saturday.

"I wished we would have played better," Coach Tim Lambert said. "It was a tough way to end the year. We didn't play as well as we could have."

Seniors playing their final game for the Indians include: Cale Rieger, Tyler Wolters, Marcus Dodd, Justin Lindsten, Travis Hilt, Dallas Walz, Brian Draper and Chase Collier. These young men, during their four years of high school football, saw St. Francis earn a 34 to 8 record.

"All year long was an up-and-down season," Coach Lambert said. "Consistency was a problem. It got us in the end. We could play at a high level but couldn't do it for an extended period of time."

The first quarter Tuesday was an excellent example of a defensive football game. Only three first downs (St. Francis 2, Stockton 1) were made as neither team could move the ball for an extended drive.

Derek Ross of St. Francis caused the only turnover of the period when he picked off a Stockton pass midway through the quarter giving the Indians their best field position of the quarter.

A total of six punts were necessary during the 12 minutes due to the low amount of yards gained by either team. On one occasion St. Francis didn't punt on a fourth-and-two situation and this proved successful when Michael Raile made just the amount needed. Unfortunately the Indians found it necessary to punt on their next fourth-down play.

The second quarter saw both offensive units swing into action.

St. Francis opened the quarter with a fourth-and-eighth situation and they elected to pass. Although the pass was incomplete, Stockton was called for pass interference and all of a sudden St. Francis was on the Tiger 14-yard line. The first down play moved them down to the 5-yard line but then St. Francis was called for holding on the next play and they were moved back. Stockton received a face mask penalty on the

next play which put St. Francis on the 1-yard line. From there Ross carried the ball in for the first score of the game. The conversion attempt failed but the Indians had a 6-0 advantage with 10:30 on the clock.

During the next 6 minutes Stockton controlled the ball and moved it steadily downfield, collecting five first downs along the way. The clock showed 3:52 when a pass play put them in the end zone for six points. A successful kick added the conversion point making it Stockton 7, St. Francis 6. The Tigers had used both the ground and the air to sustain their drive.

Jonathan Roelfs took the kickoff and the Indians began play on their own 21-yard line with the offense finding ways to gain some yardage. They moved into Stockton territory with three first downs but the clock was moving toward halftime. On the next series four passes were attempted unsuccessfully and the Indians were forced to turn the ball over with 1:49 remaining.

Stockton failed on a fourth down attempt giving the Indians the ball with seconds left. When the buzzer sounded Stockton held a slim 7-6 advantage after one half of play.

Stockton picked up an additional score on their first series of plays in the third quarter. They went from the Stockton 27-yard line to the St. Francis end zone in 3 minutes. The big plays included a 38-yard pass that moved them into St. Francis territory and a fourth-and-one-touchdown pass for 27 yards.

An on-target kick put Stockton ahead by eight points, 14-6.

During the times St. Francis had the ball, they would move forward but then a penalty or in one case a quarterback sack would force them to punt.

Near the end of the quarter, the Tigers blocked a St. Francis punt and recovered the ball on the St. Francis 14-yard line. Stockton was on the move as the third quarter ended.

It only took three plays into the fourth quarter before the Tigers added seven more points to their score (touchdown plus conversion kick).

Before the final buzzer sounded the Tigers made one more trip into the end zone. This made the final score Stockton 27, St. Francis 6.



QUARTERBACK TYLER VOORHIES carried the ball for 43 yards and passed for 50 yards against Stockton Tuesday.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hilt.

The Indians ended the season with a 6-3 record.

### Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Stockton: first downs: 11/9; rushing: 151 yards on 42 attempts/127 yards on 42 attempts; passing: 50 yards, 19 attempts, five completions, one interception; 120 yards, 14 attempts, eight completions, one interception; total offense: 201/247; punts: 340 yards on four attempts/ 34 yards on five attempts; fumbles: 1/0; penalties: seven for 62 yards/six for 35 yards.

### Individual stats

Rushing: Tyler Voorhies, 43 yards on nine carries; Trey Hilt, 28 yards on 11 carries; Michael Raile, 24 yards on nine carries; Derek Ross, 22 yards on seven attempts; Buffington, 15 yards on 6 carries.

Passing: Voorhies, 50 yards, 19 attempts, five completions

Pass receivers: Buffington, one for 17 yards; Nick Keller, one for 13 yards; Tanner Kinen, one for 8 yards; Cale Rieger, one for 8 yards; Marcus Dodd, one for 4 yards.

Kickoffs: Ross, two for a 51-yard average

Kickoff return: Dodd, two for 27 yards; Ross, two for 22 yards

Punts: Raile, four for a 34-yard average

Punt return: Tyler Wolters, two for 11 yards

Scoring: Ross 6

Tackles: Buffington 19, Ross 15, N. Keller 13, Travis Hilt 9, Wolters 8, Raile 7, Jonathan Roelfs 5, Trey Hilt 4, Dallas Walz 3, Dodd 3, Rieger 2, Chase Collier 1, Justin Lindsten 1.

## Teams win season opener at home

By Betty Jean Winston

The boys junior high basketball season opened Thursday in St. Francis against Oberlin with both the eighth grade team and the seventh grade team scoring victories. This gives the teams momentum as they swing into a busy season.

Results of the opening games follow:

### Eighth grade

It was a successful season opener for the eighth grade team as they came on strong in the first quarter and finished the game with 40 points. The final score was St. Francis 40, Oberlin 25.

"I thought our boys played pretty well for our first game," Coach Jeff Beims said. "There were times when we didn't execute very well, but I suppose that should be expected in the first game."

"Defensively we played great. Our front court pressure was frustrating for Oberlin all night. We were wanting to run on them, and our defense and rebounding allowed us to do that."

"We have a tough test coming up with Quinter so we can't rest on our laurels."

Both Joel McAtee with 15 points and Levi Weeden with 11 points scored in double digits.

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Scoring: J. McAtee 15, Weeden 11, Adam Peter 8, A.J. McAtee 2, Mac Frewen 2, Andy Waite 2.

### Seventh grade

The seventh grade scored a 26-15 win over Oberlin.

"We played well for the first game out," Coach Kent Kechter said. "The kids hustled and did pretty well."

Ted Crabtree had a good night for St. Francis, playing well and scoring 14 of the 26 points. David Guthmiller scored all of his nine points from three-point range.

St. Francis pulled away in the first quarter making Oberlin play catch-up ball.

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Scoring: Crabtree 14, Guthmiller 9, John Weems 2, Corbin Sherlock 1.

Oberlin defeated St. Francis 6-2 during the B-team quarter. Josh Carpenter scored the two St. Francis points.

## College Sports

### Basketball

#### Kansas Wesleyan University Jennifer Henderson

The Kansas Wesleyan Lady Coyotes opened the season Nov. 6 playing Haskell in Lawrence, where they were defeated 76-48. Henderson was the only double-figure scorer for Wesleyan with 17 points.

On Saturday, the Lady Coyotes competed against St. Mary of Nebraska and the score of this game was St. Mary 81, Kansas Wesleyan 49. In this contest Henderson was one of three from three-point range, hit two two-pointers and was two-of-four from the free-throw line for nine points.

Contests for the week of Nov. 11 through Nov. 17 include: Nov. 11:

Central Christian College, Nov. 14: Newman University and Nov. 16: York College.

#### Colby Community College Mike Wolters

Colby Community College defeated number 8 ranked South Plains College 81-76 on Sunday afternoon. After an early lead Colby fell behind 64-60 with 5 minutes remaining but closed the gap, went ahead and took the win. Colby's victory over South Plains marks the highest nationally ranked opponent the Trojans have ever beaten. Colby moves to 4-0 for the season.

Colby will host Casper, Wyo., Friday, and Marshalltown, Iowa, Saturday, in the S & T Communications Ambassador Classic

### Football

#### Southwest Missouri State Jon Zwegardt

The Southwest Missouri State football team will play Northern Iowa on Saturday. The Bears are 4-6 overall.

#### Trinity International University Ben Swihart

The Trinity International University Trojans will play William Penn

University at Deerfield on Nov. 16.

#### Fort Hays State University Dustin Dunn

Fort Hays State University Tigers were defeated 34-7 by Western State in Gunnison, Colo., Saturday in a Rocky Mountain Conference game. The Tigers are 4-6 overall and 2-5 in conference play.

## Idalia playing in championship game

By Betty Jean Winston

The Idalia Wolves were successful on Nov. 9 as they defeated Woodlin 61-30 in Colorado Class A 6-man semi-final football action. The game was played Saturday at Woodlin.

Next on the schedule is the game on Saturday, Nov. 16 for the Class A 6-man championship. The Wolves will be playing Peetz at Peetz. Idalia has a 10-0 record this year and Peetz stands at 11-0.

On Thursday, Nov. 7 *The Denver Post* featured a story by Jon E. Yunt on the Idalia win streak. The streak at that time was 31 games and now is 32.

Idalia coach Tim Gribben is quoted as saying that the "the kids have played with pressure all year, kind of like playing with the target on their backs. No one wants to be on the team that ends that streak."

During Saturday's win over Woodlin the Wolves collected 445 yards of total offense with 408 of those yards coming on the ground. Ben Krause led the rushing with 232 yards. Krause is the leading scorer this year for the Wolves. Rittenhouse completed five passes for a total of 37 yards.

Idalia scored three times in the first quarter with Krause/Terrell recording a safety and Ramseier scoring on two

running plays.

Woodlin had their main offensive rush in the second period scoring 18 points, more than half of their total score. The Wolves answered back with a touchdown pass from Rittenhouse to Terrell. At halftime the Wolves had a narrow 23-18 advantage.

The second half was nearly all Idalia with Krause scoring four times and Terrell twice, once on a fumble recovery.

Earning conversion points for the evening were Richards on two kicks and Lengel on a pass from Rittenhouse.

The Wolves squad, which is made up of six seniors, seven juniors, five sophomores and four freshman, is coached by Tim Gribben, head coach, and Tim Krause, Chris Soehner and Brad Wingfield, assistant coaches.

Squad members include: seniors: Joel Davis, Ben Krause, Kyle Richards, Kelly Sharp, Gage Soehner and Brandon Weyerman, seniors; Ryan Cure, Chris Devlin, Neil Hutton, Reed Parker, Tyson Ramseier, Joby Rittenhouse and Mike Van Pay, juniors; Logan Furnish, Dillon Monasmith, Kaleb Rittenhouse, Evan Schiel and Trent Terrell, sophomores; and Blake Cure, Kevin Lengel, Tyler Manser and Andy Mumm, freshmen.

## League honors top volleyball players

St. Francis Lady Indians honored by Northwest Kansas League coaches following the 2002 season include Amber Feikert and Heather Culwell. Both ladies are seniors and have been varsity members of the squad for much of their high school career.

Other league players to receive honors were Tiffany Focke, Colby; Alisha McKee, Goodland; Jacie Hoyt, Hoxie; Shannon Lowry, Atwood; Kortney Stapp, Decatur Community; Bethanie Linden, Colby; Summar



Feikert



Culwell

Stephens, Colby; Jeree Selensky, Quinter; Janae Mckee, Goodland; Kelsey Dorshorst, Decatur Community.



LOTS OF SCARY PEOPLE were found at the Saf-T-Fun Fest at the Idalia School. Found in the parade were sixth graders Hannah Langendoerfer and Jake Beckman.



**Winter Sports practice begins Monday**

## Volleyball letterwinners announced by coaches

Nine seniors and four juniors received volleyball letters following the 2002 campaign. This included senior scorekeeper Kari Gienger and senior stats keeper Dennon Zimbelman.

Other seniors receiving letters were Kelsey Andrist, Samantha Coates, Heather Culwell, Amber Feikert, January Fiedler, Gina Frohlich and Tara Neitzel.

Junior who lettered include Ashley Holzwarth, Meredith Knodel, Kande Raile and Toni Rice.

Feikert was named All-Northwest Kansas League and was invited to play in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match in Goodland and Heather Culwell also received All-Northwest Kansas League honors.

"These seniors will be greatly missed," Coach Kent Kechter said.

"They have provided great play and leadership throughout their careers. Many of these girls have been four-year letter winners."

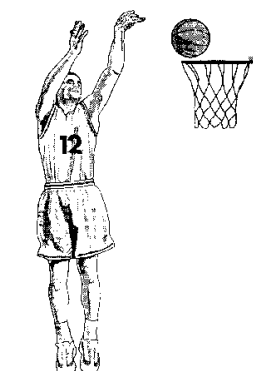
"Amber (Feikert) and Heather (Culwell) were selected All-Northwest Kansas League due to their consistent high levels of performance."

"Amber played very well in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match. She displayed excellent skills in all areas of the game as she has done all season."

"The returning letter winners will provide a good nucleus for next year's team."

"The coaches and team wish to mention all who supported them throughout the season. It was greatly appreciated."

## School Schedule



Thursday/Friday: last part of buffer week

Thursday: junior high basketball, Oakley, there, 4:30 p.m.; board of education meeting

Monday: first day of winter sports practice

Thursday, Nov. 21: junior high basketball, Atwood, there, 4:30 p.m.