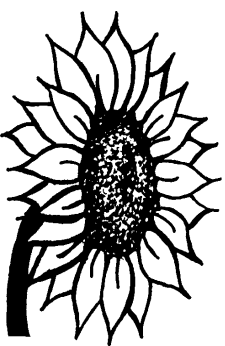


At the Game



Indians - Tigers play ball

By Betty Jean Winston

Hoop season begins for the Indians and Lady Indians tonight (Thursday) when they travel to Benkelman to compete with the Dundy County Tigers and Lady Tigers. Junior varsity games are slated for 5 p.m. with the varsity girls at 6:30 followed by the boys.

The teams will play on the road four times before the anxiously awaited home contest on Friday, Dec. 20. That will be a weekend of basketball though, as the teams take to the home court again on Saturday night. Scheduled to visit are teams from Oberlin and Cheyenne Wells. Early season out-of-town games besides Dundy County will be played in Brewster as part of the Sagebrush Classic Shootout tournament.

The Sagebrush Shootout begins on Tuesday, Dec. 10, when both St. Francis varsity teams are scheduled to play Cheylin in an all Cheyenne County matchup. The Ladies play at 3 p.m. in the south gym in Brewster followed by the Cougars and Indians at 4:30 in the game gym. Semi-final games will be played Friday and the finals on Saturday. Each team will play three games with the tournament made up of ball players from Brewster, Atwood, Grinnell, Stratton, Golden Plains, Oberlin, Cheylin and St. Francis.

Lady Indians

The Lady Indians will have some experienced seniors to form the nucleus of the varsity team. Kelsey Andrist, Samantha Coates, Amber Feikert, Gina Frohlich and Dennon Zimbelman have spent a lot of time on the court going into their fourth season. This includes varsity experience and junior varsity play.

"Kelsey is a super all-around player. She plays great defense and has the ability to score," Ted Busse, Lady Indian coach, said. "Sam plays hard, she is quick and has the potential at times to be a play maker. She is a hustler. Amber is a good defensive ball player and has improved on the offensive end, Gina is doing a good job in practice and is very much improved and Dennon practices and plays hard."

Other returning letter winners who will also be counted on this year are juniors Kande Raile, Toni Rice, Ashley Holzwarth and Allyse Lampe. "They have played quite a bit, especially Kande, and I am expecting a lot of good things from them," Coach Busse said.

"The returning letter winners are doing a good job of leadership and we have quite a bit of experience this year.

"I expect a lot of good things from the juniors also."

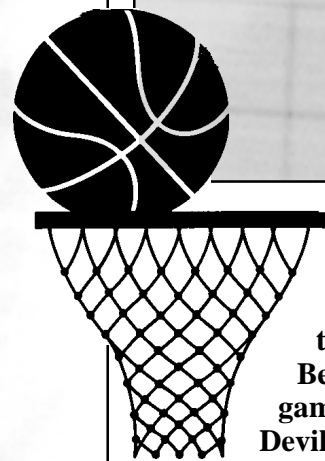
Added to this group are two exchange students, senior Sabrina Torres and junior Yo Watanabe, three additional juniors, three sophomores and nine freshmen.

"We will be running the floor trying to get the easy basket," Coach Busse said. "There are also times when we will use patience and work for the good basket. Defensively we will be applying pressure but will be throwing some other defenses in also. Mostly we will be playing man-to-man defense.

"Everyone is working hard and the seniors are doing a good job of leadership."

Another important contribution to a good year is the attitude of the players and Coach Busse feels that it is really good in the early practices.

The Ladies finished the season last year with a 7-14 record and are work-



BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS - Meredith Knodel (left) and Dana Raile practice rebounding while Tyler Voorhies (above) aims for a shot in the basket. The first basketball competition for the season begins tonight (Thursday) at Benkelman. The first home high school basketball games will be held on Dec. 20 when the Oberlin Red Devils travel to Sainty.

Herald staff photos by Betty Jean Winston and Karen Krien

ing hard to improve on this in the upcoming season. Over the summersome of the ladies did some playing with a traveling team and this fall played volleyball so reported to practice in good shape.

"Our goals this year are to finish in the top half of the league and win at sub-state," Coach Busse said. "We also want to be competitive and get better every game.

"As far as the league is concerned, I expect it to be pretty strong. There won't be any easy teams. Colby finished fourth at state and didn't lose many players. Goodland and Atwood will be tough and Hoxie is no easy team."

"The first games of the season will also be with some very competitive teams.

"Dundy County qualified for state last year and have a couple of good experienced ball handlers. At the tournament, Grinnell is a team that went to state last spring.

"We are trying to get ready to roll," Coach Busse said, as he prepares for the new campaign.

Coach Busse is beginning his ninth year as head coach of the Lady Indians with Susan Dinkel, assistant coach, going into her fifth season.

Roster

Seniors: Torres, Feikert, Coates, Zimbelman, Andrist, Frohlich

Juniors: Rice, Lori Faulkender, Hannah Sowers, Meredith Knodel, Holzwarth, Lampe, Raile, Watanabe

Sophomores: Amy Nicklos, Amy Grace, Chelsey Weeden

Freshmen: McKenzie Grace, Talisa

Voorhies, Jade DeGood, Maddie Knodel, Schuyler Coates, Sheryl Miller, Erin Neitzel, Sam Marin, Janessa Jordan.

Indians

Seniors Marcus Dodd, Cale Rieger and Tyler Wolters are returning starters and letter winners and they will be in the mix with juniors Michael Raile, Jonathan Roelfs and Tyler Voorhies, who also lettered last year. Senior Chase Collier will also be a help as will juniors Trevor Henderson, Dillan Zweygardt and Jonathan Zweygardt.

"I am expecting leadership out of the seniors," Coach Greg Wolters said. "I am hoping all the experience they have will help them this year."

"Marcus was all-league last year and I expect him to be a force on the boards and to play like an all-league player. I am also expecting big things from Cale. He is a returning starter, a pretty good shooter, plays good defensive and helps us out a bunch. Tyler (Wolters) is a returning point guard starter. I expect him to do a good job of getting us into our offense, running the show."

As for the returning junior letter winners, Coach Wolters said Michael will provide much help in the post area, Jonathan (Roelfs) can contribute at the wing position and Tyler (Voorhies) will help at point guard/offensive guard.

On a whole the team will have some height, more than in many years, and this could be an advantage.

"Offensively we will try to get more transition baskets and run a little more," Coach Wolters said. "We will play the same half court and have a lot of set plays. Defensively we hope to press more. We have a fairly athletic group of players. Hopefully we can use their athleticism to press and make easy opportunities.

"I felt we will have a good rebounding team. We have good size and good athletic ability. Right now one of our focuses at practice is rebounding. We don't want to let the other team control the board.

"We are working on some new defenses and we need to feel comfortable with them.

Turnovers are one thing which a team needs to limit. Giving the opponent the ball moves the momentum to them and gives them an opportunity to score.

"Our goals include to work hard and get better," Coach Wolters said. "They want to succeed. Having a winning football team is a confidence plus. Generally speaking we want steadily improve at each game and practice and at the end of the season we will play at our best.

"The junior varsity players that moved up to the varsity are really com-

petitive. Nobody has a spot and several ninth and 10th graders will compete. This is a good situation."

"We had a lot of players that lifted weights over the summer and some that played in the Colby basketball league.

"I expect the league to be very balanced and very tough this year. Hoxie went to state last year, Oakley should be improve and Colby and Goodland will be tough. But they will know that we came to play.

"I am anxious to get going. You need to play an opponent to know where you are. We are going into the season with high expectations."

The Indians finished last season with a 7-14 overall record and had two wins and five losses in Northwest Kansas League play. The combination of Coach Wolters and assistant coach David Morrow begin their fifth season together. Coach Wolters spent four years as an assistant to Coach Mark Willey.

Roster

Seniors: Rieger, Wolters, Collier, Dodd,

Juniors: Roelfs, Voorhies, Raile, J. Zweygardt, Henderson, D. Zweygardt

Sophomores: Nick Raile, Andrew Feikert, Tanner Kinen

Freshmen: J.D. Hawkins, Dalton Hays, Heath Kibel, Heath Owens

Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 5: Dundy County, there, junior varsity, 5 p.m. varsity girls, 6:30

Tuesday, Dec. 10: Sagebrush Classic, Brewster

Friday, Dec. 13: Sagebrush Classic, Brewster

Saturday, Dec. 14: Sagebrush Classic, Brewster

Friday, Dec. 20: Oberlin, here, 6:30

Saturday, Dec. 21: Cheyenne Wells, here, 5:30

Saturday, Jan. 4: Colby, here, 6:30

Tuesday, Jan. 7: Atwood, there, 6:30

Friday, Jan. 10: Hoxie, there, 6:30

Friday, Jan. 17: Oakley, here, 6:30

Saturday, Jan. 18: Holyoke, there, 3

Tuesday, Jan. 21: Oberlin Invitational

Friday, Jan. 24: Oberlin Invitational

Saturday, Jan. 25: Oberlin Invitational

Friday, Jan. 31: Sharon Springs, there, 6:30

Friday, Feb. 7: Goodland, there, 6:30

Saturday, Feb. 8: Cheylin, here, 5

Tuesday, Feb. 11: Sharon Springs, here, 6:30

Friday, Feb. 14: Atwood, here, 6:30

Friday, Feb. 21: Quinter, there 6:30

March 3-8: Sub-state

March 12-15: State

Eighth grade wins again; season record now 4-1

By Betty Jean Winston

Another successful outing for the eighth grade boys basketball team moved their record to 4-1 for the season. The winning junior high football season is carrying over to eighth grade basketball as they play with confidence and determination.

The seventh grade, with a small roster, is working on improving each outing but were defeated by Hoxie.

Eighth grade

St. Francis 41, Hoxie 36

The Indians went into the fourth quarter with a 35-19 advantage and they were able to hold off a move by Hoxie in the last few minutes.

"This was our best game of the year so far," Coach Jeff Beims said. "A.J. McAtee was masterful at handling the ball and being our floor leader. Adam Peter and Mac Frewen both cleaned up on the boards.

"I think over all, our boys are starting to acquire 'court sense.' They seemed to take advantage of what Hoxie gave them. Hoxie is a good team, but other than a late run in the fourth quarter, these guys put it to them."

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Peter 17, Weeden 11, McAtee 7, Frewen 6

Seventh grade

Hoxie 38, St. Francis 12

The Hoxie seventh grade team proved to be too strong for St. Francis on Nov. 25 as they outscored the Indians in every quarter and had an especially strong third quarter offensively.

"We did a number of things much better again, but we just do not shoot the ball very well yet," Coach Kent Kechter said. "We were 1-of-10 from the free-throw line and only made five field goals.

"We will continue to work to get better."

Ted Crabtree led the scoring with seven points.

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Scoring: Crabtree 7, Keaton Frewen 3, Corbin Sherlock 2.

In the junior varsity game Hoxie defeated St. Francis 6-2 with R.L. Walz scoring the points for the Indians.

College Sports

Basketball

Colby Community College Mike Wolters

Colby Community College played in the Marshalltown (Iowa) Classic

Bowling

Monday Mixed 11/25

Team standings: Bandel Home Center 32-16; Cueballs 26.5-21.5; Hooks Auction & Realty 25.5-22.5; Krien Pharmacy 23-25; Captain Hooks Fine Dining 21-27; Z-Tubing 16-32

High game (handicap): Randy Johnson 248, Royce Gienger 240, Kelley Faylor 227; Tami Merchant 224, Janice Krien 216, Erica Harlan 215

High series (handicap): Merchant 625, Harlan 601, Mary Merklin 587; Johnson 654, Gienger 649, Kale Zimbelman

Football corrections and additions released

Brian Draper's picture was inadvertently missing in the Nov. 28 issue of the Herald. He was also a senior football player who finished his high school career.

Additional football stats

Punt returns: Tyler Wolters, nine for 115 yards; Marcus Dodd, two for 16 yards; Derek Ross, one for 9 yards.

Free kick (kickoff) returns: Dodd, eight for 123 yards; Jonathan Roelfs, two for 95 yards and one touchdown; Ross, four for 28 yards; Dylan Loyd, two for 20 yards; Wolters, three for 19 yards.



Draper