



SCORING SIX POINTS against the Oberlin Red Devils, Jonathan Roelfs moves the ball up the court. The Oberlin Devils defeated the Sainty Indians 78-47 Friday night.
Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Indians lose to Oberlin, defeat Cheyenne Wells in final games before break

By Betty Jean Winston
The St. Francis Indians split their basketball games the final weekend before Christmas break, losing to Oberlin and defeating Cheyenne Wells. Both contests were played in St. Francis and the home fans had been waiting for the time when the team would be home as they had played on the road since the season began.

Friday night's game was the first of seven Northwest Kansas League contests for the new season. Oberlin outdistanced the Indians 78-47.

The good news is that the Indians came back Saturday night to even their record at 3-3 with a 62-46 win over Cheyenne Wells.

Action will not resume until after the Christmas break when Colby will travel to St. Francis on Saturday night, Jan. 4.

Oberlin 78, St. Francis 47

This was the second time this year that St. Francis has met Oberlin on the basketball court. The week of Dec. 9, Oberlin repeated as champions of the Sagebrush Shootout Classic with St. Francis being one of the three teams they defeated along the way.

"This was another one of those games that we played very good in short stretches," Coach Greg Wolters said. "We started out with a 7-2 lead only to trail after a quarter 13-9."

"The second quarter really hurt us as Oberlin outscored us 22-11. Too many turnovers led to easy Oberlin baskets."

"We came out after halftime and really got it going for about 4 minutes. We cut a 15-point deficit to six by pressing and hitting some shots. Oberlin regained their composure and really put it to us the rest of the game."

The St. Francis scoring was led by Tyler Wolters who collected 16 points. Included in that total were two three-pointers. Wolters also had the best shooting percent from the field (both two's and

three's) with 58.3 percent. St. Francis shot 37 percent from the field compared to 58 for Oberlin and the Indians also had a lower percentage from the free-throw line (50 percent to 73.7 percent). Rieger had the best percentage from the line with 3-of-4 for 75 percent.

The teams ended up even in the rebounding department with each having 30. Marcus Dodd was the leading Indians rebounder with 11. He also had five blocked shots for the evening.

SF 09 11 17 10 47
O 13 22 21 22 78
Scoring: Wolters 16, Cale Rieger 8, Marcus Dodd 7, Jonathan Roelfs 6, Tanner Kinen 4, Michael Raile 4, Tyler Voorhies 2.

Rebounding: Dodd 11, Roelfs 4, Kinen 4, Rieger 2, Wolters 2, Chase Collier 2, Trevor Henderson 2, Voorhies 1, Raile 1, Jonathan Zweggardt 1.

St. Francis 62, Cheyenne Wells 46

The Indians had one of their better scoring opening quarters in this game as they collected 17 points. Much of this could be contributed to working the ball into Dodd, who had eight of his 12 points for the evening.

This good start gave the Indians' momentum as the game progressed. By halftime they had a 33-15 advantage. Roelfs (8 points) and Raile (6 points) were successful in the second quarter with Wolters having nine of his points in the third quarter.

A number of the fourth quarter points came from the free-throw line.

"This was a good win," Coach Wolters said. "We got things going offensively and played with confidence and poise. I was proud of the kids ability to come back and play their best game of the season after getting beaten badly by Oberlin last night."

"We're 3-3 and enter the holiday break on a positive note and

with some confidence that we can build on. Everybody contributed and played well.

"We dominated the boards (44-24) and didn't foul."

"Cheyenne Wells was 0-3 from the free-throw line. Offensively we were patient against their zone and got good looks at the basket and knocked down shots. We handed out 21 assists - that's finding the open man and making the shots."

Four Indians scored in double figures with Wolters having 15, Raile 14, and Roelfs and Dodd 12 each.

Under the basket to collect rebounds was Dodd who again led the team, this time with 12.

Voorhies led in assists with seven and Wolters and Dodd also contributed two steals each while Voorhies and Dodd each had a blocked shot.

"We need to continue to work hard to get better, Colby comes to town on Jan. 4 and they are ranked fourth in the state in Class 4A."

SF 17 16 15 14 62
CW 07 08 13 18 46

Scoring: Wolters 15, M. Raile 14, Roelfs 12, Dodd 12, Rieger 5, Voorhies 2, Collier 2

Rebounding: Dodd 12, M. Raile 8, Roelfs 6, Wolters 6, Rieger 5, Collier 3, Voorhies 2, Kinen 1, Henderson 1.



Four wrestlers prove successful in league matches

By Betty Jean Winston
Oberlin defeated St. Francis 40 to 30 in Northwest Kansas League dual wrestling action on Friday evening, Dec. 20, in Oberlin.

Four Indians had a successful evening on the mat with two of them, Travis Hilt and Gabe Walz, winning by falls, one, Dylan Loyd, by a technical decision and one, Derek Ross, by decision. Trevor Richard also collected points for the Indians when he received a forfeit.

"Oberlin has a fairly decent team," Coach Larry Gabel said. "Not taking anything away from them, by we didn't wrestle anywhere near our ability."

Coach Gabel also commented that the Northwest Kansas League is very strong this year.

St. Francis will resume its league dual competition on Jan. 10 when they entertain Hoxie in St. Francis.

At this time Hoxie is rated number one in the state in 3-2-1A. They also did not lose any starters from their successful 2001 season.

"We're getting better in spite of

getting upset in some areas," Coach Gabel said. "We will be okay."

Team totals
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns: 13-14; escapes: 1-10; reversals: 5-5; near falls: 5-7; wins: 5-7 major decisions: 1-0; technical falls: 1-2; falls: 2-3.

Individual stats

103: Richard won by forfeit; 112: Loyd won by a 15-0 technical decision over Richards; 119: Matt Brown lost by a fall to Bailey; 125: Gabe Gienger lost by a technical fall to Miller; 130: Kevin Brown lost by a 21-5 technical fall to Coleman; 135: Devin Rohweder lost by a fall to Badsky; 140: St. Francis open, forfeit to Montgomery; 145: Gabe Smull lost by a 6-0 decision to Harmon; 152: Trey Hilt lost by an 8-4 decision to Glaze; 160: Ross won by a 7-5 decision over Kettel; 171: Kyle Buffington lost by a fall to Reichert; 189: Travis Hilt won by a fall over Tyler Cook; 215: Dallas Walz won by a 14-6 major decision over Harmon; 275: G. Walz won by a fall over Matchett.

Junior varsity boys defeated in basketball

By Betty Jean Winston
Oberlin took the 60-45 win over St. Francis in junior varsity basketball action on Friday, Dec. 20. This was only the second game of the season for the team as there was no junior varsity division in the Sagebrush Classic where the varsity played the week of Dec. 15.

"The first half of this game was a fantastic performance," Coach David Morrow said. "Our older junior varsity players really gave us a boost. Tyler Voorhies and Jonathan Roelfs helped get the offense going in the first quarter, putting us up by a double-digit lead. While the lead shrank to four points by halftime, we played pretty well in the second quarter as well."

The second half wasn't as productive as we needed it to be. For all intents and purposes we played seven guys all second half. Therefore, we got tired and started see-

ing mental lapses on defense that were not present in the first half.

In any case, I thought the boys played with near 100 percent effort. This group is very coachable. Jon Zweggardt and Trevor Henderson both had great games. They posted up very well and were a big part of our success on offense. As a team, we're trying very hard to work on the more basic parts of the game, such as using our posts, boxing out, and handling the ball. On the first two of those points, we're performing better each day."

Nine players contributed to the scoring with Henderson leading the way with 11 points. Oberlin had three players in double figures.

SF 20 08 05 12 45
O 12 12 18 18 60

Scoring: Henderson 11, Tanner Kinen 8, Voorhies 7, Nick Raile 6, Jonathan Roelfs 4, Andrew Feikert 3, J.D. Hawkins 2, Heath Owens 2, Zweggardt 2.

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