

The Saint Francis Herald

At the Game



Sainty Indians play on Friday

By Betty Jean Winston

Forty-one St. Francis squad members will run out on the football field in Phillipsburg on Friday night anxious to meet Clay Center in the opening game of the new season. This group will include experienced seniors being counted on for leadership and freshmen playing their first game in an Indian high school uniform.

Game time is 7 p.m. and fans from both schools will be ready to view the results of three weeks of practice which began Aug. 18. A strong, exciting game is anticipated.

"This game will be a good test to find out a lot about where we are at," Coach Tim Lambert said. "Clay Center is a 4-A school that made the playoffs last year. The game will give us an opportunity to judge our strengths and weaknesses and show us the areas we need to emphasize."

One big plus for St. Francis is the stable coaching staff. Coach Lambert is entering his 12th season as an Indian coach, 11 of them as head coach. Coaches Steve

Jenkins, Scott Carmichael and Ted Busse have been working with him the whole time while the newest member of the staff, Chuck Peters, entered the school system in 1998.

Fifteen letter winners return from last year when the team finished 6-3 overall and 4-2 in Northwest Kansas League. They placed second in district play and moved on to bi-district as the new rule has the two top district teams advancing to the playoffs. The season ended with a loss in bi-district play at Stockton.

"The attitude at practice has been real good so far," Coach Lambert said. "The true test (of attitude) is if you get beat a couple of times or when you move into mid-season."

The physical readiness upon arrival was good according to the coach, although there is always varying degrees of fitness. A number of the athletes took advantage of the weight program during the summer.

"We are close to the point where we need a game to see where we

are," Coach Lambert said. "Meeting outside competition is different than inter-squad games. It's a better test of where you are at."

Looking at the 2003 team, supporters will find some experienced players forming the nucleus on the line. Returning letter winners Grant Keller and Jon Zwegardt are available. Letter winner Nick Keller is being moved from tight end to tackle and Trey Hilt, also a letter winner, is changing from the back field to center. Gabe Walz started on the line quite a bit near the end of last season.

"The skill level on the line is pretty good and we have some experience," Coach Lambert said. "Also being counted on are letter winners Luke Keller, Troy Torrence and Trevor Henderson plus junior Seth Swihart. All of these returning players on the line are seniors except Walz and Swihart."

Following the 2002 season N. Keller was third in tackles with 79 and was credited with a fumble recovery.

"We are returning three players from the back field, quarterback Tyler Voorhies, Kyle Buffington and Derek Ross," Coach Lambert said.

Buffington led the team in rushing last year with 777 yards, quarter-

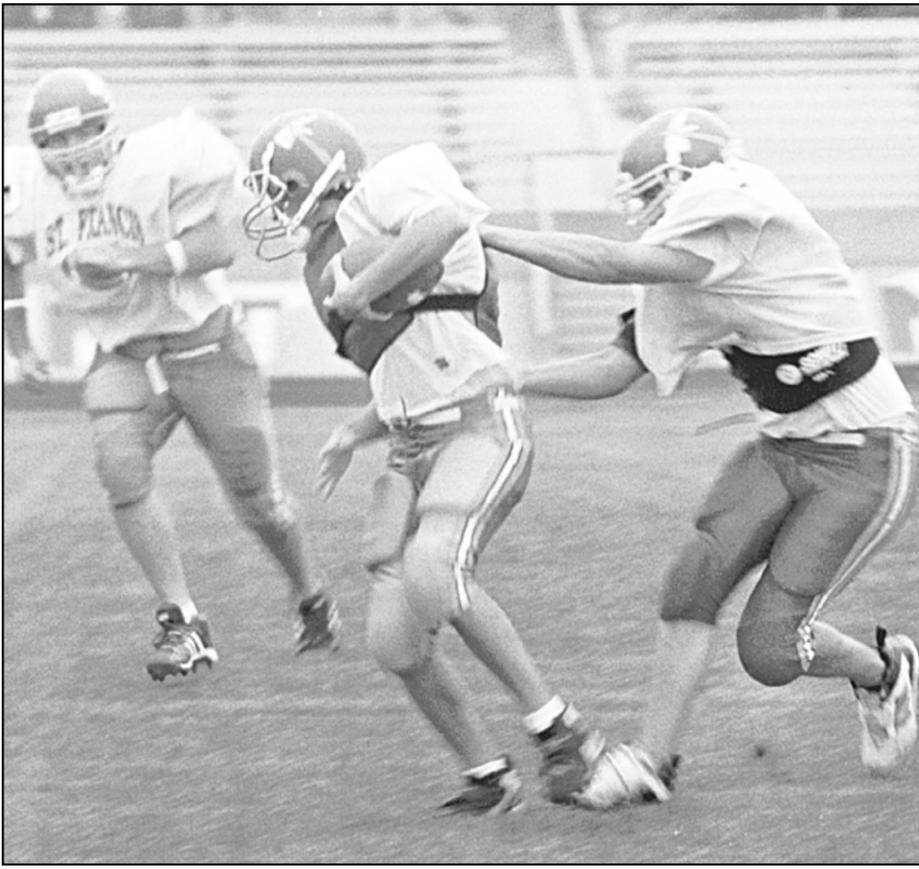
back Voorhies rushed for 471 yards and passed for 300 yards, and Ross had 251 yards on the ground but also led the team in tackles with 94 while Buffington was second in line with 88.

"I feel we have good experience and they can do a pretty good job," Coach Lambert said. "We will run the football like in the past but also hope to throw more this year. Voorhies throws well and we have pass receivers available."

N. Keller caught the ball seven times last year for 103 yards to lead the team. The coach said he is looking at Tanner Kinen, Jonathan Roelfs and Dillan Zwegardt as receivers. Michael Raile will be playing tight end this year.

After quarterback Voorhies, the coach is looking at three younger players at that position.

Each year the coaches look for



INDIAN FOOTBALL—Fans had an opportunity to view the football squad in a scrimmage Friday night during the open house.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hilt

new players ready to step up and fill the positions left vacant by graduating seniors.

"The key to the season will be injuries," Coach Lambert said. "We need to stay healthy. I also have a feeling that we will be in a lot of close games, as the league is pretty even this year. The ability to win the close game is very important."

The first game at Greene Field will be played on Sept. 12 with St. Francis entertaining South Park. Last fall the Indians played South Park for the first time and both the team and the Sainty fans found the trip into the mountains of Colorado an interesting experience and the host team and fans very hospitable.

Other varsity games to be played at Greene Field include Goodland, Oberlin and Hoxie.

Returning letter winner

A complete list of returning letter winners include: Buffington, Henderson, Hilt, G. Keller, L. Keller, N. Keller, Raile, Roelfs, Torrence, Voorhies, D. Zwegardt, J. Zwegardt, Kinen, Ross and Walz. Troy Zwegardt, who earned a letter as manager last year, is part of the team this fall.

League honors

At the end of last season, Northwest Kansas League coaches also honored Buffington, Hilt, G. Keller, N. Keller, Roelfs, Voorhies,

J. Zwegardt and Ross.

Roster

Seniors: Hilt, Raile, J. Zwegardt, Voorhies, Roelfs, D. Zwegardt, Torrence, L. Keller, N. Keller, Buffington, G. Keller, Henderson, T. Zwegardt

Juniors: Kinen, Swihart, Gabe Gienger, Walz, Ross, Andrew Feikert, Josh Walters, Devon Rohweder

Sophomores: Dylan Loyd, Trevor Richard, Matt Brown, Heath Owens, Tal Earl, Heath Kibel, J.D. Hawkins, Gabe Small

Freshmen: Joel McAtee, A.J. McAtee, B.J. Killingsworth, Jordan Gienger, Adam Peter, Brady Frewen, Darren Laffond, Zach Mills, Levi Weeden, Brennan Wilger, Mac Frewen, Russell Rogers

Managers: Brooke Lucas, John Stephens, Brandon Rueb, Cody Barnhart

Varsity schedule

Now it is time for the competition to begin and both the players and the fans are ready.

Friday, Sept. 5: Clay Center at Phillipsburg, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 12: South Park, here, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19: Goodland, here, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27: Oakley, there, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3: Holyoke, there, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10: Quinter, there, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17: Oberlin, here, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24: Hoxie, here, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30: Atwood, there, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4: Bi-district

Saturday, Nov. 8: Regional

Friday, Nov. 14 or Saturday, Nov. 15: Sectional

Friday, Nov. 21 or Saturday, Nov. 22: Sub-State

Saturday, Nov. 29: State

Junior varsity/C-team schedule

Thursday, Sept. 4: C-team, Goodland, there, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8: junior varsity, Oberlin, there, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18: C-team, Oakley, here, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22: junior varsity, Goodland, there, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 29: junior varsity, Oakley, here, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4: C-team, Atwood, there, 10 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 6: junior varsity, Wray, there, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: junior varsity, Atwood, here, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 20: junior varsity, Quinter, here, 4:30 p.m.

Football/volleyball teams entertain Oberlin today

By Betty Jean Winston

Junior high volleyball and football action will begin today (Thursday) in St. Francis with the volleyball matches scheduled at 4:30 p.m. and the football game at 5:30 p.m. As always it is nice to open the season in front of the friendly home fans.

The eighth grade football and volleyball players will be the most experienced on opening day. On the football team they will fill many of the positions with the younger players gaining experience game by game.

As for volleyball, the eighth graders and seventh graders each have their own teams. The eighth grade volleyball players have been reviewing their skills and adding new ones to begin their second campaign.

The seventh graders will take to the floor for their first junior high athletic competition with hopes of representing their school in a successful outing.

Coaches for volleyball are Terri Orth and Tammi Sherlock while

Jeff Beims and David Morrow will be handling the football duties.

Volleyball roster

Eighth grade: Lauren Zwegardt, Dara Loyd, Katlin Marin, Sara Miller, Teri Walters, Holly Keller, Cassie Dankenbring, Jenice Hartman, Kattie Ford.

Seventh grade: Candice Wiese, Hailey Woodcox, Elizabeth Gienger, Courtney Douthit, Kimberly Church, Tiffany Henderson, Andrea Holzwarth, Lacey Kibel, Jami Pevler, Joni Pevler, Taryn Richard, Kim Voeller, Ashley Zwegardt, Taylor Kennedy, Cara Hunt, Sarah Guthmiller.

Football roster

Eighth grade: Ted Crabtree, Gavin Small, David Guthmiller, Keaton Frewen, Chance Hobrock, Justin Sherlock, RL Walz, Corbin Sherlock, Josh Carpenter

Seventh grade: Sidnee Crabtree, Trent Kinen, Jesse Pacheco, John Finley, Talon Jones, Brennan Van Allen, Ethan Zwegardt, Trevor Hilt, Shawn Warren, Chase Barnhart, Scott Ford, Tyler Larson, Lance Owens, Sam Sowers, Jacob Riedel, Matt Whitmore.

Football/volleyball schedule

Thursday, Sept. 4: Oberlin, here, volleyball, 4:30 p.m., football, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11: Quinter, volleyball/football, here, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18: Oakley,

there, volleyball/football, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Atwood, there, volleyball, 4:30 p.m., football, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27: volleyball tournament, Hoxie, there, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2: Hoxie, here, volleyball/football, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9: volleyball/football, Holyoke, there, volleyball, 4:30 p.m., football, 5 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: Colby, there, volleyball, 4:30 p.m., football, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23: Northwest Kansas League volleyball tournament, seventh grade, at Quinter; eighth grade, at Oakley, 2 p.m.

-School Schedule-

Thursday (today): junior high volleyball/football, Oberlin, here, volleyball, 4:30, football, 5:30; high school football, C-team, Goodland, there, 5:30 p.m.

Friday: high school football, St. Francis vs Clay Center at Phillipsburg, 7 p.m.

Monday: high school junior varsity football, St. Francis at Oberlin, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, high school volleyball, Colby, Oberlin, St. Francis at Colby, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11: junior high football/volleyball, Quinter, here, 4 p.m.

Rosters named

Jolene Dodd, St. Francis Recreation director, has announced the teams for the flag football program, which swings into action this Saturday morning.

The kindergarten through third grade teams will be playing at 9 a.m. and the fourth through sixth grade teams begin at 10:30 a.m. The program will last for six weeks with the schedules of play to be distributed to players at the first game.

Fourth through sixth grade

White - Team 1 coached by Clay Keller and Pete Raile

Roster includes name and grade: Shawn Morris, fifth; Darris Keller, sixth; Trent Raile, sixth; Drew Zwegardt, sixth; Brooks Hobrock, fifth; Robbe Herman fifth.

Gold - Team 2 coached by Ron Zwegardt and Rob Schiltz

Roster includes name and grade: Issac Schiltz, fourth; Ross Nicklos, fourth; Zach Zwegardt, fifth; Grady Brunk, sixth; Brett Lampe, fifth; Alex Long, sixth

Black - Team 3 coached by John Guthmiller.

Roster includes name and grade: Cody Killingsworth, fifth; Matt Raile, sixth; Benjamin Neitzel, sixth; Adam Guthmiller, fifth; David Stephens, sixth; Garrett Figgins, fifth.

Green - Team 4 coached by Troy Hilt and Derek Ross

Roster includes name and grade: Taylor Spike, sixth; Tyler Lauer, fifth; Cody Sherlock, fifth; Trevor Reed, fifth; Gavin Cooper, fourth; Jakalyn Van Allen, fourth.

Kindergarten through third grade

White - Team 1 coached by Clay Keller

Roster includes name and grade: Lane Hoffman, second; Breanna Charnoff, kindergarten; Jakob Church, kindergarten; Casey Keller, third; Josh Teeters, third; Tyler Lee, second.

Gold - Team 2 coached Shawn Blanka

Roster includes name and grade: Shakotah Blanka, first; Zach Gienger, third; Garrett Brunk, kindergarten; Gaten Cooper, second; Dallas Reed, first; Billy Ray Lee, third.

Black - Team 3 coached by Hoagie Carmichael and Mike Sherlock

Roster includes name and grade: Lucas Carmichael, third; Keegan Sherlock, third; Derek Queen, second; Chase Krien, second; Clarice Neitzel, third; Jarod Shafer, kindergarten; Lane Hobrock, second

Green - Team 4 coached by Chris Bracelin and Brett Poling

Roster includes name and grade: Dillon Straub, third; Wyatt Landenberger, second; Scott Warren, second; Mason Schiltz, second; Katie Jenik, kindergarten; Cade Bracelin, fifth; Foster Grant, third.

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Summer Strikers 7/24

Team standings: Oh-No 29.5-14.5; Turkeys 29.5-14.5; Jackballs 23-21; Mommies 22-22; Last Place 20-24; Z-Tubing 19-25; Wray Supers 18-26; Fuzzy Bunnies 15-29

High game (handicap): Kale Zimbelman 256, Bonnie Odell 226, Kole Moberly 225

High series (handicap): K. Zimbelman 729, Tammy Zimbelman 600, Aaron Culwell 598

Summer Strikers 7/31

Team standings: Oh-No 33.5-14.5; Turkeys 33.5-14.5; Mommies 26-22; Jackballs 24-24; Last Place 20-28; Z-Tubing 19-29; Wray Supers 18-30; Fuzzy Bunnies 18-30

High game (handicap): Wayne Mahon 269, Glorianne Milne 246, Linda Mahon 240

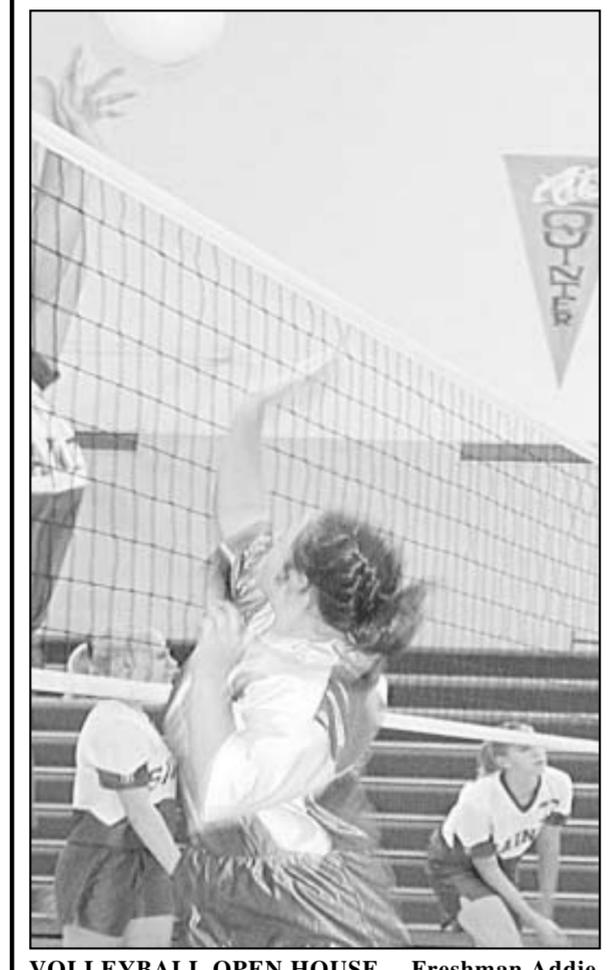
High series (handicap): W. Mahon 688, Milne 642, Kale Zimbelman 613

Ladies Nite Out 8/28

Team standings: Stockman's Strikers 3-1, Alley Cats 3-1, Jersey Maids 2-2, Great Plains Coop 2-2, Dundy Ag Service 2-2, Cheyenne Bowl 2-2, Mel's Gals 1-3, Wright Carpet 1-3

High game (scratch): Terry Yost 196, Kathy Blecha 183, Blecha 182

High series (scratch): Yost 520, Tammy Overlease 517, Blecha 476



VOLLEYBALL OPEN HOUSE —Freshman Addie Swihart prepares to block a shot in volleyball action Friday. Also pictured are Talisa Voorhies (left) and Amy Grace (right).

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