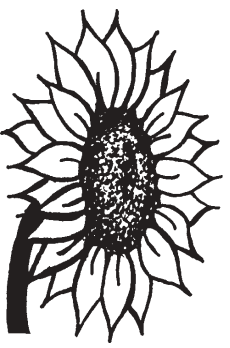


# At the Game



## Young football players compete Saturday in Sainty

Young pro football fans will have the opportunity to exhibit their football skills when the Association to Benefit Cheyenne County will host a National Football League (NFL) Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at the St. Francis Community High School football field.

The competition is free and open to boys and girls ages 8 through 15. Entry forms are available at both the high school and grade school offices. For additional information, call Chris or Iris at (785) 332-2432.

The competition allows youngsters to showcase their talents in punting, passing and kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy. Age classification is as of Dec. 31 of the current year.

"Every year the Association to Benefit Cheyenne County looks forward to hosting this event, along with the Diamond Skills, because it is something that the kids that come out really enjoy," said Iris Mastin, association chairman.

The top finishers from each of eight age groups at the local competition will advance to a Sectional

competition. The winners at the Sectional competition will have their scores compared with other Sectional champions; the top five scorers from the pool of Sectional champions advance to the Kansas City Chiefs Team Championship to be announced at a later date.

In the National Finals the top four scorers will be determined in the boys' and girls' divisions from all first-place finishers in each age group in the team championships. These athletes will advance to the National Finals at a National Football League playoff game in January. A total of 32 participants will attend the National Finals.

Each year most than 3.5 million youngsters nationwide compete in the program. Participants must fill out an entry form, have a valid birth certificate and parental signature.

All participants receive a certificate from the National Football League signed by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue. Prizes for age group winners include ribbons, medals, plaques, trophies and a trip for the competitor and two adults to the National Finals.

## C-teams wins one match; loses one

The scoring on Tuesday night saw the St. Francis volleyball C-team split two matches with Hoxie as Golden Plains did not have a C-team. Sainty won the first match in three games 25-19, 23-25 and 15-13 and lost the second one 15-25, 16-25.

"The freshman girls played very competitively in their first match against Hoxie Tuesday night," Coach Talley Morrow said. "I was pleased to see how well they took what we've been working on in practice onto the court."

"In the new rally scoring format of the game, good serving is essential for winning, and the girls did a fine job of focusing to get the ball over the net. Janelle Zwegardt scored 12 consecutive serving points for us in the very first game,

which gave us the victory at 25-19.

"In the second game, we displayed excellent serving skills once again, as Danielle Flemming served six consecutive points. We lost that game 23-25, though, as Hoxie had a number of good servers, as well. In the third game, we pulled off another win of mostly penalty points, 15-13.

"In the second match against Hoxie, we continued to serve well, but not as well as the opponent," Coach Morrow said. "We found that improvement needs to be made in our ability to serve-serve and to get the ball to the setter. We ended up losing this match 15-25, 16-25.

"This team will be exciting to watch throughout the season as they are sure to fight competitively to win more matches."

## Sainty records losses

**By Betty Jean Winston**

The junior high volleyball teams lost to Oberlin on Thursday in action in St. Francis. Terri Orth is the eighth grade coach and Tammi Sherlock leads the seventh grade.

**Eighth grade vs Oberlin 20-25, 11-25**

"I felt that we played very good for our first game," said Coach Orth. "The girls played hard and worked through the fact of being nervous."

"I think we will have a good season."

Scoring: game one, Jenice Hartman 5, Katie Marin 5, Katie Ford 4, Holly Keller 2, Cassie Dankenbring 2, Dara Loyd 2; game two: Keller 3, Sara Miller 3, Loyd 2, Marin 1, Teri Walters 1, Lauren Zwegardt 1.

**vs Oberlin A-team 10-25, 23-25 B-team 16-25, 13-25**

"Volleyball has a new look this year," Coach Sherlock said. "The game is rally scored to 25. That means serving is very important."

"Our opening game was with Oberlin and you could tell the girls were nervous for the first game but a little more relaxed the second one."

"I was very happy with the way we played. We did get a few bumps, sets and spikes."

"We have a ways to go to get to where we need to be, but they did alright for the first game."

St. Francis scoring: Jami Pevler 5, Elizabeth Gienger 4, Andrea Holzwarth 4, Lacey Kibel 3, Taryn Richard 2, Candice Wiese 1. Fourteen points came from the other team making mistakes.

## School Schedule

Thursday (today): junior high volleyball/football, Quinter, here, 4 p.m.; Board of Education meeting, 8 p.m.

Friday: high school football, St. Francis vs South Park, here, 7 p.m.; pep assembly 3:20 p.m.

Saturday: C-team volleyball, here, 9 a.m.

Monday: seniors paint streets

Tuesday, high school volleyball, Atwood, St. Francis, Sharon Springs at Atwood, 4 p.m.; volleyball appreciation day

Thursday, Sept. 18: junior high football/volleyball, Oakley, there, 4:30 p.m.; high

school football C-team, Oakley, here, 5:30 p.m.; bonfire, 8:30 p.m.

**C-team volleyball**

St. Francis is hosting a C-team quad on Saturday involving St. Francis, Cheylin, Wray and Dundy County. This event was not listed on the school calendar.

St. Francis and Cheylin will play the first match, followed by Wray and Dundy.

St. Francis vs Cheylin, Dundy County vs Wray, Cheylin vs Wray and St. Francis vs Wray will be played at the high school with St. Francis vs Dundy County and Cheylin vs Dundy County at the grade school.



QUARTERBACK TYLER VOORHIES (12) led the Indians to a win over Clay Center on Friday night. He scored on a punt return and collected 77 rushing yards for the evening.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hilt.

## Indians open season on a winning note Friday night

**By Betty Jean Winston**

Win number one for the St. Francis football team took place Friday evening when the Indians met Clay Center in Phillipsburg. The fourth quarter turned into a nail biter after the Indians had sailed through the first three earning a 22-0 advantage. It was fortunate that St. Francis kept on coming and made one more touchdown as Clay Center adjusted and netted 22 points for a game-ending score of 28-22.

The Tigers tried an on-side kick during the final seconds of play which could have changed the outcome of the game but Sainty rallied and captured the ball, cementing the victory. It was a hard-fought win for Sainty.

"It was a good win as we played a team that exposed our weaknesses," St. Francis coach Tim Lambert said.

"I felt like Clay Center was a pretty good team. They had good quickness and speed. They both threw the ball and caught the ball well."

The score after the first quarter was 0-0. St. Francis had played good defense to hold the Tigers, but penalties and mistakes had kept the Indians scoreless even though they had moved effectively and entered the end zone. Two touchdowns were called back due to penalties/errors.

Sainty's first touchdown came early in the second quarter. Jonathan Roelfs had taken the ball and moved from the 2-yard line into the end zone when a fumble occurred. Kyle Buffington quickly recovered the ball for the TD. Derek Ross successfully converted the extra points on a rushing attempt and Sainty went into the locker room with an 8-0 lead.

"We played a pretty solid game," Coach Lambert said. "Both the offensive line and the defense played very well at times."

Sainty added two scores in the third period. The first touchdown happened when Tyler Voorhies, back to receive a punt, scrambled

48-yards to the end zone with the help of good blocking, particularly early in the run. This moved the score to 14-0.

"The key offensive play of the game was the punt return by Voorhies," Coach Lambert said.

This play gained the momentum for the Indians and later in the quarter St. Francis scored again on a 50-yard drive. Tanner Kinen took the ball over the line and added six points to the Indian score. Voorhies scored the extra points and Sainty led 22-0.

In the final quarter, Clay Center made a serious comeback. They scored their first touchdown early in the quarter on a pass play and that seemed to be the start of an offensive run for them.

St. Francis still kept the offensive pressure on and Ross went in for another Indian touchdown from 6-yards out to give St. Francis a 28-6 advantage.

Clay Center came right back with two touchdowns, one with 6:24 on the clock and another with 11 second remaining. It was after this score they tried the on-side kick in hopes of pulling off a come-from-behind victory. When Sainty recovered the ball, they earned the win with a 28-22 margin.

It was a hard-fought victory for the Indians and started their season off in the right direction.

"We beat a pretty good team but we know that we have plenty of things to work on," Coach Lambert said. "One of them is conditioning. When Clay Center started to repeat the things that were working for them in the fourth quarter, St. Francis seemed to have a problem with fatigue. Additional conditioning will take care of that."

"Players are getting used to their new positions and I think it is going to be good. We did have a couple of crucial holding calls. Although there was no specific defensive play that stood out, I feel the defense

played well."

The Indians will meet South Park in St. Francis on Friday. Be at Greene Field by 7 p.m. on Friday to view the 2003 Indians.

Team and individual stats from the Clay Center game follow.

**Team stats**

St. Francis listed first followed by Clay Center: first downs: 18/12; rushing yardage: 267/37; passing yardage 69/182; total offense: 336/219; punts: 3 for 28 yard average/4 for 28 yard average; fumbles: 1/2; penalties: 10 for 80 yards/two for 15 yards.

**Individual stats**

Rushing: Buffington, 100 yards on 20 attempts; Ross, 77 yards on 19 attempts; Voorhies, 77 yards on 11 attempts; Kinen, 6 yards on three attempts; Roelfs, 4 yards on three attempts.

Passing: Voorhies, nine attempts, three completions, one interception, 69 yards Pass receivers: Roelfs, two for 39 yards; Kinen, one for 30 yards

Kickoffs: Ross, five for a 42-yard average

Punt returns: Voorhies, three for 58 yards, 19.1 yard average, one touchdown

Punts: Raile, three for a 28-yard average

Interceptions: Buffington, one

Fumble recoveries: Ross, one; Trey Hilt, one

Scoring: Ross, 8; Voorhies 8; Roelfs 6; Kinen 6

Tackles: Nick Keller 11, Buffington 9, Roelfs 8, Dillan Zwegardt 8, Ross 8, Voorhies 6, Raile 3, Gabe Walz 3, Hilt 3, Kinen 3, Luke Keller 2, Jon Zwegardt 2, Joel McAtee 2, Dylan Loyd 2, Grant Keller 2, Andrew Feikert 2, Trevor Henderson 1

**Area scores**

Weekend scores involving Northwest Kansas League teams: St. Francis 28, Clay Center 22; Goodland 35, Hoxie 16; Oberlin 43, Dundy County, 0; Atwood 35, Colby 7; Oakley 47, Quinter 0. In an area game Cheylin was defeated by Healy 30-8.

## 32-14 victory earned

St. Francis C-team opened their season with a football win over Goodland on Thursday afternoon.

It turned out to be a good game for the young Indians as they won 32-14.

"We played very tough on the defensive side of the ball and we pretty well shut down their running attack," Coach Steve Jenkins said.

Sainty scored four touchdowns, had a safety and added conversion points on three occasions.

"We really played tough on both sides of the ball for the first game," Coach Ted Busse said. "And hopefully we won't have to go for it on fourth down and 19 again."

The St. Francis scoring follows:

Team safety, Dylan Loyd and Gabe Smull, two points

Touchdown: 24-yard run by Smull, two-point conversion by Matt Brown, eight points

Touchdown: 2-yard run by Smull, two-point conversion by Joel McAtee, eight points

Touchdown: 6-yard run by Smull, two-point conversion by McAtee, eight points

Touchdown: 10-yard run by Dylan Loyd, six points.

## Scramble played at golf club

Riverside Recreation hosted a three-man scramble golf tournament on Sunday, Sept. 6 with 75 golfers involved in the day's competition.

The summer heat had changed to a cool fall day, perfect for spending time on the golf course.

Winning the championship flight was the team of Kanak, Finley and Hoxsey. They were followed by the team of Brown, Ahlberg and Vollertson. Three teams tied for third in this flight including the teams of Lippert, Zwegardt and Lauer; Glad, Kanak, Pfortmiller; and Frewen, Leibbrandt, Frewen.

Spicknall, Brenner and Baer won the first flight with the teams of Rieger, Dodd and Rieger and Lampe, Gabel and Lampe tying for second place.

In the second flight the team of Orth, Smull and Bracelin placed first followed by the team of Sager, Bracelin and McKain and the team of Anderson, Lewis and Anderson.

Winning hole prizes were Marv Keil, Jason Kanak, Jay Cameron, Larry Gabel, Jeff Eberhardt, Kelly Frewen, Brad Pfortmiller, Dallas Watkins and Jason Weimer.

## Oberlin wins over Sainty

**By Betty Jean Winston**

The St. Francis defense held Oberlin to one touchdown but the Indian offense failed to score giving Oberlin an 8-0 victory over the Indians in junior high football action on Thursday, Sept. 4.

This initial game of the season, which was the home opener, had a number of Sainty fans supporting the players. It was the first opportunity the seventh graders had to represent the green and gold.

"Our first game wasn't what we had hoped," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We were sloppy on offense, with too many penalties and we put the ball on the ground way too much. We will spend a lot of time this week cleaning that up."

"We had our chances to beat Oberlin if it weren't for some missed assignments on defense and those offensive miscues."

"I like our little team. We are starting several seventh graders at some key positions and this first game gave them an opportunity to get their feet wet. Unfortunately the water was still cold."