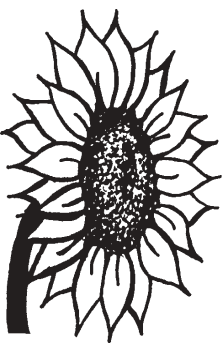


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At the Game



St. Francis plays hard; records District victory

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis Indian football team focused on the job at hand Friday evening and scored a huge 34-16 victory over Hoxie. This gave St. Francis a 2-0 record in District play with one game, St. Francis at Atwood, remaining. This game is being played in Atwood tonight (Thursday).

"Atwood will be ready for us as they need the win," Coach Tim Lambert said. Atwood has already been defeated by Hoxie in District play.

"Besides a ground game they may throw a little."

The Hoxie/St. Francis game had a little of everything including a good offensive attack by St. Francis, the limiting of Hoxie's offensive production by good defense, runbacks for touchdowns, an almost interception by Tanner Kinen, fumbles and penalties. St. Francis gained 314 yards on the ground and held an explosive Hoxie offense to well below their game average. On the minus side, the home team had the penalty whistle blown on them 10 times and one fumble near the Hoxie end zone could have changed the momentum. Fortunately Saintry recovered the ball and continued their drive. The penalties added up to 67 yards. "We're getting better," Coach Tim Lambert said.

For pure excitement the third quarter was tops. Within a matter of minutes, six consecutive plays, including three touchdowns and three conversion attempts, put points on the scoreboard. The culmination of a touchdown drive by Hoxie and the addition of two conversion points gave them eight points in two plays. On the Hoxie kickoff, Jonathan Roelfs raced 85 yards to return the

St. Francis advantage to three touchdowns. The conversion attempt saw Derek Ross walk into the end zone untouched. These two plays netted St. Francis eight points. Not to be outdone, Hoxie took the St. Francis kickoff in for a score and the conversion attempt was also successful for eight additional points. Six plays with 24 points scored, 16 by Hoxie and eight by St. Francis.

Everyone present noticed the offensive movement by the Indians on the opening drive but it should be noted that the Saintry defensive unit allowed Hoxie only three plays in the entire first quarter. Three running attempts and a punt and that was it. Hoxie recorded only 37 plays the entire evening. St. Francis had 62 rushing attempts.

The flow of the game saw St. Francis score one touchdown in the first quarter, two in the second, one in the third and the final one in the fourth. Ross carried the ball into the end zone on four of these scoring attempts, accounting for 194 yards for the evening.

The competition opened with Colby kicking off to the Indians. Immediately it was evident that the St. Francis offensive line and the blockers were making it possible for the backfield (Ross, Kyle Buffington and Roelfs) to gain yardage on nearly every play. Quarterback Tyler Voorhies was leading the offensive attack.

Eating up 7 1/2 minutes on the clock, St. Francis gained five first downs on the way to a 71-yard drive ending in a touchdown by Ross. The clock said 4:39 when the Indians attempted the conversion run which was unsuccessful, leaving the score at 6-0.

With Hoxie unable to move the



JONATHAN ROELFS (10) carries the ball for the Indians on Friday night. The Saintry offense and defense combined for a win over a very strong Hoxie team.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hill

ball the required 10 yards for a first down, Saintry again was in possession. Hoxie's kick was short giving St. Francis the ball on the 49-yard line. The Indians powered their way to the 30-yard line before the quarter whistle blew.

The drive continued when play resumed. The Indian had to convert a fourth-and-two play and a holding call to keep the drive moving but they were helped by a Hoxie penalty. With 7:25 on the clock, Ross entered pay dirt standing up. He also added the two conversion points to give Saintry a 14-0 advantage.

Hoxie made their initial first down of the game on the next drive but that was it. They had one nice 18-yard play and received some yards from Saintry penalties but Kinen almost intercepted a pass and Hoxie lost the ball on downs.

It didn't take St. Francis long to put an additional touchdown on the board, but first they had to overcome a penalty which put them in a first-and-20 position. Ross took

care of that by racing 72 yards for the score. Saintry now led the game 20-0.

Before the half ended Hoxie lost the ball on downs, St. Francis fumbled the ball and Hoxie only had time for three plays.

St. Francis had completely dominated the first half.

After the locker room break, St. Francis kicked off to Hoxie. An attempted runback was stymied by Trevor Henderson. This time the Hoxie offensive unit was making some headway taking the entire first half of the quarter to march to the goal line for their opening score, making the game 20-8 after a successful conversion attempt. The clock said 5:59.

It was at this time the two runback scoring attempts took place. First Roelfs made it 26-8 for Saintry and then Hoxie's kickoff return put the score at 28-16 when they had a successful conversion attempt. The clock now said 5:31.

The remainder of the quarter was back to hard-nose football with

Saintry moving the ball and extending their drive into the fourth quarter. Nearing the goal line, Saintry managed to recover their own fumble and it was important as that moved the score to 34-16. A Voorhies to Kinen pass was incomplete for the conversion points.

Kinen held tight to the Hoxie runner, who was attempting a runback on the ensuing kickoff and the Saintry defense held Hoxie on fourth down. With half of a quarter to work with the Indians moved the ball, ran out the clock and claimed the victory.

It was a very good win for St. Francis.

Team and individual stats from the Hoxie game follow.

Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Hoxie: first downs: 19/7; rushing yardage: 314/132; passing yardage: 0/0; total offense: 314/132; punts: 0 for 0 yard average/one for 11 yard average; fumbles: 2/0; penalties: 10 for 67 yards/ five for 37 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: Ross, 194 yards on 29 attempts; Buffington, 66 yards on 19 attempts; Voorhies, 17 yards on six attempts; Roelfs, 7 yards on 39 attempts.

Passing: none Pass receivers: none Kickoffs: Trey Hilt, five for a 30-yard average

Punt returns: none

Punts: none

Interceptions: none

Fumble recoveries: none

Scoring: Ross, 28; Roelfs 6.

Tackles: Ross 14, Kinen 10, Hilt

9, Buffington 8, Nick Keller 8,

Voorhies 5, Michael Raile 4, Jon

Zweygardt 4, Henderson 4, Dylan

Loyd 2, Roelfs 2, Gabe Walz 2,

Luke Keller 2, Dillon Zweygardt 1,

Andrew Feikert 1.

Area scores

Weekend scores involving

Northwest Kansas League teams:

St. Francis 34-Hoxie 16; Atwood

42-Oberlin 14; Oakley 38-6;

Goodland 43-Colby 14; Leoti 16-

Quinter 10. In an area game Cheylin

lost to Sharon Springs.



Dodd



Faulkender



Holzwarth



Knodel



Lampe



Raile



Rice



Sowers

Sub-state action completes season

By Betty Jean Winston

Eight seniors played their last volleyball game for St. Francis Community High School on Saturday at WaKeeney in sub-state action. The season was over for the Lady Indians when they were defeated by the Lady Red Devils from Oberlin 13-25, 22-25.

Seniors suiting up for the last time as a team were Janis Dodd, Lori Faulkender, Ashley Holzwarth, Meredith Knodel, Allyse Lampe, Kandee Raile, Toni Rice and Hannah Sowers.

"The girls played well against a good Oberlin team," Coach Kent Kechter said. "We were very close to winning the second game and seeding the match into three games.

St. Francis entered the tournament seeded eighth and faced the number one seed, Oberlin.

"I was very proud of the competitiveness and effort shown by our team," Coach Kechter said.

In the championship of the substate, Hoxie defeated Oberlin and therefore will represent the WaKeeney Sub-state at the 2A State tournament in Hays this weekend.

Lady Indian 2003 campaign, along with team and individual stats for the season will be featured in the Nov. 6 issue of the Herald.

Against Oberlin on Saturday, St. Francis was 91.9 from the service line, 91.9 on hitting, 92.3 setting and attempts 91 passes with 71 of them being good.

Being 100 percent on their serves were Faulkender (8/8), Talisa Voorhies (8/8) and Amber Havel (5/5). Faulkender, Holzwarth and Raile each had an ace.

Servicepoints: Voorhies 5, Raile 5, Faulkender 4, Holzwarth 2, Havel 1.

Knodel handed the most hits with 17 and she was successful 16 times. Rice (12/12) and Havel (4/4) were 100 percent.

Rice was also 100 percent on her sets with 31/31. Havel handled 22 sets, the second most of the day for St. Francis. She was 18-of-22.

Raile had the most passes on target 15. She also had an additional six playable for a total of 21-of-24. This was the best percentage for the Ladies.

Blocks: Knodel 2; Stuffs: Raile 1

Junior high teams play league games

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior high volleyball teams traveled to the league tournaments on Thursday with the eighth grade going to Oakley and the seventh grade playing at Quinter. This ended the season for the teams. Both groups will be back on the court next fall with the eighth graders representing the high school at that time.

Eighth grade

Atwood won the Northwest Kansas League eighth grade volleyball tournament held Thursday at Oakley. They defeated Quinter, Hoxie and Oberlin to take the title.

The Lady Indian team from St. Francis finished in seventh place following a win over Quinter in the final match. Earlier in the day they were defeated by Colby and Oakley. The Quinter match saw the Saintry girls come back after losing the first game 20-25 to win-

ning games two and three by scores of 25-21, 15-11.

"I felt overall we had a good day and a pretty good season," Coach Terri Orth said. "I enjoyed the girls and wish them good luck and success in everything they do."

"Thanks for all the effort girls!" In the match with Colby the final scores were 17-25, 14-25.

"We did some really good things," Coach Orth said. "The serving hurt us the most. We missed too many serves."

Scoring, game one: Cassie Dankenbring 2, Dara Loyd 2; game two: Loyd 3, Katie Marin 2, Sara Miller 2.

The St. Francis and Oakley match went to three games with St. Francis winning the first game 25-20 but falling to Oakley 11-25, 7-15 in the next two, giving Oakley the win.

"Again we played very well,"

Coach Orth said. "We set the ball up and had some really good volleys."

"In the third game we just couldn't serve the way we needed too."

Scoring, game one: Marin 6, Jenice Hartman 5, Holly Keller 3, Dankenbring 2; game two: Hartman 4, Marin 2, Loyd 2; game three: Keller 3.

The Quinter/St. Francis competition was a three game match. It was a good end to the St. Francis season to have them take home a victory in their final outing.

"We played very well again," Coach Orth said. "This time we finished the game."

Seventh grade

St. Francis played Oakley, Atwood and Hoxie and finished in eighth place as their opponents each scored a win.

"I have enjoyed working with

this group of girls," Coach Tammi Sherlock said. "They played very well Thursday at the tournament. They just came up on the short end of the stick."

"They looked very good on the court and had a lot of bumps, sets and spikes."

Oakley defeated St. Francis 14-25, 10-25.

Scoring: Joni Pevler 3, Ashley Zweygardt 1, Andrea Holzwarth 1, Jami Pevler 1, Lacey Kibel 1, Elizabeth Gienger 1.

The scores of the Atwood game were 11-25, 18-25.

Scoring: Jami Pevler 5, Gienger 4, Taryn Richard 3, Courtney Douthit 1, Kibel 1, Kim Voeller 1.

Hoxie defeated St. Francis 19-25, 15-25.

Scoring: Gienger 4, Kibel 3, Holzwarth 2, Zweygardt 1, Jami Pevler 1, Richard 1, Joni Pevler 1.

College Sports

Southwest Missouri State

Jon Zweygardt

The Southwest Missouri State Bears football team was defeated by Southern Illinois on Saturday 20-6. The Bears held Southern Illinois to their lowest offensive production of the season as their average is over 40 points per game.

On Nov. 1 they will be playing Indiana State.

Fort Hays State University

Dustin Dunn

The Fort Hays State Tigers had a successful Homecoming game on Saturday when they defeated Colorado School of Mines 27-17. This game was important to Hays as Mines had defeated them two years ago in overtime.

Hays now stands 3-0 in the Rocky Mountain Conference and 3-2 overall.

Trinity International

Ben Swihart

Trinity International defeated the University of St. Francis on



BEN SWIHART (88) and his teammates from the Trinity International football team leave the field following a recent game.

Saturday 40-7. They are now 5-3 overall and 2-2 in conference

play. On Saturday they will meet

Iowa Wesleyan at Mount Pleasant, Iowa.