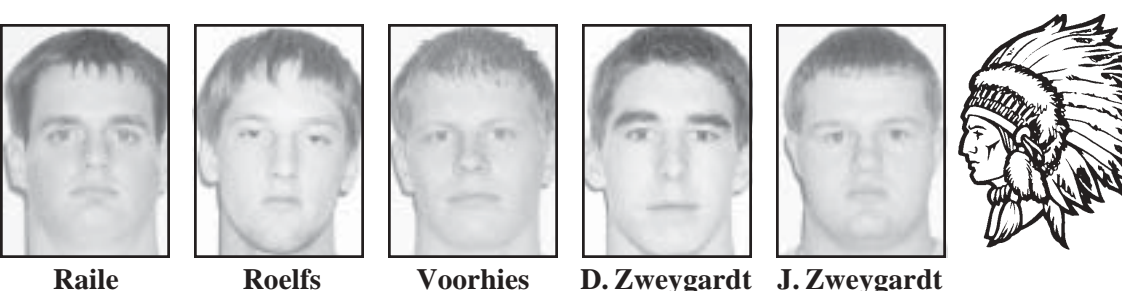


At the Game



Five Indians play final game

By Betty Jean Winston
The Indian basketball team had five seniors, Michael Raile, Tyler Voorhies, Jonathan Roelfs, Jon Zwegardt and Dillan Zwegardt, finish their high school career on Tuesday, March 2, in Plainville. This group had provided leadership during the 2003-04 season with some of them having been on the varsity for as many as four years.

Many of the contests during the regular season were against Northwest Kansas League teams but the Indians also participated in the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster in December (finished fifth) and the Oberlin Invitational tournament in January (finished sixth). The team played non-league games with Dundly County, Neb., Cheylin, Sharon Springs, and Cheyenne Wells and Holyoke, both in Colorado.

Players contributing to varsity action this year included seniors: M. Raile, Roelfs, Voorhies, J. Zwegardt and D. Zwegardt; juniors: Andrew Feikert, Tanner Kinen and Nick Raile; sophomores: J.D. Hawkins and Heath Owens, and freshmen: Joel Frewen, A.J. McAtee, Joel McAtee, Adam Peter and Levi Weeden.

Ted Busse began his first year as head coach of the boys after a number of years at the helm of the girls' team. He was assisted by Ward Cassidy, who had returned to coaching after a number of years. "Appreciated all of their efforts," Coach Busse said. "We will be returning some experience next year. They will need to work though."

Following the regular season, the team moved into Sub-State action, which is a single-elimination event. Plainville defeated the Indians in the opening contest and the St. Francis season ended.

This year's campaign finished with a 5-16 record. Wins were posted over Cheylin and Atwood in the Sagebrush tournament, Resurrection Christian in the Oberlin tournament and additional regular season wins against Cheylin and Atwood.

Northwest Kansas League competition ended as follows (The first numbers are Northwest Kansas League records with the final numbers being overall season records).

Boys	19-0
Quinter	7-0
Colby	6-1
Oakley	4-3
Hoxie	4-3
Oberlin	3-4
Goodland	3-4
Atwood	1-6
St. Francis	0-7

Team stats
Season long team stats compared to opponents with the St. Francis stats listed first followed by their opponents: two-point field goal percentage: 39.4/44.0; free throw percentage 62.1/; total points 1087/1256; rebounds 680/603.

St. Francis had 281 assists, 164 steals and 105 blocked shots. They collected 000 turnovers.

Per game stats

The team averaged 38.8 two-point attempts per game with 15 successful; 4.71 three-point attempts per game with 0.95 successful and 15.8 free-throw attempts per game with 9.1 successful. St. Francis averaged 42 points, 30.4 rebounds; 5.95 assists; 9.29 steals; 3.19 blocks, 23.3 turnovers and 17.5 fouls per game.

Top five individual stats
Field goal shooting percentage, two-point shots plus three-point shots (20 or more attempts): M. Raile 51.7, Adam Peter 47.2, Kinen 46.4, N. Raile 38.4, Roelfs 33.3, J. McAtee 33.3;

Free throw percentage: (10 or more attempts): N. Raile 70.0, Levi Weeden 68.8, Roelfs 64.3; M. Raile 63.7, Kinen 59.1;

Total points: M. Raile 270, Roelfs 164, Voorhies 96, N. Raile 70, Kinen 65;

Rebounds: M. Raile 133, N. Raile 97, J. Zwegardt 64, J. McAtee 64, Roelfs 51;

Assists: Voorhies 27, M. Raile 19, J. McAtee 16, N. Raile 15, Roelfs 12;

Steals: Voorhies 47.0, M. Raile 34.5; J. McAtee 25.5, Kinen 15.0, D. Zwegardt 14.5;

Blocked shots: Weeden 18, M. Raile 14, Roelfs 7, Voorhies 7, Peter 6;

Points per game: M. Raile 12.9, Roelfs 8.2, Kinen 6.5, Voorhies 4.6, N. Raile 3.5;

Rebounds per game: M. Raile 6.33, Kinen 5.10, N. Raile 4.85, J. Zwegardt 3.20, J. McAtee 3.05.

Individual stats

Shooting stats include shots attempted, shots made and percentage in that order. These stats only cover varsity games with several of these players being very involved in junior varsity action.

Frewen: two-point range 31/33.3; three-points range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 33.3; free throws 4/1/25.0; points 3; rebounds 5; steals 0; assists 0; blocked shots 1; points per game 1.0; rebounds per game 1.67.

Roelfs: two-point range 166/58/34.9; three-points range 29/7/24.1; field goal shooting percentage 33.3; free throws 42/27/64.3; points 164; rebounds 52; steals 8.5; assists 12; blocked shots 7; points per game 8.2; rebounds per game 2.6.

Voorhies: two-point range 88/28/31.8; three-points range 26/3/11.5; field goal shooting percentage 27.2; free throws 54/31/57.4; points 96; rebounds 47; steals 47; assists 27; blocked shots 7; points per game 4.6; rebounds per game 2.24.

M. Raile: two-point range 205/106/51.7; three-points range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 51.7; free throws 91/58/63.7; points 270; rebounds 133; steals 34.5; assists 19; blocked shots 14; points per game 12.9; rebounds per game 6.33.

Kinen: two-point range 56/26/46.4; three-points range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 46.4; free throws 22/13/59.1; points 65; rebounds 51; steals 15;

assists 7; blocked shots 2; points per game 6.5; rebounds per game 5.10.

J. Zwegardt: two-point range 48/14/29.2; three-points range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 29.2; free throws 10/5/50.0; points 33; rebounds 64; steals 8.5; assists 5; blocked shots 3; points per game 1.6; rebounds per game 3.20.

N. Raile: two-point range 55/21/38.2; three-points range 18/7/38.9; field goal shooting percentage 38.4; free throws 10/7/70.0; points 70; rebounds 97; steals 12; assists 15; blocked shots 4; points per game 3.5; rebounds per game 4.85.

D. Zwegardt: two-point range 34/5/14.7; three-points range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 13.9; free throws 21/7/33.3; points 17; rebounds 21; steals 14.5; assists 7; blocked shots 1; points per game 0.8; rebounds per game 1.00.

J. McAtee: two-point range 45/16/35.6; three-points range 6/2/16.7; field goal shooting percentage 33.3; free throws 30.16/53.3; points 51; rebounds 64; steals 25.5; assists 16; blocked shots 4; points per game 2.4; rebounds per game 3.05.

A.J. McAtee: two-point range 27/8/29.6; three-points range 9/1/11.1; field goal shooting percentage 25.0; free throws 14/6/42.9; points 25; rebounds 19; steals 8.5; assists 7; blocked shots 0; points per game 1.2; rebounds per game 0.90.

Feikert: two-point range 7/0/0; three-points range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 0/0; free throws 3/2/66.7; points 2; rebounds 10; steals 0.5; assists 3; blocked shots 0; points per game 0.1; rebounds per game 0.53.

Peter: two-point range 53/25/47.2; three-points range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 47.2; free throws 9/7/77.8; points 57; rebounds 46; steals 11.5; assists 4; blocked shots 6; points per game 3.2; rebounds per game 2.56.

Owens: two-point range 6/0/0.0; three-points range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 0/0; free throws 4/1/25.0; points 1; rebounds 4; steals 2; assists 0; blocked shots 0; points per game 0.1; rebounds per game 0.27.

Weeden: two-point range 19/6/31.6; three-points range 7/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 23.1; free throws 16/11/68.8; points 23; rebounds 22; steals 5; assists 3; blocked shots 18; points per game 2.3; rebounds per game 2.22.

Hawkins: two-point range 2/1/50.0; three-points range 2/1/50.0; field goal shooting percentage 50.0; free throws 1/0/0.0; points 5; rebounds 3; steals 2; assists 0; blocked shots 0; points per game 1.2; rebounds per game 0.75.

Lettermen

Seniors: Roelfs, Voorhies, Raile, J. Zwegardt, D. Zwegardt

Juniors: Kinen, N. Raile, Feikert (provisional)

Freshmen: A.J. McAtee, J. McAtee, Peter



NATHAN SOWERS (15) scores 23 points for the Chief in tournament action.
Photo courtesy of Charlie Hicks

Team places third

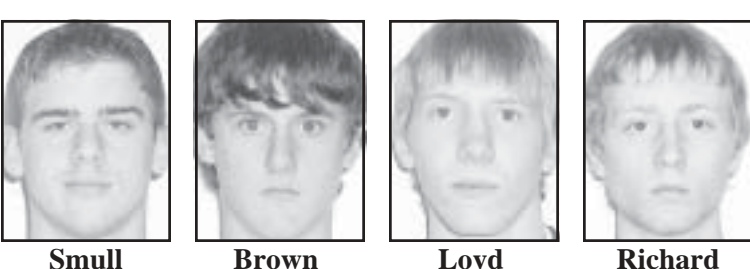
Nathan Sowers, Bird City, recently participated in the KanOkCo Regional Homeschool basketball tournament held in McPherson. This tournament represents home school teams from Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Sowers, a senior, played forward for CFE Chiefs. The Chiefs earned the championship of the B Division for 2004. He scored 23 points in a

game with Smoky Valley Home Educators and 16 points against Derby.

The Chiefs won third place in the annual Nebraska State Invitational tournament held one week prior to the Regional tournament. In that tournament they played teams from Seward, Bellevue and Sargent.

Coaching the Chiefs was Jordan Sowers, also of Bird City.



All-Americans named

By Betty Jean Winston
Four St. Francis Community High School wrestlers, Dylan Loyd, Trevor Richard, Matt Brown and Gabe Smull, attended the Brute Adidas National Folkstyle wrestling tournament on the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday and Sunday.

This was the first for what is expected to be many years for this event. With action taking place on nine different mats, in the area of 1,000 mat men in their freshman, sophomore or

junior year in high school were on hand to participate. Wrestlers were in competition only with other wrestlers in the same class in high school, such as juniors wrestled only juniors.

Results of the St. Francis wrestlers include: Smull, 160 pound sophomore, sixth; Loyd, 130 pound sophomore, eighth; Brown, 140 pound sophomore, eighth; Richard, 112 pounds sophomore, participated.

Wrestlers placing in the top eight positions were named All-American.

Wrestler does well at tourney

Kyle Allen, a freshman at Clay Center High School, competed in the Folk Style Brute Adidas National Wrestling Tournament on Saturday and Sunday at the Devaney Sports Center at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. This tournament had "class" divisions and Kyle wrestled the Freshman Division at 152 pounds. He ended up placing second.



Allen

The first round, Kyle wrestled a boy from Alabama, beating him 5-0. The second round, he wrestled a boy from Nebraska and the score was 9-2.

Kyle wrestled another Nebraska boy in the third and semi-final match and pinned his opponent in the first period.

In the finals, Kyle wrestled Jimmy Waters, who had placed second in the Iowa State Wrestling Tournament. They ended the first period 0-0 but, in the second period, Kyle was pinned, leaving him with a second place medal and certificate.

Kyle finished the season with a 28-15 record and said the week-end experience was "awesome."

He is the son of Tim and Kelly Allen, Clay Center, and the grandson of Billy and Karen Krien, St. Francis.

PeeWee tourney results

The Tiger Wrestling Club at Cheyenne Wells, Colo., hosted a Pee Wee wrestling tournament on Saturday, March 13, and both Luke Lampe and Logan Lampe of St. Francis participated. Luke earned a first place trophy in the 4-year-old, 36-pound bracket. Logan placed third in the 8-year-old, 51-54 pound group.

Although the Kansas Kids wrestling season is nearly over, young wrestlers wanting more action can still attend tournaments in Stratton or Benkelman on March 27, Akron on April 3, Haxton on April 10, and Holyoke on April 17. Call Rita Stephens at 332-2667 for more details.



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