



At the Game

Tourney slated for Garden City

The Garden City Coyotes will be hosting the Ultimate Sports Challenge on June 26. This wrestling tournament will feature folkstyle, Greco Roman and freestyle and is open to both guys and gals ages eight to 18.

Wrestlers are asked to pre register by June 16 and there is an entry fee per style. Call 620-275-1269 or 620-276-9388 for more information, or see Rita Stephens for an entry form or additional information concerning entry fees.

Two attend spring livestock show

Two St. Francis youth attended the Chase County Spring Livestock Show on Saturday, June 4 in Imperial, Neb.

Brunk were involved in the Junior Showmanship division with Grady placing first and Gavin fourth.

In the Heifer Class, Grady came in third and Gavin fourth.

Wrestling results from Imperial told

By Betty Jean Winston

Junction City was the place where the State wrestling Greco and freestyle tournament was held Sunday. Eight St. Francis mat men, four in the Junior division and four in the Cadet division participated.

Junior division
Trey Hilt placed fourth in Greco and participated in freestyle.
Dylan Loyd placed third in Greco and fourth in freestyle.
Gabe Gienger placed second in

Greco and participated in freestyle.

Matt Brown placed fourth in Greco and third in freestyle.

Cadet division
Trevor Richard participated in Greco and placed second in freestyle.

Jordan Gienger participated in both Greco and freestyle.

Gabe Small placed second in Greco and third in freestyle.

Brennon Wilger placed third in Greco and second in freestyle.

Softball teams begin busy season

By Betty Jean Winston

The season began with a win for the girls softball B-team as they defeated Hayes Center 12-11 on Tuesday, June 1, in St. Francis. The following two games against Palisade on Thursday, June 3, and Trenton on June 6, were marks in the loss column. This gives the team a 1-2 record as of Monday, June 7.

St. Francis 12, Hayes Center 11

"For the first game of the season we showed a lot of heart and determination," Coach Ronee Reichert said. "Pitcher Kandee Raile was injured in the bottom of the fourth inning with the score 10-3 in our favor. Hayes Center came out hitting the ball in the top of the fifth.

"After getting three outs, Hayes Center led the game with an 11-10 score.

"We had one at bat left and the girls were patient at the plate and they composed themselves to pull off the win."

Starting pitcher Raile collected seven strikeouts before being replaced due to injury. Jenice Hartman went to the mound and retired one batter then Kelsey Dunn finished off the game. She managed one strikeout.

After falling behind 2-0 in the first inning, the Sainty girls had a very productive second inning scoring eight points. They added two points in the fourth and two in the fifth for the win.

Sainty hits:
Toni Rice, one single; Kali Rueb, one single; Raile, one single, one double, Dunn, one single; Ally Reichert, two singles, one double, Janis Dodd, one single.

Raile collected two runs batted in while Rueb, Dunn, Reichert and Dodd had one each.

Palisade 16, St. Francis 6

The Sainty team scored the first run of the game in the top of the first inning but managed only two runs in the third and three in the fourth compared to eight in the second, six in the third and two in the fourth for Palisade, giving the opponents a 16-6 win.

"Too many mental mistakes led to two bad innings," Coach Reichert said. "We have to work on staying focused."

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Sainty hits:
Rice, three singles; Dodd, two singles; Sheryl Miller, one single; Rueb, one single, one double; Reichert, one single
Rueb was responsible for four runners crossing the plate while

Dodd had one run batted in.

Trenton 16, St. Francis 10

Although St. Francis scored 10 runs in this game they fell to Trenton 16 to 10. Trenton had a slow start but made up for it in the fourth inning when seven runs crossed the plate. As they already had five runs this upped their score to 12 and for the first time in the game they took over lead. Four more runs were added in the fifth for their total of 16.

Sainty had three runs in the first, three in the second, one in each the third and fourth and two in the fifth. "Toni Rice worked hard on the mound in the absence of our two regular pitchers," Coach Reichert said.

Jenice did a good job finishing the game. We hope to have Kandee back next week."

Rice worked four innings and collecting one strikeout and 11 walks while Hartman had one walk in the one inning she pitched.

Sainty hits:
Rice, one single, one double; Dodd, two singles; Miller, two singles; Reichert, one single, one double; Rueb, one single, one double, one triple; Trembly, one single.

Miller and Rice each had two runs batted in while Emily Walz and Reichert collected one apiece.

Corrected ball schedule

Thursday, June 10: Stratton at St. Francis, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15: St. Francis at Imperial, 8 p.m., B-team only

Thursday, June 17: St. Francis at Cheylin, B and C-teams only, C-team begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22: St. Francis at Atwood, B and C-teams only, C-team begins at 6:30 p.m.

June 25 through June 27: Tournament at Hayes Center

C-team

The young C-team has been involved in action with Palisade and Wauneta and Trenton so far this season. The team is hoping to put a game in the win column on their next outing.

Palisade 13, St. Francis 0

"This was a rough game," Coach Toni Rice said. "The girls were extremely nervous and really weren't executing like I know they can. We will bounce back on staying focused."

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PRACTICE SESSIONS for K-18 players take place at the ball diamond. Extra work, both offensively and defensively, is an important aspect of improvements as the season progresses.

K-18 team plays doubleheader Monday

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis K-18 baseball team traveled to Quinter on Monday, June 7, where they were involved in doubleheader action to

open the season.

In the first game of the evening, Sainty began the scoring with four runs in the second when the Quinter pitcher had trouble getting the ball across the plate. Joel McAtee, B.J. Killingsworth, Darren Laffond, Trevor Hilt, Andy White and David Guthmiller all received a base on balls with McAtee, Killingsworth, Laffond and Hilt coming in to score runs. Sainty went through the complete batting order in this inning.

Sainty score one more run in the third when Trent Kinen hit a single, scoring Killingsworth, who had reached base on a walk.

Quinter tied the score in the bottom of the third when they combine five hits and a base on balls to make

the game 4-4.

Sainty managed one more run in the fifth when McAtee, the lead-off batter, was hit by a pitch and made it home later in the inning.

The final run for St. Francis came in the seventh inning when McAtee hit a single and was brought home by Kinen.

Quinter scored an additional five runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and five in the sixth to make the final Quinter 15, St. Francis 7.

"They played well for their first game but they have some areas they need to work on," Coach Travis Hilt said.

Killingsworth was on the mound for St. Francis.

Having hits were Kinen, two

singles; Ted Crabtree, one single; McAtee, one single.

Game two

Quinter amassed 16 runs in two innings to dominate St. Francis 16-3. Sainty began the game well with three runs in the first inning and was ahead 3-2 at the end of one.

It was during the second inning that Quinter put together 14 points halting the contest after two innings.

St. Francis led off the first inning with a walk by Crabtree and a single by Keaton Frewen. Following an out, McAtee collected a double and Killingsworth a single. Crabtree, Frewen and McAtee rounded the bases to score for St. Francis before the final two outs were made.

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