



# At the Game



DAVID GUTHMILLER is up to bat for the St. Francis team looking for a hit against Goodland. The home team defeated Goodland 13-3 in the first game and also outscored them in an abbreviated game that followed. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick.

## Team finishes year with tournament

By Betty Jean Winston

The girls softball teams (A, B and C) finished their season over the weekend when they joined the league teams at Hayes Center, Neb., for the final outings of the year.

St. Francis A-team was defeated by Stratton 7-6 in a game that changed dramatically in the fifth inning. St. Francis had a 6-2 advantage going into the fifth but Stratton put five runs on the board and took the victory.

In B-team action, St. Francis defeated Hayes Center by a score of 6-4 but fell to the eventual champion Imperial 16-4.

Results of C-team action will be available next week.

### A-team

#### Stratton 7, St. Francis 6

Margaret Poling, Sharon Havel and Kande Raile all pitched for the St. Francis ladies with Poling going one inning, Havel three and Raile one. Havel collected five strike outs and Raile one.

"We didn't bat well in the third, fourth and fifth innings," Coach Ronee Reichert said. "Stratton came back in the fifth to lead 7-6 and take the win."

Sainty registered 13 hits, ranging from singles to a home run. Seven players accounted for the hits.

Hits: Brandee Charnoff, one single; Havel, two singles, one double; Reichert, one single, one double, one triple; Raile, two singles, one home run; Toni Rice, one single; Christy Holzworth, one single; Poling, one single.

"Chrissy Cooks played well in the outfield," said the coach.

Having runs batted in were Reichert, three; Raile, two and Havel, one.

St. Francis scored one in the first and five in the third for their six points.

### B-team

#### St. Francis 6, Hayes Center 4

"The girls played a great defensive game," Coach Ronee Reichert said. "Kande (Raile) pitched a good complete game."

St. Francis scored in the first two innings and then held on for

the win. They collected two points in the first inning and the final four points in the second inning. Hayes Center scored two in the first, one in the second and one in the third. Neither team could put points on the board in the last two innings.

Hits: Toni Rice, two singles; Janis Dodd, one single; Ally Reichert, one single; Raile, one single, one home run.

Having runs batted in were Raile, four; Dodd, one; Reichert, one.

Raile collected 10 strike outs and walked only two batters.

#### Imperial 16, St. Francis 4

Kande Raile pitched the game for the St. Francis B-team. She had one strike out and walked 10 batters.

"Kande had a tough night on the mound," Coach Ronee Reichert said.

St. Francis also had trouble scoring runs, having only two in the first and two in the second. From then on Imperial took control.

Imperial had a very high scoring first inning, nine points, to put St. Francis behind the eight ball early. Imperial added two runs in each of the second and third innings and three in the fourth for a total of 16.

"Imperial is a tough team," Coach Reichert said. "We hit the ball well but just didn't get back-to-back base hits. We left too many girls on base."

"We had a bad night defensively."

"We played out hearts out against a team that plays 60 plus games a season. Chin' up girls."

Hits: Toni Rice, one home run; Janis Dodd, one single, one double; Ally Reichert, two singles; Raile, two doubles, one home run; Megan Rice, one single; Sarah Tremby, one single.

Runs batted in: T. Rice, two; Raile, two.

Imperial won the championship game by a score of 24-1.

The season is over for another year with the St. Francis B-team having a busy season and the girls looking forward to next year.

## K-18 team has successful outing

By Betty Jean Winston

The pitching was good and the bats were very supportive on Thursday night when the St. Francis K-18 team earned a decisive 13-3 win over Goodland. Three additional innings were played after the first game with St. Francis leading 21-1 when the action stopped after Goodland finished batting in the third.

#### St. Francis 13, Goodland 3

A.J. McAtee was on the mound for St. Francis in the first game and he collected seven strike-outs, giving up four singles and one double through six innings. McAtee walked seven and had one hit batter.

St. Francis collected a total of 19 hits, with three of them being extra base hits. This was a total team effort offensively.

Scoring three runs in the first inning gave St. Francis momentum which carried them through the game. They added one run in the third, four in the fourth and five in the sixth to complete their 13 runs.

Goodland opened the scoring in the top of the first with one run on two walks and two singles. McAtee struck out the next batter for the third out to

stop the scoring.

St. Francis answered Goodland's run with three scores of their own. A.J. McAtee, the first batter up, hit a double, followed by singles by Darren Laffond, B.J. Killingsworth and Joel McAtee. Ted Crabtree reached base on a walk and then Trevor Hilt had the last hit of the inning, scoring two runners.

Goodland had two walks in the second inning after pitcher McAtee had collected two strike outs. The next batter was out on a second-to-first play and no scores were allowed.

David Guthmiller had the only Sainty hit in the second and no runs scored.

Two fielding outs and a strikeout ended Goodland's chance to score in the third although a single was hit by the shortstop.

The St. Francis run in this inning came when Crabtree scored J. McAtee, who had reached base on a single. A third out left Crabtree on base as the inning ended.

The fourth was a productive inning for St. Francis as they earned four runs which gave them protection as the

game progressed.

Keaton Frewen opened the inning with a hit which was followed by a walk by Guthmiller. Trent Kinen and A.J. McAtee added singles with McAtee collecting a run batted in. Later Killingsworth's single scored two more runs with the team ending the inning with an 8-1 advantage.

Goodland added their second run in the fifth inning on a walk and a double. The scoring was shut down when pitcher McAtee struck out the next batter.

No St. Francis runs were added in the fifth inning although two runners were left on base.

One run was added to Goodland's score in the final inning but St. Francis came back with five runs and took the game.

The runs came on combination of hits and walks with eight batters reaching base.

This was a good win for the St. Francis team.

Hits: A.J. McAtee, two singles, one double; Laffond, one single, one double; Killingsworth, three singles; J. McAtee, two singles, one triple;

Crabtree, two singles; Hilt, one single; Andy Waite, one single; Frewen, one single; Guthmiller, one single; Kinen, two singles; Jon Finley, one single

Runs batted in: Laffond, two; Killingsworth, two; Hilt, two; A.J. McAtee, one; J. McAtee 1; Kinen, one.

#### St. Francis 21, Goodland 1

In this two and one-half inning game, St. Francis accounted for 18 hits. In the second inning alone, they went through the batting order almost two times.

Laffond did the pitching for St. Francis allowing one run on two hits, two walks and three strike outs.

Every St. Francis player had at least one hit.

Hits: A.J. McAtee, four singles; Laffond, two singles; Killingsworth, two singles; J. McAtee, two doubles, one single; Crabtree, one single; Hilt, one single; Kinen, one triple; Waite, two singles; Finley, one double, one single.

Runs batted in: Killingsworth, six; Laffond, three; J. McAtee, three; A.J. McAtee, two; Crabtree, two; Waite, one; Finley, one.

## Tournament time fast approaching; first games on Friday

By Betty Jean Winston

Make-up games were on the agenda this week along with a few regularly scheduled contests.

The season-ending tournament is slated to begin on Friday and continue until a champion is named.

Results from the week of June 21 through June 25 had the following games played.

#### Monday, June 21 Reds 15, Cheylin 8

Cheylin 1 and the Reds met on Monday, June 31 although the weather appeared questionable during the day. The Reds were victorious in game one of the doubleheader by a score of 15-8.

The four-inning contest found the Reds scoring four in the first, one in the second, five in the third and five in the fourth.

Cody Sherlock and Terrance Lamb each pitched two innings and combined for a total of nine strike outs.

"Aggressive hitting paid off," Coach Larry Finley said. "Kids really hit the ball well. David (Stephens) and Ben (Neitzel) hit homers. Good defense and a good team effort."

Coach Finley also mentioned that defensively the team had picked off runners.

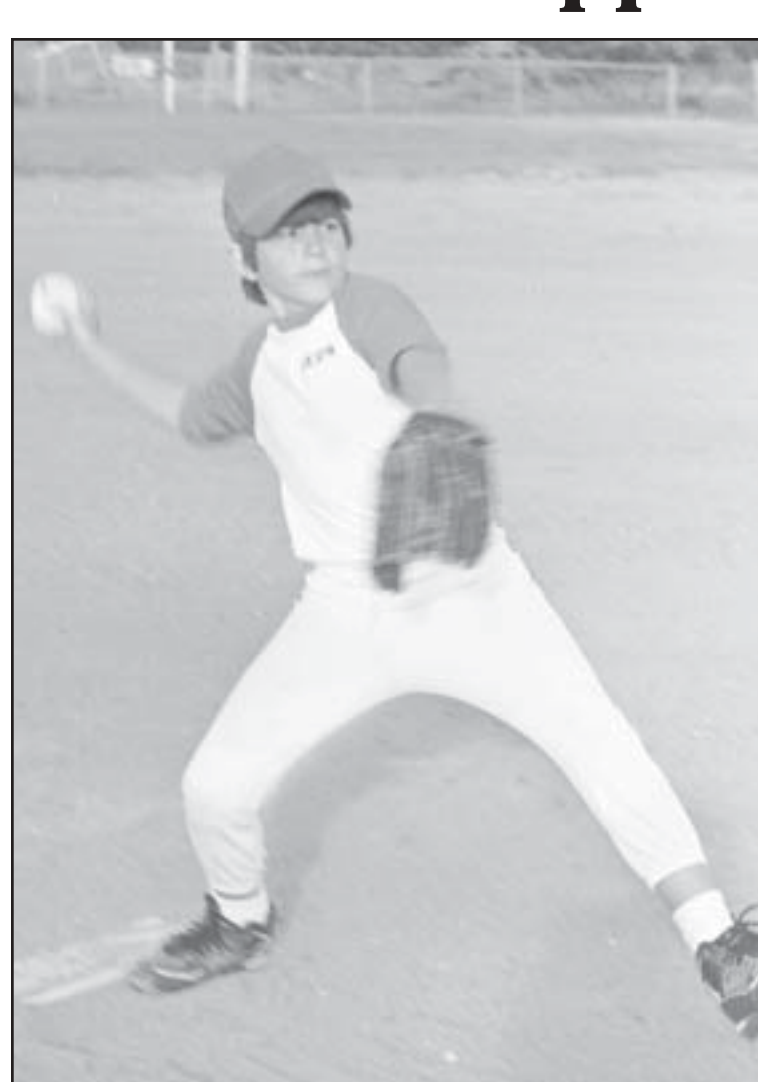
Hits: Dalton Davenport, one single; Zach Gienger, two singles; Stephens, one single, one double, one home run; Nathan Lamb, one single; T.J. Perry, one single; T. Lamb, two singles; Cody Killingsworth, one single, one triple Adam Guthmiller, one double; Ryan Owens, one double; Ross Nicklos, one single; Neitzel, one home run.

Runs batted in: Gienger, one; Stephens, four; N. Lamb, one; Guthmiller, two; Perry, one; Killingsworth, two; T. Lamb, one; Neitzel, one.

#### Reds 10, Cheylin 0

No one was able to score during the first two innings of this game but then the Reds put together two innings with five runs each to take the win. This was the second game of the evening's doubleheader.

David Stephens and Adam Guthmiller both pitched with Stephens going the first three innings



REDS PITCHER Terrance Lamb helped the Reds defeat Cheylin on Friday night. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

and Guthmiller finishing up.

"There was not much hitting in this game" Coach Larry Finley said. "Good pitching and defense kept Cheylin scoreless. The kids worked the bases well."

The Reds managed to pick three runners off of first base during this game.

Having hits were Brendan Finley, one single; T.J. Perry, one single

Runs batted in: Terrance Lamb, one; Guthmiller, two; Finley, one; Cody Sherlock, one, Stephens, one.

#### Tuesday, June 22 Sox 16, Cheylin 3

The Sox defeated Cheylin 1 on Tuesday evening by a score of 16-3.

They scored two runs in the first inning, four runs in the second, five runs in the third and five runs in the fifth for their 16 points.

Darris Keller pitched a complete game and racked up 11 strike outs.

Having hits for the Sox were Isaac Schiltz, one single, one double; Ricky Bussell, one single; Trent Raile, one triple, one home run, one single; Sam Reed, one double, one single; D. Keller, one triple, one single.

#### Wednesday, June 23 A's 18, Cheylin 1

The A's defeated Cheylin 2 on Wednesday, June 23 by a score of 18-1.

"The A's were hitting the ball well and played good defense," Coach

Rod Lampe said.

Brett Lampe pitched three innings for the A's with Dustin Laffond on the mound for two innings.

Having hits for the A's were Drew Zwegardt, two singles; Lampe, two singles; Matt Raile, one home run, one triple, one single; Dustin Laffond, two singles; Brock Zwegardt, two singles; Trever Reed, two singles; Garrett Figgins, one single; Tyler Lauer, two singles.

#### A's 12, Benkelman 2

The A's also defeated Benkelman on Wednesday, June 23. The score for this game was 12-2.

Again the A's used three pitchers giving Matt Raile and Brett Lampe, two innings each and Dustin Laffond, one.

Having hits in this game were Drew Zwegardt, two singles, one double; Lampe, one single, one double; Raile, one single; Laffond, one single; Tyler Lauer, two doubles; Alex Long, two singles; Garrett Figgins, one single; Ty Zwegardt, one single.

#### Sox 20, Benkelman 1

In a game played in St. Francis the Sox downed Benkelman 20-1. The Sox scored five points in each of the first four innings for team win.

Trent Raile pitched the first three innings and he was relieved by Darris Keller. Raile had nine strike outs and Keller three.

Having hits were Raile, one home run, two singles, one triple; Sam Reed, two singles, one double; D. Keller, one triple, two singles; Isaac Schiltz, one single; Jeremy Meyer, one single; Grady Brunk, one double; Ricky Bussell, one double.

#### Thursday, June 24 Reds 9, Atwood 1

The Reds traveled to Atwood on Thursday where they scored enough in each of the first three inning for a 9-1 victory.

"This was our best game of the season," Coach Larry Finley said. "We had solid pitching (only allowed two hits) and hitting. Everyone on the team contributed."

"The kids played well and had a great team effort. T.J. (Perry) had a big home run and the kids hit a lot of balls into play."

David Stephens pitched three innings, collecting six strike outs while Terrance Lamb had three strike outs in the inning he pitched.

An outstanding play for the Reds besides the home run by Perry was picking a runner off of first base.

Hits: Dalton Davenport, single; Lamb, two singles; Stephens, two singles; Benjamin Neitzel, one single; Perry, one single, one home run.

Perry earned five runs batted in during the contest with Stephens, Neitzel and Lamb each having one.

The Reds scored two runs in the first inning, five in the second and two in the third for their nine points while Atwood scored their lone run in the first.

#### Reds 9, Atwood 8

The Reds scored another win over Atwood, this time with both teams scoring a number of runs.

St. Francis was down 8-7 going into the final inning but came up with two important runs in the fifth to take the win.

"A good - tough - close game that the kids really hung in on," Coach Larry Finley said. "We had clutch hits when we needed them. Another good team effort."

The pitching duties were passed around in this game with Terrance Lamb going two innings, David Stephens, two inning and T.J. Perry, one.

The St. Francis team took advantage of the hits they had as Perry had one home run and Lamb, Dalton Davenport and Stephens each had a single.

Collecting runs batted in were Perry, four; Davenport, Brendan Finley, Nathan Lamb and Logan Whitmore, one each.

"The home run by Perry was an outstanding play," Coach Finley said.

Sainty scored five runs in the first, two runs in the second and two in the fifth. Atwood had two runs in the first, five in the second and one in the eighth.

#### Friday, June 25 Sox 10, Cheylin 1

In a three inning game played on Friday evening in St. Francis, the Sox scored a 10-1 victory.

The total scoring for the Sox took place in the first two innings with five in the first and five in the second.

It was a low hitting game with Trent Raile hitting a home run and a single.

Darris Keller and Raile each spent time on the mound with Keller having six strike outs and Raile having five.

#### A's 15, Cheylin 4 A's 19, Cheylin 2

The St. Francis A's played a doubleheader with the Cheylin 1 team on Friday evening. The score of the first game was A's 15, Cheylin 4 and the second game saw the A's win 19-2.

Cheylin players managed to score in each of the contests but the A's had a number of runs during the evening.

According to A's Coach Rod Lampe the A's did a nice job hitting during these two contests.

#### Reds 11, Cheylin 2

The Reds defeated Cheylin 2 on Friday evening by a score of 11-2.

Terrance Lamb opened the game for the Reds with Benjamin Neitzel and Brendan Finley also helping to handle the pitching. The pitchers combined for eight strike outs.

Coach Larry Finley said that picking off three runners on first base and David Stephens and Ross Nicklos each hitting a home run were game highlights.

St. Francis scored two runs in the first inning, three runs in the second, one in the third and five in the fourth. Cheylin had a run in the first and one in the fourth.

Hits: Dalton Davenport, one single; Ryan Owens, one single; Lamb, one single; Stephens, one single, one home run; Adam Guthmiller, one single, one double; T.J. Perry, one double; Nicklos, one home run; Benjamin Neitzel, one single.

Runs batted in: Nicklos, two; Guthmiller, two; Stephens, two; Owens, one.

"There was good pitching and good defense," Coach Finley said. "It was a good team effort. Ross (Nicklos) had several good plays at shortstop and a home run. David (Stephens) hit a home run. All the kids hit well and put the ball into play."