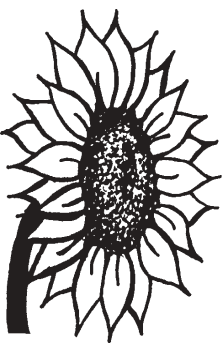


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At the Game



TREVOR HILT WORKS for a hit in a recent K-18 baseball game. The season ended Friday evening in Smith Center when Plainville defeated the Sainty team.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Sainty baseball season is over

By Betty Jean Winston

Plainville had a strong sixth inning and dashed the tournament hopes of the St. Francis K-19 baseball team. The Sainty team was working hard to advance in post-season action but the loss to Plainville put a stop to that. The final score was Plainville 18, St. Francis 8. Nine runs for Plainville in the sixth told the story.

"I am really proud of the kids," Coach Travis Hilt said. "They competed with a good team (Plainville).

"The game was closer than the score makes it out to be. We just broke before our opponents did and it cost us the game, although

they (St. Francis) played the best baseball Friday that they have all year long.

"It was fun and we are looking forward to next year."

The team had some good outings during the season, finishing with a 6-5 record.

On Friday night in Smith Center against Plainville, St. Francis scored four runs in the second, two in the fourth and two in the sixth.

Darren Laffond opened the game on the mound with A.J. McAtee relieving him in the sixth.

After a scoreless first inning, Sainty opened the second with a single by Ted Crabtree, followed by a walk to Trevor Hilt, singles by

Keaton Frewen and David Guthmiller and a triple by Trent Kinen. Guthmiller's hit earned him two runs batted in and Kinen added two more scores when he hit the triple. Sainty was within one point (6-5) of Plainville at the end of two.

The two scores in the fourth came when Frewen walked and came home on a double by A.J. McAtee. A double by B.J. Killingsworth scored McAtee. The fourth inning finished with Plainville leading 7-6.

Again in the sixth inning, Sainty managed to put enough hits together to score two runs. Guthmiller opened with a single.

Kinen added a single, A.J. McAtee hit a double and Killingsworth brought the second run in with another double. The third out left Killingsworth on base.

The Jayhawk League covers a large area in northwest Kansas and team members did a lot of traveling and represented St. Francis well.

Hits: A.J. McAtee, two singles, two doubles; Killingsworth, one single, two doubles; Joel McAtee, one single; Crabtree, one single; Frewen, one single; Guthmiller, two singles; Kinen, one triple, one single.

Runs batted in: Guthmiller, two; Kinen, two; A.J. McAtee, two; Killingsworth, two.

St. Francis defeats Oakley 15 to 8 in final game of regular baseball season

By Betty Jean Winston

The regular season ended with a win! The St. Francis K-18 baseball team, under the leadership of Travis Hilt, finished the schedule with a 15-8 victory over Oakley on Monday, July 19, in Oakley.

The sixth inning was the most explosive for St. Francis as they went through the batting order one and one-half times and sent nine runners across home plate. This increased their score from 6 to 15 and gave them enough momentum to finish the game with a seven-run advantage.

Only the second, fourth and seventh innings were scoreless for the Sainty team as they had a good offensive outing.

Joel McAtee handled the pitching duties with nine players, A.J. McAtee, Darren Laffond, B.J. Killingsworth, J. McAtee, Ted Crabtree, Trevor Hilt, Keaton Frewen, David Guthmiller and Trent Kinen, contributing to the win.

Sainty took a 3-1 lead in the first inning with A.J. McAtee opening the game with a single. He has proven to be a good lead-off batter

this season.

Going into the high-scoring sixth inning, the team led by a slim two points. This inning began with a base on balls to A.J. McAtee. He and Laffond, who hit a single, were on base when J. McAtee hit one over the fence for the first three runs of the inning. The bases were not empty long as the next batter, Crabtree, was walked and it was six hits later when the inning came to an end when a base runner was called out.

Sainty scored three runs in the first, two in the third, one in the fifth

and nine in the sixth.

Having hits during the slugfest were A.J. McAtee, three singles; Laffond, two singles, one double; Killingsworth, two singles; J. McAtee, three singles, one home run; Crabtree, one triple, two singles; Hilt, two singles; Frewen, two singles; Guthmiller, two singles.

In the additional inning played following the regular game, Laffond had a hit and Sainty had five runs on one hit and five base on balls.

Wrestling scheduled 'under the stars' in Wray

The Wray Wrestling Club will host their third annual "At the Buttes" and "Under the Stars" takedown tournament on Saturday, July 31 at the Wray football field. Weigh-in for ages 6 to 10 will be

from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. central time and ages 12, 14, 16, and 18 will weigh in from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wrestling will begin at 7 p.m.

Wrestling mats will be placed on the football field and those par-

ticipating should wear wrestling shoes and appropriate wrestling attire. There is an entry fee per wrestler with one rate for 12 and older and a smaller rate for 12 and younger. Concessions will be

available.

For more information go to <http://www.coloradowrestling.com> and click on "Showdown at Sundown," or call Rita Stephens for a flyer.

Sainty girl earns \$500 scholarship

Lori Faulkender, 2004 St. Francis High School graduate, has accepted a \$500 Award of Excellence in nursing to attend Fort Hays State University for the 2004-2005 academic year.

She was involved in volleyball, basketball, track and Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was on the honor roll.

Faulkender, daughter of Roger Faulkender, St. Francis, and Joyce Faulkender, St. Francis, plans to major in nursing.



Faulkender

Huntersafety class is being offered Aug. 10, 12, 13, 14

According to the law, people who are 27 years old or younger and want to hunt must carry a certification card along with their hunting license. Certification cards can be obtained only after the individual has completed a hunter education course and all hunters who were born on or after July 1, 1957, must complete the course.

There is only one course offered each year in St. Francis. That course, held through the Kansas Wildlife and Parks, and again sponsored by Gardner Graphics will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 10, 12 and 13 and at 9 a.m. on Aug. 14. The Saturday class will last much of the day. There is no charge for the class.

The classes are held at the Cheyenne County Wildlife, Inc. club house.

This year the class is being limited to 30 and those interested will need to pre-register by calling Chet Gardner at (785) 332-2373.

The recommended age for the class is 12 years to adult but those younger will not be turned away. Others who have previously taken the class might want to renew their hunting knowledge and skills by taking the class. Instructors for the class are Chet Gardner, Tim Stimbert, Dick Rohweder and Bob Burr.

Lost certification

Have you lost your hunter education certificate?

Replacement certificates may be obtained by writing to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, R.R. 2, Box 54A, Pratt, KS 67124. Enclose your full name, date of birth and \$5.50.



SMULL EARNS MEDAL - Gavin Smull did well at the Kansas Sunflower Games, earning him the right to compete next summer at the State Games of America.

Photo courtesy of Margaret Poling

Swimmer places at Sunflower Games

Amber and Gavin Smull traveled to the 2004 Sunflower Games which took place the weekend of July 18. The swimming competition was held in Topeka this year at the new Natatorium in Hummer Sports Park. The Natatorium holds a long course, 50-meter, eight-lane pool. In northwest Kansas the pools are short course, 25-yard, six lane pools.

"The 50 meter pool was very intimidating for the swimmers," Margaret Poling, St. Francis swim team coach, said. "The heats were all set up by time only, 18-and-under. You were sometimes swimming with three different age groups (the swimmer next to you may have been 10, 12, 14 or 18). All races were electronically timed with touch pads. And all final results were computer generated throwing everyone into their own age group again. There was no clerk of the course, no warnings, no late calls.

"The event was listed on the scoreboard, the heat was listed. It you weren't there you didn't swim. This made it a very relaxing meet.

"Amber competed well," Coach Poling said. "Her first race was the 200-meter free-style and

she earned fifth place; she received seventh in the 50 meter backstroke, seventh in the 50-meter butterfly and eighth in the 50 meter freestyle.

"Gavin swam five outstanding races, receiving third place in the 100-meter butterfly, second place in the 200-meter freestyle, second place in the 100-meter freestyle; second place in the 50-meter freestyle and second place in the 400-meter freestyle.

Medaling in the Sunflower games qualifies Gavin for the National competition. The State Games of America, a biannual event next will be held July 28 through July 31, 2005, in Colorado Springs. The National Congress of State Games calls the event "the culmination of 49 state games, which, all told, comprise a half-million athletes in more than 90 sports. Medalists in all the individual state games will receive fliers, e-mails and letters inviting them to participate. Organizers of the national competition hope to bring in 10,000 competitors.

"At Topeka the swimmers found the pool intimidating but not the other swimmers," Coach Poling said. "The experience was wonderful, and they are interesting in going back.

"I appreciate all the people who have helped with the 2004 swim team," she said.



PLACES THIRD OVERALL — Corbin Sherlock did very well in the 15-through-18 boys age division during the 2004 Northwest Kansas Swim League season. This league involves teams from Colby, Goodland, Oakley, Oberlin and St. Francis in Kansas and Burlington, Flagler, Holyoke, Limon and Wray in Colorado. Awards were announced at the Wray Tournament.

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