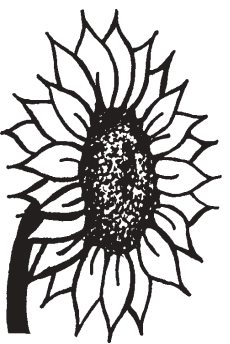


At the Game



Indians shutout Oberlin

By Betty Jean Winston

Good defense helps describe the Indians' 8-0 victory over the Oberlin Red Devils football team on Friday night in Oberlin. St. Francis held Oberlin to 16 yards on the ground and 22 yards in the air.

Equally important was the fact that the Indian offense came through with the scoring needed to claim the win. One touchdown was scored and that was enough for the victory.

The Saintry scoring took place early in the third quarter. Oberlin was in possession of the football but that changed when Tanner Kinen intercepted a pass by the Red Devil quarterback. This was just the spark needed to kick the offense into gear.

The momentum was on Saintry's side when they took over on the 40-yard line and marched down the field using successful offensive plays. Gabe Smull went in from the 7-yard line for the touchdown. The blockers were very important on this drive as they opened the holes needed to maintain the forward motion.

Derek Ross carried the ball in for the two conversion points following the score.

The win could be used as a confidence builder for St. Francis.

"It was one win, which does not make two," Coach Tim Lambert said. Each game is a different contest and each one presents an individual challenge.

"Confidence is important," he said. "You have to believe."

St. Francis built up a total of 311 yards offensively when combining the 287 yards on the ground and the 24 in the air.

"We played well but we're not where we need to be," Coach Lambert said. "Offensively we made some mistakes and had some penalties. We're not as smooth and efficient as we will be, but we're going to get there."

The first half saw the Indians able to move the ball but never on an extended drive that ended up in the end zone.

Later in the fourth quarter, they were able to control the ball for most of the quarter eating up the clock.

Saintry had the ball near the Oberlin goal line when the final



THE INDIANS celebrate Tanner Kinen's interception of an Oberlin pass. This began the Indians' successful scoring drive.

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whistle blew.

"I'm not sure how the kids feel (confident) but I feel that we're in pretty good shape," Coach Lambert said. "We intend to get better and we don't want to get complacent. We need to work on some little things."

"I'm excited to be playing football and where we are at."

"I hope we have the jitters out of the way. The less experienced players are moving into the lineup and, as a rule, they are playing better."

"When we play Goodland this weekend we will find out more about ourselves. Each games shows us more."

Offensively Smull and Ross each contributed over 100 yards for the Indians. Smull had 129 yards and Ross 100.

Quarterback Dylan Loyd had two pass completions with Kinen receiving one for 20 yards and Ross one for 4 yards.

Besides the solid tackles made by 16 different players, Kinen's interception and the blocking on the line helped contribute to the yards

gained.

The win over Oberlin gives the Indians a 1-0 overall record and also a 1-0 Northwest Kansas League record.

The Goodland contest on Friday is also a Northwest Kansas League game. The Cowboys scored a strong 40-12 win over Hoxie on Friday night and will be playing their best against Saintry next Friday.

Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Oberlin: first downs: 15/1; rushing attempts and net yardage: 65 attempts for 287 yards/17 attempts for 16 yards; passing yardage: three for a total of 24 yards/six for a total of 22 yards; total offense: 311/38; punts: four for 131 yards and a 32.8-yard average/six for 196 yards and a 32.7-yard average; fumbles: 0/0; penalties: seven for 50 yards/two for 15 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: Smull, 129 yards on 28 attempts; Ross, 100 yards on 21 attempts; Loyd, 46 yards on 12 attempts; Joel McAtee, 12 yards on

four attempts

Passing: Loyd, three attempts, two completions, 37 yards, one interception

Pass receivers: Kinen, one for 20 yards; Ross, one for 4 yards

Kickoffs: Ross, two for 78 yards, a 39-yard average

Punts: Ross, four for 131 yards, a 32.8-yard average

Interceptions: Kinen, one

Scoring: Smull, 6; Ross, 2

Tackles: Levi Weeden 8, AJ McAtee 6, Trevor Richard 6, Ross 6, Andrew Feikert 5, Gabe Walz 3, J. McAtee 3, Adam Peter 2, Cody Barnhart 2, Loyd 2, JD Hawkins 2, Matt Brown 2, Seth Swihart 2, Kinen 2, Devin Rohweder 1, Gabe Gienger 1

Area scores

Weekend scores involving Northwest Kansas League teams include Oakley 30, Norton 14; Goodland 40, Hoxie 12; LaCross 20, Quinter 7; Colby 34, Atwood 14; St. Francis 8, Oberlin 0. In an area game Cheylin lost to Hitchcock County.

Volleyball results from Oberlin told

By Betty Jean Winston

Results of the eighth grade volleyball action against Oberlin on Thursday, Sept. 2, included St. Francis A-team being defeated 18-25, 19-25 and the B-team 24-26, 16-25.

The seventh grade also had A and B-team action with the A-team losing 20-25, 12-25 and the B-team splitting their games 11-25, 25-19.

For the seventh grade this was their first junior action competition and this usually involves a few jitters.

Eighth grade

A-team 18-25, 19-25

"The girls played very well for their first game of the year," Coach Terri Orth said. "They hustled and worked very well together."

"There are always things that need some work, but now we know what that is and will work hard to improve on those skills this week."

Scoring: (game one) Taryn Richard 5, Ashley Zwegardt 3, Joni Pevler 1; (game two) Richard 2, Jami Pevler 2, Zwegardt 1, Andrea Holzwarth 1, Joni Pevler 1.

B-team 24-26, 16-25

"The girls played very well for their first game as well!" Coach Orth said. "We had a fun night of volleyball!"

The team is looking forward to a fun and exciting season.

Scoring: (game one) Candice Wiese 7, Taylor Kennedy 3, C.H. Douthit 2, Kim Church 1; (game two) Kennedy 3, Wiese 2, Douthit 1, Lacy Kibel 1.

Seventh grade

"The seventh grade volleyball team started their season off with a very well played game with Oberlin," Coach Tammi Sherlock said. "We are down in numbers but not in the enthusiasm to play the game."

"I thought the girls played a very good game for their first game. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but with each practice we get a little better."

"The number one thing that we need to work on is our serving. We have got to have our serves over the net. Serves will make you or break you."

A-team 20-25, 12-25

Scoring: Brittany Henderson 5, Dale Northrup 4, BreAna Zwegardt 3, Brittney Statley 1, Kaycee Williams.

B-team 11-25, 25-19

Scoring: Amber Smull 7, Emily Mullin 4, Statley 1, Jeri Merchant 1.

Saintry wins game

By Betty Jean Winston

It's fun to begin the season with a win and that is just what the junior high football team did on Thursday. The victory came over Oberlin and the final score was St. Francis 12, Oberlin 0.

"We are off to a pretty good start," Coach Jeff Beims said. "The first game of the season is always nerve racking. We practiced well, but you never really know until you strap it on against a live opponent."

"Oberlin has a pretty good team, but we took the opening kickoff and drove 78 yards for a touchdown."

"Although we made some mistakes throughout the game, and there are some rough edges to smooth out, I like the way we came out of the gate."

The Indians scored their first touchdown of the year on a 4-yard run by Trevor Hilt.

Trent Raile ran for the second and final touchdown of the day during the second period. He went in from 4 yards out. The conversion attempts following both of the score were unsuccessful.

St. Francis had their 12 points by half time and held on for the win.

Team moves well

The freshman volleyball team met Hoxie on Thursday, Sept. 2 at Golden Plains and suffered a match loss by scores of 19-25, 14-25.

"Our first experience on a high school volleyball court was a really good one," Coach Talley Morrow said. "This team's fundamental skills are excellent and the score

doesn't show how well they moved the ball.

"The skills we are struggling with are more advanced and will improve as we get more experience on the court."

"I am confident this group of freshmen will win some matches and have an exciting season."

Volleyball at home Sept. 14

By Betty Jean Winston

The 2004 high school volleyball campaign began for St. Francis on Tuesday, Aug. 31, when the Lady Indians competed at Golden Plains with Hoxie and Golden Plains. In both contests the St. Francis Ladies were defeated in two games, falling to Golden Plains 11-25, 18-25 and to Hoxie 19-25 and 15-25.

"As the evening progressed, I saw major improvements in some of the things we were doing," Coach Kent Kechter said. "I also saw several areas where we have quite a bit of work to do."

"These girls love to play the game. They will work hard to improve and you will see a gradual improvement as the weeks pass."

"Many players (12) saw varsity action (nine for the first time ever) and all contributed in some way. We are headed in the right direction and gaining momentum."

vs Golden Plains 11-25, 18-25

As the two scores indicate, St. Francis gained some scoring power in the second contest.

"We improved dramatically throughout the Golden Plains match," Coach Kechter said. "Golden Plains has as good a squad (they won the Healy Invitational the weekend before we played them)."

"We did a lot of good things, but we also were a little tentative on some plays. Over all we did a decent job."

Servers being successful 100 percent of the time in this match were Amber Havel, 8-of-8, Emily Walz, 4-of-4, Ally Reichert, Lauren Ross and Alecia Zimbelman, all 2-of-2

and Maddie Knodel, 1-of-1. The team was 93.5 percent. The only ace was scored by Reichert.

Service points: Talisa Voorhies 6, Havel 5, Walz 2, Zimbelman 1.

Reichert had the most hitting attempts for the Lady Indians, 14, and she was successful nine times. Having the best percentage with at least five attempts was Ross with 7-of-7.

Kills: Reichert, Voorhies and Ross, two each; Kelsey Dunn, Knodel, Megan Rice, Zimbelman, one each.

The majority of the setting was handled by Havel with 26 attempts, all playable. Voorhies helped with 10-of-12.

The team had a 52.75 passing percentage with 10 players having attempts and Havel being 5-of-6 on target for the best percentage.

Blocks: Rice 3, Reichert 2, Ross 1. Reichert also contributed a stuff.

vs Hoxie 19-25, 15-25

The Indians expected a strong game from Hoxie.

"Hoxie returns several talented players from their state team from last year," Coach Kechter said. "They will be a force in league and tournament action."

We played pretty well against them. I felt like the biggest difference was more mental than physical. They played with a little more confidence and composure than we did."

St. Francis was 86.5 percent from the serving line in this match. Being 100 percent with five or more attempts were Zimbelman and Reichert, 7-of-7, and Havel with 5-of-5. Ross had two aces and

Reichert one.

Service points: Ross 6, Zimbelman 4, Reichert 3, Havel 1.

The hitting percentage was consistent with the first game (both were 78 plus percent) with Dunn and Zimbelman being 6-of-6 for 100 percent and Reichert handling the most attempts with 13. Having kills were Reichert, 5, Ross, 2, and Dunn, Havel and Zimbelman, one each.

Five different players handled the setting with Havel having 18 attempts (17 playable). Voorhies was 8-of-10, Dunn, 8-of-8, Zimbelman, 5-of-5 and Amanda Jones, 1-of-1.

The team had 81 passing attempts with 48 on target and another six playable. Of those players having over 10 attempts, Ross was 11-of-14 for 78.57 percent and Zimbelman 13-of-17 for 76.47 percent.

Blocks: Voorhies, 2; Zimbelman, 2; Reichert, 1.

Stuffs: Reichert and Ross, one each.

Digs/saves; Dunn 2, Jennifer Austin, Reichert and Voorhies, one each.

"I was disappointed that we lost (but we played two good teams), and in our performance on several plays, but overall it was a great experience for us," Coach Kechter said.

Action in St. Francis

St. Francis is scheduled to play their second home match on Tuesday, Sept. 14, against Atwood and Sharon Springs.

"Come support the Lady Indians," Coach Kechter said.

School Schedule

Thursday: junior high volleyball,

St. Francis at Quinter, 4 p.m.; junior high football, St. Francis at Quinter, 4 p.m.

Friday: high school football, varsity, St. Francis at Goodland, 7 p.m.

Saturday: high school volleyball, C-team squad at St. Francis, 9 a.m.

Monday: high school football, junior varsity, Goodland at St. Francis, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday: high school volleyball, St. Francis, Atwood, Sharon Springs at St. Francis, 4 p.m.; Volleyball Appreciation Day

Thursday, Sept. 16: junior high volleyball, Oakley at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.; junior high football, Oakley at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.; Homecoming bonfire, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17: high school football, varsity, Quinter at St. Francis, 7 p.m.; Homecoming Pep Assembly, 2:30 p.m.



JANELLE ZWEGARDT prepares to serve the ball over the net.

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