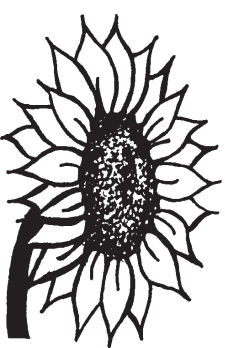


At the Game



INDIAN GABE WALZ (second from the left) moves in for one of his two sacks of the Rawlins County quarterback on Friday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Indians beat Rawlins County, win District

By Betty Jean Winston

For many high school football teams, the season is over, but the St. Francis Indians earned the District 13 title with a 43-6 win Thursday evening. They finished District play with a 3-0 record. The final victim of the St. Francis regular season effort was the Rawlins County Buffaloes. Previously St. Francis had defeated the other two District teams, Syracuse and Leoti/Wichita County. The District win moved St. Francis into Bi-District play (see story elsewhere).

From now on every game involves the losing team being eliminated from further competition and the winning team moving on toward the State title.

Against Rawlins County, Sainty rushed for 400 yards and passed for 157 yards to earn the lopsided victory. Again St. Francis used speed in the backfield to make large break-away gains following good blocking. The Indians could not collect their fifth shutout when Atwood scored with 4 second re-

maining in the game.

"We are excited to still be playing, to have the opportunity to play more games and earn some more hardware (plaques)," Coach Tim Lambert said. "We are playing some pretty good football now."

The Indians scored two touchdowns in each of the first two quarters and earned one additional score in each of the third and fourth quarters.

As has happened in the past, St. Francis scored on the first drive of the game. They began play on the Rawlins County 28-yard line and moved the ball into the end zone with 6:54 on the clock. They had four first downs along the way, using both the air and ground to keep the motion moving down field. The score came on a 28-yard run by Derek Ross. Joel McAtee added two points on a running play.

A little over two minutes later, a second touchdown was added. The series began when a tipped pass by the Buffaloes was grabbed by Levi Weeden. The Indians were deep in

their own territory but J. McAtee broke loose on third down and raced 82 yards to pay dirt. Ross made the score 16-0 when he put two conversion points on the board.

St. Francis had one of their few punts as the second quarter began. After another exchange of the ball four downs later, the Indians were back on the move. They began the drive near midfield but after a first down by Gabe Smull, a pass to Tanner Kinen picked up 16 yards and found them near the goal line. Ross went in for the score and although the conversion attempt failed, the Indians held a 22-0 advantage.

A holding penalty called back the run J. McAtee had to the end zone on the Indians' next scoring attempt. The team gave it another effort and at 5:03 had their second score of the quarter. Smull was the ball carrier on the touchdown with the conversion attempt again failing.

Rawlins County again tried to develop a consistent offense, but as had happened earlier, a couple of

first downs was all they could string together before they were forced to turn the ball over. They had trouble moving to within the Sainty 20-yard line.

An interception of an Indian pass stopped Sainty from their third touchdown of the quarter. They were in a first-and-goal situation when it happened.

The team took a 28-0 lead going into the locker room.

Sainty kicked to Atwood to open the third quarter. Following a fourth-and-five punt by Rawlins County the Indians began another drive. Ross, J. McAtee and Smull were moving the ball but the big play in their drive was a 50-yard run by McAtee. Ross took the ball the final 2 yards and quarterback Matt Brown added the conversion points making it 36-0.

The fourth quarter score came on a 6-yard run by McAtee. A point-after-kick by Ross was good and the Indians had a commanding 43-0 score.

Many young Indians saw action in the final half of play and with the

40 plus point advantage the clock ran with stops for injuries or timeouts during most of the fourth quarter.

Atwood used the final seconds of the game to post their touchdown. The clock said 4 seconds.

Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Rawlins County: first downs: 18/9; rushing yardage: 47 attempts for 400-net yards/18 attempts for 35-net yards; passing yardage: six attempts for 57 yards, four completions, one interception/36 attempts for 192-yards, 17 completions, one interception; total offense: 457/227; punts: one for 52 yards/four for 141 yards; fumbles lost: 0/0; penalties: three for 20 yards/four for 30 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: J. McAtee, 190 yards on 10 attempts; Smull, 110 yards on 18 attempts; Ross, 95 yards on 12 attempts; Jordan Gienger, 10 yards on four attempts; Brown, no net gain on three attempts

Passing: Brown, six attempts,

four completions, 57 yards, one interception

Pass receivers: Kinen, two for 35 yards; J. McAtee, one for 13 yards; Trevor Richard, one for 9 yards

Scoring: Ross, three touchdowns, two extra points, 20 points; J. McAtee, two touchdowns, one extra point, 14 points; Smull, one touchdown, 6 points; Brown, one extra point, 2 points.

Kickoffs: Ross, seven for 295 yards

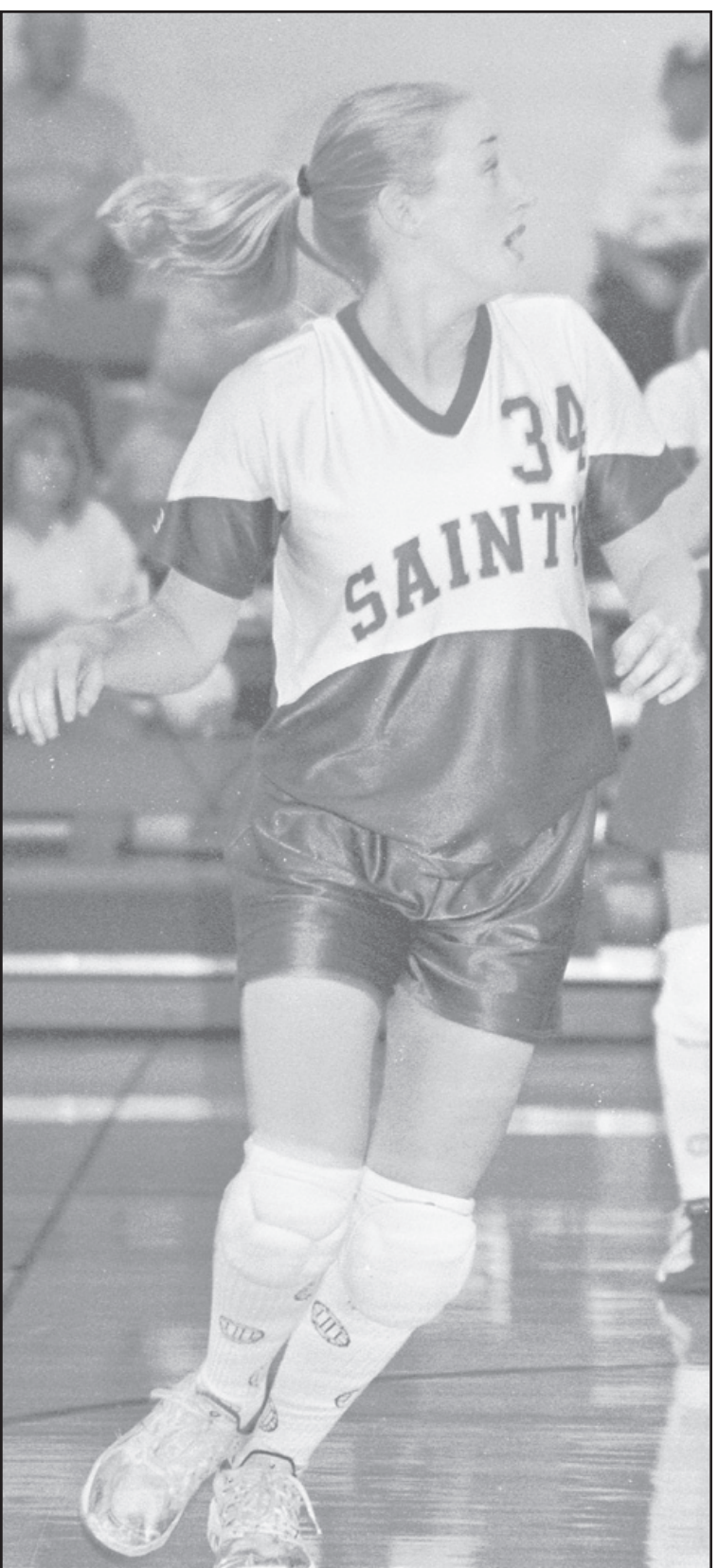
Punts: Ross, one for 52 yards

Punt return: AJ McAtee, one for 12 yards

Pass interceptions: Weeden, one

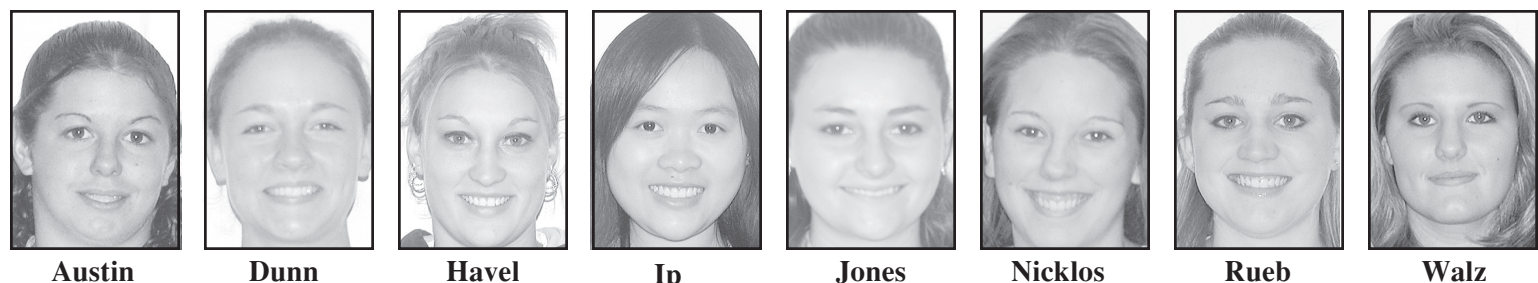
Tackles (total: unassisted/assisted): AJ McAtee 11, J. Gienger 9, Kinen 8, JD Hawkins 7, Dylan Loyd 6, Smull 4, Weeden 4, Cody Barnhart 3, Ross 3, Gabe Walz 3, J. McAtee 3, Gabe Gienger 2, B.J. Killingsworth 2, Brennon Wilger 1, David Guthmiller 1, Devin Rohweder 1, Josh Walters 1, Ted Crabtree 1, Trevor Richard 1

Sacks: Walz 2, AJ McAtee 1, Barnhart 1, Ross 1, Rohweder 1



SOPOMORE ALECIA ZIMBELMAN reacts to the serve.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston



Ladies finish volleyball matches, 2004 season wrap up released

By Betty Jean Winston

Each year at the finish of the volleyball season, Coach Kent Kechter compiles a detailed list of statistics of the season. And each year the Herald publishes a wrap up of the season which includes many of these items such as the number of serves, the number of points, the number of blocks, etc., for the team and for each individual player.

"This group of young ladies has been great to work with," Coach Kent Kechter said. "They have shown continual improvement in their skills, confidence and competitiveness. I am very proud of them."

"We were 'sooo' close to winning many matches and didn't quite get it done, but I feel like the season was very successful in developing these girls in many areas of the game as well as preparing them for life."

Eight seniors, Kelsey Dunn, Amy Nicklos, Jennifer Austin, Wing Ying Ip, Amber Havel, Amanda Jones, Emily Walz and Kali Rueb finished their high school volleyball career on Oct. 23 at the St. Francis 2A Sub-State. This ended their playing time for St. Francis. For many of them this involved playing volleyball four years of high school, plus two years of junior high. One senior, Rueb, was injured this fall before she could take to the court.

The middle of August saw a

group of athletes report for the first volleyball practice. During the season and post season they were involved in 25 matches beginning with Hoxie and Golden Plains on Aug. 31 and ending with Rawlins County at Sub-State on Oct. 23.

When the season began, three returning letterwinners were available to lead the squad. They were senior Amber Havel and juniors Ally Reichert and Talisa Voorhies.

St. Francis finished the season with a 4-21 record and was involved in the St. Francis Sub-State. Hoxie was the winner of this Sub-State and traveled to the State Tournament in Hays.

Wins were recorded over Colby, Cheylin and Triplains (2).

A review of the 2004 Lady Indian season follows:

Team stats

Serves (attempts/in): 1070/947; serving percent: 88.5; aces: 147; points: 420; hitting (attempts/in): 1604/1297; hitting percent: 80.9; kills: 377; sets (attempts/on-playable): 1514/1429; setting percent: 94.39; passing (attempts/good): 2707/2061; blocks: 83; stuffs: 38; digs/saves: 387.

Individual stats

Serves (attempts/in): Havel 247/234; Reichert 180/159; Ross 167/145; Voorhies 164/137; Dunn 125/109; Rice 117/103; Grace 30/25; Walz 16/14; Zimbelman 13/13; Austin 7/5; Nicklos 2/1; Jones 1/1;

Knodel 1/1

Serving percent: Jones 100; Zimbelman 100; Knodel 100; Havel 94.7; Reichert 88.3; Rice 88; Walz 87.5; Dunn 87.2; Ross 86.8; Voorhies 83.5; Grace 83.3; Austin 71.4; Nicklos 50

Aces: Havel 39; Reichert 35; Ross 23; Voorhies 17; Dunn 15; Rice 13; Grace 4; Austin 1

Service points: Havel 131; Reichert 80; Voorhies 73; Dunn 53; Rice 53; Grace 13; Zimbelman 8; Walz 6; Austin 3

Hitting (attempts/in): Reichert 406/321; Rice 328/269; Voorhies 288/226; Ross 179/142; Dunn 166/133; Havel 85/78; Zimbelman 84/73; Walz 33/29; Grace 13/9; Knodel 7/5; Kattie Ford 6/5; Nicklos 4/4; Jones 4/2; Rueb 1/1;

Hitting percent: Nicklos 100; Rueb 100; Havel 91.8; Walz 87.9; Zimbelman 86.9; Ford 83.3; Rice 82; Dunn 80.1; Ross 79.3; Reichert 79.1; Voorhies 78.5; Knodel 71.4; Grace 69.2; Jones 50

Kills: Reichert 109; Rice 87; Voorhies 65; Ross 47; Havel 23; Dunn 22; Zimbelman 14; Walz 3; Grace 3; Ford 2; Knodel 1; Rueb 1

Setting percent: Austin 100; Jones 100; Nicklos 100; Walz 100; Havel 96.05; Grace 93.02; Voorhies 92.42; Dunn 92.16; Rice 92; Reichert 90; Zimbelman 88.46; Ross 85.71

Passing (attempts/good): Rice 482/387; Ross 477/345; Voorhies 443/367; Dunn 442/351; Reichert 300/219; Havel 148/113; Zimbelman 145/108; Grace 113/76; Walz 59/43; Nicklos 50/27; Austin 29/12; Knodel 9/6; Ford 6/5; Gohl 2/1; Jones 1/1; Rueb 1/0

Blocks: Reichert 22; Rice 19; Voorhies 13; Dunn 8, Ross 8; Zimbelman 6; Walz 4; Ford 2; Havel 1

Stuffs: Reichert 13; Ross 10; Rice 7; Voorhies 6; Dunn 1; Ford 1

Digs/Saves: Voorhies 81; Rice 72; Ross 61; Havel 53; Dunn 43; Reichert 33; Grace 21; Zimbelman 12; Walz 4; Nicklos 3; Austin 2; Ford 2

Letter winners

Receiving letters following the 2003 season were:

Seniors: Jennifer Austin, Brandi Barnhart (manager/statistician); Kelsey Dunn, Megan Ford (manager/statistician), Amber Havel, Amanda Jones, Amy Nicklos, Kali Rueb (manager/statistician), Emily Walz.

Juniors: McKenzie Grace, Allyson Reichert, Talisa Voorhies, Sophomores: Megan Rice, Lauren Ross, Alecia Zimbelman