

At the Game



DEREK ROSS (33) carried the ball 95 yards on Tuesday night against Trego County/WaKeeney. The Indians won this game and received a Bi-District trophy.

St. Francis Indians are Bi-District champions

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis scored a 30-8 victory over Trego County/WaKeeney on Tuesday night, Nov. 2, in the first post-season game. This win gave the Indians the Bi-District championship trophy to add to their trophy collection.

Two Indians rushed for over 100 yards with Joel McAtee earning 146 yards and Gabe Smull 102. Leading the tackling was Levi Weeden with 14 while AJ McAtee and JD Hawkins each intercepted a pass and Devin Rohweder recovered a fumble.

"This was a good football game," Coach Tim Lambert said. "We played well and were excited to win. It was a big step forward for us. They had a solid team and I felt like we gained confidence from that game."

During the first quarter Tuesday night, the two teams were playing even football with both moving the ball and neither scoring. St. Francis would string a series of first downs together, including converting on one fourth-and-one play, but could not sustain a drive and were forced to turn the ball over on an unsuccessful fourth down play at the 21-yard line of Trego. Trego also could not make the final yards to retain possession of the ball for a score.

The Indians began their first complete drive just as the first quarter was ending and it continued on into the second quarter. They went from their own 21-yard line into the Trego end zone using two-and-one-half minutes of the second quarter and six first downs. This was "tried and true" Indian football as the team marched down the field until Smull scored the six points. Derek Ross added two points following the touchdown for an 8-0 advantage.

Another long drive in the second quarter resulted in an additional Indian score. This drive went 80-yards and included making up yardage lost on a holding penalty. The final push was on a third-and-seven play when quarterback Matt Brown entered pay dirt. These six points plus the two conversion points earned on a pass from Brown to Tanner Kinen had the Indians up 16-0 going into the locker room at halftime.

Although St. Francis kicked to Trego to begin the second half, they did not have the ball long. The Golden Eagles fumbled on a poor hand-off and Rohweder pulled the

ball in for the Indians. On this occasion, Saintry lost the ball on a unsuccessful fourth down play but again the defense came through. This time Hawkins intercepted a Trego pass and the Indians regained possession of the ball. Again they could not take advantage of the opportunity and it was Trego who scored the next touchdown.

The Golden Eagles used a pass play to collected six points and also had a successful conversion attempt and the score stood at Saintry 16, Trego 8. This was not enough of an advantage for the Indians so then began putting together a long touchdown drive which began in the third quarter and continued using three minutes of the fourth quarter. Their determination paid off and Ross scored with J. McAtee adding two conversion points. This 24-8 lead gave St. Francis a little more breathing room.

Three minutes later they put the icing on the cake with a 50-yard run by McAtee into pay dirt.

Saintry stopped Trego's final effort of the evening when AJ McAtee intercepted a pass. Time was running out and the 30-8 score was unchanged when the final buzzer sounded. With this win the Indians earned the right to play in the Regional game.

Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Trego County/WaKeeney: first downs: 12/12; rushing yardage: 70 attempts for 373-net yards/36 attempts for 154-net yards; passing

yardage: two attempts with no completions, no interception/15 attempts for 42-yards, seven completions, two interceptions; total offense: 373/196; punts: two for 48 yards/two for 76 yards; fumbles lost: 0/1; penalties: seven for 55 yards/1 for 10 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: J. McAtee, 146 yards on 17 attempts; Smull, 102 yards on 23 attempts; Ross, 95 yards on 23 attempts; Brown, 30 yards on seven attempts

Passing: Brown, two attempts, no completions, one conversion completion

Pass receivers: Kinen, one conversion completion;

Scoring: Ross, one touchdown, one extra points, 8 points; J. McAtee, one touchdown, one extra points, 8 points; Smull, one touchdown, 6 points; Brown, one touchdown, 6 points, Kinen, one extra points

Kickoffs: Ross, five for 123 yards and a 24.6-yard average

Kickoff return: Jordan Gienger, two for 37 yards

Punts: Ross, two for 48 yards

Pass interceptions: AJ McAtee, on; Hawkins, one

Fumbles recovered: Rohweder, one

Tackles (total: unassisted/assisted): Weeden 14, Ross 10, J. McAtee 9, J. Gienger 8, AJ McAtee 7, Kinen 7, Dylan Loyd 4, Cody Barnhart 3, Rohweder 3, Smull 3, Hawkins 3, Gabe Walz 2, Brennon Wilger 1

College Sports

Football

Fort Hays State University
Dustin Dunn

The Fort Hays State University Tiger football team finished the season with a winning 6-5 record when they defeated Western State at Gunnison, Colo., on Saturday. The final score was Fort Hays State 27, Western State 35.

Trinity International University
Ben Swihart

Trinity International University added another win on Saturday giving them an overall record of 8-1 for the season. The win was a 29-7 victory over William Penn University.

On Saturday, the team will play McKendree College at Lebanon,

Ill. This is the final regular season game for the team.

Basketball
Mike Wolters

The Fort Hays State University Tiger basketball team opened the season with an exhibition game against the Dreambuilders on Sunday. Fort Hays came away with a 90-72 win.

Mike Wolters was two for five from three-point range for 6 points. Wolters, an Indian standout during his high school career also played ball for Colby Community College before moving on to Fort Hays.

The Tigers will begin the regular season on Monday, Nov. 15, at Panhandle State in Goodwell, Okla..

Seventh graders victorious

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis seventh grade boys basketball team opened their junior high career with a 23-12 win over Oberlin on Thursday, Nov. 4. It was nice to open the season 1-0.

In eighth grade action, Oberlin opened a wide 28-4 first half lead and the Indians fought back making the final Oberlin 39, St. Francis 30. They closed a 24 points gap to a nine-point difference but just couldn't get the win.

Eighth grade Oberlin 39- St. Francis 30

Trent Kinen led the scoring for the Indians with 11 points followed by Brennan Van Allen with nine.

"This game was the tale of two halves," Coach Jeff Beims said. "In

the first half, it seemed that everything we were trying to do went wrong. Oberlin seemed to know what we were doing before we did it.

"We adjusted well in the second half, limiting our turnovers, and playing more aggressively on offense and defense.

"We still have a lot of work to do in order to contend in this league, but I think these boys showed themselves something against a good Oberlin team.

"We will try to build on that foundation."

Scoring: Kinen 11, Van Allen 9, Ethan Zwegyardt 4, Sam Sowers 4,

Trevor Hilt 2.

Seventh grade

St. Francis 23, Oberlin 12

Trent Raile scored in double figures for the Indians with a total of 14 points.

"The guys played well for their first game of the season," Coach Kent Kechter said. "I thought they had good composure throughout most of the game and executed well."

St. Francis led the scoring in the first three quarters with Oberlin leading by one point in the fourth.

"It was nice to begin the season with a victory," Coach Kechter said.

Scoring: T. Raile 14, M. Raile 6, Long 2, Stevens 1.

Bowling News

Wednesday Night Mens 10/27

Team standings: Krien Steel Buildings 24-12, Haigler 22-14, Post Plumbing 20-16, Grace Flying 18.5-17.5, Wet Shoes 17-19, 2001 Electronics 15-21, Dj's 15-21, First National Bank 12.5-23.5

High game (scratch): Spencer Schlepp 198, Bob Lippert 197, Bill Ehrman 192

High series (scratch): Schlepp 546, Alan Rose 540, Wayne Mahon 538

Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 10/27

Team standings: Krien Steel Buildings 24-12, Cheyenne Bowl 23-13, Paul's Grocery 22-14, Haigler Babes 21-15, Flower Magic 20-16, Windmill Restaurant 19-17, Dairy King 14-22

High game (scratch): Pat Rose 197, Inez Bargo and Linda Query 180

High series (scratch): Rose 511, Donna Hall 490, Marlys Poulignot 480

Ladies Nite Out 10/28

Team standings: Jersey Maids 26-13; Dundy Ag 22-18; Wright Carpet 22-18; Mels Gal's 22-18; BW Alley Cats 21-18; Stockmen's

Strikers 19-21; Cheyenne Bowl 16-24; M&M's 11-29

High game (scratch): Tammy Zimbelman 184, Ilene O'Leary 182, Pat Confer 182

High series (scratch): O'Leary 531, Zimbelman 520, Mary Bier 467.

Ladies Nite Out 11/4

Team standings: Jersey Maids 27-16, BW Alley Cats 25-18, Wright Carpet 23-21, Mels Gal's 23-21, Stockmen's Strikers 22-22, Dundy Ag 22-22, Cheyenne Bowl 19-25, M&M's 14-30

High game (scratch): Joyce Williams 192, Sara Schield 182, Ilene O'Leary 179

High series (scratch): Williams 509, Schield 494, Terry Yost 492

Monday Night Mixed 11/1

Team standings: Krien Pharmacy 20.5-11.5, Frewen Insurance 20-12, Let's Bowl 20-12, Neitzel Insurance 18.5-13.5, Johnson Body Shop 15-17, Captain Hooks Fine Dining 14-18, Twiss & Wilson Drilling 13-19, Fearless 4some 7-25

High game (handicap): Steve Phillips (Wray) 221, Mike Milne 218, Linda Yonkey 218, Judy

Gienger 215, Kale Zimbelman 211, Melissa Zwegyardt 209

High series (handicap): Phillips 625, Milne 592, Gienger 590, Janice Krien 572, Yonkey 572, Zimbelman 571

Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 11/3

Team standings: Cheyenne Bowl 27-13, Krien Steel Buildings 26-14, Paul's Grocery 26-14, Haigler Babes 24-16, Windmill Restaurant 21-19, Flower Magic 20-20, Dairy King 15-25

High game (scratch): Donna Hall 179, Debbie Bush 171, Linda Query 170

High series (scratch): Hall 457, Barb Cobb 448, Bush 438

Wednesday Night Mens 11/3

Team Standings: Haigler 26-14, Krien Steel Buildings 24-16, Grace Flying Service 22.5-17.5, Post Plumbing 21-19, 2001 Electronics 19-21, Wet Shoes 17-23, First National Bank 15.5-24.5, DJ's 15-25

High game (scratch): Bob Lippert 214, Ted Mosier 204, Bill Smith 203

High series (scratch): Lippert 597, Mosier 596, Smith 566

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