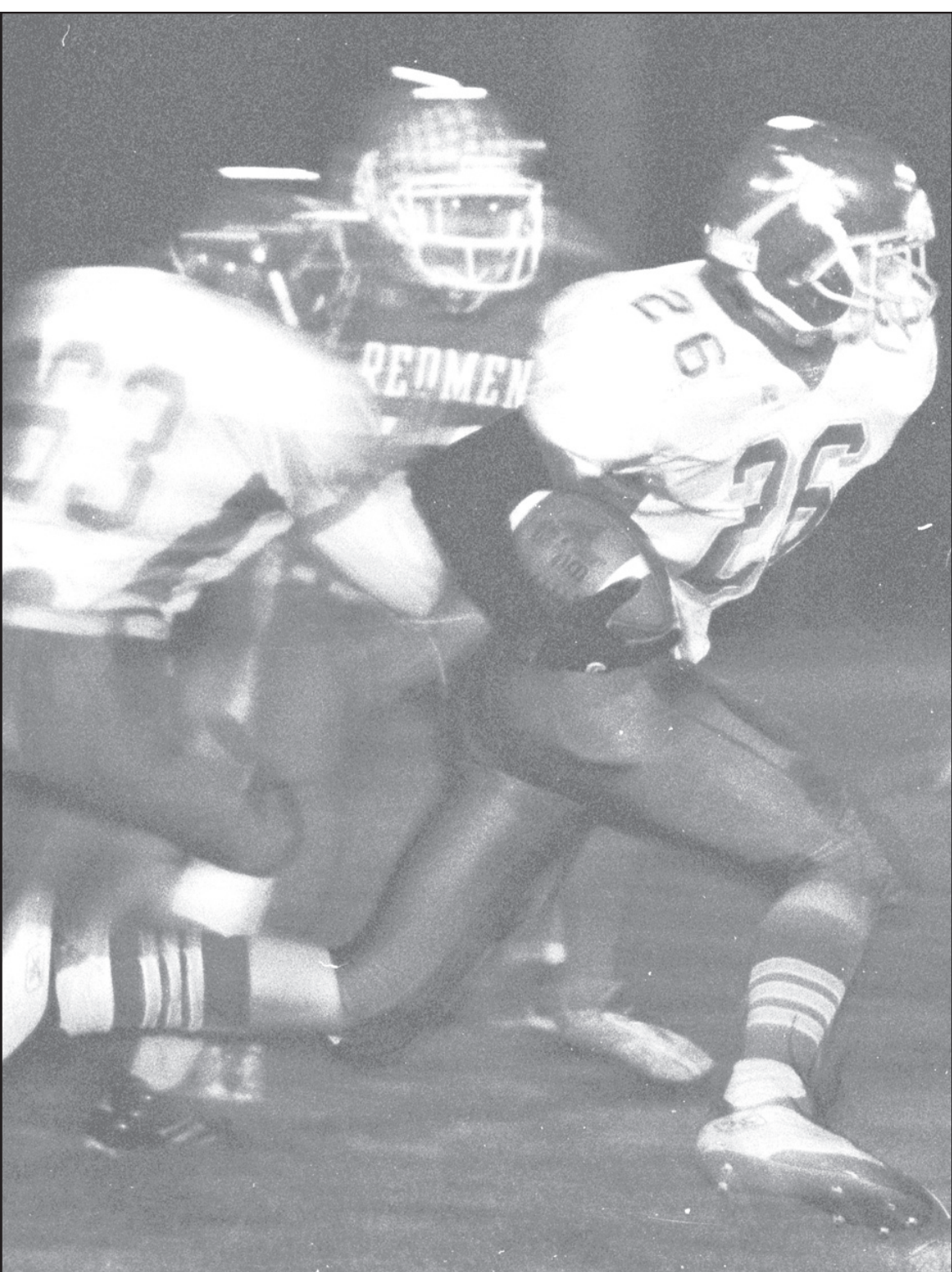
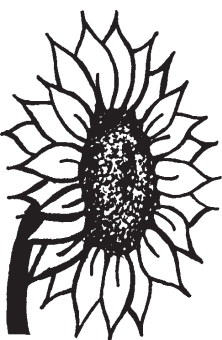


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# At the Game



JORDAN GIENGER (26) carries the ball for the Indians while Gabe Gienger (63) provides blocking at Smith Center on Friday night. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Season ends with runners-up trophy

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indian football season is over! After winning the District Championship, the Bi-district Championship and the Regional Championship in post-season play, the team matched up against an undefeated Smith Center squad in Sectional play and came away with a 51-14 loss.

St. Francis played hard throughout the contest and the final score fails to show all the effort they put forth.

"Smith Center is a very, very, good football team," Indian coach Tim Lambert said.

"We gave a very good effort and executed well."

Smith Center is strong in many areas including their speed.

"We played as well as anytime all year," Coach Lambert said. "We had no turnovers and few penalties."

On Friday in Smith Center, the Redmen struck fast. On the first play they raced down the field for a touchdown leaving the Indians to play catch-up football the remainder of the afternoon.

Another touchdown was scored by Smith Center on their second drive of the game. This came at 4:48 in the first quarter and made their advantage 16-0.

St. Francis came back into the game with a nice 62-yard drive. The final 2-yards into the end zone was traveled by Gabe Smull. After Derek Ross added the two conversion points on a successful run, the Indians were on the board and only one touchdown behind.

Smith Center hit twice in the second quarter, once early in the period and once midway through. The Indians held on the first conversion at-

tempt but Smith Center was successful in adding two points after the next touchdown. The Redmen now had a 30-8 advantage. This score held until the teams went into the locker room at halftime.

St. Francis came out following the break and took the ball on one of their yard-by-yard drives. This one went for 73-yards. They moved the ball successfully and ended up in the Smith Center end zone with a touchdown scored by Smull. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

The strong Indian defense with all of their efforts just could not hold the explosive Smith Center offense and two more scores were added to the Redmen's total in the third quarter. With one successful conversion run, this gave Smith Center a 44-14 advantage.

One highlight of the final period was an interception by Indian JD Hawkins. This plus good "D" by St. Francis held Smith Center to one final score.

Ross was the leading rushing with 112 yards for the day.

Levi Weeden had the leading number of tackles for the Indians. His 18 included both unassisted and assisted.

St. Francis finished the season with an 8-4 record having won five games in a row before meeting up with Smith Center.

The final four teams headed into the 2A Sub-State games this weekend include Smith Center, Claflin, Sedan and Pittsburg Colgan. Smith Center will play at Claflin and Pittsburg Colgan at Sedan.

A wrap-up of the Indian season will be published in the Herald.

### Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Smith Center: first downs: 13/12; rushing yardage: 61 attempts for 222-net yards/44 attempts for 375-net yards; passing yardage: six attempts for 20 yards, four completions, no interceptions/three attempts for 43-yards, one completion, one interception; total offense: 242/418; punts: one for 39 yards/none; fumbles lost: 0/0; penalties: four for 30 yards/five for 30 yards.

### Individual stats

Rushing: Ross, 112 yards on 26 attempts; Joel McAtee, 62 yards on 14 attempts; Smull, 48 yards on 16 attempts; Matt Brown, 0 yards on five attempts.

Passing: Brown, six attempts, four completions, 20 yards, no interceptions

Pass receivers: Trevor Richard, one for 14 yards; Tanner Kinen, two for 5 yards

Scoring: Smull, two touchdowns, 12 points; Ross, one extra point conversion, 2 points

Kickoffs: Ross, three for 105 yards and a 35-yard average

Kickoff returns: Jordan Gienger, 3 for 52 yards and a 17.3 yard average; J. McAtee, two for 34 yards and a 17.0 average; Kinen, two for 9 yards and a 4.5-yard average

Punts: Ross, one for 39 yards

Pass interceptions: Hawkins, one

Tackles (total: unassisted/assisted): Levi Weeden 18, Ross 15, AJ McAtee 11, J. McAtee 7, Kinen 7, Devin Rohweder 4, Dylan Loyd 4, Smull 4, Hawkins 4, Adam Peter 2, Cody Barnhart 2, J. Gienger 2, Brennon Wilger 1, Gabe Walz 1, Heath Owens 1, Brown 1

## League coaches honor two players

Northwest Kansas League coaches have announced the players being named to the All-League Volleyball team following the 2003-04 season. Each league team is represented by at least one player. League teams include Goodland, Colby, Hoxie, Oakley, Oberlin, Quinter, Rawlins County and St. Francis.

The Lady Indian Amber Havel, a senior, was named to the first team while sophomore Megan Rice received honorable mention

League players to receive honors were Jacie Hoyt, Hoxie, senior; Dani Bedore, Goodland, sophomore; Ariel Dunker, Rawlins County, senior; Lissa Mazanec, Colby, freshman; Lydia Karnopp, Oberlin, junior; Veronica Kuhlman, Oakley, senior; Crystal Follis, Hoxie, senior; Shantel Leitner, Rawlins County, senior; Dani Pratt, Hoxie, junior; Kaitlyn Stapp, Oberlin, junior; Amber Havel, St. Francis, senior; Melissa Swager, Goodland, junior.



Havel

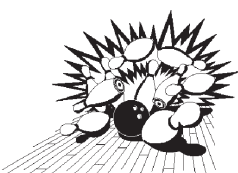
Rice

Receiving honorable mention were Rishonna Martin, Colby, sophomore; Jordan Frazier, Goodland, junior; Allison Mense, Hoxie, senior; Jessica Brenner, Oakley, senior; Christa Hardy, Oberlin, junior; Bridgit Gourley, Quinter, senior; Chelsie Kramer, Rawlins County, senior; Megan Rice, St. Francis, sophomore.

## Bowling News

**Monday Night Mixed 11/08**  
Team standings: Neitzel Insurance 22.5-13.5, Frewen Insurance 21-15, Let's Bowl 21-15, Krien Pharmacy 20.5-15.5, Captain Hooks Fine Dining 17-19, Twiss & Wilson Drilling 16-20, Johnson Body Shop 15-21, Fearless 4

Some 11-25  
High game (handicap): Lee Zimbelman 244, Mario Tafoya



240, Lynne Ferguson 235, Dot Hankins 224, Bob Hankins 221, Tammy Zimbelman 219

High series (handicap): L. Zimbelman 638, Royce Gienger 625, Ferguson 621, Tafoya 609, D. Hankins 588, Linda Yonkey 581

## Grandson named Player of the Game at Pittsburg State

By Betty Jean Winston

The Pittsburg State University Gorilla football team will be playing Colorado School of Mines in the Division II playoffs on Saturday at Branden Field, Carnie Smith Stadium.

One member of the Gorilla team, Cole Vap, has a direct connection to St. Francis as he is the grandson of Elton and Ella Mae Keller.

The Gorillas are having a great year. They finished the regular season with an 11-0 overall record and a 9-0 record in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, winning the confer-



Vap

ence championship. This earned the team the right to move into the Division II National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) playoffs.

Pittsburg received a bye in the first round, which was played on Saturday. They now will be playing Colorado School of Mines, who defeated Mid-Western State University in the playoffs held Nov. 13.

In order to win the conference Pittsburg had to defeat Northwest Missouri State in the final conference game of the year. It was a 21-17 come-from-behind win.

During the regular season, Vap was named Player of the Game in the team's win over Southwest Baptist University.

In this contest the Gorillas had a nearly 700-yard offensive performance but they chose to honor a player on the other side of the

football. The Gorilla defense gave up a total of 70 yards and no points!

"This team is pretty good on defense," Wayne Gilmore, the writer of an article, said. "This week the anchor of the defensive line, Cole Vap, filled holes all day. He logged two assisted tackles, two unassisted, including one sack. For career best performance, Cole Vap is this week's Teamkong Player of the Week."

"The 6-4, 303-pound junior from LaCrosse is in his fourth year in the Pittsburg State football program and he has made the most of it so far this year.

"He might not make the flashy play outside the tackles, but if you watch the line of scrimmage, he has done his job very well this year."

Keller is the son of Jan and Jeff Vap.

## Eighth grade team wins

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indian high boys basketball teams played on both Tuesday and Thursday last week with the Tuesday games at home and the Thursday games in Oakley.

Quinter had strong teams in both the seventh and eighth grade and Saintry was defeated in both of these contests.

On Thursday the eighth grade Indians posted their first win of the season with a close 37-35 victory. St. Francis went into the final period with a seven-point advantage but had to hold off the Plainsmen to take the two-point win. The seventh graders record fell to 1-2 with a loss of Oakley.

### Eighth grade

#### Quinter 46, St. Francis 24

Six Indians contributed to the scoring in the 46-24 loss to Quinter. Brennan Van Allen was the leader with eight points.

Quinter came out on the court and posted a 14-0 advantage over St. Francis in the first quarter.

"Quinter always seems to put a good team on the court," Coach Jeff Beims said. "They play pressure defense, jumping passing lanes and going after the ball every chance they get.

"Offensively they like to run, and always seem to have players who can score from anywhere in the gym. Point being, no one really gave us much of a chance Tuesday night.

"Although once again we started slow, this team is showing signs of life. In the second half we played much better. Taking care of the ball, and looking more confi-

dent, we were able to mount a come back.

"However, we have to learn that against a good team we can't afford to spot them a 20-0 point lead in the first half."

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Scoring: Van Allen 8, Jesse Pacheco 4, Ethan Zwegardt 4, Sam Sowers 4, Trent Kinen 2, Scott Ford 2

### Seventh grade

#### Quinter 48, St. Francis 15

"Quinter has an excellent seventh grade team," Coach Kent Kechter said. "They really took it to us on this day."

"They do everything very well—handle the ball, pressure defense, shoot, and rebound.

I was very impressed with their skills level.

"One of their coaches aid that this group has probably played around 100 games together. Our guys were playing their second game (a couple of guys have played two more). The difference showed.

"With that said, we learned a lot and did some good things. We just have some work to do to become better."

Trent Raile put in 13 of the Indians 15 points with Matt Raile adding two.

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### Eighth grade

#### St. Francis 37, Oakley 35

St. Francis had a good scoring third period but then were forced to fight to maintain the lead.

Van Allen pumped in 16 points for the winning team.

## College Sports

### Trinity University

Ben Swihart  
Trinity International University suffered their second loss of the season on Saturday giving them an overall record of 8-2. McKendree College was a 33-19 winner over Trinity

It is now playoff time and Trinity will play Georgetown College at Georgetown, Ky., on Saturday.

### Basketball

Mike Wolters

The Fort Hays State University Tiger basketball team opened their regular season Monday evening against Panhandle State in Oklahoma. The Tigers were defeated 84-72 after trailing 52-33 at halftime. The box score was unavailable Tuesday morning with Wolters' contribution to be listed next week.

## School Schedule

Thursday: junior high boys basketball, St. Francis at Atwood, 4:30 p.m.

Monday: junior high boys basketball, Hoxie at St. Francis, 4 p.m.

Wednesday: dismiss at 1:30

Thursday, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving vacation

Friday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving vacation