

At the Game



FANS FILLED THE STANDS when the Indian football team took to the field. The flags were waving and the spirit was high.

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Indians provide excitement on the field

By Betty Jean Winston

The 2004 St. Francis Indian football team became the champions of District 13, the Bi-District and Regionals before falling to undefeated Smith Center in Sectional play. They finished the season with an 8-4 record. At one point they won five games in a row beginning with Colby on Oct. 1 and running through LaCrosse in Regional play. Four shutouts (Oberlin, Quinter, Colby and Leoti) were also earned during the season.

"I felt like we were playing as well as ever at the end of the year," Coach Tim Lambert said. "We didn't quite have the season we thought, still we did some good things."

Seniors finishing their high school career were Cody Barnhart, Andrew Feikert, Gabe Gienger, Tanner Kinen, Devin Rohweder, Derek Ross, Seth Swihart, Josh Walters and Gabe Walz.

"We had a good core group of seniors who did a good job for us," Coach Lambert said. "I wish them well."

St. Francis defeated Oberlin, Quinter and Colby and then had a perfect 3-0 in District 14 play against Rawlins County, Syracuse and Wichita County/Leoti. In post-season play they defeated WaKeeney and LaCrosse.

Goodland, Oakley, Hoxie and Smith Center outscored the fighting Indians.

A total of 342 points were scored compared to 189 by the Indian opponents. The best quarter was the second when 117 points were collected and the smallest was the fourth quarter with only 53 points.

St. Francis was among the eight remaining 2A teams in the state still in on the playoff brackets following their victory in Regional play.

As happens every time a winning season ends the fans begin looking forward to another year of Indian football come September.

"We'll have some experience next fall," Coach Lambert said.

Team stats

First downs: St. Francis earned 218 first downs compared to 98 for their opponents.

Rushing: The Indians gained 4046-yards rushing on 743 attempts for a 337.2-yard average per game, while the opposition had 1779 net yards for the year with a 148.3 average per game.

Passing: Sainity had 29 completions out of 57 attempts, gaining 444 yards with a 37-yard average per game. Opponents passed for 749 yards or a 62-yard average per game.

Net offense: St. Francis accumulated 4490-total yards for the season with an average of 374.2 yards per game while their opponents recorded 2528 yards with a 210.7 average per game.

St. Francis had 48 touchdowns during the season, 23 successful rushing conversion attempts, six successful place kicks attempts and one safety.

Other St. Francis team stats include 11 fumbles lost; 18 punts; 578-yards punting with a 32.1 av-



DEREK ROSS was the leading rusher for the team this season, accumulating 1,513 yards on 247 attempts. Gabe Smull also had over 1,000 yards with a final total of 1051. Joel McAtee came close with 961 yards.

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Barnhart



Feikert



G. Gienger



Kinen



Rohweder



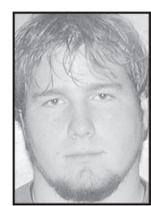
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erage per game; 458 total return yards; 74 penalties; 565-yards penalized.

Individual stats

Rushing: Ross, 1513 yards on 247 attempts, 15 touchdowns, seven extra points, three fumbles, 6.1-yards per attempt, 126.1 yards per game; Gabe Smull, 1051 yards on 233 attempts, 10 touchdowns, one fumble, 4.5-yards per attempt, 87.6 yards per game; Joel McAtee, 961 yards on 136 attempts, 11 touchdowns, four extra points, two fumbles, 7.1-yards per attempt, 80.1 yards per game; Jordan Gienger, 191 yards on 38 attempts, two touchdowns, one fumble, 5.0-yards per attempt, 15.9 yards per game; Matt Brown, 169 yards on 44 attempts, three touchdowns, six extra points, two fumbles, 3.8-yards per attempt, 14.1 rushing yards per game; Dylan Loyd, 82 yards on 28 attempts, one touchdown, one fumble, 2.9-yards per attempt, 6.8 yards per game; David Guthmiller,

77 yards on 15 attempts, one touchdown, 5.1-yards per attempt, 6.4 yards per game; Ted Crabtree, 1 yard on one attempt, 1.0-yards per attempt, 0.1 yards per game; JD Hawkins, 1 yard on one attempt, one fumble, 1.0-yards per attempt, 0.1 yards per game; Passing: Brown, 343 yards, 51 attempts, 26 completions, three touchdown passes, six conversion passes, two interception, 13.2 yards per attempt, 28.6 yards per game; Loyd, 101 yards, six attempts, three completions, one touchdown pass, 33.7 yards per attempt, 8.4 yards per game; Pass receivers: Kinen, 16 for 258 yards, two touchdowns, four conversions, 16.1 yards per catch, 21.5 yards per game; J. McAtee, five for 134 yards, two touchdowns, 26.8 yards per catch, 11.2 yards per game; Trevor Richard, four for 39 yards, 9.8 yards per catch, 3.3 yards per game; Ross, three for 12 yards, 4.0 yards per

catch, 1.0 yard per game; Peter, two conversions; Points scored: Ross, 15 touchdowns, seven rushing conversions, six place-kicking conversions, 110 total points; J. McAtee, 13 touchdowns, four rushing conversions, 86 total points; Smull, 10 touchdowns, 60 total points; Brown, three touchdowns, six rushing conversions, 30 total points; Kinen, three touchdowns, four extra points conversions, 26 total points; J. Gienger, two touchdowns, 12 total points; Guthmiller, one touchdown, 6 total points; Loyd, one touchdown, 6 total points; Adam Peter, two extra points conversions, 4 total points; AJ McAtee, one safety, 2 total points; Place kicking: Ross, nine extra point attempts, six successful; Kickoffs: Ross, 59 for 2197 yards and a 37.2-yard average; Brennon Wilger, two for 55 yards and a 27.5-yard average;

Kickoff return: J. Gienger, nine for 160 yards and a 17.8-yard average; J McAtee, six for 90 yards and a 15.0-yard average; Loyd, six for 53 yards and an 8.8-yard average; Kinen, three for 12 yards and a 4.0-yard average; AJ McAtee, two for 13 yards and a 6.5-yard average; Punts: Ross, 18 for a 578 yards and a 32.1-yard average; Punt returns: AJ McAtee, seven for 75 yards and a 10.7-yard average; Loyd, one for 0-yards; Fumble recovery: J. McAtee 2, Kinen 1, Walz 1, AJ McAtee 1, J. Gienger 1, Levi Weeden 1, Peter 1, Mac Frewen 1, Rohweder 1, G. Gienger 1; Pass interceptions: Kinen 3, Hawkins 3, AJ McAtee 2, Weeden 1, Loyd 1, Ross 1; Takeaways, touchdown returns: Kinen 1; Takeaways, yards returned: AJ McAtee 35, Kinen 20; Tackles (unassisted): AJ

McAtee 51, Ross 43, Weeden 32, J. Gienger 31, Kinen 29, Hawkins 26, J. McAtee 26, Loyd 14, Smull 14, Peter 10, Rohweder 9, Barnhart 8, Richard 7, Walz 6, G. Gienger 4, Brown 4, Crabtree 4, BJ Killingsworth 3, Frewen 3, Feikert 2, Russell Rogers 2, Wilger 2, Guthmiller 1, Heath Owens 1; Tackles (assisted): Weeden 87, Ross 78, AJ McAtee 56, J. McAtee 54, Kinen 52, Rohweder 36, Walz 35, Barnhart 31, Hawkins 26, Smull 24, Loyd 19, J. Gienger 18, Richard 16, Brown 15, Peter 15, Feikert 13, Walters 8, Wilger 6, G. Gienger 6, Frewen 5, Crabtree 4, Swihart 3, Killingsworth 3, Rogers 2, Tal Earl 1, Guthmiller 1, Chance Hobrock 1, Owens 1; Other sophomore/freshmen members of the team who also contributed were Brady Frewen, Zach Mills, Andy Waite, Josh Carpenter, Keaton Frewen, Justin Sherlock and RL Walz.