

At the Game



LEVI WEEDEN eyes the basket during a shooting attempt in a recent practice.
Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Lady Indians play season opener

By Betty Jean Winston

Dundy County defeated the Lady Indian basketball team 50-39 in Benkelman on Thursday evening. This was the opening game of the season for St. Francis.

The Ladies will be playing in the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster this week before coming home for the final three games of December. The first home game will be Tuesday, Dec. 14, against Cheyenne Wells.

"We got off to a slow start offensively (against Dundy County), and never did recover," Coach Devin Dinkel said.

"In the last three quarters we played them within four points. If we can convert our free throws, it is a different game."

Megan Rice pushed in 10 points for St. Francis with McKenzie Grace close behind with nine.

"Dundy County's on-ball pressure took us out of what we were trying to do offensively," Coach Dinkel said. "It is going to have to be addressed and improved upon if we want to have success."

St. Francis was 9-of-41 from two-point range and 21-of-44 from the free-throw line. The percentage from the line was 47.7. Rice with 6-of-8 from the line and Maddie Knodel with 3-of-4 both had 75 percent success. Rice and Knodel also had the best percentage from the field.

"The girls battled all night in a very physical game," Coach Dinkel said. "The effort was good. It is a starting point, obviously a win would be nice."

Defensively St. Francis pulled down 38 rebounds with Amy Grace having nine. She had five offensive boards and four defensive. Dundy County managed 27.

"I am looking forward to the rest of



LADIES PRACTICE sessions prepare them for the season. **Holly Keller (left) and Amy Grace** are working under the basket.
Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

the season because I know that we can improve," Coach Dinkel said.

SF	07	07	11	14	39	Scoring: Rice 10, M. Grace 9, Knodel 7, Ross 5, Alecia Zimelman 4, A. Grace 4	Knodel 7, Zimelman 6, M. Grace 5, Ross 4, Rice 4, Talisa Voorhies 2, Schuyler Coates 1
DC	14	08	15	13	50	Rebounding: A. Grace 9,	

Indians victorious

By Betty Jean Winston

With a final score of 68-47, the St. Francis boys varsity basketball team opened the season with a victory over Dundy County. The game was played Thursday night in Benkelman.

December has a total of seven games on the schedule and it is especially nice to begin the month with a win.

"For our first game I was very pleased with how hard all of the guys played," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "We executed very well for the little preparation we have had and for putting in so many new offensive and defensive sets. All of the guys played very well together."

Three players Joel McAtee, AJ McAtee and JD Hawkins scored in double figures to pace the team. They had 18, 11 and 10 points respectively.

"We will give two awards for every game we play - a defensive award and an attitude award," Coach Cassidy said. "This week Andrew Feikert, student assistant; Coach Kelly Frewen and myself chose Joel McAtee for the defensive award and Tanner Kinen for the positive attitude award. Both of these guys really busted their tails at each end of the floor."

St. Francis was able to begin the

game with an 18-7 first quarter putting the pressure on Dundy County immediately.

"Nick Raile, Levi Weeden, Hawkins, Mac Frewen, Heath Owens and Adam Peter all did good things at both ends of the floor and AJ McAtee really did a wonderful job at running the point," Coach Cassidy said.

The team was 50 percent from the free-throw line making 5-of-10 attempts. Raile and Kinen were perfect with 2-of-2. Hawkins was able to sink two three-pointers and Weeden one which is always a plus scoring wise.

"We are very young and inexperienced and are not really expected to do much so to get off to a good start was wonderful for our confidence," Coach Cassidy said. "I really like these guys and if they keep doing what Coach Frewen and I ask we are going to surprise some people. We can be pretty exciting to watch at times."

"I really appreciate all the positive support the fans gave us and hope we can continue to earn respect."

SF 18 21 21 08 68
DC 07 15 11 14 47

Scoring: J. McAtee 18, AJ McAtee 11, Hawkins 10, Raile 8, Kinen 8, Weeden 7, Peter 6.



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The junior varsity boys basketball team opened the season with a win on Thursday evening against Dundy County. The final score was 60-36. Saintry kept getting stronger as the game progressed going from 27 points in the first half to 33 in the second half.

"All of our guys played well," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "Everyone got to play. JD Hawkins

Junior Varsity First win recorded

could only play two quarters but he was smoking hot in the third and fourth quarter making some beautiful plays at both ends of the floor. Ted Crabtree did a good job once he got going at running the point. Heath Owens and Keaton Frewen did some good inside work as well."

Hawkins led the scoring for the Indians with 12 points but 12 other players put at least one basket

through the hoop.

"We played everyone on our team in the junior varsity game," Coach Cassidy said. "For us to have enough quarters left to play varsity we will need everyone to play except our seniors in most junior varsity games. Some nights we will probably only be able to play two or three quarters. We are allowed for each player to play five quarters (a night) and with only 15 out and

some very inexperienced freshmen fielding a junior varsity team will be tough some nights."

SF 10 17 18 15 60
DC 05 11 09 11 36

Scoring: Hawkins 12, Nick Raile 5, Tanner Kinen 5, Crabtree 5, AJ McAtee 4, BJ Killingsworth 4, Mac Frewen 4, Joel McAtee 4, Levi Weeden 4, Owens 4, Adam Peter 4, Corbin Sherlock 3, K. Frewen 2.

Junior High Teams play Colby

Brennan Van Allen and Trent Kinen leading with seven points each.

"Colby has a good team as they always do," Coach Jeff Beims said. "I thought we came out with a lot more confidence, but their pressure defense really got to us."

"In the second half, we kept our composure and were able to control the boards better. Although we were outgunned, we played hard start to finish, and we made in-game improvements that makes me optimistic about our learning curve."

The team now has a 1-5 record

with the season coming to an end before the Christmas break.

SF 07 04 10 9 30
C 17 21 06 07 51

Scoring: Van Allen 7, Kinen 7, Jesse Pacheco 6, Trevor Hilt 5, Sam Sowers 2, Shawn Warren 2, Scott Ford 1.

Seventh grade Colby 40, St. Francis 22

Trent Raile was the leading scorer for St. Francis in the Colby contest. He had 11 points.

"We did a number of good things, we were just overmatched on this day," Coach Kent Kechter said.

"We stayed with them early while we were executing well, but just did not execute well enough throughout the game to stay with them."

"We are making good progress, but still have lots of work to do. We'll continue to work to improve."

SF 09 02 03 08 22
C 09 10 13 08 40

Scoring: T. Raile 11, Matt Raile 8, Alex Long 2, Darris Keller 1.

Colby defeated St. Francis 27-2 in the seventh grade junior varsity game which consisted of two quarters.

Bowling News

Ladies Nite Out

Team standings: Mels Gal's 33-23, Stockmen's Strikers 31-25, Jersey Maids 29-26, BW Alley Cats 29-27, Wright Carpet 28-28, Dundy Ag 26-30, Cheyenne Bowl 24-31, M&M's 23-33.

High game (scratch): Joyce Williams 183, Marsha Kechter 174, Pat Confer 172

High series (scratch): Williams 478, Terry Yost 477, Tammy Drommond 466

Monday Night Mixed 11/24

Team Standings: Frewen Insurance 27-17, Neitzel Insurance 25.5-14.5, Krien Pharmacy 24.5-19.5, Let's Bowl 24-20, Captain Hooks Fine Dining 21.5-22.5, Twiss & Wilson 17-23, Johnson Body Shop 17-27, Fearless 4 some 15.5-28.5

High game (handicap): Melissa Zwegardt 242, Lynne Ferguson 237, Bob Hankins 237, Linda Yonkey 235, Royce Gienger 234, Earl Hankins 210

High series (handicap): Zwegardt 641, Gienger 631, Ferguson 610, Yonkey 605, B.

Hankins 590, Mat Moberly 584

Wednesday Night Men 11/24

Team Standings: Haigler 31-21, Krien Steel 29-19, 2001 Electronics 28-24, Grace Flying 28-24, Post Plumbing 27.5-24.5, DJ's 25-27, Wet Shoes 21-31, First National Bank 19.5-28.5

High game (scratch): Jasper Shanks 231, Bob Lippert 209, Bill Smith 204

High Series (scratch): Lippert 580, Smith 533, Shanks 528

Monday Night Mixed 11/29

Team Standings: Frewen Insurance 30-18, Neitzel Insurance 28.5-15.5, Let's Bowl 25-23, Krien Pharmacy 24.5-19.5, Captain Hooks Fine Dining 21.5-22.5, Twiss & Wilson Drilling 17-23, Johnson Body Shop 17-27, Fearless 4 Some 16.5-31.5

High game (handicap): Mike Milne 238, Kathy Bexley 223, Dot Hankins 218, Lee Zimelman 215, Mario Tafoya 211, Linda Yonkey 209, Sara Schield 209

High series (handicap): Hankins 632, Zimelman 579, Milne 579,

Rich Grace 577, Bexley 567, Judy Gienger 550

Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 12/1

Team Standings: Paul's Grocery 35-17, Krien Steel 34-18, Cheyenne Bowl 30.5-21.5, Windmill Restaurant 30-22, Flower Magic 27-25, Haigler Babes 26-26, Dairy King 23.5-28.5

High game (scratch): Barb Cobb 176, Pat Rose 175, Ida Harlan 159

High series (scratch): Shirley Adkinson 455, Pat Rose 448, Donna Hall 447

Wednesday Night Mens 12/1

Team Standings: Krien Steel 33-23, Haigler 32-24, Grace Flying 31.5-24.5, 2001 Electronics 31-25, Post Plumbing 27-29, DJ's 26-30, Wet Shoes 22-34, First National Bank 21.5-34.5

High game (scratch): Pete Montoya 230, Spencer Schleppe 225, Denis Jones 208

High series (scratch): Schleppe 594, Bill Carpenter 541, Ted Mosier 524

Sports Shorts

Team goes to Nationals

The Pittsburg State University Gorillas defeated North Dakota State on Saturday in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II football semi finals. The final score was Pittsburg 31, North Dakota 19.

Pittsburg (14-0) will now play Valdosta State (12-1) in the finals at Florence, Ala. The last time Pittsburg was in the finals was 1995 and the last time they won was in 1991.

Although North Dakota scored

first, the Gorillas came back and tied the game 7-7. At one time Pitt had a narrow 14-13 advantage but were ahead 31-19 when the final buzzer sounded.

The National championship game will be shown on ESPN 2. Game time is 3 p.m.

Cole Vap, the son of Jeff and Jan Vap of LaCrosse, and the grandson of Elton and Ella Mae Keller of St. Francis, is a major player on the Gorillas' defensive line.

College Sports

Fort Hays State University Basketball Mike Wolters

The Fort Hays State University Tigers played Central Christian on Thursday night, Barclay College on Friday night and Oklahoma Panhandle State on Monday. The team scored three wins and moving their season record to 5-2.

In the Barclay contest, the Tigers completely dominated the score,

winning 122-41. Fort Hays had a wide 61-23 halftime lead. Wolters was 2-of-4 from three-point range for six points and added a basket for a final total of eight points.

In the Oklahoma Panhandle State game Fort Hays won 77-69. The second half was very even scoring with Fort Hays having 46 and Panhandle State 44. Wolters added two free throw shots.

Players honored

The Topeka Capital-Journal has named three St. Francis Indian football players among the top in the State in 2A.

Senior Derek Ross was named as a linebacker on the first team while senior Tanner Kinen received honorable mention as an end and senior Gabe Walz received honorable mention as a lineman.



Ross



Kinen



Walz