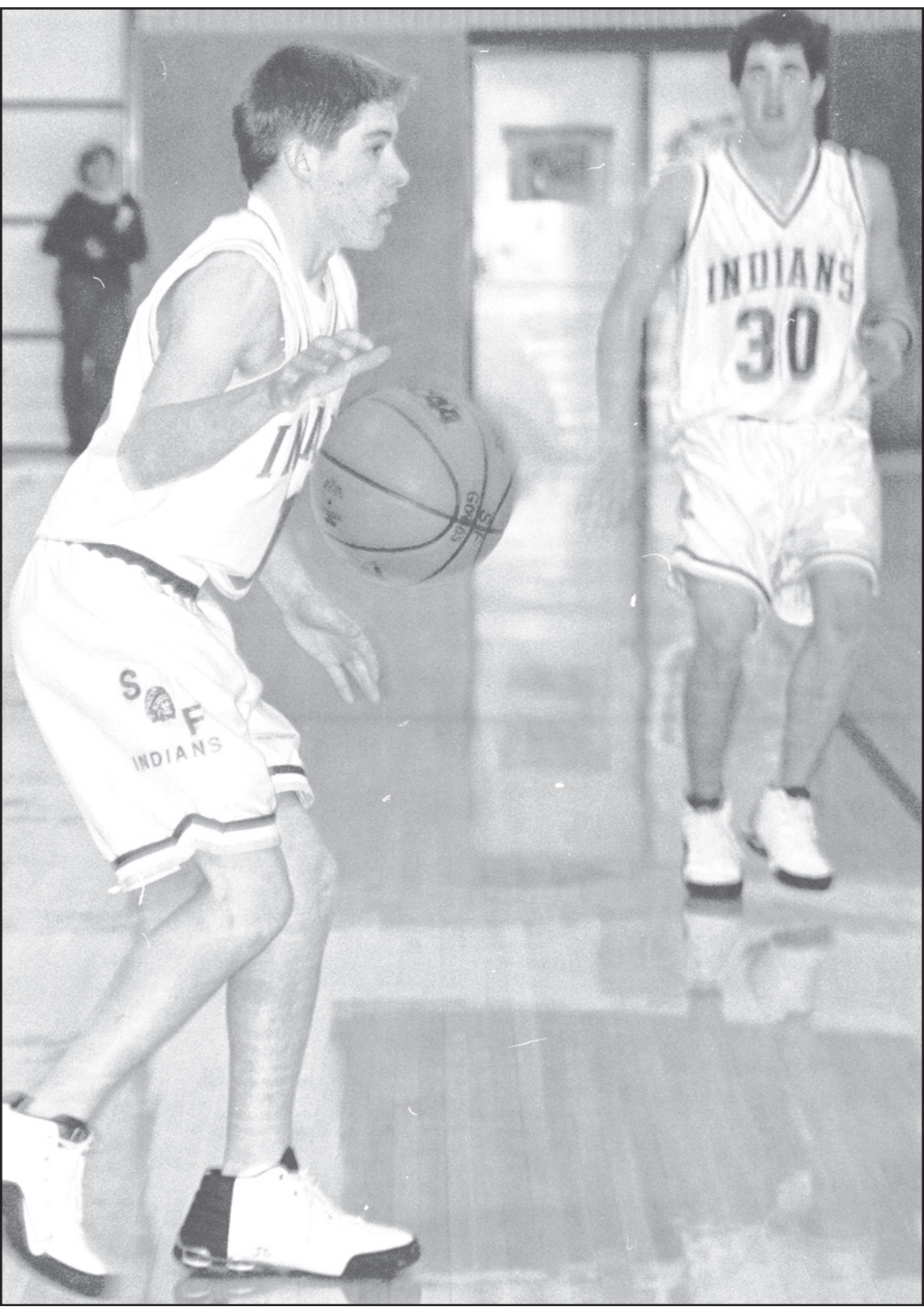


At the Game



JD HAWKINS moves the ball down the court with Joel McAtee (30) in the open for a pass to set up the offensive pattern. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Lady Indian invited to play in All-Star game Sunday

By Betty Jean Winston
The ninth annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match will be held at 5 p.m. central standard time Sunday, Jan. 16, in Max Jones Fieldhouse, Goodland.

Among the area senior volleyball players invited is Amber Havel of St. Francis who will be playing for the Blackshirts.

"Amber Havel has been a critical part of our program for several years at various levels," Coach Kent Kechter said. "She has been our primary setter and first server the last two years. Her play guaranteed a good serving start to each game as well as dependable setting accuracy for our team.

"She loves the game of volleyball and has spent a lot of time developing her skills by attending camps and playing summer and winter ball. She has performed at a high level throughout her varsity career. Her talents will be missed.

"It is an honor to be selected to play in the All-Star game and Amber is certainly deserving of being selected."

"I was hoping that maybe I would get to play and I am," Amber said. "It's a great feeling and I appreciate my teammates and coaches for helping me succeed and my mother for all of her support.

"It is going to be a blast!"

The match will be played under college rules, with the winner being the team that wins three of five games. At least four games will be played, no matter the result. A fifth game will be played if a tie-breaker is necessary. A selection committee chose 19 volleyball seniors from northwest Kansas to play, based on their consistently high level of play, statistics and previous honors.

This year's players are from Brewster, St. Francis, Oberlin, Oakley, Sharon Springs, Atwood, Golden Plains, Quinter, Grinnell, Hoxie, Scott City and Wheatland.

Members of the Blackshirt team besides Havel include Adrian Cook, Scott City; Trina Shields, Decatur Community; Ragen Strube, Scott City; Sarah Hill, Wallace County; Andrea Horney, Brewster; Heather Horton, Oakley; Veronix Kuhlman, Oakley; Darcie Spreser, Golden Plains

The Whiteshirt team consists of Ariel Dunker, Rawlins County, Holly Flax, Wheatland; Crystal Follis, Hoxie; Bridgit Gourley, Quinter; Courtney Schoendaler, Grinnell; Angie Stephens, Grinnell; Jodi Zimmerman, Wheatland; Shantel Leitner, Rawlins County, Krista Waldman, Grinnell, Allison Mense, Hoxie.

Coaches are Pat Dorshorst of Oberlin, Kelly Dewey of Atwood,



Havel

Karen Thornton of Grinnell and Orba Stevenson of Golden Plains.

Participants will receive an all-star shirt and a medal, which will be presented to them by their high school coach during a pre-match medal ceremony.

The Most Inspirational Player, as voted on by the players, will receive a plaque after the match, plus a scholarship. Last year's Most Inspirational Player was Sarah Ruf, Oberlin. Blackshirts were last year's winners.

The match is jointly sponsored by KLOE/KKCI Radio, Nor'West Newspapers and Red Brick Road Promotions.

There is a small admission fee.

Ladies lose two

By Betty Jean Winston

January is here and the basketball schedule for the Lady Indians moves into high gear. Although the Tuesday night game in Atwood against Rawlins County was postponed due to weather, it quickly was rescheduled to Saturday so the Ladies played both Hoxie and Rawlins County the first week back from the Christmas break.

On Friday night the final score was Hoxie 90, St. Francis 27, while on Saturday night, Rawlins County scored 45 points to 18 for the Lady Indians. Both of these contests were Northwest Kansas League games.

vs Hoxie

Against Hoxie the team was 34.4 percent from the floor making 11-of-32 attempts. The St. Francis Ladies found the strong Hoxie team having 62 attempts. At the line St. Francis made four of 11 attempts with Jade DeGood and Amy Grace being 50 percent with each connecting on 1-of-2.

Alecia Zimbelman had six points to lead the team with seven other players contributing to the total score.

St. Francis was very competitive under the basket collecting 20 rebounds to 22 for Hoxie. These were evenly distributed between eight players but Zimbelman led with four.

Hoxie came out of the locker room hot and had 34 points on the board in the first quarter. St. Francis did their best in the second quarter with 13.

Hoxie took the 90-27 victory.

Scoring: Zimbelman 6, Kelsey Dunn 5, Chelsey Weeden 4, Amy Grace 3, Schuyler Coates 2, Lauren Ross 2, Megan Rice 2, Jade DeGood 1

Rebounding: Zimbelman 4, Ross 3, Rice 3, Erin Neitzel 3, DeGood 2, A. Grace 2, Maddie Knodel 2, Dunn 1.

vs Rawlins County

On Saturday night the St. Francis Lady Indians traveled to Atwood to play the Rawlins County Lady Buffs

College News

Basketball

Mike Wolters
The Fort Hays State University Tigers are back from their Christmas break and have played two games.

On Thursday, Jan. 6 they defeated Mesa State 72-56 and on Saturday, Jan. 8 they defeated Western State by a score of 77-75. In the Western State contest, Wolters recorded a rebound.

The team is carrying a good 10-3 record at this point in the season.

Indians over Buffs Saturday

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis found out how important it is to keep working and stay close in a basketball game when the boys varsity team came from behind to score an overtime win against Rawlins County on Saturday night. The game, which was originally scheduled for Tuesday and changed due to icy roads, went in the win column with a score of 65-57.

This is the first league win for the Indians and makes their overall record 3-4 and their league record 1-2.

On Friday evening Hoxie outscored St. Francis 72-51 in another league contest.

Hoxie 72, St. Francis 51

"We got behind early and worked hard to get back in the game," Coach Ward Cassidy said.

"In the third quarter we got their lead down to 10 points and had some momentum. We had some fouls that hurt us but we battled hard the rest of the game. Hoxie had five seniors that are very good and have played together for several years.

Two Indians, Joel McAtee and Tanner Kinen, scored in double figures with 13 and 11 points respectively. The Indians shot well from the line with 86.7 percent. Three players were 100 percent, Nick Raile with 4-of-4, AJ McAtee with 2-of-2 and Adam Peter with 1-of-1. Two other players, J. McAtee and Kinen had a strong 3-of-4 for 75 percent.

As a team, the Indians had 34 rebounds and 29 turnovers. Hoxie managed only 27 boards but also had less turnovers with 14.

"The attitude award for the game went to Adam Peter," Coach Cassidy said. "Adam got into the game and worked very hard at both ends of the floor. AJ McAtee was the defensive player although his aggressive defense caused him to foul out.

"Mac Frewen came into the game and really played hard and did some very positive things for us.

"We scored 50 points but I believe our longest shot was from about 5 feet. We are really going to the boards and taking the ball to the basket, we just have to make some outside shots."

The leading rebounder was Kinen with eight. J. McAtee had a blocked shot and Peter led in assists. The team was 38 percent for field goals with 19-of-50. The scoring output in the third quarter was double of the other three quarters. SF 10 10 21 10 51

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Scoring: J. McAtee 13, Kinen 11, AJ McAtee 8, Raile 6, Peter 5, Frewen 4, Levi Weeden 2, Heath Owens 2

Rebounding: Kinen 8, J. McAtee 6, Raile 5, Frewen 4, AJ McAtee 3, Weeden 3, Owens 2, Peter 2, JD Hawkins 1

St. Francis 65, Rawlins County 57

St. Francis lit the scoreboard up with 13 points in the overtime period to earn the win over Rawlins County 65-57. The score was tied at 52 at the end of regulation time.

"We were behind the whole game but just kept fighting to stay in the game," Coach Cassidy said. "At the end of regulation we had the lead, made a mistake, got the game tied, and had a great opportunity as time was running out but couldn't get a foul called as Joel McAtee took it to the basket.

"Nick Raile made two big outside shots in overtime, a three point and a two plus a free throw.

"Adam Peter made a shot from the free-throw line when we had a five point lead as I was yelling for him to set it up. It was like 'don't shoot - good shot,' all in one breath.

"Tanner (Kinen), Joel (McAtee), Adam (Peter), Nick (Raile) and Mac (Frewen) all had important rebounds when we needed them. We finally made some outside shots and that really helped us to win the game."

The attitude award went to Raile and the defensive award to Kinen.

The team came forward with four three pointers in this game with Raile having two of them. J. McAtee, Kinen and Peter each had five two pointers but AJ McAtee had the best percentage in this area with 2-of-3.

At the free-throw line the percentage went down from the Hoxie game but Kinen was 100 percent with 2-of-2 while the team was 13-of-20 for 65 percent.

Scoring was contributed by a group of players as was the rebounding. A team high number of blocked shots were recorded with Raile having four.

St. Francis soundly defeated the Buffs when it came to rebounding with a 45-28 edge.

Coach Cassidy reported that parents were contributing extra encouragement to the team. Mrs. Kinen and Mrs. Frewen had planned a biscuits and gravy breakfast after a Christmas break morning practice. Mrs. Raile had a pizza party for the team at the bowling alley and Mrs. Weeden and Mrs. Owens have set up some great pregame treats.

"The guys all work very hard and it is nice to see them being appreciated for their efforts."

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Scoring: J. McAtee 17, Peter 13, Kinen 12, Raile 11, AJ McAtee 7, Weeden 5

Rebounding: Kinen 11, Raile 11, Peter 10, J. McAtee 8, AJ McAtee 2, Weeden 2, Frewen 1

Junior High Girls

Basketball season is here for the junior high girls. Both the seventh and the eighth grade teams have been having practice sessions since school resumed on Jan. 5.

This is the first year for the young players in the seventh grade but each girls will be receiving a lot of playing time since the team is only seven strong.

Dave Morrow will be leading the eighth grade girls with Ted Busse coaching the seventh grade.

The teams open their season tonight (Thursday) in St. Francis against Colby with game time at 4 p.m.

Roster

Eighth grade: Sidnee Crabtree, Courtney Douthit, Elizabeth Gienger, Sarah Guthmiller, Andrea Holzwarth, Cara Hunt, Lacey Kibel, Jami Pevler, Joni Pevler,

Taryn Richard, Candice Wiese, Ashley Zweygardt.

Seventh grade: Brittany Henderson, Dale Northrup, Amber Smull, Brittney Statley, Kaycee Williams, BreAna Zweygardt, Brooklyn Hnizdil.

Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 13: Colby, here, 4:30

Monday, Jan. 24: Goodland, there, 4:30

Thursday, Jan. 27: Atwood, here, 4:30

Thursday, Feb. 3: Oakley, here, 4:30

Thursday, Feb. 10: Quinter, there, 4:30

Thursday, Feb. 17: Oberlin, there, 4:30

Monday, Feb. 21: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, round one

Thursday, Feb. 24: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, round two.



JUNIOR LADY INDIAN Maddie Knodel looks for an open player to advance the ball. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

A. Grace paced the scoring with eight points and she and Ross each had seven rebounds. Also under the basket McKenzie Grace and Zimbelman each added five boards.

In this game St. Francis out rebounded the Buffs 34-31. This is an area where the Sainty team does well.

Practice sessions continue with the Ladies preparing for Oakley at home this Friday night. Game time is 6:30 at the high school.

The Oberlin Invitational takes place next with the Sainty Ladies playing on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. A free-throw contest and three-point shooting contest will also be held.

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Scoring: A. Grace 8, Dunn 6, Weeden 2, M. Grace 1, Ross 1

Rebounding: Ross 7, A. Grace 7, M. Grace 5, Zimbelman 5, Knodel 4, Dunn 3, Weeden 2, DeGood 1

Former Sainty player to coach at Shrine Bowl

Rosters for the Kansas Shrine Bowl to be played on July 30, at the Kansas State University Stadium in Manhattan, have been announced by David Mize, Shrine Bowl executive director. Over 60 senior Kansas high school standout football players have received invitations to play for either the East team or the West team.

Two Northwest Kansas League

players have been invited to participate in the bowl game, Brock Lohr of Goodland and Matt Smith of Oakley. They will be members of the West team.

Former St. Francis Indian and present Oakley High School football coach, Randall Rath, will be serving as one of the assistant coaches for the West squad for the event.

C-Team Girls

By Betty Jean Winston

Additional St. Francis Lady Indian basketball players received playing time on Saturday when two quarters of a C-team game were played in Atwood against a C-team from Rawlins County. Future C-team games have also been added to the school calendar (check Sports Schedule).

Rawlins County 21, St. Francis 7

St. Francis played a low scoring game, being defeated by Rawlins County 21-7.

"We only played half a game and we really were not ready to play," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "I knew from our warm-up that the girls weren't really focused.

"I believe that we took a lot of shots; we just didn't make many of them. Watching them during practice, you would think that we would be good shooters, but come game time, that just isn't the case."

Scoring for St. Francis were Holly Keller with four points, Dara Loyd with two and Katora Sherlock with one.