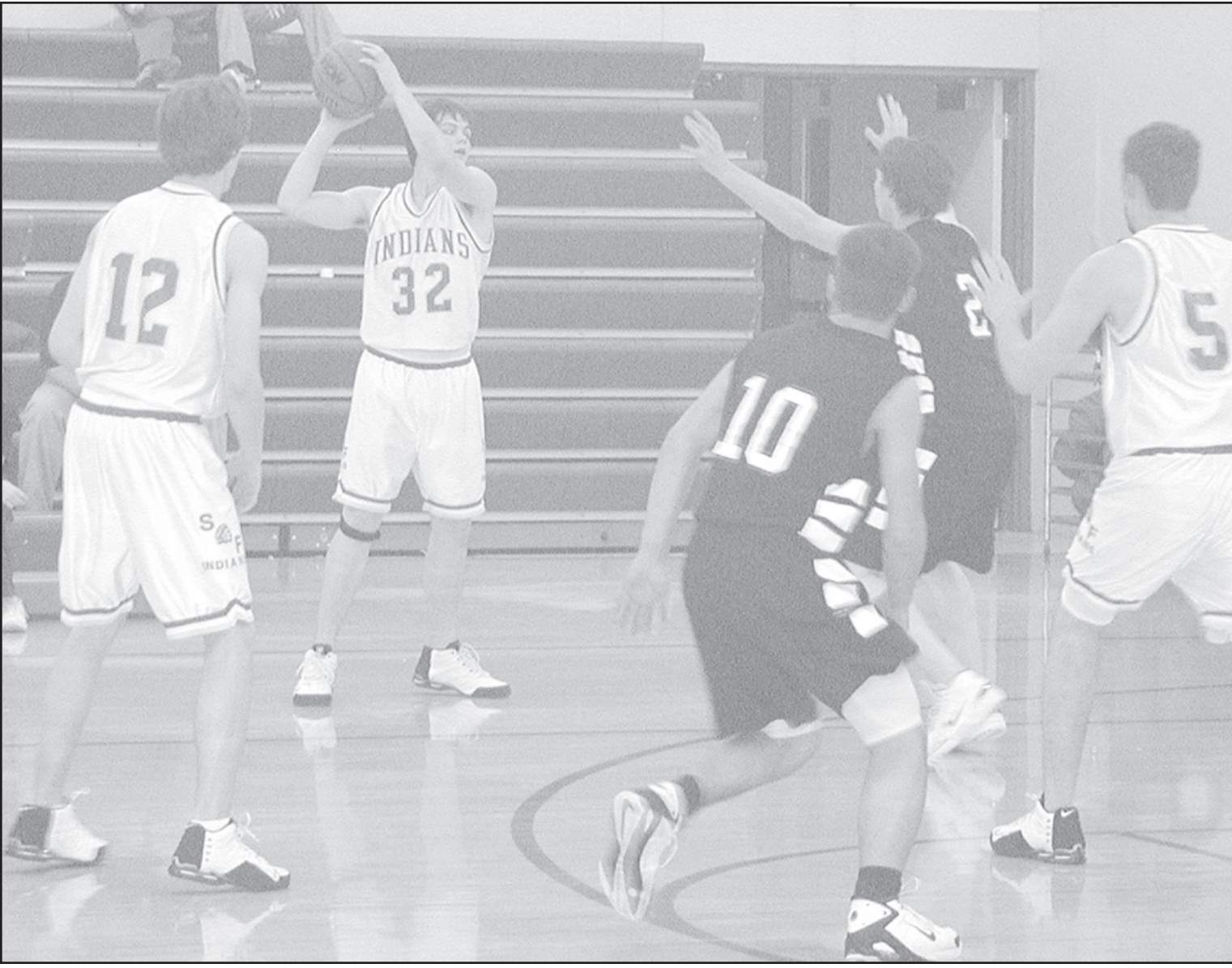
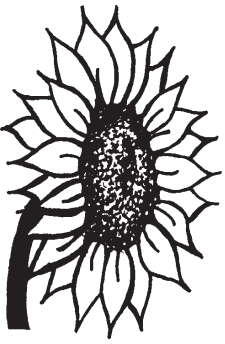


At the Game



SEASON ENDS - Levi Weeden (32) attempts to find an open man near the basket in the last home game of the season. Adam Peter (54) attempts to get free while AJ McAtee (12) is available if needed.

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Quinter over Indians at Sub-State

By Betty Jean Winston

Senior Tanner Kinen, in his final high school basketball contest for the Indians, led the team in both scoring and rebounding in the first round of the Leoti/Wichita County 2A Sub-State Tournament.

Indians have proven to be successful in many games this year and even though Quinter scored the most points, St. Francis had 38 boards compared to 33 for the Bulldogs.

Next year, with more experience on the court and possibly additional scoring ability due to off-season practice, the talent to retrieve rebounds will be a serious plus. Seniors Kinen and Nick Raile have been instrumental in this area and younger players will need to step up.

"We played with them for 6

minutes and then they started their three-point barrage and we started turning the ball over," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "Quinter plays basketball the way it should be played and hopefully our young guys will learn from the experience of playing them."

Two players were 100 percent from the free-throw line with Levi Weeden being 2-of-2 and AJ McAtee 1-of-1. From the field, Joel McAtee had the best percentage, 57.1. He was 0-for-2 from three-point range but put in 4-of-5 from the two-point area.

J. McAtee had two blocked shots and AJ McAtee and J. McAtee each had two assists.

Nine players pulled down rebounds and seven Indians scored at least two points.

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Scoring: Kinen 9, J. McAtee 8, AJ McAtee 8, Weeden 6, Adam Peter 6, Raile 2, Ted Crabtree 2 Rebounding: Kinen 9, Raile 7, J. McAtee 6, Weeden 6, AJ McAtee 3, Peter 3, Crabtree 1, Keaton Frewen 1, JD Hawkins 1.

Volleyball News

The McCook Red Crush Junior Olympic Club's 12-and-under volleyball team of which Lexee Reichert of St. Francis is a member played in the Gold Tournament held at the University of Kearney on Feb. 27.

The Red Crush team ended the tournament with a 4-2 record. They defeated Omaha Wave by scores of 25-19 and 25-17 and Attack Grey (Lincoln) 25-21 and 25-21. The team's loss came at the

hands of the GI (Grand Island) Vikes who scored a 25-19, 25-19 win over the Red Crush.

Volleyball action will take place this weekend in Kearney when the 12-and-under team with Lexee, plus the 16-and-under team (Lauren Ross), and the 18-and-under team (Ally Reichert, Talisa Voorhies) play in a weekend tournament.

Basketball statistics list players accomplishments for 2004-05 year

By Betty Jean Winston

A loss against a strong Quinter team in the first game of Sub-State action on Monday, Feb. 28, ended the 2004-05 season for the Indian basketball team. They finished the campaign with a 7-13 record.

Many of the contests during the regular season were against Northwest Kansas League teams (Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Oakley, Oberlin, Quinter, Rawlins County) but the Indians also participated in the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster in December (finished seventh) and the Oberlin Invitational tournament in January (finished sixth). The team played non-league games with Dundy County, Neb., Cheylin, Sharon Springs, Brewster and Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

Wins came against Dundy County, Cheylin (two times, one of them in the Sagebrush Tournament), Rawlins County (2), Resurrection Christian in the Oberlin Tournament and Cheyenne Wells.

Players contributing to varsity action this year included seniors: Tanner Kinen and Nick Raile; juniors: J.D. Hawkins and Heath Owens, sophomores: Mac Frewen, A.J. McAtee, Joel McAtee, Adam Peter, Levi Weeden and BJ Killingsworth and freshmen: Ted Crabtree and Keaton Frewen.

"We had two seniors playing this year, Tanner Kinen and Nick Raile and one, Andrew Feikert, who was injured but never missed a practice and was a student assistant," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "Nick was in and out of our lineup last year and Tanner got hurt after six games a year ago. Both of them started every game and had some highlights that they can always remember. They played key roles in our seven wins this year. Both guys were great to coach. Their combined rebounding will

be a challenge to replace next year.

"The season was mostly fun for myself and the guys. Kelly Frewen donated a lot of time to assist the program and was great to work with. The moms played a big part in being supportive and provided many nice treats and activities during the season. It is never fun getting beat and our schedule and inexperience put us in a tough position. This year we had a chance to win 10 of our 20 games. That being the case, we were 7-13. In most years we are a seventh or eighth sub-state seed. Our schedule makes it very difficult to have better than a 500 season. Once in a while we have a group that comes along that can shoot it and like to play with one another. In the last 30 years we have not had many teams where more than two guys can truly handle the ball against pressure.

"The programs in Colby, Goodland, Quinter, Hoxie, Oakley, Brewster, Sharon Springs are stronger than ours. Their kids play ball year round and they grow up wanting to be a basketball player.

"This year we averaged 50.2 points per game which was up quite a bit from a year ago. We gave up an average of 62 points a game which also improved. Our three-point shooting was the lowest in the league. Developing bad shooting habits and not having enough competition for varsity allows kids to play without having the skills necessary to compete against the good teams.

"To compete next year and in the future, our basketball players will have to get good fundamen-

tals in their shooting, get confidence in their ball-handling skills, and play a lot of ball.

"Next year we will have two seniors, six juniors and two sophomores on varsity. There is definitely some potential but there are many areas they will have to improve on if they want to improve their record from this year.

"There are several people who really contributed to this basketball season: Rueben Burr, keeping our scorebook; Vicki Cress, running the clock; Richard Grace, keeping statistics for every game and all the parents who were very supportive and provided lots of encouragement for the team."

Coach Cassidy was assistant coach for the boys team last year and moved up to varsity coach this season. He was assisted by Kelly Frewen and student assistant Andrew Feikert

Northwest Kansas League competition ended as follows (The first numbers are Northwest Kansas League records with the final numbers being overall season records).

Table with 3 columns: Team, 2004-05, Overall. Rows include Goodland, Quinter, Oakley, Hoxie, Colby, Oberlin, St. Francis, Rawlins.

Team stats Season long team stats compared to opponents with the St. Francis stats listed first followed by their opponents: two-point field goal percentage: 44.6/45.3; free throw percentage 55.0/56.2;

total points 1009/1252; rebounds 684/612.

St. Francis had 180 assists, 167 steals and 65 blocked shots.

Per game stats

The team averaged 50.5 points per game and collected 34.2 rebounds per game.

Top five individual stats

Field goal shooting percentage, two-point shots plus three-point shots (20 or more attempts): J. McAtee 49.7; Kinen 42.1; Peter 41.2; Raile 40.7; AJ McAtee 39.8.

Free throw percentage: (10 or more attempts): Kinen 68.2; Hawkins 60.0; J. McAtee 58.8; Crabtree 58.3; Raile 57.1.

Total points: J. McAtee 202; Kinen 168; Peter 154; Raile 150; AJ McAtee 118.

Rebounds: Kinen 144; J. McAtee 137; Raile 115; Peter 71; Weeden 57.

Assists: J. McAtee 56; AJ McAtee 43; Weeden 24; Kinen 21; Peter 17.

Steals: J. McAtee 37; AJ McAtee 28; Weeden 20; Kinen 17; Peter 17.

Blocked shots: Raile 21; J. McAtee 20; AJ McAtee 8; Weeden 4; Peter 4.

Points per game: J. McAtee 10.1; Kinen 8.4; Raile 7.9; Peter 7.7; AJ McAtee 5.9.

Rebounds per game: Kinen 7.2; J. McAtee 6.9; Raile 6.1; Peter 3.6; Weeden 3.0.

Individual stats

Shooting stats include shots attempted, shots made and percentage in that order. These stats only cover varsity games with several of these players being very involved in junior varsity action.

Hawkins: two-point range 17/7/41.2; three-point range 23/5/21.7; field goal shooting percentage 30.0; free throws 10/6/60.0; points 35; rebounds 25; steals 15; assists 2; blocked shots 0; points per game 1.9; rebounds per game 1.4.

AJ McAtee: two-point range

Young wrestlers attend two meets

By Betty Jean Winston

Several St. Francis youth attended Kids Wrestling competition over the weekend at either Burlington, Colo., or Hays.

Wrestlers from Cheyenne County did well in many of the weights/ages.

Burlington

There were over 300 kids who gathered in Burlington to demonstrate their wrestling skills

St. Francis results include:

Preschool/kindergarten:- Luke Lampe, first, Conner Keller, second

First/second grades - 88 pounds, Cade Bracelin - first; heavyweight, Shakotah Blanka - first

Third/fourth grades: 56 pounds,

Logan Lampe, fifth; 60 pounds,

Casey Keller, second

Fifth/sixth grades: 110 pounds, Trevor Reed - second

Hays

Seven wrestlers traveled to Hays for competition on the mats.

St. Francis results include:

Eight/under: 55 pounds, Lane Hoffman, second

12/under: 84 pounds, Cody Sherlock, participated; 120 pounds, David Stephens, second; 140 pounds, Adam Guthmiller, fourth;

14/under: 145 pounds, Justin Sherlock, first;

16/under: 140 pounds, Darren Laffond, fourth; 175 pounds, David Guthmiller, third

3-on-3 tourney set

The sixth annual Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament entries are to be postmarked by Thursday, March 24. The tournament will be held on Saturday, April 2 beginning at 8 a.m. Entry forms may be downloaded from:

< http://atwoodpoolproject.tripod.com/ or e-mail Rhonda Argabright at argafive@ruraltel.net for an attachment of rules and entry form.

Divisions are:

Session 1: fifth-sixth grade

boys and fifth-sixth grade girls

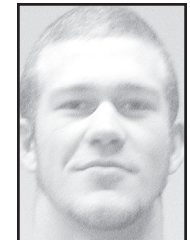
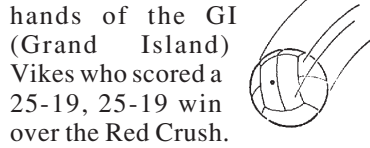
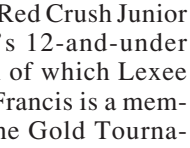
Session 2: first-second grade boys and first-second grade girls and third-fourth grade boys and third-fourth grade girls

Session 3: seventh -eighth grade boys and seventh-eighth grade girls

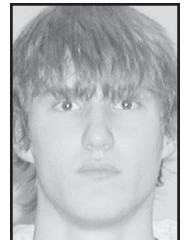
All boys and girls in grades first-

-eighth are eligible to play with a team entries fee.. All teams should visit <http://atwoodpoolproject.tripod.com/ to view their game schedule by Wednesday of tourney week.

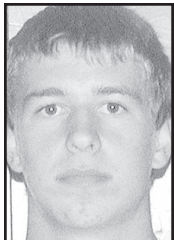
Volleyball News



Kinen



Raile



Feikert

field goal shooting percentage 42.1; free throws 44/30/68.2; points 168; rebounds 144; steals 17; assists 21; blocked shots 2; points per game 8.4; rebounds per game 7.2.

Owens: two-point range 14/5/35.7; three-point range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 35.7; free throws 5/1/20.0; points 11; rebounds 23; steals 4; assists 0; blocked shots 2; points per game 0.6; rebounds per game 1.4.

Peter: two-point range 164/68/41.5; three-point range 1/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 41.2; free throws 34/18/52.9; point 154; rebounds 71; steals 17; assists 17; blocked shots 4; points per game 7.7; rebounds per game 3.6.

Crabtree: two-point range 5/3/60.0; three-point range 2/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 42.9; free throws 12/7/58.3; point 13; rebounds 8; steals 3; assists 1; blocked shots 1; points per game 1.1; rebounds per game 0.7.

K. Frewen: two-point range 1/1/100.0; three-point range 0/0/0.0; field goal shooting percentage 100.0; free throws 2/2/100.0; points 4; rebounds 2; steals 0; assists 0; blocked shots 0; points per game 0.3; rebounds per game 0.2.

Lettermen

Seniors: Kinen, Raile, Feikert Juniors: Hawkins, Owens

Sophomores: A.J. McAtee, J. McAtee, Peter, Killingsworth, M. Frewen, Weeden

Freshman: Crabtree, K. Frewen